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# The Tattered Feather

*Mason County Fin & Feather Club providing  
conservation & education since 1936.*

*Honoring our past, cherishing our present,  
ensuring our future*

A graphic with the text "Happy Valentine's Day" in a red, cursive font. There are three red hearts: one to the right of "Happy", one to the right of "Valentine's", and one to the left of "Day". The entire graphic is set against a light gray background.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

Nita Finch, Editor

January—February 2022

Chris Shimmel, President

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### **Terms End January 1st, 2023**

Russ Bosley Jim Glover  
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### **Terms End January 1st, 2024**

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## Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member

Every year, the Fin & Feather Club awards to a club member, the honor of being the Outstanding Club the year. This award is given to a member who shows outstanding devotion to the club and has devoted his/her time, talents and expertise to the club in an unselfish manner beyond the normal. Here is a list of previous club members that has been awarded this honor.

1991 Dick VanAtta (Gunsmoke)	1992 Randy Wolfe	1993 Bruce Krieger	1994 Larry Moorlag
1995 Bruce Finch	1996 Nita Finch	1997 Ray Cummins & Jack Thiel	
1998 Marv Hanna	1999 Ralph Christensen	2000 Kim Thomas	
2001 Wayne Andersen	2002 Joanne Cummins	2003 Tom Sheppardson	2004 John Ochs
2005 Walt Olmstead	2006 Frank Koehle	2007 Bob Fenstermacher	
2008 Corky Jensen & Bill Olsen	2009 Koby Kobrehel	2010 Jim Glover & Gordon Grossenbacher	
2011 Bob Ferney, Bruce Wadel & Ed Zientek		2012 Russ Bosley	2013 Lance Christensen
2014 Diane Zack	2015 Bruce Rosema	2016 Cindy Gleason	2017 Dan Engelhardt
2018 Rick Gleason	2019 Dick Herrmann	2020 Chris Shimmel	2021 ???????

**ATTENTION:** If you know of a club member that you would like to nominate for Outstand Club Member, get that name into Chairperson, Nita Finch at bearladytwo@live.com. Make sure you state why you feel that person is deserving of the award. Nominations will be taken up until the Board meeting in January 2022., then the recipient will be announced at the January 12, 2022 meeting.

## Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2020 & 2021

Please remember to support the Friends who support your club!!!  
Let them know you saw their name in the Tattered Feather Newsletter.

Lighthouse Reality, John Hanson  
Al & Carole Hardman  
Animal Hospital of Ludington  
In Memory Harmon Deal  
James Holzbach  
Ted W. Towl  
Country Veterinary Clinic  
Ludington Beverage  
Magee Insurance  
Sanders Meat  
Smith & Eddy Insurance  
Squires Family Chiropractic  
Veterinary Medical Center  
Legends Taxidermy Studios  
Executive Wealth Management, John Barbrick

Gary & Karen Hearing  
Hardman Construction  
Indian Summer Co-op  
Bob's Roofing  
Turf Care / Mole Man  
Charles & Sarah Griffith  
Dune Side Auto Glass  
Douglas & Diane Chaffin  
Larry & Barb Scherer  
Dusty's Auto Body  
Mason County Press  
Ernie & Maria Richardson  
Wayne Andersen  
West Shore Bank  
Memory of Dr. Sidney A. McKnight, Jr.

### Fin & Feather Friends & Members,

In 1989, Friends of Fin & Feather was born and joined us in our conservation efforts. We are currently inviting you to participate in the Friends of Fin & Feather. The program collects money from individuals & businesses to promote conservation & educational programs within our community.

Over the years, we have participated in many different activities. Examples of Conservation & Education programs are:

Big Sable Riverbank Stabilization  
Pere Marquette River Watershed  
Mason County Walleye Association  
Victory Township Park Improvements  
Mason-Lake Soil Conservation  
Trooper Paul Butterfield Scholarship

Outdoor Science Scholarship  
4-H Youth Rifle Marksmanship  
MUCC Summer Camp  
"MUCC Tracks" Magazine  
Hunter Safety Classes  
**Plus many others not listed**

If you feel this is a worthy cause of protecting and preserving our natural resources in our area is meant for you, you're invited to join us at one of three levels: **Bronze is \$200, Silver is \$400 and Gold is \$600.** Our promise to you is that 100% of your donation will be invested in our Conservation & Education programs.

If you would like to donate, or have additional questions please contact me.

Thanks in advance,

Dan Engelhardt

Friends of the Fin & Feather Chairperson (231) 510-1003

### Board of Director Meetings for 2022:

January 5, 2022      April 6,      July 6  
October 5,      December 7      January 4, 2023

All Board meetings start at **6:00 PM**. All interested Fin & Feather Club members are invited to attend.



### **CONSERVATION PLEDGE**

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country. It's air, soil, and minerals, it's forests, waters and wildlife.



### **NRA**

If you would like to become a NRA member or if you need to renew your NRA membership, contact Keith Anderson at 586 536-1656 or e mail at [cleatus81@yahoo.com](mailto:cleatus81@yahoo.com).

