

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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April 2018



**Welcome** to the April edition of the COSC newsletter.

## **A Note from the Club President - Ralph Batten**

Hello all,

Spring has sprung!!! I want to remind everyone that the grounds down at the ranges are soft. Please

park up top after rains and stay off the soft spots and drain field.

There have been several complaints about people shooting ARs at the steel targets on the 25yd range. The only ones allowed for that are the 22 rim fire and the 9MM pistol cartridge.

The AR is a long-range firearm. It is fine to get your initial sight in done at the 25yd, but once that is done, please take them over to the longer ranges.

Our Junior and other programs will be starting soon!! We need someone to take over 22 sporter! It is a great way to get your hours and help our next generation of shooters learn safe and responsible firearms handling.

If you are looking for a great breakfast, a mere \$5.00 will get you a tasty feast at Wheezers & Geezers every Thursday morning. Mark Richardson is an excellent cook.

As always be SAFE and have fun!

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.

[www.chiefokemos.org](http://www.chiefokemos.org)



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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 Archery News

Work on the 3D archery range will be starting on Saturday mornings in April, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you would like to come out to the 3D archery range and get some hours in, there should be projects up thru September.

A new trail has been cut. Wood chips need to be moved from the parking lot to the new trail. The drain hoses need to be reburied, due to the frost pushing them out of the ground. Some of the backstops blew or fell over this winter, so they need to be stood back up and checked over for damage.

There are enough parts to make another new archery backstop if needed. Bow hanger racks that have warped center posts or rotten bases need to be repaired.

Setup of the 3D course is planned for Saturday, April 14th. Your help is welcome. In the past, with lots of help, it has taken 4hrs to set up.

A reminder that the 3D range will be closed April 26–29 for the Spring Black Powder Shoot. On May 6th, the 3D archery range will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sign up to be a Greeter for the 3D archery range, and Welcome potential new club members. Pick a Sunday in May thru Sept, to get your volunteer hours in, while enjoying the outdoors.

Getting ready for a Canadian spring bear hunt or a Michigan spring turkey hunt with archery gear? Our bag targets are out and ready when you are.

There is a white barrel next to the red pay pipe on the 3D course that now holds lost arrows. If you find an arrow on the course, please set it by the target's bow rack or, in the lost arrow barrel. Now is a good time to look for that lost arrow.

Thank you to whoever cut up the fallen tree over the # 27 target shooting lane. By target # 8, there is a dead tree that fell over with a ladder stand still attached to it. There is also another dead tree leaning over with a ladder stand still attached in the

Please contact Steve McGarry at 575-9511 to offer your help or with any questions about Archery at Chief Okemos.

## Turkey Shoot Time

The next turkey shoot is scheduled for April 7th 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. New COSC members - come join us!!!!

For more information, please call Duane Whaley at 517-646-1611. Our May shoot will happen May 5th.

## Club Historian Needed

After many years, our club historian, Sandy Miller, has retired from this volunteer position. A big thanks to Sandy for serving the club!

With that, we are in need of another member to pick up the baton and continue recording the history of COSC. This would be a great opportunity to pick up the required volunteer service hours to help reduce your annual membership fee.

If you are interested in becoming club historian, contact COSC President, Ralph Batten.

## **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](mailto: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 646-1611. 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](mailto: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.

## **Cowboy Action Shooting & Adult Trap Shooting to Start Up in May**

Dust off your shootin' irons for a new Cowboy Action Shooting Season. The first shoot will be on May 12 at 8 AM. All Cowboy and Cowgirls, especially new club members, are invited to join in the fun. For more information contact "Evil Duane" at 517-646-1611. Come out and give it a try! You will like it!

Open trap season gets underway on May 6 at noon. As in years past, we offer Open Trap to members and the public on Sunday (noon) and Thursday (5 PM). Open trap is also held at our Thursday Breakfast starting at 9 AM. The fee is \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Newcomers are welcome and our NRA instructors will help you learn.

