

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the December edition of the COSC newsletter.

A Note from the Club President - Sharon Whaley

Greetings to all! The club's **Christmas Party** is on December 9th, from 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM. All are invited to join in the fun. The club will supply the

ham along with the plates, tableware, and beverages. You may bring a dish to pass or a dessert, your choice. You can also bring your own Adult Beverages, if desired. **If you would like to attend, please call me at 517-646-1611 to give me an idea of how many people will be in your party.** We need to get a count so we can order our ham.

Please note that our December Membership meeting will be on Monday, December 11th and the Board meeting will be on December 18th, both starting at 7:30 PM.

Club Elections for 2018

During the Membership meeting on January 9th, our club elections will be held. We will be voting on officers and board members, along with the proposed bylaws changes. This is open to ALL MEMBERS in good standing with the club. Please remember to bring your current club ID Card to be eligible for voting.

Our next club Gun Show will take place on Sunday, January 7th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for this event, so please contact John Gambill at 646-0681 to offer your time. It's a great way to get some volunteer work hours in and do it by being inside!

The end time of ALL SHOOTING at COSC is one half-hour before sunset. This rule **MUST** be followed.

COSC is a family-friendly gun and archery club in Dimondale, Michigan, promoting the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery activities in the Mid-Michigan area.

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Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club is always welcoming new members. Visit the [Join or Renew Your COSC Membership](#) page on the website for details on how to become a member.

MISSION

To promote the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery activities in the Mid-Michigan area.

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 materials, its forests, waters and wildlife.

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Club Bylaws - Official Reading for Voting Process

The first reading of the COSC's Bylaws was read during the October 9, 2017 General Membership meeting. The next official readings will occur at the December 11, 2017 General Membership meeting.

COSC members will then vote on the COSC Bylaws at the January meeting. Members with questions regarding the club Bylaws can contact Stuart Miller, Rules Committee Chairperson at stuart_miller2015@comcast.net

Rule Committee Proposed Bylaw Q&A - Spouses Serving on the Board

Q: Why is there a proposed bylaw change that would not allow a husband and wife to serve on the board at the same time”?

A: With spouses serving on the board simultaneously, there then exists the unobtainable prospect for other [possibly new] members to occupy a board seat. This encourages beneficial diversity in perspectives among board representation by adopting this proposed rule.

2018 Archery Range Work Projects

- Steve McGarry

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Archery!

If you're looking to get volunteer work hours in, here are some of the projects in 2018 - weather permitting:

- Finish putting the steel roofs on the Bag Target Houses, one of four are done. The three that need roofs are 2'x 5' and the steel is behind the Archery shed.
- Once the roofs are on, we would like to see a wind direction ribbon. An old arrow with a ribbon on all four houses can be used.
- Starting the weekend of Jan 6th-7th, clearing a new trail around targets 10-11 and blocking

- off a small section of the old trail needs to be done. Boots and gloves required. Chain saws and loppers will be used. If conditions permit, a lawn tractor and trailer will be used to move brush.
- Replace the drain hoses on the 3D trail that are sticking out and have been hit by the lawn mower. Do this when the ground is not frozen; in the spring we're dealing with mud.
- New signs to be made for Sunday Shoots that include the Chief Okemos Logo 3D Range Open Sundays May 1st - Oct. 1st 9 AM - 2 PM 4533 N Gunnell Rd. White background in dark green logo and lettering.
- Keep a lookout for 3D bow racks that need repair. Look for a warped center post or a tippy base that might tip over when you hang a bow on it.
- There is enough material to build one more backstop for the 3D range. The conveyor belt is over by the pay tube, the base is in the archery shed.
- There is a treetop that fell across the shooting lane of 3D target 27. That needs to be removed.

Contact Steve at 575-9511 to volunteer or with questions.

For Club Members Who Cannot Attend Meetings

We know many of our members aren't able to attend the regular monthly membership meetings. Because of that, we have someone who can be your voice to the COSC Board.

If you have suggestions, problems, or concerns involving COSC, longtime member, Stu Miller, acts as a member representative to those who cannot attend the meetings, but would like to bring up a point of concern or suggestion to the COSC Board at the Board Meetings.

Stu can be contacted via snail mail at:
Stu Miller c/o COSC PO Box 375 Dimondale, MI 48821 or via email at Stuart_Miller2015@comcast.net

COSC Two-Day NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Course

COSC is offering a TWO day NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Course on March 2018, at the club.

Course runs 8:45 am ending at 4:30 pm each day. This course is a great next step for those who have completed NRA's Inside the Home, as well as current CPL holders who want to enhance marksmanship skills. The majority of class is shooting drills on the range.

The Lead Instructor is NRA certified as well as former US Army instructor with 35 years experience.

