Pictures

When working/shooting/playing at the club please take pictures and send them to me attached to an email. I would like to include them when I email the newsletter. Thanks. Bill

President’s Note

Welcome to summer. COSC us a very busy place, watch the calendar, Facebook and email blasts for changes.

This year’s Open House will be on July 15 from 10 am to 4 PM. Please call 517-646-1611 if you can help.
Remember to take your target down to leave the backboards ready for the next shooter. Also, empty brass goes into buckets and trash into barrels. We want to keep our club clean, thank you!! Sharon

**Cub Scout & Boy Scout Events**

May 6, 2017 the first of two Boy Scout shooting sports events took place at the Chief Okemos Sportsman’s Club. We hosted 47 Cub Scouts at a BB gun shoot so that they could earn their badge. Dave Schneider was lead instructor, with Dennis Dann and Bill Ames as assistant coaches. Bill Shepard conducted orientation for each group. Six boys were able to shoot at one time. A grand total of 47 Cub Scouts from all over Central Michigan took part. All had a great time.
On May 20, the second event took place with a Boy Scout Rifle Shooting Merit Badge class. David Schneider was again the lead instructor for this event with the able assistance of Sharon Whaley, Dennis Dann, Jim Ingison, Nathaniel Bailey, George O'Kon, Dave Courey, John Mann, Martin Bowyer, Pat Prince, Bill Shepard and Roger Courey. Bill Ames, merit badge counselor, took care of the administrative duties.

Scouts from as far away as Saginaw and Traverse City took part. A total of 19 boys took part,
with most completing the Merit Badge requirements on that day. We will schedule a follow up shoot at a later date for completion of the Merit Badge. Overall it was a very successful event with the able assistance of club members.

Kudos to Bill Ames for setting this program up and ensuring it success.

Hunter Education
This DNR Hunter Education Class is limited to 25 students. On Saturday & Sunday July 8 & 9 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the COSC Club House. Students must be present for both days. Students and Instructors should bring snacks, sack lunch, pencils, highlighter and drinks for both days. Eye and ear protection provided for .22 Rifle and Shotgun on Sunday or you may bring your own. There is no cost for students but we request a $5.00 donation to cover additional items provided by COSC. Parents are very welcome to attend class. For any questions please call Dennis Dann 517-775-1965 or email xtremedd@comcast.net.

DNR Hunter Education Instructor Candidates Teaching Class

Instructor Candidates Meeting, June 8, 2017 @ 4:30 COSC Clubhouse. Call if you will be coming. There will be instructions on how to apply to DNR to become instructors for general hunting, archery and black powder. Become an instructor to help us out with our scheduled Hunter Education class on July 8 & 9.

Pheasants Forever Youth Day
On June 3, 2017 from 10 AM to 3 PM we will be hosting the annual Pheasants Forever Youth Day. Volunteers for Range Officers and general help would be appreciated. Please contact Duane Whaley @ 5176461611.

**Wheezers and Geezers**
We are having breakfast every Thursday at 8:00 AM. A four dollar donation is asked to cover the cost of the food. Trap after breakfast weather permitting. See you there!

**Cowboy Action**
We would like to invite all COSC members and friends to come and join us in taming the Wild West once again. Set-up time is at 8 AM. Shooting starts at 9 AM. For more information please contact Duane Whaley at 646-1611.

Cowboy Action Schedule for 2017: 6-10 & 6-24, 7-8 & 7-22, 8-12 & 8-26, 9-9 & 9-23, 10-14 & 10-28. All events begin at 8 AM.

**Petri Firearms**

Petri Firearms LLC (also on Facebook) located on: 210 Reedy Ct. Dimondale, MI 48821 (517) 449-1344. They are offering discounts to COSC members.

COSC members can show proof of membership by presenting their membership card.

**Archery**
The range is ready for member use.

Again, this year costs will be $5 for all members and member families, $10 for each non-member ($20 non-member family). Volunteers are needed for Sunday open shoot, times are 9-2pm. Those will be in August and September. Contact Mark Richardson at 517-202-6000 for info.

Youth archery is expected to start when school ends. Contact Tim Hodgman this year at 517-643-1497.

