

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the January edition of the COSC newsletter.

A Note from the Club President - Sharon Whaley

Greetings to all! The election of club officers and board members will take place at the January 8th membership meeting. **You must have your 2018 dues paid and**

be in possession of you club badge bearing your 2018 sticker to be eligible to vote.

There are several activities happening in January, so take a look inside the newsletter for more info. The following is on the calendar:

- Jan 7 Gun Show 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Jan 8 MEETING 7:30 pm VOTE
- Jan 13 Turkey Shoot 11:00 am
- Jan 13 Reloading Class
- Jan 22 Meeting 7:30 pm
- Jan 27 Reloading Class

Thank you for the help and support over the past 2 years. Remember to bring your membership card with the 18 sticker on it You must be a paid member in good standing to be eligible to vote.

Thank you again,
Sharon Whaley

Shooting hours are posted on the Range Board. The stopping of shooting one half-hour before sunset 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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COSC Gun Show

Our gun show will take place on Sunday, January 7th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is \$3 per person.

Items to be on sale include:

- Cap & Ball, Flintlock Rifles, Pistols
- Black Powder Shotguns
- Modern Rifles, Pistols and Shotguns
- Buckskins, Moccasins and Knives
- Handcrafted Jewelry
- Accessories for Old & New Firearms

Jr. Trap Bake Sale at the Gun Show

With our gun show on Sunday, January 7th, Jr. trap shooters, parents, coaches and all supporters of this program are needed to provide goodies for the gun show. Cookies, brownies, fudge and any of your specialties are needed to ease the appetites of all who come to this event. Please package these in quantities of 1 or 2 per baggie.

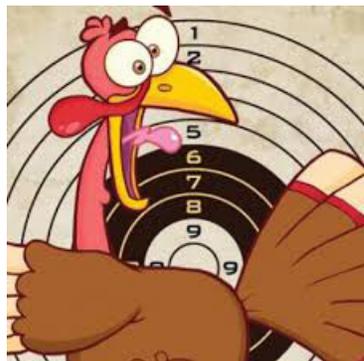
You may drop your goodies off Saturday afternoon from noon till 4 pm or Sunday before the gun show at 9 am. All proceeds go to the Jr. Trap program and we thank you for your help with this program. If you have any questions please call Gary Kandler at 517-646-7973.

Turkey Shoot Time

Our first turkey shoot is scheduled for January 13th with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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

Prizes are different meat products (chicken breasts, pickled bologna, frozen fish fillets, Cornish game



hens, etc) with the big prize being 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.

New Member Orientation for January

Due to the election of club officers and board members, as well as voting on the proposed club by-laws, there will be **NO** new member orientation at the January 8th meeting.

The next new member orientation will take place on January 22nd at the COSC Board meeting.



COSC
Wild Game
Dinner

Mark your
calendar for
Saturday,

March 24th for the Wild Game Dinner and raffle event. We will start the evening with a social hour at 4 pm (BYOB). A delicious dinner will follow at 5:30 pm. There will be rifle raffles, a 50/50 raffle, and \$1 & \$5 raffles as well.

The rifles up for raffle during this event are as follows:

- Henry Golden Boy 22 LR
- Remington 783 With Scope .243
- Savage Stevens 12 Gage Shotgun
- TC Compass Bolt Action Rifle .308

Wild game donations are needed, and very much appreciated, so please contact Cathy Finn by phone (517-974-6178) or by e-mail (cathylfinn@comcast.net) to set up a time to drop off your donation, or simply show up at one of our Monday night meetings on the 2nd & 4th Monday's of each month. You will receive a ticket to the dinner for your donation.

New or “gently used-but in great condition” items are needed for the raffle tables. These do not have to be “gun” related items. (The contact method will be the same as wild game donations.) Donations from our members help to offset the cost of the dinner. Volunteers will be needed again this year to help serve the dinner, and to help clean-up on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Volunteer servers get into this event at no charge.

Tickets are still just \$15 per person, children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time by mailing your check to C.O.S.C. PO Box 375 Dimondale, MI 48821. Tickets can also be purchased at our Monday night meetings.

I am requesting members to donate baked goods for the dessert portion of our meal. We have some fantastic baker's within our membership, and home-made desserts are the best!

See you at the dinner!

Get the COSC Newsletter in Your Email

If you have an email account, please consider receiving the COSC monthly newsletter via email rather than in your home's mailbox.



Receiving the newsletter via email reduces the club's cost for mailing.

To begin receiving the newsletter via email, please send an email to **Membership** (Penny Batten) COSCMembership@gmail.com with the message to add you to the list of members getting the newsletter via email.

2018 Membership Renewal Time

If you haven't submitted your membership renewal application and dues payment, now is the time to do so.

Complete the enclosed membership application and return it to the address on the back side along with your 2018 dues.

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

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.



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.

COSC Reloading Group

Visit Us at COSC Gun Show (01/07 - 9:00a – 3:00p) and do some show and tell with the new equipment you got for Christmas! Swap, Buy, and Sell at the COSC Gun Show.

Saturday, January 13th (9:00a - 4:00p) Reloading Group meets at Clubhouse during the Turkey Shoot. We will go over equipment and basics to get you started with plenty of time for you to ask questions.

Lots of equipment models to use and help you decide for design and equipment for your reloading bench. Bring your sack lunch. This group is open to all members.

Saturday, January 27th (9:00a - 4:00p) Reloading Group meets at Clubhouse. We'll feature some advanced and more basic reloading. Plus AR Rifle Platform: Intro to AR Rifle .223/5.56, equipment and supplies. Bring your sack lunch. This group is open to all members.

Basic Shotgun and Jr. Trap Classes

On April 14, 2018 we will be having our annual Basic Shotgun Class at Chief Okemos. This is an NRA sponsored class teaching kids and adults proper shotgun skills and safety. The class is free and enables the shooters to win shooting awards in our Summer trap program.

The class will run from 9:00 am to approximately 3:30 pm. There is an open book test to earn an award certificate followed by a chance to shoot on the trap range.

All shooters who pass will be able to shoot a round of trap on the following two Tuesdays - April 17th & 24th. This gives new students the opportunity to see how our Jr. Trap program works before our shooters from past years join us on May 1st.

Our Jr. Trap program runs all summer long until the end of August. There is no charge for this program. We supply the shotguns, shells and clays. If you have your own shotgun then bring it.

We start at 5:00 pm and shoot until all shooters have shot at least 2 rounds of 25. As each shooter reaches certain levels of accomplishment, they will receive awards and medals of achievement. We have several coaches that work with the students to teach them the fundamentals to be very good, responsible and safe shooters.

If you have any questions or are interested in this program please call Gary Kandler at 517-646-7973.

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

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	Term Ends
Past President/Keith Wright 646-9179	1/08/18
John Gambill 646-0681	1/08/18
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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

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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

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New Member Orientation

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