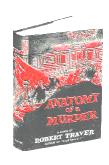


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By Rich Vander Veen

June 24, 2023 Marquette

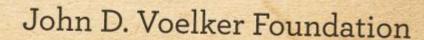


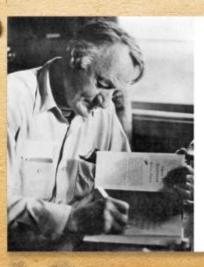
John Donaldson Voelker

- Born in Marquette, June, 1903
- Educated at Northern Michigan University and University of Michigan Law School
- Practiced law in Chicago and Marquette
- Elected Marquette County Prosecutor
- Michigan Supreme Court Justice
- Author of *Anatomy of a Murder*, ten other books, and numerous short stories
 - See "On His Own Terms" published in *Traver on Fishing*, Lyons Press 2002

UP Cribbage Champ!



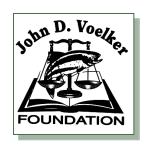




I fish because I love to; because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly ...

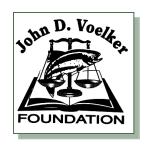
because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness; because bourbon out of an old tin cup always tastes better out there.

John Voelher



John D. Voelker Foundation, 34th Year

- 1989 Founded: MI Nonprofit; Achieved 501 c(3) Status
 Focused on New Members and Watershed Restoration Projects
- First, we received John's permission and republished limited editions of Laughing Whitefish or Trout Madness; Fred Baker & I borrowed \$10,000. John signed by the Acknowledgements & the Native American Law School Scholarships were initiated with George Hyde, 1990
- We recovered rights for five of John's 11 books from a "Publishing Pirate"
- We commissioned John's Michigan Supreme Court Portrait
- We collaborated with TU, Anglers of the Au Sable to Protect the "environs where trout are found" for future generations
- We founded the Robert Traver Fly Fishing Award 1994. collaborating with FR&R and THANKS to David Van Wie, the AMFF

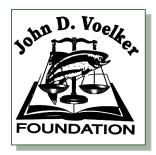


John D. Voelker Foundation, 34th Year

- The Foundation has been blessed with the leadership, time, talent and treasury of our generous Members, talented Board of Directors, Scholarship Committees and Traver Award Judges
- THANK YOU, Fred Baker, for 34 years as Secretary-Treasurer!!

Board Members have included:

• John Voelker, Charles Kuralt, Hon Jim Washinawatok, Nick Lyons, John Frey, John Cummiskey, Walter Abbott, Woody, Peter and Paul Strom, Kelly Keenan, Gigs Gagliardi, Page Graves, Fred Baker, Jim Graves, Julie Voelker Cohen, Grace Voelker Wood, Hon Matthew Fletcher, George Hyde, Hon Michael Petoskey, Hon Michael Anderegg, Karrie Biron, Glen Blackwood and David Van Wie!



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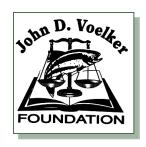
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John D. Voelker Foundation, 34th Year

Voelker Scholarships; Now Endowed within the Marquette County Community Foundation > Calendar 2023-2024 Events

Chi' miigwetch to our Scholarship Committee Chairs:

- Hon Jim Washinawatok, Walter Abbott & Hon Michael Petoskey
- Members: James Washinawatok, George Hyde, Karrie Biron,
 Hon JoAnne Cook, Hon Matthew Fletcher; recommending 2 New Scholars!
- $+2 \frac{6}{24}/23 = 35$ Scholars (21 Women & 14 Men)
- 12 MI & WI Tribes
- 11 Law Schools
- 32 Warrior Lawyers dedicated to Wellness, Sovereignty Principles

