



Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Flags

The red and yellow range flags are kept in the white PVC tubes found at the front of the posts holding up the roofs on each range.

President's Note

I would like to thank all the members who helped with filling the walls of the new 21 foot Pistol range with crumb rubber. I know the weather was not very good, but your dedication to get the job done helped us save construction costs and kept the project on track. Thank you so much.

With the weather getting better the ranges are going to get busy. Please remember to practice your range safety manners and gun safety handling.

We want every member to have an enjoyable and safe experience. Thank You

Sharon

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

May 13, 2017 will be our next Cowboy Action Shoot. 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: 5-13 & 5-27, 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.

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, late May through September. New 3D targets are coming soon to prove Archery is coming back strong, at COSC ! Contact Tom Kreh at 517-983-5085.

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

TTG Pistol Operator I Course

COSC's new Tactical Training Group is offering a half-day, NON NRA COURSE (range only) on Saturday, August 5, 2017, at the club, for CPL holders who seek to enhance defensive marksmanship skills. Course is put on by well-rounded former US Army instructors that combine real-world experience, are NRA/CMP/USA Shooting certified as well as former military/civilian competitive shooters with over 50 years combined experience behind the gun. Show time is 08:00 AM with live fire beginning at 09:00 AM and ending at 1 PM (no lunch). Training drills will be progressive live fire evolutions to include: positive identification (PID) of target drills, shooting on the move, barricade drills, and moving targets. Cost is \$150.00 per individual. Equipment: Gun belt, strong side holster, magazine or speed loader pouch, Pistol / Revolver, 3 magazine / speed loaders, 300 rounds, eye & ear protection, water, sunscreen, small tactical flashlight, and work clothing (you will get dirty). Maximum class size is eight. For further information or to sign-up contact either David Schneider (517) 977-6356 or George O'Kon (517) 749-0280. This class will be a pre-requisite for the Pistol Operator II Course and Black Rifle (AR) I Course.

Reloading Group

Next Date: Saturday, May 27 9:00 to 3:00 - Precision Rifle Chrono-graph.

On April 15th we concentrated on Rifle Cartridges and Reloading Safety. Martin and Roger, had us primed for .223 and .243 loads. NRA safe primer and powder home storage practices, and loading for range shooting today. Then out came the rifles at the range

A very relaxing day for the "Reloading Group" at COSC. All class supplies provided. Join us at 9:00 - 3:00 May 27. Next class: Chronograph & loading for accuracy.

Dennis Dann 517-775-1965 xtremedd@comcast.net

Junior High Power

Our Junior High Power Service Rifle classes will be offered on the following dates: 15 May, 22 May, 5 June, 12 June, 19 June.

Class starts on the 200 yard range with a safety briefing at 5:30 PM. Training starts around 5:45 PM and ends approximately 8:00 PM.

The classes are geared toward junior shooters, 14 to 19 years old. COSC offers these classes free of charge. Most equipment and ammunition is supplied by COSC.

Come out and learn the challenging sport of high power service rifle shooting from our talented instructors. See you on the range. Jim Stewart

Trap Season Begins

May 4th at 5 PM is the first official Day of COSC trap. 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.

Also, trap shooting is scheduled for 9 AM 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.

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 so we can have them registered for the Basic Shotgun class on the April 15th. 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.

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

Camp Dinner Recap

Once again, due to the many members who graciously donate their time & effort to our club, the Camp Dinner was a success! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the following volunteers who have helped with this event during the three years I have been in charge. Sharon Whaley and Penny Batten who took care of the admissions desk. Manny & Karen Ibarra who took care of the appetizer table. Mark & Holly Richardson, Andy Powers & daughter, Samantha, Duane Whaley, and Jeane Royale who sold tickets for the gun raffle, and to Dan Reid for taking care of the 50/50 raffle. Many thanks to Jim Ingison, Pat Cavanaugh, and Bill Shepard for collecting donations for our raffle tables from area businesses. Once again, Tony Piper did an excellent job as Master of Ceremony. Mike Morrison spent many hours cleaning & giving general aid to the kitchen crew. Thanks to our wonderful cooks who delivered another great meal....Kathy & Bill Graham, Ron Crowe, and Gary Kandler. Kevin Wells roasted a delicious hog again this year. Mike Carter & his son & grandson came to cook on the outdoor fryers. Glenn Stewart once again brought us treats from Sara Lee where he works. Brownies & cupcakes for the dessert table, & to also hand out as door prizes. I want to extend a special "Thank You" to all the ladies who baked & donated such delicious desserts! We had 17 volunteers to help serve dinner....and I do believe that everyone ate well that day!

I had two very helpful crews for set up & clean up. Mark & Holly Richardson and Jeane Royale set up for the dinner on Friday evening. Mary Gattner, Doug Morrison, and Jim Southworth helped me clean up on Sunday morning.

We were able to turn in a profit of \$3002.88. Many thanks again to all of you who worked, donated goodies, or bought tickets and joined us for a day of fun.

