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Tattered Feather Newsletter

HUNTING RULES & REGULATIONS FOR FIN & FEATHER CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

Revised 10/5/22 **Key Rules**

Here are some rules and regulations that need to be observed if you plan on hunting on the Fin & Feather Club grounds.

Hunting Hours (Rifle, Muzzle Loading & Bow)

Bow Hunting only – October 1 to November 14 Hunting between November 15 to December 31

No Hunting from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily to allow members to site in Guns/Bows & shoot Skeet/Trap

No Hunting after 10:00 AM on Tuesday from November 15 to December 31

***Firearm hours are from legal hunting opening hours to 10:00 AM and from 2:00 PM till legal hunting closing hours ONLY (except after 10:00 AM on Tuesdays no hunting).

***Firearm hunting is NOT allowed during the hours of 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily, when all ranges (pistol, rifle, skeet, trap, bow, etc.) will be open.

***Hunters to be off club property during the above club shooting hours.

To hunt on club property, you ***MUST*** be a Fin & Feather club member in good standing.

No guests of Club Members allowed.

Other Rules

Hunters MUST carry their club identification card and display it, when asked to identify them selves.

Hunting on club property is on a first come, first serve basis.

Due to safety concerns, all hunters MUST obey the Mason County Fin & Feather Club hunting policies as well as the Michigan DNR regulations.

Your blind / stand, MUST have your identification (name, phone number) on it and be visible.

The above rules & regulations are to protect hunters and Fin & Feather Club shooters. Any violation may mean dismissal of Fin & Feather Club memberships.

Skeet and Trap shooting hours From November 15 to December 31

Tuesday shooting hours from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM Saturday shooting hours from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please contact Dan Engelhardt (231-510-1003) , Bruce Rosema (231-499-6000) or Chris Shimmel (231- 239-2448) if you have any questions or concerns.

Nita Finch, Editor

November 2026

Chris Shimmel, President

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FIN & FEATHER LEADERSHIP 2026

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Terms End January 1st, 2027

Russ Bosley, Jim Glover, Frank Koehle, Larry Scherer, Diane Zack

Terms End January 1st, 2028

Dan Engelhardt, Rick Gleason, Mike Hill, Bruce Rosema, David Sanders

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Armed Women of America 2026 Meetings 6:00 p.m. @ Fin and Feather Club House.
November 19, 2026
December 17, 2026

Armed Women of America exists to enable women to be their own self-protectors, creating freedom, peace of mind and confidence in themselves. For additional information please visit: https://armedwomen.org

To access the Fin and Feather web site, go to: finandfeatherclub.org." If you have something that needs to go into the website, contact Dave at ltfd101@gmail.com



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, water and wildlife.

NRA

The cost to become a NRA member is $35 per year. The club gets a profit when you join through the club. If you would like to join the NRA or renew your NRA membership, contact Chris at 616 970-0575 or by e-mail at: cschmidt36@yahoo.com

Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2026

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

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Doug & Dawn Rollenhagen
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West Shore Bank

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 note 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

REMINDER

There is NO CLUB MEETNG IN NOVEMBER due to Plaid Shirt Night. The next club meeting is December 9th. Dinner is served at 6:00 for a donation of $10. On the menu is lasagna, garlic bread and carrot cake for desert. Elections will be held for 5 Board of Directors, and the officer positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. The meetings are open to anyone.

Michigan Bowhunter's Rendezvous

The Fin & Feather Club will be hosting the Michigan Bowhunter's Rendezvous in the spring of May 2027. As of this writing, no firm date as been set. The club will need lots of volunteers to help with the set up and the hosting for the event. Watch the Tattered Feather for further details and how you can sign up to help.

PLAID SHIRT NIGHT NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Plaid Shirt Night is almost here. There are still a few tickets available for this fun filled night with many raffle items, firearms, pistols, door prizes and a sit down dinner catered by Gloria's Catering of Fountain. Tickets are $50 each and the door opens at 5:00 PM. There will be a Mystery Firearm, a Banquet Firearm with scope and case, and of course two card raffle games, upstairs and down, with the winners winning a Heritage Rough Rider Pistol and a Ruger Max 9mm pistol. Back by popular demand, there will be a silent auction featuring three items.