The cost is cheaper going through the club and the club gets a profit from new memberships and renewals.

## **TRADING POST**

*(If you have a sports related item to sell, trade or buy, contact the Editor, Nita Finch, and have it listed in the Tattered Feather Trading Post free of charge for members only. Your ad will run in the next Tattered Feather and if you want the ad to continue, you must contact the Editor before the next newsletter is published. The ads can be posted by e mailing "bearladytwo@live.com" or call 231 690-0874. ) **Please advise when items are sold***

**\*\* Chokes 12 gage, all cylinders some extended, for Benelli and Beretta shotguns.**

\$20-30-50 dollars. Call Pat 231-510-5411 (5)

**\*\* Have 7 1/2 boxes of 270 amo for sale or will trade for Browning 20 ga of some value.**

Call Fred Wilson, 23 845-0913 (3)

**\*\* MEC 20 Ga. Shot shell reloader, grabber model. \$225 OBO. Call Jim 231 690-7542 (2)**

**\*\* Smith/Wesson pistol 40 cal SD40VE \$700.00 OBO. Contact Pat 231 510-5411 (2)**

**\*\* For Sale, many items that belonged in "Big Nose Kates' Shop" in Arizona.**

Shirts, black ties, vests, arm garters, scarfs, pants, suspenders, black wool cowboy hat, tombstone cowboy hat, boss cowboy hat, cowboy boots, hat stands, hat retainer, watches and a marshal badge.

Contact Steve Cote at 231 723-1755 for sizes and price. (2)



## **GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2021-2022**

Tickets for the Gun A Month raffle for 2021-2022 started October 13, 2021. Only 300 tickets were sold and once again, all 300 tickets were sold. We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket and good luck to you. After close to 10 years of handling the Gun A Month Raffle for the club, Tony & Diane have decided to give it up. Thank you to Ross Kissel who will be taking over the Gun A Month raffle for 2022-2023.

The rules for the raffle are: you need not be present to win, but you **MUST** be 18 years of age to participate, have bought a Gun a Month ticket, and be eligible to purchase a firearm.

Here is the list of firearms for the raffle for 2021-2022:

October 13, 2021— \$550 gift cert to Captain Chuck's **Winner: Matt VanStrate**

November 6, 2021—Browning 270 Winchester **Winner: Michael Mollema**

December 8, 2021—Weatherby VanGuard 30-06 **Winner: Jim Holzbach**

January 12, 2022—Ruger Predator 6.5

February 9, 2022 —Browning 308 Winchester

March 9, 2022—ATI 12 gauge Over/Under

April 13, 2022—Weatherby 25-06

May 11, 2022—Ruger 450 Bushmaster

June 8, 2022—Thompson II 308

July 13, 2022—Weatherby 6.5 PRC

August 10, 2022—Beretta PX4 Storm 40 cal

September 14, 2022 —Weatherby 300 Winchester

## **GUN A MONTH DRAWING**

The winner of the Gun a Month raffle for December's drawing was Jim Holzbach of Ludington. He won a Weatherby VanGuard 30-06.

I am asking Chairpersons for dates for Fin & Feather events and activities to put on the Fin & Feather calendar for 2022. Please e-mail your dates to "bearladytwo@live.com" Thank you.





Jeff Ohrling harvested this 10 point buck on November 15, in Victory Township. He shot it with his '95 Winchester at 7:39 in the morning.

Brant Dancz harvested this 7 point buck in Victory Township in November.



## **CLUB ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

At the December club meeting, the following were elected for 2022.

### **Officers:**

President: Chris Shimmel      1st Vice President: Lance Christensen  
2nd Vice President: Larry Scherer      Treasurer: Cindy Gleason  
Recording secretary: Dick Herrmann      Membership Sec.: Nita Finch

### **Board of Directors: (running for a 2 year term (2023))**

Dan Engelhardt      Rick Gleason      Mike Hill  
Bruce Rosema      David Sanders

Special THANKS to Rick Singleton, JoAnne Cummins, Doug Rollenhagen, and Jim Schneider for volunteering to run as a candidate.

## **MEMORIAL BRICKS**

The Fin & Feather memorial honors our past and present club members. Frank Koehle designed and erected the Memorial that is directly in front of the clubhouse.

Anyone desiring a name to be placed on one of the bricks can purchase one for a donation of \$50. The brick can have 3 lines per brick and 14 characters per line.

Contact Frank Koehle regarding purchasing a brick at 231 845-7259 or 231 510-5558.



Jim Schneider  
harvested this 8 point  
buck on November  
17th on his property.  
The buck measured  
15 inches wide.



## TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING HOURS

Trap and Skeet shooting continues through the winter months. Skeet hours on Tuesday's is 2:30-5:30, and on Saturday from 9:00-Noon.

Trap hours on Tuesdays is 3:30-6:30, and Saturday 9-Noon

Come out and shoot at a few targets! Questions? Call me.