Many thanks to Stu Miller for his successful efforts to bring life back to the Archery program at COSC.

**JR & LADIES TRAP PROGRAM**

Junior and Ladies Trap will be every Tuesday at 5:00 PM (weather permitting) starting in May and running through August. If you know of anyone interested in shooting trap please have them give me a call. My Name is Gary Kandler and my phone # is 517-646-7973. We are looking forward to another great year.
If you have an interest in helping to coach our shooters then please give me a call.

**Trap Season Begins**

Once again trap shooting is Thursdays at 5 PM and Sundays at 12 noon. Cost is $4.00 per member and $5.00 for non-members per round.

Trap shooting is scheduled for 9AM Thursday mornings after Wheezer & Geezers breakfast.

So come and join us, and if you're new and would like to try shooting we always have NRA certified Instructors to help you. Please, contact Duane Whaley with any questions at 517-646-1611.

June 18, 2017 @ noon we will be hosting a Fathers’ Day Trap Shoot with a hot dog cook-out to celebrate Fathers’ Day.
**Pistol/CPL Training**

Pistol and CPL Training will be taught by Dan and Kathy Reid in 2017. The next Basic Pistol Classes are June 10 and July 22. The CPL classes are on June 17 and July 29. This program will include the classes, Basic Pistol Shooters Course and NRA Basic Personal Protection Inside the Home, which is the training requirement to apply for the Michigan Concealed Pistol License at a reduced price.

What you get are two firearms classes taught by experienced, NRA certified, insured instructors. This is offered at a package price of $125. COSC members will be offered a $25 discount. There will be two days of training at the club. All two days are required and run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Water and coffee will be provided; you will need to bring your own lunch and snacks. There are a total of 16 seats available. A completed course application and deposit are required to hold your spot. Please contact Dan Reid at 719-0416 for further information. Email at reid.danielw@yahoo.com.

**Personal Protection Outside the Home**

COSC is offering the TWO day NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Course on 29-30 JULY 2017 at the club. Show up time is 8:45 AM ending at 4:30 PM each day. Course is a great next step for those who have completed Inside the Home Course and other current CPL holders who would like to enhance their marksmanship skills. Majority of class is shooting drills on the range. Lead Instructors are NRA certified as well as former US Army instructors totaling 50 years experience. Cost is $200.00 to COSC members and $300.00 for non-members. Maximum class size is eight. What to bring: your carry firearm, 250-300 training rounds, strong side holster/belt rig (highly recommend a hip holster made for your particular handgun), 3 - 4 magazines/speed loaders, belt pouch for mag/speed loader, long work pants, eye & ear protection, sun screen, bug juice as you need. Interested- contact George O'Kon at gjo1232@yahoo.com or leave contact info at (517)749-0280.

**Black Powder Shoot**

I would like to thank all who helped put on the black powder shoot on April 29. We had 17 Shooters. Good time and good food was had by all. Thanks. Lloyd Merchant.
Friends of the NRA

Capital Area Friends of NRA is having its Annual Fund Raising Banquet this year, September 23rd at the Demmer Center, 4830 East Jolly Road, ¼ mile east of the Jolly and College Road intersection. All COSC Members will be receiving information on the banquet either by e-mail or snail mail around the end of April or early May. Please read and consider coming to the banquet.

For those who do not know, the Friends of NRA (FNRA) is the charitable 501(c)3 foundation arm of the NRA and is totally non-political, raising money which is then distributed back to various gun clubs, the 4H, the Boy Scouts and other organizations to support the shooting sports, with the main focus on youths and women in the form of grants. The shooting sports include firearms, air rifle and archery. Some of the grants also go towards range improvements, both gun clubs and local police.

