

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the March edition of the COSC newsletter.

A Note from the Club President - Ralph Batten

Hello all,

Warm weather is around the corner, so I would like to remind everyone that the road down at

the ranges and the ranges will be soupy, so please park up top so we don't put ruts in the road and lawn near the ranges.

The camp dinner is upon us and a great time for all. Get your tickets before they are gone!! This is a great way to support your club. Get involved - remember it is your club and a great way to get to know people.

I would really like to see a few volunteers take over the raffles as this is a major money maker for the club!!!! More income would mean more range projects and a better club for all!!

If you haven't submitted your membership renewal application and dues payment, now is the time to do so. Complete the membership application found on the website and return it to the address on the back side along with your 2018 dues.

Thanks and above all **BE SAFE** and **RESPONSIBLE** while handling firearms.

RALPH

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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Turkey Shoot Time

The next turkey shoot is scheduled for March 10th with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Turkey shoots are based on shooting a short (2 shots) trap competition from five different positions. Bring your favorite shot gun and 4 to 5 boxes of shells



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.

We'll still make up that January shoot that was cancelled. For more information, please call Duane Whaley at 517-646-1611.

NRA Instructor and RSO Training

The Training & Education Team will be holding a meeting for all CURRENT NRA certified instructors and range safety officers on March 25 at 2:00 pm, upstairs at COSC.

We will be discussing range SOP's, scheduling NRA classes and setting the budget for the season, and any updates for the NRA classes.

Please bring your calendars, notepads, and pens. Contact me, Dan Reid, COSC 1st VP and Training & Education Team Lead, with questions or comments at 517-719-0416 (no texting) or reid.danielw@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

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.. New or "gently used-but in great condition" items are needed for the raffle tables. These do not have to be "gun" related items. Donations from our members help to offset the cost of the dinner.

To donate wild game or raffle table items, please contact Cathy Finn by phone (517-974-6178) or by e-mail (cathyfynn@comcast.net) to set up a time to drop off your donation, or drop off at our meetings on the 2nd & 4th Monday's of each month. You will receive a ticket to the dinner for your donation.

Volunteers will be needed 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!

Non NRA Defensive Pistol Course

In response to several requests, Master Sergeants at Arms, LLC is offering a Non-NRA Defensive Pistol Course on Saturday, April 21 at Chief Okemos Sportsman Club.

The course is geared towards current CPL holders wanting to enhance marksmanship skill sets. Your instructor is NRA certified, as well as former US Army Special Forces with 35 years experience.

Show up time is 8:30 a.m. with five hours of training ending at 14:00/2:00 pm (no lunch). Maximum class size is six. Cost: \$125.00 per individual.

Training Schedule: Intro/Safety brief, Fundamentals refresher. Shooting drills include: warm-ups, movements, barricades-low and high, 21-foot moving target, 25-yd engagement, and other events with time permitting.

What to bring: Clothing appropriate for the weather, (we will be outdoors and training will go on rain or shine except if lightning is present.), your carry firearm (like to bring additional pistol/revolver to try out, that's okay), 250 - 300 training rounds, a quality holster/belt rig (recommend a holster made particularly for your handgun), 3 - 4 magazines / speed loaders with belt pouch for same, eye and ear protection. Water, coffee, sun screen, bug juice as you need.

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

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies

Our Ladies group will be starting our 9th season this year. Ladies be very proud of the success we have had helping women learning and developing shooting skills over the years. Our first meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 6:30 p.m. This is a planning and development meeting, and we'll meet in the clubhouse. Any questions or for more info call Sharon Whaley at 6461611. Come and join the fun!

Basic Shotgun Class for Jr. Trap & Ladies Trap

On April 14th 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 to members' and non-members' and enables the shooters to win shooting awards in our Summer trap program. There is no charge for this program. We supply the shotguns, shells and clays. If you have your own shotgun then bring it.

The April 14th class will run from 9:00 am to approximately 3:30 pm. Please bring a lunch with you so we can eat, here, at the club. There is an open book test to earn an award certificate followed by a chance to shoot on the trap range.

Our Jr. and Ladies Trap program begins in May and runs all summer long until the end of August. We shoot on Tuesdays, starting at around 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Gary Kandler at 517-646-7973 or via email at gkandler@sbcglobal.net to hold a seat for the April 14th class so that materials can be ordered for everyone in attendance. Please give Gary a call if you have any questions about the class or the shooting program.

Adult Trap and Cowboy Action Shooting Start Up in May

Our first Cowboy Action for 2018 are scheduled for May 12th and May 26th at 8:00 a.m. We always welcome new shooters who would like to learn more about this fun shooting sport. Please contact Cowboy Evil Duane 646-1611 with any questions.

Trap season starts on May 3rd this year. As in years past, we will host open trap on Sundays at Noon, and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. We welcome new shooters who would like to learn trap shooting. We have NRA instructors that will work with you. For more info please call Duane Whaley @ 517-646-1611.

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 1/14/19

President	Ralph Batten	482-8169
1st Vice	Dan Reid	719-0416
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Board Members Term Ends

Past President/Sharon Whaley 646-1611	
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Cowboy Action

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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

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Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 W&G 8:00a	02 03
04	05	06	07 W&G 8:00a	08	09	10 Turkey Shoot 11:00a registration
11 New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Member Mtg 7:30p	12	13	14 W&G 8:00a	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Deadline for Newsletter Submission	21 W&G 8:00a	22	23	24 COSC Camp Dinner begins at 4:00 pm
25 Palm Sunday NRA Instructor & RSO mtg 2:00p	26 New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Board Mtg 7:30p	27	28	29	30	31

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

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01 Easter Sunday	02	03	04	05 W&G 8:00a	06	07 Turkey Shoot 11:00a registration Hunter Safety Education Class Day I
08 Hunter Safety Education Class Day 2	09 New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Member Mtg 7:30p	10	11	12 W&G 8:00a Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30p to 9:00p	13	14 Basic Shotgun class 9:00a to 3:30p
15	16	17 LLL Planning mtg 6:30p	18	19 W&G 8:00a	20 Deadline for Newsletter Submission	21 Defensive Pistol Class 8:30a
22	23 New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Board Mtg 7:30p	24	25	26 W&G 8:00a	27	28 Black powder shoot
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