Instructor and RSO Meeting

We have scheduled a meeting for NRA instructors and RSO's on May 6 starting at 5:00 PM. We need everyone to attend if you plan on helping this year. Please plan on attending this meeting as we have a very large need for RSO's and Instructors. Dan Reid

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.

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 on the following:

1. Gunsmithing, Barrel Threading, Broken Weapon Repair, Replace Parts (customer pays for parts), Upgrades (no gunsmithing required)
 2. Transfers - \$20.00 on Pistols and Long Guns
 3. Sights - Repair or Replace, Install
 4. New guns sold at our cost - plus \$30.00. No transfer fee
- COSC members can show proof of membership by presenting their membership card.

Save the date

05/02/2017 – Ladies, Ladies, Ladies 6:30 PM
05/06/2017 – Cub Scout BB Gun Shoot – Trap Range Closed 9AM
05/06/2017 – Instructor and RSO meeting -5PM
05/13/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
05/14/2017 – Mother’s Day – Trap free for Moms
05/20/2017 – Boy Scout .22 Rifle Shoot – One 25 Yard Range Closed 9AM
05/27/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
05/27/2017 – Reloading Group 9AM – 3PM
05/30/2017 – Ladies, Ladies, Ladies 6:30 PM
06/03/2017 – Pheasants Forever Youth Day
06/06/2017 – Ladies, Ladies, Ladies 6:30 PM
06/10/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
06/20/2017 – Ladies, Ladies, Ladies 6:30 PM
06/24/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
06/24/2017 - Rental
07/08/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
07/15/2017 – Open House

07/22/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
08/12/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
08/26/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
09/09/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
09/23/2017 – Cowboy Action 8 AM
09/23/2017 – Friends of the NRA Banquet Demmer Center 4 PM – John Mann Tickets

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting class and Personal Protection Inside the Home (the Michigan CPL) class.

This program is taught by certified NRA Instructors. This course is offered at a price of \$125.00 for non COSC members and \$75.00 for COSC members. This package includes both the Basic Pistol and the Personal Protection Inside the Home Class (CPL). Each Class is one day from 9 am – 6 pm at the Chief Okemos Sportsman Club, 4667 N. Gunnell Road, Dimondale, MI 48821. Water and Coffee will be provided, you will need to bring your own lunch and snacks. There is a refrigerator and microwave available.

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting class on 5/13/17 – this class introduces new, beginner and novice students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning, maintaining, storing and using a pistol safely. This course includes 8 hours' minimum of training and is pre-requisite for the NRA PPIH/CPL program.

You may bring your own pistol (preferred) with 150 rounds of ammunition or lease one from COSC. Each passing student receives a completion certificate. It is required to pass this class before taking the Personal Protection Inside the Home Class (CPL). This class will be instructed by Kathy Reid and Penny Batten.

NRA Personal Protection in the Home Course (Michigan CPL) on 5/20/17 -this course will further develop the students' ability to safely and ethically use a firearm for protection of self and family, and to provide information on the law-abiding citizen's right to self-defense.

You may bring your own pistol (preferred) with 100 rounds of ammunition or lease one from COSC. Each passing student receives a completion certificate. This PPIH class will be taught by Dennis Dann and Nathaniel Bailey.

For information on these or any classes at COSC, you may contact COSC's Chairman of Training and Education, Dan Reid 517-719-0416 (no texting) or reid.danielw@yahoo.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/daniel.labrat.reid>

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

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.

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.

Executive Officers All terms end 1/8/18

President – Sharon Whaley - 646.1611
1st Vice – Dan Reid – 719.0416
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Board Members

	Term Ends
Past President – Keith Wright - 646.9179	1/08/18
John Gambill - 646.0681	1/08/18
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Hunter Education Chairman needed

Junior .22 Rifle TBD

Trap Duane Whaley 646.1611

Junior/Ladies Trap Gary Kandler 646.7973

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Black Powder Lloyd Merchant 927.7264

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 L, L, L 6:30	3 Falling Plates 5 PM	4 Wheezers & Geezers 8AM Open Trap 5 PM	5	6 Cub Scout BB Gun Shoot – Trap Range Closed 9AM Instructor & RSO Meeting 5PM
7 Open Trap Noon	8 Membership Meeting 7:30pm	9	10 Falling Plates 5 PM	11 Wheezers & Geezers 8AM Open Trap 5 PM	12	13 Cowboy Action 8 AM
14 Mother's Day Open Trap Noon. Free for all Moms	15	16 L, L, L 6:30	17 Falling Plates 5 PM	18 Wheezers & Geezers 8AM Open Trap 5 PM	19	20 Boy Scout Shoot – One 25 Yard Range Closed 9AM
21 Open Trap Noon	22 Board Meeting 7:30pm	23	24 Falling Plates 5 PM	25 Wheezers & Geezers 8AM Open Trap 5 PM	26	27 Cowboy Action 8 AM
28 Open Trap Noon	29 Memorial Day	30 L, L, L 6:30	31 Falling Plates 5 PM	Notes:		