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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*

**SPRING CLEAN-UP May 14th Time: 9am-2pm
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP.....**



****Bring gloves, eye & ear protection, rakes, yard tools, trimmers, blowers, chain saws, etc.**

****Breakfast will start at 8:00 AM. Bruce Rosema will have a list of projects that need to be completed.**

****ALL RANGES
WILL BE CLOSED
9am - 4pm**

Nita Finch, Editor

May-June 2022

Chris Shimmel, President

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Terms End January 1st, 2023

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Terms End January 1st, 2024

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NEXT CLUB MEETINGS & GUN A MONTH WINNERS FOR MARCH & APRIL

The next club meeting will be May 11. Dinner will start at 6 and costs \$10 per person.

On the menu for May will be city chicken mashed potatoes w/all the fixings.

The speaker will be Angela Herban with the DNR. She will talk about the bear hibernation in the county.

The meeting for June will be June 8. The menu will be lasagna salad & garlic bread.

The winner of the March Gun a Month was Bob Thorne . He won a ATI 12 ga over/under.

The winner for April was David Lange. He won a Weatherby 25-06.



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.



Board of Director Meetings for 2022:

**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.

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

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 Pat & Sandee Donovan



GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2022-2023

Tickets for the new Gun A Month raffle which will start October 12, 2022, **MAY** be available at the May 11, 2022 Fin and Feather Meeting and will be available to club members **only** for 30 days, then will be available to anyone after that. The costs is still \$50 per ticket and this year we are planning on selling 350 tickets, instead of 300. If they are not available on May 11, they **WILL** be available at the June 8, 2022 meeting. Contact Ross Kissel

at 231 845-9086 or by e-mail at "firecaptain29@outlook.com" to get your ticket or to reserve one.

Here is a list & the dates of the firearms:

October 12, 2022 S&W M&P9, Shield Plus 9mm
November 6, 2022 S&W M&P9 Perf Center 9mm
December 14, 2022 Springfield Hellocat OSP
January 11, 2023 ATI Calvary .410 O/U
February 8, 2023 ATI Calvary 20 gauge O/U
March 8, 2023 Mossberg Patriot Long Range 6.5 cm
April 12, 2023 Rem 700 ADL Varmint 308
May 10, 2023 Howe M1500 6.5 c, Heavy Barrel
June 14, 2023 Win XPR 350 Legend
July 12, 2023 Win XPR Hunter Strata 30.06
August 9, 2023 Win XPR Hunter MODWA 300 WM
September 13, 2023 Browning AB3 Hunter .270

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	Winner: Mike Svihra
February 9, 2022 —Browning 308 Winchester	Winner: Jeremy Whaling
March 9, 2022—ATI 12 gauge Over/Under	Winner: Bob Thorne
April 13, 2022—Weatherby 25-06	Winner: David Lange
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	

**All ranges will be closed from 9AM – 4PM,
May 14, for Spring Clean Up.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Forest Management Activities planned for Club Property

In 2021, the Conservation Committee worked to make some long-term plans for the Club property, hiring a certified Forester to write a 20-year forest management plan for club-owned lands. At the request of the Conservation Committee, Forester Brett Kuipers of MI Forestry, wrote a plan that focuses on managing healthy forests, minimizing disease and improving wildlife habitat throughout the property, more so than a boards-and-cords timber management approach. The plan was shared with the Board last summer and hopefully it will be posted to the Club's website soon. As a reminder, you can request a copy of the plan anytime by emailing Dani McGarry at dani.drekich@gmail.com.

With the Board's blessing, the Conservation Committee has started moving forward on the first recommended actions of the plan; managing the aspen stand and removing areas of declining or unhealthy trees. As part of the plan, a portion of the aspen stand to the north and west of the skeet and trap ranges will be clear cut. This is the best method for managing aspen, resulting in rapid regrowth and great habitat for partridge, small mammals and other upland birds. Closer to the clubhouse, on the north side of the road, a select-cut will take place for some declining, mature red pine and some invasive scot's pine. The red pines are past their prime, and will only lose value and become a source of disease for the rest of the forest if left in place. A select-cut of these trees will allow more sun to reach the forest floor, encouraging growth of black cherry, sugar maple, red maple and other hardwoods in the understory. If you see trees flagged or marked, please leave the flagging in place! Flags are marking the project area for the forester, and loggers will use those markings to bid on the project. Once a bid is accepted and a contract approved by the Board, harvest activities may happen this season, depending on site conditions and logger availability, or they could take place any time over the next two years when conditions are acceptable.

Lastly, the Conservation Committee is planning a tree planting day in the spring and is looking for volunteers! Bare root shrubs and tree seedlings will be planted in northern areas of the "north 40", outside of future harvest areas. Adding species like hazelnut, serviceberry and yellow birch will increase diversity, provide hard and soft mass food sources for a variety of wildlife and improve pollination sources for our bees, moths and other pollinators. If you'd like to volunteer to help with planting (and we'll probably rip out some autumn olive while we're at it) call Dani McGarry (810) 278-7307 or Rick Gleason (231) 690-3443 for details.



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.

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



May is mushroom season. For those of you who like to hunt them, Good Luck.

Cowboy Action Shoot

Cowboy Action Shoots are the 4th Saturday of every month. The next shoot is scheduled for May 28. Registration begins at 8:30 am and shooting starts around 9 AM.

Contact Roger Lehrbass at 231 343-2580 or Chris Shimmel at 231 239-2448, if you have any questions. Come on out and watch them shoot or participate in shooting. It's very entertaining.