## **COSC Black Powder Shoot**

The annual black powder “woods walk” will take place on Saturday, April 28th. Sign-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. with shooting getting underway at 9:00 a.m.

Cost is \$10 for the 18 targets and includes lunch.

We'll have “trap” shooting after lunch with black powder cartridge shotguns. Cost is \$5 for 20 birds.

Set-up of targets will happen on Thursday, April 26th after the Wheezers & Geezers breakfast. If you can help out, it will be greatly appreciated.

For info or questions, contact Lloyd Merchant at 517-927-7264.

REMINDER: The 3D archery range will be closed April 26 through April 29 for and this shoot.

## **Wheezers & Geezers**

Starting in April, on the first and third Thursdays, and weather permitting, we will be holding a vintage military rifle shoot after breakfast - about 9:00 a.m.

Any pre-1960 military rifle from any country, bolt action or semi-auto, is eligible. We will be shooting IDPA targets at 100 and 200 yards, 10 rounds at each distance with one reload mandatory at each distance.

You will have 2 minutes at 100 yards and 2 ½ minutes at 200 yards to shoot. This will simulate an infantryman in battle and all shooting will be done offhand and the vertical front pavilion roof supports can be used as a steadying support simulating the infantrymen taking cover behind a tree.

Shooters must supply their own ammo. Entry fee will be \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members with 50% of the total going to the shooter and 50% to the club. If there is enough demand, the shoots will be held two or more times per month.

## **2018 Junior High Power Service Rifle Program**

Our 2018 Junior High Power Service Rifle Program will be offered once again at Chief Okemos. The dates are May 7, 14, 21, June 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Classes are taught by our highly qualified instructors Mark O'Donnell, Steve Slee, and Jim Stewart.

Each class will start with a safety briefing at 5:30 pm on our 200-yard range and instruction should be completed by 8:00 pm.

**There is no cost** for the juniors. We ask that the junior participants be at least 14 years old and have safe gun handling skills.

Come out and try the challenging sport of High Power Service Rifle.

## **Hunter Education Class**

COSC offers Hunter Education classes for youth and adults. Our next scheduled two-day session is April 7 & 8, 2018.

Saturday's class is from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday's class is from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Students bring lunch & drinks both days. A donation of \$10 accepted, but not needed. Class size limited to 50 students and registration is needed.

Students 10 and under must be accompanied by parent/guardian during class. Attendance both days is required for Certificate.

All DNR student books, supplies, firearms, ammunition, archery, and safety equipment will be provided by Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. No Live Ammunition Allowed in Class.

To register, email [HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com](mailto:HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com) Send each student's name, age, and phone number of youth's parent/guardian bringing student(s) to class (or your phone number if registering as Adult). Contact: Dennis Dann 517-775-1965 or email with any questions.

## Two-Day NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Course

COSC is offering a two-day NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Course on May 5th and 6th at the club. Show up time is 8:45 a.m. ending at 4:30 p.m., each day. Course is a great next step for those who have completed NRA's Inside the Home as well as current CPL holders wanting to enhance marksmanship skill sets.

Most of class is shooting drills on the range. Lead instructor is NRA certified, as well as former US Army Special Forces with 35 years' experience. Cost for COSC member is \$200 and non-member is \$300. Maximum class size is eight.

What to bring: your carry firearm, 250-300 training rounds, the NRA requires use of a strong side hip holster/belt rig, highly recommend a holster made for your particular handgun, 2 extra mags/speed loaders with belt pouch for same, long work pants, eye & ear protection. Lunches/snacks as you need, working lunches. Interested?? Contact George OKon at [gjo1232@yahoo.com](mailto:gjo1232@yahoo.com) or leave contact info at 517-749-0280.

## Lost & Found at COSC

We now have an email address for reporting things lost or found at COSC. Please be as descriptive as possible of the item(s) that you are reporting lost or found. This will help in reconnecting items with owners.