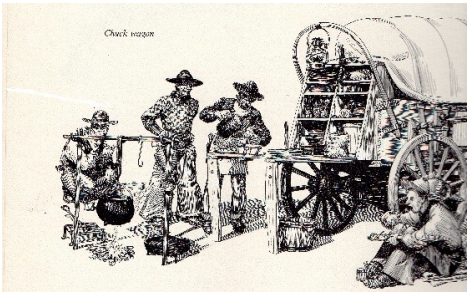
So, if you would like to attend this fun filled event, contact Nita at 231 690-0874 or by e-mail at bearladytwo@live.com. Do it today so you don't miss out.



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 $25. The brick can have 3 lines per brick and 14 characters per line. Doug Tiffany is the person to contact to purchase a brick.

Contact Doug at 231 690-0895



Special Award

Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Members

Once again, it's time to start thinking of that special person or persons that you would like to nominate for Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member of the Year.

Every year, the Fin & Feather Club awards a club member, the honor of being the Outstanding Club Member of 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. Once that person has been selected for The Outstanding Club Member, they cannot be chosen again. Here is a list of previous club members that have 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	2022	Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki				
2023	Larry Scherer	2024	Doug Rollenhagen	**2025**	**David Sanders**		

Get that name into Nita at bearladylive.com or submit that name to her when you see her. At the January 6, 2027 Board of Directors meeting, the board will choose the recipient. At the January 13, 2027 club meeting, the recipient will be revealed. There are a lot of club members that deserve the award, so get that name in.

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Hunter Safety student, Russ McClure harvested this 8 point, 154 lbs. buck during the September Youth hunt. Congrats Russ, Nice buck.



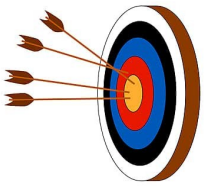
Fin & Feather Club Members (from left), Dan Engelhardt, Todd Razminas, Bruce Rosema, and not in the picture Mike Smith, got 19 geese altogether on a goose-hunt.



From left, Mike Smith, Todd Razminas and Bruce Rosema

4-H Shooting Update

4-H Shooting Sports will begin on November 10th in the Club House.
All youths ages 9-18 are invited to join. We will meet every Tuesday from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the clubhouse. The program will run November through March.
We will be shooting Indoor Air Rifle. All youths will be instructed in Firearm Safety, 3 and 4 Position Shooting by 4-H Certified Instructors. All equipment is provided. Sign up at "4-H online".
Any parents or adults interested in becoming volunteers can also sign up through "4-H online".
Any help would be greatly appreciated. Any questions call Pam Velat @ (231)907-0285.



INDOOR ARCHERY LEAGUE

The Indoor Archery League will start January 8th and will continue for 11 weeks. The league is in the basement of the clubhouse and will start at 6:30. The cost is $50 and s for single shooters. The league will conclude in March 2027. Any questions contact Chris at 231 239-2448



Upcoming Elections, December 9, 2026

At the December 19th club meeting, the assembled club members will have the chance to vote for the candidate of their choice for 2027 Fin & Feather Club officers and Board of Directors. Officer positions are elected every year. The officer positions are as follows: President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. There will be 5 Board of Directors chosen at that time for a term of 2 years. The only requirement is that you have to be a club member for a year and have a desire to represent the best interest of all the club members. The Board meeting are 4 times a year, with the budget meeting in December. An absentee ballot is available to any club member who wishes to receive one. If you want to receive a ballot, contact Nita Finch, at 231 690-0874 or by e-mail "bearladytwo@live.com". It is available to any club member of good standing and who is 18 years or older. The ballot must be filled in and signed by the requesting club member and sent to the election chairperson (Nita Finch, 9441 N. Darr Rd., Free Soil, MI 49411, or by e-mail: bearladytwo@live.com). It has to be retuned to Nita or the club's address (PO Box 402, Ludington, MI 49431) before the December 9th club meeting in order to be counted.

A list of the candidates will be posted on the Fin and Feather website.

This is your club, you can decide who is going to represent your concerns.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER. THIS IS YOUR CLUB

3 D ARCHERY UPDATE

The 3D Archery course is closed for the season to allow members who want to hunt that area unfettered access. **Members only, no guests can hunt on Club property.**

The Michigan Bow Hunters will be here May 14,15,16, 2027 for their event. Planning is moving forward and everything is underway.