Voelker Scholars, 1990-2023+ from 12 Michigan & Wisconsin Tribes



Voelker Scholars, 1990-2023+ Graduated 11 Law Schools

















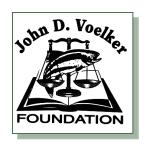








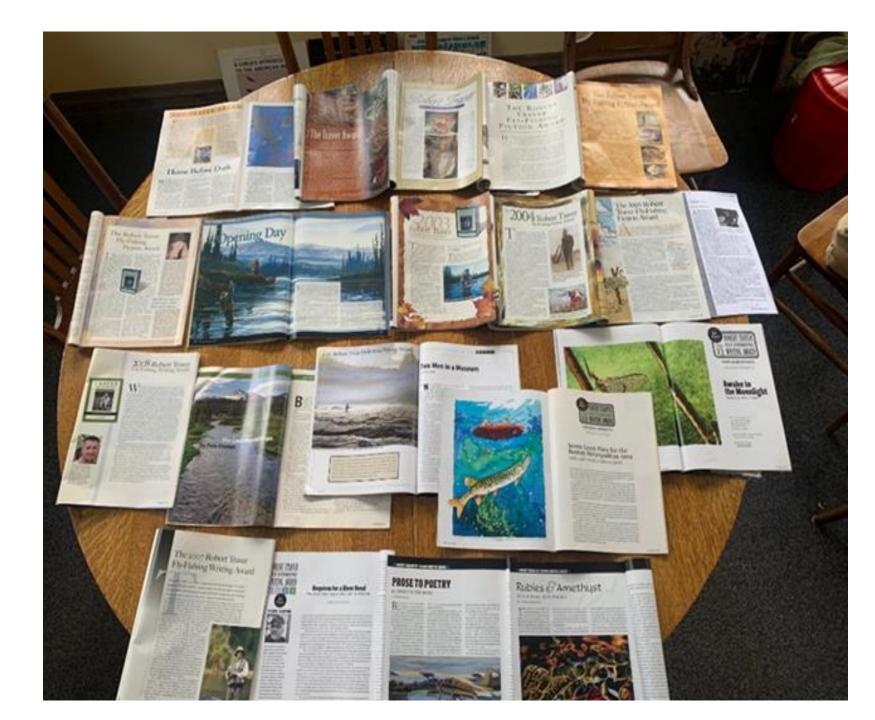
George Hyde (1st Scholar) with Grace Voelker Wood and Scholarship Committee Chair, Hon.Michael Petoskey



• John D. Voelker Foundation, 34th Year

- In 1994, Nick Lyons, *Fly, Rod & Reel*, and friends of John D. Voelker collaborated with John Frey and the Voelker Foundation to create the *Robert Traver Fly Fishing Writing Award*. Nick and friends have been entrepreneurs, founders and visionaries whose creative powers deserve our praise. *Fly Rod & Reel*, 1994-2016
- Many thanks to David Van Wie for initiating, collaborating and catalyzing the Voelker Foundation's relationship with the American Museum of Fly Fishing www.amff.com in Manchester, Vermont! AMFF *Journal*, 2019 >
- Thank you, AMFF Trustees, Ex. Director, Sarah Foster, Editor, Kate Achor, and the Traver Award Writers, Judges and Supporters of Fly Fishing Literature & the future protection of trout waters, art & the sport
- 65 2023 Entries now being Judged; September 2023 Announcement
- A Third Traver Award Anthology?

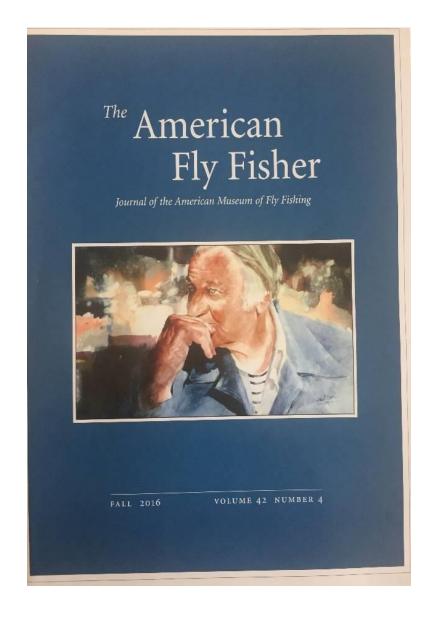






John D. Voelker in his home office at Ishpeming, Michigan (ca. 1961), wearing a favorite French sailor shirt as an undershirt. MSS-39: John D. Voelker Papers, Photographic Series. Used with permission from Kitchie Hill, Inc.