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 Jim at 231 690-7542 to get yours or they are available at any club meeting.

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

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***

****** Vintage Lyman reloader with Lyman reloading guide. \$85 Call Marialice at 231-843-4763 (1)

****** New 9 mm Beretta NIB JS92F 300M, with 2 - 15 Rd mags and 500 Rounds of Winchester 9 mm 115 Grain FMJ. Contact Bob [313-399-9594](tel:313-399-9594) \$1000.00 BO." (2)

****** MEC 20 Ga. Shot shell reloader, grabber model. \$225 OBO. Call Jim 231 690-7542 (4)

****** 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. (4)

*****Attention .410 shooters.**

A MEC Grabber in 410, 2 1/2 inch shells, Model 76 1R.

Redone by MEC in 2018, works perfectly, complete, ready to load, includes a 1/2 ounce charge bar with a number 10 MEC bushing. and shot/powder bottles.

This is set up. And in use so a prospective buyer can load a few shells to see how well it works.. \$ 350

Contact Pat Donovan 231 883 1347 (2)

Fin & Feather Membership Renewals

Renewals for membership to Fin & Feather Club have gone out either by mail or electronic device. Membership dues are due May 1st. If you did not receive a renewal form, contact me (Nita Finch, 231 690-0874 or by e-mail "bearladytwo@live.com" and I will get one to you. If you do not renew by May 1st, the gate combination will be changed and you will not have access to the club grounds.



Turkey wings & or Feathers Wanted

I am looking for as many turkey wings or primary feathers as I can get.....birds shot, road kill, wings from friends' or neighbors' birds; all are welcome and appreciated. I make arrows for kids, offer them to fly tiers and offer them to budding arrow smiths. Donors may call me, email me or just bring them to an upcoming meeting...Dick Herrmann. 989 388-7044

Hunter Safety

Due to the rules and regulations that the DNR have placed on Hunter Safety Instructors, the Fin & Feather Club, does not have enough certified instructors to conduct a Hunter Safety Class. In an effort to abide by these rules, all Hunter Safety Classes are cancelled until further notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you are interested in becoming a Hunter Safety Instructor, there is an application that needs to be filled out and sent in to the State. When the State sends the application back to you, contact Nita Finch or Frank Koehle, so we can then start planning to get you certified as a Hunter Safety Instructor.

We are working with a Hunter Ed Field Coordinator to resolve these problems, so the Fin & Feather Club can once have a Hunter Safety Class, the way the State has ordered us to do.

Call Nita at 231 690-0874 or Frank at 231 510-5558 and we will get an application out to you.

Fin & Feather Scholarship

Once again the Fin & Feather Club will be awarding a \$1500 scholarship for a student majoring in the outdoor sciences. Applications can be obtained by contacting Chairman Laude Hartman at 231 233-7633 or by downloading an application on the website. The deadline for the applications has been extended till June 1st.

MUCC

The 2022 MUCC conference will be June 25th and 26th. As a club we will have to vote on the upcoming proposed resolutions. At this time we only have 8 proposed resolutions so the time for voting may not take that long and we should be able to complete the voting at one meeting.

I am on the MUCC Conservation Policy Board and will be attending the policy board meeting in St. Ignace on March 12th. Hopefully I will have more information after that.

Rick Singleton

Youth Silhouette Shoot

Youth Silhouette Shoot will begin April 2, then will continue shooting the first Saturday of the month until September. The shoot is open to anyone, but is geared toward the younger shooters 15 and under. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooters at the end of the shooting season. Firearms are limited to .22 caliber long rifle or .22 short (no mini-mags since they damage the targets). Each shooter must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event starts at 9 AM and involves shooting 10 metal silhouette targets at 4 different yardages for a total of 40 targets. Anyone 18 and over that wants to shoot, there is a \$2.00 fee charge. Contact Mark Luce at 231 690-7929 or by e-mail:

MUCC Camp

On line registration is open at www.mucccamp.org for Summer 2022 camps for ages 9-16. If registering online, list the Fin & Feather Club of Mason County as the sponsoring club so we will qualify for a \$50 registration discount.

You do not need to be a member of the Fin & Feather Club to send your child, Grandchild, neighbor or friend to the camp.

Contact Cindy Gleason at 231 690-3445 or cgleasonff@gmail.com to arrange for registration payment or if you have any questions.

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.

Skeet & Shotgun Shooting Class

The Fin and Feather Club is sponsoring a Skeet and Shotgun Shooting Class on June 7 at 5 p.m. at the skeet range, 3276 N. Darr Rd.

Participants will need to bring a shotgun, a box of 7 1/2- 9 shot ammo and eye and ear protection.

For more information contact Bruce Krieger at 231-357-4598 or Dan Engelhardt at 231-510-1003.

There is no charge for the class.

CPL & BASIC PISTOL CLASSES:

CPL classes for 2022: June 3rd & 4th July 8th & 9th August 5th & 6th October 7th & 8th
November 4th & 5th.

Basic Pistol May 7th September 3rd

The class is for men and women. You must register with Jim Glover at 231 907-8330 in order to take any of the classes.



The first of the year CPL Class that was held April 8 & 9. 13 students successfully completed the class and received their certificate. The next CPL Class will be held June 3 & 4 and you must be registered in order to take the class. Contact Jim Glover at 231 907-8330 to sign up.



Pat Donovan was checking his game cameras and found a few photos of one of our cats. Natures Coyote repellent.