Since 1998, COSC has received in excess of $87,000 which was used mostly to support our youth small bore (.22 rimfire) and centerfire programs and the Ladies, Ladies, Ladies programs. Unfortunately, due to the untimely death of our Treasurer, Rosemary DiPinio in 2016, the Treasurer’s report for COSC wasn’t available in time for our yearly Grant submission for FNRA funds, so no grant will be forthcoming this year. To help make up for the grant loss, please consider purchasing tickets for COSC’s gun raffle to keep our shooting programs funded for the kids and ladies. Thank You, John Mann COSC & Capital Area FNRA Committee Member

Reloading Group

Reloading Group: We met May 27 to finalize plans for the Open House demonstration. Donations of equipment, bench, cash & supplies means no equipment cost to members. The Group is open to all COSC members to learn and share basic to advanced reloading. Join us for reloading at COSC. Dennis Dann 517-775-1965 xtremedd@comcast.net.

Range Maintenance Day

Rain or shine, there will be Range Maintenance Days on Wednesday, June 28 from noon to 3:00 PM, Tuesday, July 11 from 12 noon to 3:00 PM and Thursday, July 13 from 9:00 AM to noon in preparation for our Open House on July 15th. Bring shovels, gloves, bug spray and saws. Be prepared to work. Please contact Dennis Dann 517-775-1965 xtremedd@comcast.net for more information.
Upcoming Dates

06/03/2017 – Pheasants Forever Youth Day 10 AM to 3 PM
06/06/2017 – L, L, L 6:30 PM
06/08/2017 – Hunter Education Instructor Orientation Meeting 4:30 PM
06/10/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
06/10/2017 – Basic Pistol Class 9 AM
06/12/2017 – Membership Meeting 7:30
06/17/2017 – CPL Class 9:00 AM
06/18/2017 – Open Trap and Hot Dog Cookout in celebration of Father’s Day - Noon
06/24/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
06/24/2017 – Rental
07/04/2017 – Independence Day (No L, L, L)
07/08/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
07/13/2017 – Range Clean Up Day – 9 AM
07/15/2017 – Open House
07/18/2017 – L, L, L 6:30 PM
07/22/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
07/22/2017 – Basic Pistol Class
07/29/2017 – CPL Class
08/05/2017 – L, L, L 6:30 PM
08/12/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
08/19/2017 – L, L, L 6:30 PM
08/26/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
09/09/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
09/23/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
09/23/2014 – Friends of the NRA Banquet

Range Rule #1 – Posted Shooting Hours

Please remember Range Rule #1: “Hours Open for use – 9:00am to ½ hour before sunset but not past 9:00pm”. Dan Reid has posted sunset times at the range, at the front gate and in the clubhouse. Please be respectful of our neighbors and keep track of time when shooting in the evening.

Spent/Empty casings go into the white plastic buckets at each range

Please remember to police the range after shooting. Take your empties with you when you leave, or deposit them in the white plastic buckets at each range. Shotgun hulls go into barrels marked “shotgun”. Also, please dispose of your targets when you complete your visit to the range.
Attention Members Who Cannot Attend Meetings

If you have suggestions, problems or concerns involving COSC I would like to represent you at the Board Meetings. You can contact me at:
Stuart Miller COSC
PO Box 375
Dimondale, MI 48821

--OR—email Stuart_Miller2015@comcast.net

Clubhouse Rentals

The COSC Clubhouse is available to members at the rate of $300 with an additional $50 deposit. You must be a current member in good standing and have been a member for at least a year to be able to rent the Clubhouse.

Rentals start at noon on Friday and go through noon on Sunday. Kitchen facilities include a six-burner gas stove and oven, a refrigerator, 100-cup coffee pot, and a microwave. There are approximately 80 tables and 340 chairs for your use as well. WIFI is available, too!

For questions, more information or a rental booking, please call Cathy Finn at 517.616.0093.

COSC Pledge

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

Please note that the clubhouse phone has been disconnected.
NRA Membership

When joining or renewing by mail, please provide:

- Name and address
- Membership number (if renewing)
- Magazine you prefer:
  - American Rifleman
  - American Hunter
  - 1st Freedom
  1 Yr - $30, 3 Yr - $85, 5 Yr - $100
- A check made out to NRA
  (Your receipt will be mailed to you.)

Send to Keith Wright, 427 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, MI 48821

This procedure is not just for COSC members. Have your friends, neighbors, co-workers or anyone renew or join through the Club and COSC will get $5 or $10 commission.

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All terms end 1/8/18

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