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From Genio C. Scott, Fishing in American Waters (New York: The American News Company, 1871), 367

A suppeared in my in box: "Has anyone ever written a definitive history, or at least a fairly detailed account, of
the Traver Award, not only about how it
came to be ... but also including a list of
which stories won each year, and the
names of all the homorable mentions and
runners up?" As far as I knew, no one bad.
So Jody Martin, who had recently received
the honor, did.

In 2019, after the folding of Fly Red 6
Red two years before, the museum became
the publisher of the Robert Traver FlyFishing Award, created in 1924 by Nick
Lyons and the John D. Voelker Foundation
Martin—with the help of four others who
have important connections to the foundation, the award, and its history—gathered
and reviewed nearly three decades' worth of
information to present in one place. The
result, 'The Robert Traver Fly-Fishing
Writing Award: An Annotated History,
begins on page 4.

We're especially pleased to publish that history alongside the 2022 winner of the Traver Award: "A Dog Named Fish," by Frank Sargeant (page 10). For a list of finalists and a web link to the honorable mentions, turn to page 12, where you will also find a call for submissions for the 2023 award. The deadline for entries is May 11.

The Vermont sporting camp known as Quamby's, with a claim to being the oldest in the state, has a rich history. Hortense Quimby spent her growing up sammers there, took over the business after the death of her father in 1919, and ran the place until she sold it to a group of guests in 1965. Camp scrapbooks were kept from 1894 through 1938, and, basing much of his research on these, Tim Traver presents a history of the camp and its "sport camp owner, fly-fishing promoter, and conservationist from the wilds of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom." In "Hortense Quimby-

Vermont Fisheries Pioneer (page 14). Trawer highlights Quimby's push for conservation, which necessitated "convincing residents that protecting fish and game and building up the tourism trade was in their best economic and personal interest."

That Tim Traver's article should appear in the same issue as the Traver Award is more serendiptions than deliberate. I asked Tim if he was related to the lawyer/novelist. He replied that he used to joke that his own pen name was John Voelker, but the fact that Traver was Voelker's mother's name was news to him (therefore, the jury's still out).

One the creators of the Traver Award. Nick Lyons, also contributes to this issue (page 13), remembering his friend, the great Dave Whitlock: "a quiet man with an enormous talent, an artist, fly tier and innovator, writer, and skilled practitioner whose love of fly fishing never flagged."

Each winter we like to feature a painting from the misseum's collection. In "Water Stories: Two Landscapes by Thomas Aquinas Daly," Collections Manager Kirsti Scutt Edwards doubles down and offers up two watercolors, one of which, The Quiet Wiscoy, can be found on the cover. To read more about Daly and these works, turn to

In November, the museum headed back to New York City for the first time in three years to host our Heritage Award event. The 2022 award honored the thirtieth anniversary of the film A River Runs Through It and featured stories from reunited cast and crew (page 24).

And Curator Jim Schottenham, planning new exhibits, is in search of particular angling artifacts. Maybe you can help. Be sure to take a look at the wish list on page 21.

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The Robert Traver Fly-Fishing Writing Award: An Annotated History

by Jody Martin, David Van Wie, Seth Norman, Richard Vander Veen III, and Frederick M. Baker Jr.



