

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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out there!

The clubs outdoor activities are done for the year except for sight in days going on Nov. 3rd & 4th and 10th & 11th from 9am till 3pm Cost is \$3.00 per firearm. Bring your own ammo and the club will provide the targets and help getting sighted in.

As always be safe, responsible and courteous to one another including our club neighbors!

It's time to renew your membership for 2019. Our membership year runs Jan 1st through Dec 31st, and membership renewals and dues payment are due for 2019, regardless of when you joined the club. If you joined during the 2018 club open house in July, you need only submit a new application. Please use the enclosed membership application to renew or download the application from the club website. Or pass along the membership application to a family member or friend.

Ralph

Shooting hours are posted on the Range Board. The stopping of shooting one half-hour before sunset rule **MUST** be followed.

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

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

Hello all,

The weather is chilling down that can only mean it is DEER SEASON !!! Good luck to all you hunters

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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## Trap Season Wrap Up

I would like to thank all the trap shooters for a great year. I can't express all my thanks for all your help this year. We had two weeks of no shooting when the trap machine was broken, but, it now works better than new. Have a great winter and I hope to see you in 2019! ~ Duane Whaley

## Cowboy Action Wrap Up

Cowboy action shooting is over for 2018. This is without a doubt the most fun and challenging shooting sport offered at COSC. The rewards I receive from sponsoring this discipline is how much all my shooters become better every season. This has been a great year! See you in 2019! ~ Evil Duane

## Hunter Education Class a Success

Fifty three students became certified DNR safe hunters after completing COSC's recent classes. Thanks to members Bradley, Aricyn and Xander Thompson, Duane Whaley, Keith Wright, and HE Coordinator Jeff Shellenberger, as well as Dan Reid, Chief RSO and Kathy Reid RSO .22 Rifle Range, with instructors Pat Prince, Gary Kandler, Martin Bowyer, Roger Brown and Jason Zhang. Next class is spring 2019! ~ Dennis Dann

## New Number For Club House Rentals

If members would like to rent the COSC Clubhouse for functions, please contact Mike and Cathy Finn at 517-408-0015. Clubhouse rental is for members only.

## COSC Virtual Buck Pole Now Open

When you bag your beast, please email a photo with your name to COSC Web Coordinator, Sandy Enness, at [sandraeness@gmail.com](mailto:sandraeness@gmail.com) to be posted on our virtual buck pole. If you'd like to share your hunting tale in how you bagged your beast, that would be great, too!.

## 3D Archery Wrap Up

Our 3D Archery range is put away for the winter. The bag targets will be left out if anyone wants to shoot a bow.

A big thank you to Chief Okemos for having the 3D archery range. I know using the 3D range has helped with my shooting skills a lot. Because this is a full 30 target competition range. Anyone who would like to shoot on a competitive level look no further, a 3D range is here for you.

This Club has hosted ASA shoots in the past. If anyone is interested in hosting a archery shoot let me know. If anything it a great place to practice shooting your bow.

At 61 years old I still need to practice to stay in the game. And on Oct. 14th, I was able to arrow a 6-point buck thru the heart at 20 yards. Thanks in part to having access to a great 3D range to practice on.

3D range will be setting up thur April and open in May 2019. ~ Steve McGarry



## **Thank You from Two New Junior Shooters** by Nathan Smith

2018 was full of “Firsts” for me and my older sister. Together we decided we wanted to shoot service rifle. No one in our family shot service rifle so we knew we would need to learn as much as we could on our own.

During the winter, we built our AR-15 rifles with the help of Mr. Gaddie. We studied the Jim Owens plot book in preparation for the National HP Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio in July. We picked up hard rifle cases at our grandpa’s auction firm and slowly began to gather other supplies. I borrowed a shooting coat and my sister bought one from a sweet lady in her 80s, who was an award winning small bore shooter!

Gathering gear was fun. We made friends with a Distinguished Marksman from Texas who sold us leather shooting mitts. We pooled our money and bought a bore guide and Dewy cleaning rod to share. We even shopped thrift stores for stools and small items we thought we would need on the range.

In the spring, we hit the range at Chief Okemos Sportsman’s Club. Every Monday night we practiced positions, making our shots repeatable, and we even learned line commands for CMP matches. Mr. Stewart and Mr. O’Donnell taught us so much in eight weeks, we felt as if we could navigate the National Matches!

As summer approached, we began training at Capitol City Rifle Club’s junior program on Tuesday nights with Mr. Springer. Here we shot with .22 conversions in our service rifles. Caroline and I decided we would try to build muscle memory as our first goal. Each week, we donned our sweatshirts, shooting coats, and worked our positions while firing 30-50 rounds. Our second goal came at the advice of Ray Gross. He spoke in April at the Demmer Center about mental preparation. He said to focus on the process and practice it until we could complete it on our sleep. We tried to bring our gear to the line the same way each time. We practiced our process methodically.

Caroline’s sitting position suffered until Mr. Steketee worked some long hours helping her perfect it. Mr. Steketee and Mr. Wilkinson, who were our coaches at the 100 yard line, watched our shots, helped us with the fundamentals, and made sure we understood match protocol. I even shot a clean one night!

