

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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

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

Hello all,

Spring has sprung and the ranges are going to get busy so please be courteous to your fellow members

and pay close attention to **SAFETY**, making sure that no one is in front of your firing line while handling your firearm!

There was some confusion about my AR article about the 25yd plate range. All the pistol calibers allowed previously are still in effect, the calibers in the article pertained to the AR platform and not to pistols. I hope that this clears up any confusion the article caused?

I have had several complaints about members picking up 5 gal. buckets full of brass. If you are picking up brass and selling it for profit, you are warned now that doing so is grounds for expulsion from the club! It is fine to pick up brass for personal use (the calibers that you reload, but within reason). Please be courteous to the other members that reload.

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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## Camp Dinner 2018 Recap

Once again, due to the many members of COSC who graciously donate their time & effort to the Camp Dinner, it was a success! I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the following volunteers who have helped me with this event for four years now. Sharon Whaley and Penny Batten took care of the admissions desk. Manny Ibarra and his daughter, Tammy, took care of the appetizer table. Mark & Holly Richardson, Andy Powers & daughter, Samantha, Jeane Royale, and Duane Whaley sold tickets for the rifle raffles. Dan Reid sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Ralph Batten took over the position of Master of Ceremony this year. To our wonderful cooks who work for two whole days preparing a feast for everyone, Kathy & Bill Graham, Gary Kandler, and Ron Crowe! Thanks a bunch! Jim Southworth took over the duty of washing the dishes & giving general aid to the cooks. Mike Carter and his son, Eric, and grandson, Dakota once again fried the fish in the outdoor cookers. And Mark Richardson stepped forward to roast 76 pounds of pork shoulder for the dinner. Jim Ingison, Pat Cavanaugh, and Dave Walter collected donations from area businesses. So, as I mentioned before, the camp dinner succeeds because of the time & effort put forth by these individuals.

I want to extend a big "Thank You" to the members who baked and brought us such delicious desserts! I want to also thank the 12 volunteers who served the dinner. I wish to thank the members who donated items for the raffle tables, and wild game for the dinner...this really helps us to turn in a profit!

We managed to clear \$2,847.50 in profit this year. Many thanks again to all of you who worked, donated wild game, or raffle prizes or baked goods... you are the best! I hope everyone enjoyed a great meal & had a good time.

Cathy Finn

*Thank  
you*



## Capital Area FNRA Raffle Tickets



Sig Sauer P365 9mm semi auto pistol raffle: Drawing will be on May 26th at Not Just Guns in Mason. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Limit 750 tickets. Need not be present to win.

Two Ruger Precision Rifles raffle: 1st prize, .308 caliber and 2nd prize .22 rimfire. Drawing May 26th at Not Just Guns in Mason. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Limit 750 tickets. Need not be present to win.

Loaded Gun Safe Raffle: Kimber Micro Carry 9mm Two-Tone. Winner of the Kimber is entered into a 1 in 24 chance drawing for a gun safe and the following guns:

- Springfield Armory 1911 Mil Spec .45 stainless steel pistol
- Ruger AR-556 MOE Carbine
- Benelli Nova 12 ga. Realtree Max 5 shotgun
- Smith & Wesson Model 642 Air Weight Revolver in .38+P Special
- Savage Axis II XP .308 stainless steel rifle with scope
- Mossberg 500 Tactical Cruiser 12 ga. shotgun
- Diamondback Model DB380 .380 pistol
- Henry Golden Boy Lever Action .22 rimfire rifle
- Ruger Mark IV 22/45 Bull Barrel .22 rimfire Target Pistol
- Remington 870 Express 12 ga. Rifled Barrel Shotgun.

Drawing for the Kimber is September 15th at the Capital Area Annual Fundraising Banquet in Mason. Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$20 or 10 for \$50, limit 2,000 tickets. Drawing for the Loaded Gun Safe Raffle follows October 2nd in Unionville, MI. Need not be present to win.

Tickets available from COSC Board Member Bill Ames (282-8085) or John Mann (694-1440).

## **COSC Sponsoring an MCRGO (Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners) One Day CPL Course**

COSC is sponsoring an MCRGO (Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners) one day CPL course. What you will learn is specifically developed for Michigan laws. You may pay less with other organizations, but if you are concerned about your legal responsibilities in Michigan, MCRGO courses are among the best available in the State.

Our next class is May 20. The cost is \$125 for non-members of COSC or \$75 for COSC members. With that, you get a free 1-year MCRGO membership, a \$30 value! The price includes the course, course materials, range fees, hands-on guidance from the certified firearms trainers. If you are a current MI CPL holder whose license is expiring, and you have not kept up to date with the training and range requirements to renew your CPL join us for half a day. You will get a training review and range time that meet the MI renewal requirements. The cost is \$50 for non-members and \$30 for current COSC members.

Bring your firearm, 100 rounds of ammo and clothing appropriate the weather, along with eye and ear protection. Loaner firearms (with ammo) for the course are available. \$25 for .22 and \$35 for 9mm. Let us know if you need a loaner. Eye and Ear protection are mandatory and available if you do not have your own. Snacks and water are provided. Bring your own lunch.

You may have Google searched the rest, but train with the best... We are talking about your life and the life of your loved ones. Do a few dollars change your decision?

Get to the Range & Train today!