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Cleff Wark, where he served from you through spay and again from spay to sope. while also maintaining his private law practice. A defeat in the poin returned on to private practice in visor. His practice slowed in the following years, and he no unacceabily for the U.S. Comprise is 1954. In 1950, he was appeared associale bathie of the Michigan Superme Court, where he served until spen-Voelact was a member of the Manportie County Ser Association and served as the president frees 1979 to 1940, and he was on several communities of the State Rai of

Michigan." Although interested in writing his entire life (an associated elect talk of him writing a story at age twelve titled "Lost All Night in a Swamp with a Bear"), Vocker's career as a published writer began with the short story "Iron," which appeared in the february 1814 more of the American Scene (now defanct) while he was working as a country prosecution." Fearful that voters might think be was serting needs on company time." Yorker published his rarly works under the pen name Robert Traver, adopting the nest mame of a boother who died of softeents while serving in the Navy in World War I and his mother's maiden surmane. The first of his eleven backs written under the turne of Robert Traver was Treubleshooter, published in 1043.

Whether suthering legal opinions lockeding dissents, he percent up during has belef timure on the Michigan Supering Court), courtroom drames, or the dishing stories, Vociner (Traver) was, and still in nearly polyerally boded as a great witter. "You can't get more than a paragraph ions any of Traver's books without knowing bramediately that a stream of pleasing wit awaits you, that belood the words there's a man with whom to share a stretch of water end, later, a drink and a well-wrought toke, mid to the high way manner of assurable who knows that spinning years. like dyfishing, is a kind of legalized decree."

As a popular writer, he is most possessioned for his best-selling nevel Amazoney of a Mander Look's based on an actual murder uses and later thread made into a highly successful motion picture starring famos Stewart, Lot Remark, Den. George and George C. Scott, with a musical score by the incomparable Disks Ellington," The movie is still regarded as one of the best legal thethers of all time, and it provided Voolker with the financtal freedom to devote less time to the law and more time to writing and fishing. Indeed, in late 1900, the same year than the movie appeared, he resigned from the Michigan Supreme Court, telling then-Governor G. Menney "Soapy" Williams

that "other people can write my opinions, but none can write my books. I have learned that I can't do both so reportfully I must spot the court "16 early men he stepped down, ment to

реастор ішм адхін Agast from Asstrony, Vocket (as Traver) also published several more books about court cases. Cos. which he always issueed was his only historical need Laughing Whetelah (1984), was about a ninetoenth century Ojibwe woman's legal battle to claim shares in the Jackson Miss promised to her father and became the besis - as well as the instial source of funding-for the Vorther Foundation's first mission (see below) "

Yates of the fishing literature know Sobert Tours best, bowever, as the author of Treat Medical (sphe); Analossy of a Fultoman (1984). Trout Mapic (1974). and other everys and writings, many of which were compiled (with some previ-ously ampublished works) to Voelker's resith book, the posthermously published Transp on Fishing A Treasury of Robert Traver's Finest Stories and Ensys about Fishing for Treat, edited by Nick. Lyons and published in socs." In his forewied to In Hemogwey's Meadlew (1009). the first of two published compilations of Traves Award competition fly fishing stories, Richard Vander Veen III quoted Vociker at saying, "I do most of my weat. ing shiring the winter munths when thack are covern my feverite follows spots. There isn't any good writing only inwriting. Observe, observe, observe, Then, polish your work." Vander Vores. who had the honor of knowing Vocket. continued. 'His Anatomy of a February and Treat Madness have been described so the best fishing books smor Insak Wahen's seventeenth century The Corepleat Augler, Voelker's numerous articles on the joys of ily follows arrest to his great love of the outdoors and notablished him as the dean of American By fishing David Subey of the Detroit News wrote, Westers could pur into words the larger thoughts that few trout federmen can express. He could drive sented pectures of rising trout, the slesh of a besokle to a fly, and the mostery of what toost fishing is all about."

In the words of the editors of Fly Rad & Boyl megazine in 1934. Titles John Voether died at the wheel of his loop in March of 1994, at the age of \$7, we lost one of the foest word-senten this sport has even were. Few writers equaled his ability so convey the charm and magic of thy fishing many think more surpassed him. " A farment soldingsy from his book Austrony of a Fisherman (1984), "Testament of a Pubermen," has been reprinted an wideby that it has become a meetra of sorts for

all who fly feet, adversing the walls of faceby done, federal forigon, and cabine throughout North America.

