

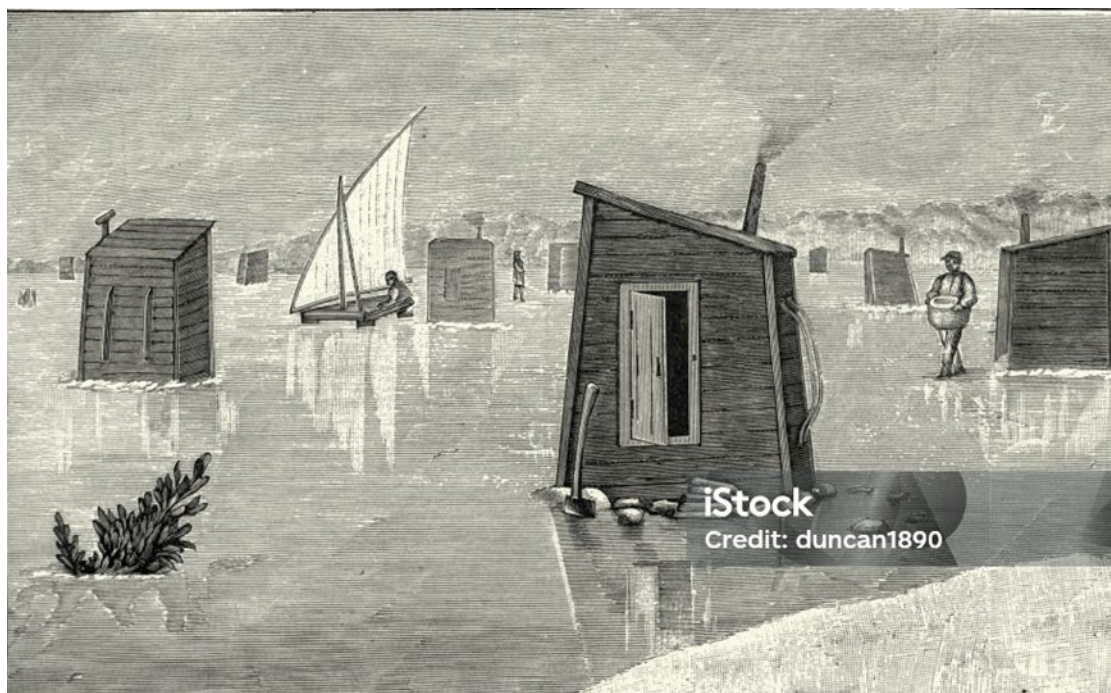
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CONSERVATION PLEDGE

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.

The Fin & Feather Club will be the host for the Michigan Bowhunters Shoot in 2026 and 2027. More information will be available as we move forward in 2024.

Board of Director Meetings for 2024

January 8 April 3 July 3
October 2 December 4 &
January 6, 2025

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

NRA

The cost to become a NRA member is \$35 per year. The club gets a profit when you join NRA through the club. To contact Nick, call 586-752-7603 or by e-mail at nicamicone@gmail.com. Nick will be at all the regular club meetings to sign or renew your NRA membership.

Friends of Fin & Feather Club 2023

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

Memory of Koby Kobrehel
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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

NEXT UPCOMING MEETING
The next meeting will be January 10, 2024. The meal for the meeting will be Chili. The meal starts at 6:00 and the cost is still \$10 for all you can eat.

Monday Night Women Pistol Shooting
On Monday nights, the women are still shooting pistols. The class starts at 6:00 PM 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 shoot and you can either bring your own pistol or pistols will be supplied.

Calendar of Events

January
1- Apply for Spring Turkey license
8-Board mtg 6 pm
10-Club meeting, dinner 6 pm
20-Hunter Safety 10-2
21-Tickets on sale for club members to Big

February
1-Dead line for Spring Turkey applications
14- Club meeting
14-Valentine's Day

March
1-Tree stands and ladders must be removed from public lands
13-Club meeting, dinner 6 pm

Outstanding Fin & Feather Club Member for 2023

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	2022 Don & Eldonna Folkman & Gary Kondracki		

2023

Nominates will be voted on at the January 8th 2024, Board of Directors meeting and the winner(s) will be announced at the January 10th regular club meeting.

GUN A MONTH RAFFLE 2022-2023

The new 2023-2024 Gun A Month raffle has begun. Once the raffle starts no more tickets will be sold. Once again 350 tickets were sold at \$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.

Here is a list and the dates of the drawing for the 2023-24 raffle:

October 11, 2023	Winchester S X P 12 ga, field nickel	Winner: Ross Kissel
November 8, 2023	Win Wildcat Verde combo	Winner: Dave Organ
December 13, 2023	Win XPR .350 Legend	Winner: Tony Zack
January 10, 2024	Mossberg Patriot 6.5 PRC	
February 14, 2024	ATI Cavalry 20 ga O/U	
March 13, 2024	Tisas 1911 AI 9 mm pistol	
April 10, 2024	Ruger American Compact 7mm-08	
May 8, 2024	Centerpoint Mercury 390 crossbow	
June 12, 2024	Savage Axix II .270	
July 10, 2024	Taurus TX .22 pistol	
August 14, 2024	S&W M&P shield EZ 9mm pistol	
September 11, 2024	Howa 1500 6.5 creedmore	

Here is a list of the winners of the Gun A Month raffle 2022-2023: Congratulations to all who won.