Going to matches was so much fun! We competed once at Camp Perry before the National Matches. We also competed in five matches at CCRC and two matches at WSC this season. We learned to pull targets at CCRC. We learned to never attend a WSC match without bug spray, and we braved swarms of mayflies at Camp Perry in June. In one match at CCRC, Caroline won High Junior Offhand. By the middle of July, we were starting to feel a little more seasoned. Then it was time to hit the National Matches.

Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) was our first stop at Camp Perry. Lieutenant Brian Townsend from the US Navy Marksmanship Team was our coach for the two day school. We trained all positions and shot a US military service rifle. SAFS ended the second day with an EIC match where Caroline and I shot scores that were some of our best scores of the season. Things were getting exciting now!

Sunday and Monday we shot the President’s 100 and the National Trophy Individual Match. Caroline was squadded on Rodrigues range and I was squadded on Viale range. We both learned a great deal during these matches. We were on our own, plotting our shots, using our scopes, and competing with accomplished shooters. During the NTI, Caroline was able to get a solid 600 yard elevation using Mr. Steketee’s come ups and Mr. Stewart’s help on the line. I shot a 235 in the P100 and a 392-1 in the NTI. My scores kept improving with every match. Caroline’s favorite match was the NTI, where she shot a 404-2, with a 90-1 in offhand. She was mentally prepared and had all her come ups ready as the match progressed. She also made some great friends on the line too. One new friend was over 80 years old and a Distinguished Marksman. He was encouraging and helped Caroline read the Camp Perry wind.

**Thank You from Two New Junior Shooters** by  
Nathan Smith - continued

The last match we shot was the Infantry Team Match or Rattle Battle. This was our last day at Camp Perry, and we were excited for this rapid fire match. Earlier in the week we attended an Infantry Team Match class hosted by the US Marines. Since we didn't know anything about the match, this was really informative. They covered the basics and the strategy their team uses to compete. The Infantry Team Match was a great time to practice rapid fire skills. We left the match feeling great about our performance. We used all the tips and tricks our coaches had taught us!

Caroline and I want to thank Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club and Capitol City Rifle Club for all the help we received from the junior programs. The coaches were always encouraging and never gave up on us. Both programs were generous with free ammo, stellar coaching, range time, and targets. We learned we can do anything we set our minds to do. Most of all, we made lifetime friends and memories together as brother and sister. We love shooting and look forward to becoming more accomplished marksmen.



Thank you again for your generous support of juniors. Hopefully, we made you proud!

Nathan and Caroline Smith



Wishing all of our club families a very Happy Thanksgiving with safe travels and good hunting!

## 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 Shooting Illustrated

along with a check for dues made payable to NRA

NRA Membership Dues:

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

mail to: Kirk Ginther, 737 Brenneman, Pottersville, MI 48876 (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

Sandy Enness [sandraenness@gmail.com](mailto:sandraenness@gmail.com)

Facebook

Aaron Lopez [lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com](mailto:lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com)

Lost & Found [coscstandfound@gmail.com](mailto:coscstandfound@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 408-0015

## 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

Kirk Ginther 517-881-6022

## Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440

# NOV 2018



SUN

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TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

01

W&G 8:00a  
Trap 4:00p

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Sight-In Day 9:00a

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**Time to Fall  
Back!** Set Clocks  
Back 1 Hour  
Sight-In Day 9:00a

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**ELECTION  
DAY!  
PLEASE VOTE!**

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07

W&G 8:00a  
Trap 4:00p

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Range  
Maintenance Day  
10:00a

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Sight-In Day 9:00a

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**VETERAN'S  
DAY**  
Sight-In Day 9:00a

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New Member  
Orientation 6:45p  
COSC Member  
Mtg 7:30p

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W&G 8:00a  
Trap 4:00p  
**Opening Day!**

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Newsletter  
Submission  
Deadline Due to  
Holidays

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**Gobble!  
Gobble!  
Happy  
Thanksgiving!!!!**

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New Member  
Orientation 6:45p  
COSC Board Mtg  
7:30p

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Range  
Maintenance Day  
10:00a

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W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group 😊

**Sight-In Days: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm \$3 per firearm, you supply your ammo, COSC provides targets and help getting sighted in.**

**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.**

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

# DEC 2018



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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**02** **03** **04** **05** **06** **07** **08**  
**HAPPY CHANAUKA** New Member Orientation 6:45p  
COSM Member Mtg 7:30p  
W&G 8:00a  
Trap 4:00p

**09** **10** **11** **12** **13** **14** **15**  
W&G 8:00a  
Newsletter Submission  
Deadline Due to Holidays

**16** **17** **18** **19** **20** **21** **22**  
New Member Orientation 6:45p  
COSM Board Mtg 7:30p  
W&G 8:00a

**23** **24** **25** **26** **27** **28** **29**  
**JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**  
W&G 8:00a

**30** **31**

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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# 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)?**

- |  |   |                                       |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <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):**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <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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