Doug Rollenhagen will no longer be 3D Archery chairman after January 1. we are looking for a replacement. If interested contact Doug at 269 209-

Monday Night Women Pistol Shooting

On Monday nights, the women still shoot throughout the winter. The class starts at 6:00PM and is taught by Jim Glover. The class is for women and is open to the public. There is no cost to come out and you do not need to register. You can either bring your own pistol or a pistol will be supplied for you to use.

NEW hooded zip-up navy blue hooded sweatshirts are now in. Sizes left are Large & XL. The cost is $35. Get yours now before they are gone. Call 231 690-0874 or order by e-mail to "bearladytwo@live.com". They make great Xmas gifts.

RIFLE RANGE UPDATE

Now that were in the start of all our hunting seasons our ranges will start getting busy sighting in rifles and practicing. Just a reminder to be safe and respect fellow club members and shooters. Please sign in, remember to use the safety lights when going down range, Place your targets in the center of the backstops, use your safety gear and clean up your targets and brass when finished.

Our members have done a great job keeping the ranges clean and relatively free of damage. Keep up the good job.

For those that use the 200/300 yard range, make sure you've signed the use agreement before using these ranges. You can contact any of the range committee to get one Contact info is posted on the board at the range storage building.

GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2025-2026

Once again, all 350 tickets were sold. Thank you to who either bought a ticket and or helped to sell them. Tickets were again $50 each. 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. Once the drawing has started, no more tickets will be sold. Remember, if you win once, your ticket goes back in the raffle, so you have a chance to win again.

The Gun A Month Raffle is being handled by the Fund Raising Committee Members.

Here is a list and the dates of the drawing for the 2026-27 raffle:

October 14, 2026	**Winchester XPR compact 350 Legend bolt action rifle**	**Winner: Scott Meeter**
November 7, 2026	Ruger Harrier 5.56 cal. Semi-auto rife	
December 9, 2026	Stevens Model 334, 308 Win. Bolt Action rifle	
January 13, 2027	Charles Daly 410 O/U shotgun	
February 10, 2027	Sig Sauer, P365 Micro compact 9mm semi-auto pistol	
March 10, 2027	Ruger SR 1911 9mm semi-auto pistol	
April 14, 2027	Ruger RXM 9mm semi-auto pistol	
May 12, 2027	Winchester SXP 12 gauge Pump shotgun	
June 9, 2027	Browning X Bolt 2 Hunter composite 7mm PRC Bolt Action rifle	
July 14, 2027	Winchester Ranger 22 LR Lever Action, rifle	
August 11, 2027	Winchester XPR compact 6.5 Creedmore bolt action, rifle	
September 8, 2027	Ruger American Gen 2, 300 Win. Mag Bolt Action rifle	

Here is the list and winners of the 2025-2026 Gun A Month Raffle:

October 8, 2025	Savage 220 Trail Hunter .300 Win Mag	**Winner: Michael Latesky JR**
November 12, 2025	Ruger American .308 w/Vortex scope	**Winner: Erin Doan**
December 10, 2025	Walther WMP .22wmr pistol	**Winner: William Goodrich**
January 14, 2026	TriStar Setter O/U .410	**Winner: Susan Goodrich**
February 11, 2026	Tisas 1911A1 Tank Commander .45ACP	**Winner: Charles Breush**
March 11, 2026	CZ 612 12ga 3.5" pump MOBL	**Winner: Mike & Tracy Bonstell**
April 8, 2026	Weatherby Element II 20ga	**Winner: Mary Wilcoz**
May 13, 2026	Browning Buck Mark Black Label .22LR Pistol	**Winner: Kevin Cuthbertson**
June 10, 2026	Ruger 10/22 Sporter .22LR	**Winner: Ann Castonia**
July 8, 2026	Centerpoint Amped 425 Crossbow	**Winner: John Aprill**
August 12, 2026	Winchester XPR Hunter Strata 6.8 Western	**Winner: Mike Raisch**
September 9, 2026	Weatherby Vanguard Obsidian .270Win	**Winner: Ed Sanborn**

TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING HOURS

Days and hours for shooting **Skeet:** Tuesday from 2:00 to 5:00PM.
Trap/Skrap: Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:30PM. Saturday hours: 9AM to Noon.