For more information or to reserve a spot call;

Nathaniel (508) 463-6771 or  
[nathanielbailey@gmail.com](mailto:nathanielbailey@gmail.com)

Rich (517) 515-7155 email [rich@micpltraining.com](mailto:rich@micpltraining.com)

## **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.

## **Call All Veterans - This Shoot is for You!**

Have you ever wanted to fire that weapon you first qualified with again? This is your chance! On May 19th from 11:00 until 14:00, Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club will hold a free familiarization shoot for all veterans at our club range. Call 517-646-0681 for more information.





## Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club is sponsoring these Michigan CPL/CCW NRA Pistol Classes for 2018.

### **NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting class and Personal Protection Inside the Home course (the Michigan Concealed Pistol License) training package.**

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 (CPL) Classes. 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. The lunch break will be on site with further discussion. There is a refrigerator and microwave available.

**NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting classes will be held on May 5th, June 9th, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th of 2018.** 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 is pre-requisite for the NRA PPIH course. It will cover topics such as:

- Pistol knowledge and safe gun handling and storage
- Ammunition knowledge and the fundamentals of pistol shooting
- Firing your first shots and improving your accuracy
- Scoring Targets, and selecting and maintaining your pistol
- Course review, examination and training completion certificate
- Experienced shooters will learn things in this class, everyone does

You may bring your own pistol (preferred) with 150 rounds of ammunition or lease one from COSC plus the cost of ammunition. It is required to pass this class before taking the Personal Protection Inside the Home Class.

**NRA Personal Protection in the Home Course (Michigan CPL) will be held on May 6th, June 23rd, August 25th, September 22, October 27th of 2018.** 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. Including:

- Introduction to defensive shooting
- Basic defensive pistol skills
- Firearms and the law: Possession, ownership, and the use of deadly force
- Strategies for home safety and responding to a violent confrontation
- Selecting a pistol for self-defense
- Sport shooting activities and training opportunities
- Course review, examination and training certificate

You may bring your own pistol (preferred) with 100 rounds of ammunition or lease one from COSC. Each passing student receives a completion certificate needed for your MI CPL application.

For information on these 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](mailto:reid.danielw@yahoo.com) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/daniel.labrat.reid>



## 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.

## 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

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.

## COSC Hunter Education Class Recap

The Hunter Education class held on April 7th and 8th had 35 students enrolled, with 33 DNR Hunter Education Certificates issued in this group.



Thanks to following

for making the class great:

DNR Instructors: Martin Bowyer, Roger Brown, Dennis Dann, Gary Kandler, Patricia Prince, Jeane Royale, Sihe Zhang

Our Range Volunteers included Bill Ames, Dan Brodkey, Martin Bowyer, Roger Brown, Dan Cole, Dave Courey, Roger Courey, Gary Kandler, Dan Kelly, Jeff Mitchell, Jeff Petri, Patricia Prince, Jeane Royale, David Schneider, Duane Whaley, Keith Wright, Sihe Zhang, That COSC club members, is a lot of Volunteers!

Five new NRA Certified Range Safety Officers assisted their first range duty, 5 DNR Instructors and 1 Instructor Candidate certified 18 local and 15 students from MSU.

Next Scheduled MI DNR Hunter Education Class is September 1st & 2nd of September, 2018. Come join us! The April Class was dedicated to Retired DNR Lead Instructor, Tom Towsley and former Sport Shop Owner, Ed Refior.

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

W&G 8:00a

Turkey Shoot  
11:00a  
registration  
Personal Protect  
Outside the  
Home 8:45a

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Personal Protect  
Outside the  
Home 8:45a  
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  
New Member  
Orientation 6:45p  
COSC Member  
Mtg 7:30p

Jr & Ladies Trap  
5:00p

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

Cowboy Action  
8:00a

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Open Trap Noon

**MEMORIAL  
DAY**

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

Open Trap 5:00p

**Lost and  
Found email:**

[coscstandfound@gmail.com](mailto:coscstandfound@gmail.com)

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.**

If the weather looks bad, please call the person who is leading the shooting sport you participate in to see if shooting will still be taking place. All those people are listed in each newsletter and on the Contact Us page of the website.

# JUN 2018



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Youth Pheasant Hunt 8:00a

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Open Trap Noon

Jr. High Power  
5:30p

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

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

Cowboy Action  
8:00a  
Basic Pistol Class

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Open Trap Noon

MSP 8:00a – 8:00p  
Jr. High Power  
5:30p  
New Member  
Orientation 6:45p  
COSC Member  
Mtg 7:30p

MSP 8:00a – 8:00p  
Jr & Ladies Trap  
5:00p

MSP 8:00a – 8:00p

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

MSP 8:00a – 8:00p

Defensive Pistol  
Non-NRA Class

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**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!**

Jr. High Power  
5:30p

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

Deadline for  
Newsletter

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

Cowboy Action  
8:00a  
Inside the Home  
Pistol Class

Open Trap Noon

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Open Trap Noon

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

Jr. & Ladies Trap  
5:00p

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

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

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Lost and Found email: [coscstandfound@gmail.com](mailto:coscstandfound@gmail.com)

## 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

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## 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

[COSCMembership@gmail.com](mailto:COSCMembership@gmail.com)

## New Member Orientation

Jim Ingison [jdingison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdingison@sbcglobal.net)

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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