October 12, 2022	S&W M&P9, Shield Plus	Winner: Adam Castonia
November 6, 2022	S&W M&P9 Perf Center 9mm	Winner: Scott May
December 14, 2022	Springfield Hellocat OSP	Winner: Dave Organ
January 11, 2023	ATI Calvary .410 O/U	Winner: Henry Lange
February 8, 2023	ATI Calvary 20 gauge O/U	Winner: Steve Miller
March 8, 2023	Mossberg Patriot Long Range 6.5 cm	Winner: Cade Scott
April 12, 2023	Rem 700 ADL Varmint 308	Winner: Doug Currier
May 10, 2023	Howe M1500 6.5 c, Heavy Barrel	Winner: Chris VanOver
June 14, 2023	Win XPR 350 Legend	Winner: Randolph Sarnowski
July 12, 2023	Win XPR Hunter Strata 30.06	Winner- Gabriel Wise
August 9, 2023	Win XPR Hunter MODWA 300 WM	Winner- Fred Forest
September 13, 2023	Browning AB3 Hunter .270	Winner- Kei Steffens

RIFLE RANGE ISSUES: PLEASE BE AWARE!!!!!!!

There have been several complaints and observations of unsafe practices and abuse.

On the 100-yard range.

#1: Clay targets were shot that left a mess down at the backstop.

There's a sign right at the bench's that states NO BREAKABLE TARGETS, paper targets only.

#2: The 50-yard backstop has the top support board and full of bullet holes.

There is no reason that board should have any bullet holes whatsoever. Those bullets have a 90% chance of going over the backstop. **An extremely unsafe practice.** Be aware where you're placing your targets on that backstop.

#3: The bolts and ears on the steel targets continually are being shot off.

Again, there is no reason those should be damaged other than someone intentionally shoots at them. We will not be replacing the steel targets at this time. The cost is high for them and they continually are abused.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB AND YOUR SHOOTING RANGES. IF YOU SEE SOMONE ABUSING THE SHOOTING RANGES, SPEAK UP. IT ONLY TAKES ONE UNSAFE PRACTICE AND OR ABUSE TO CLOSE DOWN THE RANGES FOR EVERYBODY.

New Rifle Range Meeting

Well most of the trees are cut. I have a few estimates of various cost and now it's time to put a plan together for the new range. If you're an avid rifle range shooter, have competition experience, construction expertise, contacts in excavation, tree removal or just have some ideas that might help us design a new range, there be a meeting Wednesday January 17th at 7:00pm at the clubhouse. If you are unable to make it and would like to be involved, please feel free to either email me or give me a call: email: m.hill6716@gmail.com Phone # 231-690-3966

UPCOMING EVENTS



BIG GUN NIGHT 2024

After much discussion, the Fund Raising Committee has voted upon having a Big Gun Night, April 6, 2024. The format will be much as the event has been in the past. Lots of quality firearms, raffles and door prizes. Tickets are \$30 per person and will be available for Fin & Feather club members only, starting January 1st till January 31st. Then they will be available to the public. We have increased the tickets sold from 250 to 270. Again, we will have reserved captain tables. Letters to previous table captains will be going in the mail. Once again, like last years Big Gun Night, no meal will be

served. Instead we will have on site snacks and hors D'oeuvres. The committee has started selecting quality firearms, sporting items and many other raffles. Doors will open at 5:00PM.

There will be a \$20 ticket for our Banquet Firearm and \$5.00 tickets for firearms and raffles, along with \$10 ticket raffles.

Contact Nita at 231 690-0874 or Cindy at 231 690-445 to get your ticket.

If anyone or business would like to help out with a donation or would like to volunteer to help that night, contact Cindy or Nita.

Mark your calendar, April 6, for a night filled with fun.....



HUNTING RULES & REGULATIONS FOR FIN & FEATHER CLUB MEMBERS ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT A FIN & FEATHER CLUB MEMBER, YOU CANNOT HUNT ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.

Hunting Hours (Rifle, Muzzle Loading & Bow)

Bow Hunting only – October 1 to November 15

Rifle hunting between November 15 to January 1st

No Hunting Starting November 15th through January 1st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily to allow members to use the ranges

No Hunting after 10:00 AM on Tuesday from November 15 to January 1st

***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 January 1st

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.



FREE FIRE WOOD FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE

Club members will be allowed to harvest wood from the tops of dropped trees from the area South of the main club road, across from the Trap & 50 yard range. Firewood must be harvested from downed trees only. The fire wood must be obtained for club member's personal use only

Please be safe when doing this. Any questions, contact Bruce Rosema at 231 499-6000.

Scholarship applications available

Once again the Fin & Feather Club will be awarding a \$1500 scholarship for a student majoring in the outdoor sciences. If you've received the award once, you can apply again as long as your major is still 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 is May 1st.