Report lost or found items to [cosclostandfound@gmail.com](mailto:cosclostandfound@gmail.com)

## Non-NRA Defensive Pistol Course

Master Sergeants at Arms, LLC is offering a Non-NRA Defensive Pistol Course on Saturday June 16th, at Chief Okemos Sportsman Club. This course is geared towards current CPL holders wanting to enhance marksmanship skill sets. The 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 2:00 p.m. (no lunch). Maximum class size is six.

All training is conducted on the range including: Fundamentals refresher, shooting while moving, proper use of cover, 21-foot moving target, and other events time permitting. Training will go on rain or shine except if lightning is present. Cost: \$150 per individual.

What to bring: Clothing proper for the weather, long work pants, your carry firearm(s), 250-300 training rounds, a quality holster/belt rig, we 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. Like to attend?? Contact George OKon at [gjo1232@yahoo.com](mailto:gjo1232@yahoo.com) or leave contact info at 517-749-0280.



## 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
2nd Vice	Keith Wright	646-9179
Secretary	Jody LaClear	243-6991
Treasurer	Jane Kandler	646-7973

## Board Members Term Ends

Past President/Sharon Whaley	646-1611	
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
Jean Wank	646-6753	1/08/21
Bob Tyler	484-2020	1/08/21
John Gambill	646-0681	1/08/21

## Communications/Social Media

Newsletter & Website

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Lost & Found [cosclostandfound@gmail.com](mailto:cosclostandfound@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](mailto:ReloadingGroupCOSC@gmail.com)

## Hunter Education

Dennis Dann [HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com](mailto:HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com)

## Range Maintenance

Volunteer Needed

## Grounds Maintenance

Wayne Walter 627-8247

## Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 616-0093

## Member Volunteer Work Hours

Sharon Whaley 646-1611

## Membership

Penny Batten 482-8169

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## New Member Orientation

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Andy Powers [chevota1977@gmail.com](mailto:chevota1977@gmail.com)

## NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Keith Wright 646-9179

## Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b> Easter Sunday	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> W&G 8:00a Vintage Military Rifle Shoot 9:00a	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> Turkey Shoot 11:00a registration Hunter Safety Education Class Day 1 8:30a
<b>08</b> Hunter Safety Education Class Day 2 9:00a	<b>09</b> New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Member Mtg 7:30p	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> W&G 8:00a Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30p to 9:00p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Basic Shotgun class 9:00a to 3:30p
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Jr & Ladies Trap 5:00p LLL Planning mtg 6:30p	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> W&G 8:00a Vintage Military Rifle Shoot 9:00a	<b>20</b> Deadline for Newsletter Submission	<b>21</b> Defensive Pistol Class 8:30a
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Board Mtg 7:30p	<b>24</b> Jr & Ladies Trap 5:00p	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> W&G 8:00a	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Black powder shoot 8:30a
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W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

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W&G 8:00a

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Personal Protect  
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Open Trap Noon

Jr. High Power  
5:30p

Jr & Ladies Trap  
5:00p

W&G 8:00a  
Open Trap 5:00p

Cowboy Action  
8:00a  
Boy Scouts

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**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY!**  
Open Trap Noon

Jr. High Power  
5:30p  
New Member  
Orientation 6:45p  
COSC Member  
Mtg 7:30p

Jr & Ladies Trap  
5:00p  
Ladies Ladies  
Ladies 6:30p

W&G 8:00a  
Open Trap 5:00p

Veterans' Shoot  
11:00a to 2:00p

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Open Trap Noon  
Deadline for  
Newsletter

Jr. High Power  
5:30p  
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COSC Member  
Mtg 7:30p

Jr & Ladies Trap  
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**MEMORIAL  
DAY**

Jr. & Ladies Trap  
5:00p  
Ladies Ladies  
Ladies 6:30p

Open Trap 5:00p

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