John Yorker was posthumously inducted into the National Fresh Water Fabing Hall of Fame in Hayward, Wis-(1000km, in 1995."

THE JOHN D. VOLLER FOUNDATION

The idea of creating a foundation to honor John Veelker and his legacy center from Frederick M. Baker Jr. and Richard. Vander Veen III in cate, Several years before, in 1978, Vander Voen had purchased a copy of Robert Traver's South Town DA from Larry McMurry, owner of the stook Booked Dy In Washington. D.C. Vander Vern, an avid book collectoo with a special intensit in the works of Robert Teaver, wrote to Voelker, and by return post received the first of more than soo handwesten letters exchanged with Voelker, who wrote each in his characteristic green pen on yellow legal paper. Vander Veen and his wife, See, met Voelker in rate in vota. Voelker toytted Vander Very to visit him. Vander-Veen brought his friend Fred Baker along. The two Lauring attention mat Vociker at Paulie's Sainbow Bar in Jubpening, where Voelker soled them to wait while he played a previously scheduled cribbago exacts with a moose still red with instrove dust just corning self his shift. Voctors, who sometimes proclassed hirtself the U.P. cribbage champ, caree from fee behind to win the garne on the last band. Baker recalls:

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A few years later, Vander Voen and Baker approached Voelker with the idea of creating an endowment to honor Vocker's writings and lopery Vocker was at first less than enthusiastic about creating a foundation named after himself, professing that it made him feet "a near bit residenced." After the Vocines Population was incorporated in 1984. Voellor dossed the right to publish and sell a special edition of Laughing Whitefalls limited to you volumes, which he agreed

to sign. Vander Varn and Bakir conigned a Iso,soo personal loan to pay St. Martin's Press to print it with Voeller's alguatory bound in, reserving that, at week, they would find themselves the menors of you books signed by Yoeller if they did not sell at the high prior neversary to repay the fear and find the wholarship program that Vocker chose as the foundation's first musion. To their surprise land that of Grace Yorker. who said. You hose have get rocks in your head if you think anyone will per-Ratio for a beack just because John rigned M"1, the books sold bridly, allowing them to pay off the note and great the foundation's fest Native American scholarship in 1911.

Early board members included failure. Vander Veen, Invery picnear Nick Lyons, philanthropist and conservation-1M John Fory, and the American secondint Charles Kutalt (who referred to John Vocion as "about the searce thing to a great man I've ever known"). The foundation's mission, then and now, is No pay tribute to John Vocker, the ideals for which he stood, and the values that his life and writings complified." According to Select

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John Vasiker signing copies of the special solvium of Laughting Whitefish sold to fund the foundation. Photo courtery of the John D. Voelker Foundation.

and the Anglers of the Au Sable to create. the Trees Habitat Program to encourage a love of fly follows and "the excesses where treat are found by restoring and proceeding time ballicat."

THE ROBERT TRAVER PLY-FISHING WRITING AWARD

In 1994, largely at the urging of Charles Kurali, moved editor and positisher Nick. Louis would with new Vortice Founds Crear the serving issued that would fulfill. John Voctor's original vance. The purpost of the Robert Traver 21y Hobing Witness Award is "to encourage and necspine distinguished original souths or by house, respect for the sport, and the netural world in which is taken place". ground and phrinciples experience.