Price: Members $5 for a single round; $40 for 1 10 round card (Members); $3 for a single round under the age of 18; $for 6 a single round for Non Members.

To shoot the 200-300 ranges, **We require you to sign a Range Agreement Form.** A range ID card will be issued upon signing the agreement. Agreements and cards are available by contacting one of the Range Committee members, at the club meetings, and most Tuesdays you can catch one of us at the Trap Range. Committee Members are; Mike Hill: 231-690-3966, Chris Shimmel: 231-239-2448, Dan Englehardt: 231-510-1003 or Rick Gleason: 231-690-3443:

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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. If the item is sold please contact Nita. The ads call be posted by e mailing "bearladytwo@live.com" or call 231 690-0874.) Items will be listed 6 times. If there is no response from the seller, then the item(s) will be deleted

Please advise when items are sold)

** Marlin 336 chambered in 32 Winchester Special made in 1948. Comes with a Leopold 2-7 scope with tall rings so the irons can be used, a leather sling, and about 100 rounds of ammo, $1300 obo.
Contact me at 734 258 5398 or Eric1976mi@gmail.com (5)

** Smith and Wesson Walther PPK 380. Comes with 3 magazines, a soft IWB holster, and about 400 rounds of ammo $700 obo. Contact me at 734 258 5398 or Eric1976mi@gmail.com (5}

** Ruger 22/45 mark 3, 6 mags, trugglo sight and case. $500.00

Springfield/ Steven's 22 l. R. Model 87A $300.00 great rifle 85-90%

Winchester 101 12 ga. Trap combo , single and double barrel. $1500.00

Model 37 Ithaca 12 G.A. Fratherweight Field Grade with Poly Choke , excellent condition $475.00

12 g.a. Berretta 686 Onyx 30 in. sporting grade , wide rib. Very good condition with box and extra chokes. $1950.00 Contact Jim Holzbach 231 233-4123 (2)

** New Starline Brass, 380 ACP-40 s-w $20 per 100; 44 spl. -44 mag. -45 super, $25 per 100
Call Russ 810 348-6740 (4)

** FOR SALE OR TRADE: Kimber KHX Pro with 4 mags. 3 are Kim-Pro Tac-Mags , one is Wilson Combat. Has the Hoague green camo grips with integrated red laser. Asking $1,250 OBO. Would trade for the right Colt 1911. Call or text Ezekiel at 231-660-3103, or email at ewmcmillan@outlook.com (2)

**Smith & Wesson pistol model 66, 357 magnum with ammo, excellent condition. $650
Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (3)

**Colt MKIV/series 70, Govt. model 45 Cal, plus ammo. New condition $2,200
Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (3)

**Bersa Thunder model 380 Cal. Carry pistol, protect holster with ammo. Extended high capacity magazine $350

Contact Dan at 231 299-1453, dannypeggy550@gmail.com (3)

** Grade II Browning bar 22 LR semi-auto. Shot 1 box. Comes w/ leopold scope, appraised at $1700, asking $1350. Call Fred 231 845-0913 (1)

**  Target 22 pistol in very good condition, bluing in very good condition as is the wooden grips. Comes with 2 magazines which are hard to find. Also comes with a mostly complete rebuild kit. Soft case provided. |$650 Contact Dave Dean at 616-840-5817 or email at dakamima@msn.com (1)

WANTED: 2 - 4 vintage Red Ryder or equivalent BB guns. Do NOT want collectors guns, just some older ones that were made in the US and still functional to give to my boys for their first guns. Call or text Ezekiel at 231-660-3103, or email at ewmcmillan@outlook.com (1)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

1 Archery Deer Season
7 Board Meeting 6 PM
14 Fin & Feather Club Meeting
15 Armed Women Meeting 6 PM
31 Halloween

November

7 Plaid Shirt Night
10 4-H Air Rifle 6-8 PM Clubhouse basement
15 Deer Firearm Season begins
19 Well Armed Women 6 PM
26 Thanksgiving
30 Deer Firearm season closes