Elections Results for 2024

At the December 13th club meeting, the assembled members elected the following to represent the club for 2024: **President-Chris Shimmel, 1st VP-Lance Christensen, 2nd VP- Larry Scherer, Treasurer-Cindy Gleason, Recording secretary-Dick Herrmann, Membership Secretary-Nita Finch.** The following were elected to serve two years on the Board: **Dan Engelhardt Bruce Rosema, Rick Gleason, David Sanders and Mike Hill.**

Special Thanks goes out to Don Henry for volunteering to run for a Board position.



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***

- ** 1932 Remington Model 25, 2520 pump. Bore is good, finish is 70 per cent. Wood nice. \$900.00 or best offer.
Terry Luxford 616 648 7062. (1)
- ** Remington 1100 410 auto. Skeet barrel and full choke barrel, nice condition. 1985 edition .. 1100.00 obo
Pat 231 510-5411 (2)
- ** Shotgun for sale: Remington 1187 shotgun. 26 Bird Barrel, slug barrel, Bushnell Circle X Scope, 3 chokes, duck plug for magazine. \$500, PRICE REDUCED.... Call 231-613-4276, ask for Ed (4)
- ** Remington 1187 12 Gauge. Slug Barrel, Bushnell 1.5-4 circle X scope, 26 inch bird barrel. \$825. Call Ed at 231-613-4276. (3)
- ** 3000 rounds 22 rimfire, various types
500 rounds 12 gauge, various types. Contact Jim Beckstrom 231 233-992 for price (3)
- ** Remington model 700 Varmint Heavy Barrel .308 caliber Synthetic camouflage stock. Pine Creek (Cabelas) 4x12x44 mm scope With Butler Creek flip up scope caps 2 boxes ammo \$750. 231-233-2394 Tom. (2)
- ** Ruger model 77RSI International in 250 Savage. Red pad, tang safety. 95% \$1500
Ruger No. 1 International in 7x57 Mauser. Red pad. 99% \$1750
Winchester model 70 XTR Featherweight in 7x57 Mauser 95% \$1000
Winchester model 70 Coyote in .223 wssm. Tack driver. 99% \$950
Winchester model 94 Big Bore Angle Eject Timber Carbine in 444 Marlin. Very rare. 99% with original box and manual. \$1800
Winchester model 94 Big Bore top eject in 375 Winchester. 98% \$1000
Beretta model 3901 12-gauge slug gun, NIB \$800
Winchester model 70 Classic featherweight, controlled round feed model chambered in 300 wsm.
99% condition. \$950 Contact Richard Dust 231-690-5569 or richarddust@frontier.com (1)

To access the Fin and Feather web site, go to:

"finandfeatherclub.org."

If you have something that needs to go into the website, contact Nita at bearladytwo@live.com.



We now have Fin & Feather pull over sweatshirts in sizes large to 2XL. Color is dark gray and they are \$20 each. If you would like one contact Nita at 231 690-0874 or see her at a club meeting to get yours. They make nice gifts!!!!



INDOOR ARCHERY LEAGUE

The Indoor Archery League started Friday, January 5 2024. The league runs for 10-12 weeks. The league is in the basement of the clubhouse. The cost is \$50 for 10-12 weeks and concludes in March of 2024. The league is for single shooters. Contact Chris at 231 239-2448 if you have any questions.



Trap & Skeet Shooting Hours

Trap hours (open to the public), Tuesdays 3:30-6:30 and Saturdays 9-noon.

Skeet hours

(open to the public), Tuesdays 2:30-5:30 and Saturdays 9-noon.

Don't forget to sign in and out at any of the ranges that you are going to use. There is a sign in book in the mail boxes at all ranges. If you see anyone that is miss-using the ranges or destroying the range property in any way, please contact Bruce Rosema at 231 499-600 or Dan Engelhardt at 231 510-1003.

REMEMBER, always keep the ranges better than you found it.



HUNTER SAFETY FIELD DAY CLASS

The Fin & Feather Cub will be holding a Hunter Safety **FIELD DAY** Class, on January 20 2024 from 10am to 2pm. There is a limit of 30 students. The class is being organized and taught by Corp. Steve Orange. This is a field day class only. Walk-ins will not be accepted. If a student chooses to complete the home study course, a

book may be picked up at Captain Chuck's II until January 10, 2024 located at 75 N Jebavy Dr, Ludington, MI 49431 during the stores normal business hours. In order to take part in the field day, students will be required to present either the online certificate of completion or the completed chapter review questions from the book. Students 10 and under will need a parent or guardian present during the class. A parent or guardian is welcome to stay with their student during the class. Please do not register the parent or guardian for the class as this only eliminates the spot for other students. There is no fee for the class. The online course can be located on the Michigan DNR website under Education & Safety.

You need to register to take the class. Go to <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/6048> and sign up your student. You have to be registered in order to take the class. the parent or guardian wishes to go through and receive credit for Hunter Education, feel free to sign up.



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 \$28. 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.

An order will be going in soon for the bricks. So, if you would like to get a brick for that special person and the sale price of \$28, contact Frank ASAP.

Happy Valentine's Day