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The first competition was held in 1984. and it attracted nearly 300 entries from around the globe. In the early years, the bulk of early editing was undertaken by the editors of Hy Rod & Red magnise. notably Jun Butler so one of Traver's saliest and most supportive fars, followed by Paul Guerracy, Joe Heady, and Greg Thomas. These editors for several yearreceived all Traver Award contex, read tion and board member loans from to each, and expound them down to their top ten. These were then and to be judges for review and discussion via crit ference calls. Early pulges included Lyons, Frey, Kuralt, Vander Veen, Saler. and lim Graves, somed corceasily by Tel being maked the implicit love of Lerson, Seth Norman, and other parties of Lerson, Seth Norman, and Seth winners of the award. From 1994 through 2016, the winning stories were published had being other bear december in the sources or annual Equipped by logd lineary values in copy or more of . of Fly Red & Red, a respective known for the categories, the per of first shore of thy Red & East a magazine for personal and plant per of first shore in the per and plant per of the period of the sended the John D. Vocker Foundame to the sended associated and production of taries, which includes probably being the sended most than they Vocker foundamental to the sended associated lead to its sudden demise in 1007 Cales other fly fabing stories were published in The many is from to a short work the same, but it was not drops lednated whether these stories arest from the Traver competition As noted earlies. The Basis Transfer of Robert Award as the most presigned and the Karalt at one point referred to the Travel and the term of the control of the second in the nation only and it by the control of the contro writing award in the nation, and the and it take at high-quality matrix that grown in recognition and provide over

the years. Two anthologies of Traver-rocognized stories have been published to date In Hemispury's Meadow (1909). and Love Story of the Trend (100m)." No. award was given in 1999 or 2000; in the words of FRed editor lim Suder, Simply put, the well of outstanding fly fishing fiction seems to have run a het dry of lete ... so we've temporarily suspend ed our fiction arenual so the well can have a chance to 50 up again." For the same reson, no award was given in 2006." In 2013, the edition of FROR announced that after eventling more than Saturn to Transp-winning writers, the endowment supporting the award was exhausted, and they made a plea for donations to keep the competition afout.

The end of Fly Rad & Red created something of a vacquise for publication of the Traver Award stories. Writer wouldbie on the museum's wrbate. And David Van Wie, in the process of retracing the steps of well-known by fishing authors for his book Storied Waters. had met with Kathleen Achor, editor of the American Ply Pisher, at the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester. Vermont, Later, while in Michigan on that same trip, he met Grace Vociker Wood, John Voeller's deaghter, and her husband. Woody: Indeed, the entire Storied Waters journey was the result of more than once Stories schemized in the American For Fisher, and discohers, and

an instruction from Grace to visit the Woods in Michigan, In Van Wie's wreds. "We went to dinner at Rich and Sue Vander Veen's house in Marquette. Rich, who is a founder and president of the [Veelker] Foundation, was between ing that they were having no lock feeling a new partner to administer the Award." Yan We accepted the challengt, documed the situation with severall possible partners among his contacts in By-fishing and literary stroles, and evertually, with considerable help from the AMFV's Actor, established a part perahip between the foundation and the American Museum of Hy Fishing, This partnership ensured that the competition would continue and that future winners would be published in the pages. of the American Fig Follyr and made as in 2002, after a two-year blams, the gward was relactached.

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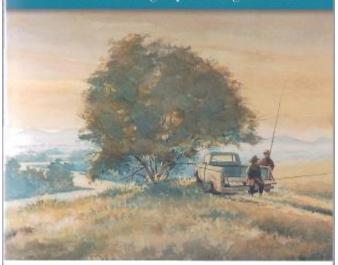
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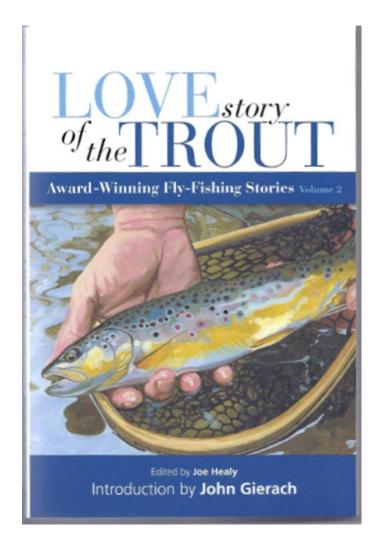
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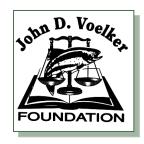
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