Thank you, Bruce Rosema  
(231)499-6000



## Next Club Meeting for January & February

All club meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month, except for the month of November. Due to Plaid Shirt Night, there s no meeting during the month of November.

The next club meeting will be January 12. Diane will be back in the kitchen and will be preparing "Meal in a Mug" The dinner will start at 6:00 PM, then we will have a special speaker Ed McCumber. The meeting will begin around 7 or so.

The club meeting for February will be February 9th. Diane will be preparing roast beef, potatoes & gravy, carrots & dessert.

You do not need to be a club member to attend the meals or the meetings. Come out and see what the Fin & Feather Club is all about and meet some terrific people.



## AMAZON-SMILE

Fin & Feather Club is now a part of AmazonSmile. For those of you who shop on Amazon, you can now support the Fin & Feather Club by donating a portion of the price of eligible purchases to the Fin & Feather Club.

To Sign Up: 1. go to smile.amazon.com. 2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. 3. Choose the charitable organization (Fin & Feather Club). 4. Select Fin & Feather Club. 5. Start shopping.



## INDOOR ARCHERY LEAGUE

Starting on January 14, 2022, the Indoor Archery League will begin. It will be held in the basement of the clubhouse. The cost is \$50 for 10 weeks. It will continue at 7:00 PM every Friday until March 18th. The league is for single shooters. Any questions contact Chris at 231 239-2448

## 3-5 Business Plan

Dan Engelhardt is looking for volunteers to help develop a 3-5 year business plan for the club. You would meet once a month and communicate to the club members on a regular basis with the ideas. If you are interested in being on this committee, contact Dan at 231 510-1003 or by e-mail at dlengelhardt1@gmail.com.



## Hunter Safety

Hunter Safety Classes for 2022 are still in the making. We hope to have two full classes, one in April and one in August.

Watch the Tattered Feather for the dates.

## Rifle Range Improvement Group

We are currently working on updating and improving our rifle ranges and possibly building a new Big Bore Range. I am looking for input, ideas and feedback from members and fellow shooters to help with this.

We need to address things like safety, maintenance, range layout funding ect. There will be meeting Wednesday January 19th at 7:00 PM at the club house, for those that would like to participate. If you cannot make it and would like to be part of this, please feel free to give me a call, text me or send me an email.

Thanks, Mike Hill 231 690-3966 m.hill6716@gmail.com



## FIN & FEATHER CLUB HATS & SHIRTS

Thanks to Jim Schneider, we now have Fin & Feather Club hats for sale. The hats are \$13 and can be obtained by calling Nita at 231 690-0874 to get yours or they are available at any club meeting.



Also, there are some club polo shirts left for \$20 each. Call for the sizes and colors, as they are limited. 231 690-0874



## Big Game Award Night, November 19, 2022

**BIG GAME AWARD NIGHT for 2022** will be here in another month.

The crew has been busy purchasing items, firearms and getting things together to offer a fabulous night. Once again the raffles are outstanding and there will be quality firearms on the \$1.00 raffle table. We will have the key raffle and back again by request, there will be an ice chest with \$400 worth of Sanders Meats (your choice of the meats), and there will also be a Bruce's Mystery raffle. Jake Tenney will be having a \$5.00 raffle table of various sporting items.

The menu, provided again by Gloria's Catering, will be roast pork with dressing, baked chicken thighs, with all the fixings. For those of you who are successful in harvesting a deer during the 2020 and 2021 season, either by archery or firearm, we're hoping you already have your ticket. Awards will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to the top men's and women's in archery and firearms. All successful youths will be recognized with a

certificate for their harvest. PLEASE, if you plan on bringing your antlers, please have them scored before the event by contacting Wayne Andersen at 231 843-4618 or by texting Steve Stakenas at 231 425-0592 and he will call you back to set up an appointment. Please have this done before February 19th.

At each Big Game Award Night banquet, a long standing member of the Fin & Feather Club is selected, due to their dedication to the betterment of the club and to their community. This is a person that goes above and beyond what a normal Fin & Feather member is expected to be. At the February 19, Big Game Award Night, a new deserving club member will be selected and awarded this Lifetime Achievement Award.

Only 250 tickets were sold. For those of you that have your ticket, we will see you there.



## FORGED IN FIRE

Fin & Feather Club member Mike Maggio (Grandson of club member Gordon Grossenbacher) chose the "Create your own Knife" experience at the Leprechauns Lair Forge in Shelby, MI.

Blade-Smith/owner Mr. Mike Baily, has been featured on the television show "Forged in Fire", and provides a truly quality experience. You choose your blanks, scales and create your own working heirloom. Then you hand craft and hand stitch your custom sheath.

The class session is 8 hours and 10 minutes. Mike had an awesome time creating his knife.

At Big Game Award Night, another "Forged in Fire Knife" will be on the raffle table.

(Thanks to Gordon for submitting the photos, and article)