Cost for COSC member \$200, non-member \$300. 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 mags/speed loaders minimum
- belt pouch for mag/speed loader
- long work pants
- eye & ear protection
- Lunches/snacks as you need.

Interested?? Contact George O'Kon at gjo1232@yahoo.com or leave contact info at (517)749-0280.

Reloading Group

Hope everyone had a Safe and Happy Firearms Deer Hunting Season and Thanksgiving Family Celebration.

I am looking forward to new members joining us in rifle, pistol, and shot shell reloading this 2018 Winter Reloading Season. Our first meeting will be basic equipment for reloading the more expensive but accurate rifle cartridges.

You can learn the basics or share your advanced knowledge, so there will always be something for all levels of reloading experience to enjoy.

Our next group gathering will be January 13, 9 - 4pm. Martin, Roger, Wes & Dennis

Club Volunteer Opportunities

This winter we will be working on light duty club maintenance projects. Starting in January, different projects will be scheduled that need attention.

Duane Whaley will schedule projects for your preference of weekdays or weekends, and would like as many volunteers as he can get. If you are interested, please contact Duane at 517-646-1611.

2018 Turkey Shoots

Our first turkey shoot is scheduled for January 13th at 11:00 a.m. Additional shoots will occur on 02/10, 03/10 and 04/07.

The turkey shoot is based on shooting a short (2 shots) trap competition from five different positions.

Prizes are different meat products such as chicken breasts, pickled bologna, frozen fish fillets, Cornish game hens, etc. The big prize is a frozen turkey that you can shoot for score at a long-distance target.

All you need to participate is your favorite shot gun and 4 to 5 boxes of shot shells. For more information, please call Duane Whaley at 517-646-1611.



Season's Greetings to All!

NRA Membership Info

When joining or renewing your NRA membership you can do so through the COSC, and here's how:

Please send the following info:

Your name and mailing address

Your NRA Membership number (if renewing)

The NRA magazine you prefer (choose one):

American Rifleman

American Hunter

1st Freedom

along with a check for dues made payable to NRA
NRA Membership Dues:

1 Yr - \$30 3 Yr - \$85 5 Yr - \$100

mail to: Keith Wright 427 W. Jefferson, Dimondale,
MI 48821 (a receipt for dues will be mailed to you)

Have your friends, neighbors, co-workers or anyone
renew or join through COSC and the club 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
2nd Vice Bill Shepard 810-207-3022
Secretary Jody LaClear 243-6991
Treasurer Jane Kandler 646-7973

Board Members

	Term Ends
Past President/Keith Wright 646-9179	1/08/18
John Gambill 646-0681	1/08/18
Stu Miller 393-3178	1/08/18
Dennis Dann xtremedd@comcast.net	1/08/18
Jerry Shihady 282-5097	1/14/19
Duane Whaley 646-1611	1/14/19
Penny Batten 482-8169	1/13/20
Bill Ames 282-8085	1/13/20

Communications/Social Media

Newsletter & Website

Sandy Enness sandraeness@gmail.com

Facebook

Aaron Lopez lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com

Club Contact Information

All area codes are (517) unless otherwise noted

There is NO CLUBHOUSE PHONE

Archery

Mark Richardson 202-6000

Steve McGarry 575-9511

Jr Archery

Tim Hodgman 643-1497

Falling Plates

Clint Wells 974-4770

Cowboy Action

Duane Whaley 646-1611

Junior Hi-Power

Jim Stewart 646-9763

Junior .22 Rifle

TBD

Adult Trap

Duane Whaley 646-1611

Junior/Ladies Trap

Gary Kandler 646-7973

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies

Sharon Whaley 646-1611

Black Powder

Lloyd Merchant 927-7264

Reloading Group

Dennis Dann ReloadingGroupCOSC@gmail.com

Hunter Education

Dennis Dann HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com

Range Maintenance

Volunteer Needed

Grounds Maintenance

Wayne Walter 627-8247

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 616-0093

Member Volunteer Work Hours

Penny Batten 482-8169

Membership

Penny Batten 482-8169

COSCMembership@gmail.com

New Member Orientation

Jim Ingison jdingison@sbcglobal.net

Andy Powers chevota1977@gmail.com

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Keith Wright 646-9179

Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440



Application for Annual Membership

for the year beginning January 1, 20_____

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club is a family organization. We encourage families to join and participate in all of our programs and activities.

As a paid member, your family enjoys free membership to COSC.

PART 1-Information about you (Please Print)

Your name _____		Your date of birth _____		Home phone number _____		Unlisted number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Best time to call _____	
Your spouse's name (if applicable) _____		Spouse's date of birth _____		Work phone number _____		Cell phone number _____			
Address _____				Your E-mail address _____		Receive Newsletter by E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
City _____		State _____		Zip _____		Your occupation _____		Employed by _____	

Please enter NRA number and type:

Member NRA No. _____

Type _____

Spouse's NRA No. _____

Type _____

You can apply to join (or renew) the National Rifle Association (NRA) through Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. Ask your membership representative for details.

Which Club activities would you or your family like to work or participate in (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Plinking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Pin Shoot | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High Power | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap - Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Sporter Rimfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap -Junior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowboy Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Ladies Ladies | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap- Ladies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falling Plates | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Range | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle Loading | |

Do you have any special talents, tools, or materials available?

Do you have any special interests or ideas?

If you are applying for initial membership, briefly describe your reasons for joining COSC.

PART 2-Membership Dues: Annual membership dues are \$125.00. If a member works at least 15 hours a calendar year on Club projects, next year's dues are reduced to \$50.00. A single membership includes both husband and wife. Each receive a membership card, are considered full Class A members with voting rights, have the right to hold office (after three years) and may share in working the 15 hours. Senior members (over 65 and a paid member for the previous five years) pay half the amount of a regular membership (\$62.50) or \$25.00 with 15 hours of work the previous year. If you have a physical limitation and cannot work, please attach a letter of explanation. Your letter will be considered by the Board of Directors.

This is an application for (choose one):

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial membership \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal with work \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal \$62.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal with work \$25.00 | |

PART 3-Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club Range Rules PLEASE READ Before Signing Below

General Range Rules

1. Members and guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a member (limit three guests per member at one time).
2. No alcohol allowed on ranges.
3. Uncased firearms must have magazines removed and bolt open.
4. No shooting when "Range Closed" sign is displayed. The Board must approve all range closings in advance.
5. Scheduled shooting events have priority.
6. Remove target after use and pick up brass. Place ALL spent brass, including shot shell hulls, in the white buckets marked for brass disposal.

Live rounds may be disposed of in the wooden red boxes attached to the front of the covered firing points. No brass is to be put into the blue trash containers or the dumpster at the North property line.

7. No handling of firearms when someone is down range changing targets. The Yellow Flag is to be hung when targets are being posted. The Red Flag is to be hung when the range is "hot" (live shooting taking place/DANGER). Failure to hang the appropriate flag puts liability on the person or persons using the range.
8. Shooting hours are from 9:00 am to ½ hour before sunset but NOT to exceed 9:00 pm.

Outdoor Range Rules

1. Only paper and approved targets.
2. Staple targets to center of backers only. DO NOT use posts or stringer boards.
3. Do not proceed down range until clearance has been given and Yellow Flag has been posted.
4. No smoking on range when black powder is used on the range.
5. No shooting to be done from behind the covered firing line.
6. No climbing on berms or backstop.
7. Keep all vehicles out of range area. **Stay off drain field.**
8. Portable IPSC type targets are to be used on the 25 yard range only. (Except in scheduled IPSC matches.)
9. Cowboy Action targets are for Cowboy Action Shooting only.
10. Any target being used shall be placed at the shooting berms. If a shooter wishes to fire at closer ranges, **the "shooter" must move to the target.** DO NOT move the targets away from the shooting berms.
11. It is advisable to close and lock the gate when the shooter is alone.
12. Any member can request another person using the range to show his/her membership card. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when on Club grounds.

Membership Drive

Any individual who sponsors or signs up five (5) new members will get the following year membership free. The individual bringing in those new members must sign each membership application form to receive credit.

Print Sponsoring Member's Name

Sponsoring Member Signature

Instructions

Complete the first page of this form.

Read and understand the range rules on this page.

Read and sign the **Certification** below.

Mail your completed application and check made payable to COSC to: Do not send cash.

**COSC Membership
P.O. Box 375
Dimondale, MI 48821**

Are you or your spouse banned from owning a firearm?

You ► Yes No

Spouse ► Yes No

Certification

The information given on this application is true, complete, and correct. I/we have read and agree to abide by the current Range Rules, and to support and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. I/we ask to be considered for membership or renewal.

Your signature

Date signed

Your spouse's signature

Date signed

For COSC use	
Amount received	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check number:
Date Paid	Accepted By
Orientation	
Date / By	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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03	04	05	06 W&G 8:00a	07	08 COSC CHRISTMAS PARTY 4:00p	09
10 New Member Orientation 6:45p Club Members Mtg 7:30p	11	12	13 W&G 8:00a	14	15	16
17 New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Board Mtg 7:30p	18	19 Deadline for submitting items for club newsletter	20 W&G 8:00a	21	22	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27 W&G 8:00a	28	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4	5	6 Archery Work Party Jan 6 & 7 Weather Permitting Steve McGarry 575-9511

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

Club hours for shooting – 9:00am to ½ hour before sunset but not past 9:00pm. Please be respectful of our neighbors and keep track of time when shooting in the evening.

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Dimondale, Michigan 48821

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