

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the February edition of the COSC newsletter.

A Note from the Club President - Stu Miller

New officers elected at the January 12, 2019 General Membership meeting:

Stu Miller president 393-3178
Dan Reid still first vice
Ken Ecker second vice 517-983-9195
Jane Kandler treasurer
Dennis Dann secretary 517-775-1965

The new board members are
Penny Ecker 01/12/21
Kay Lockwood 517-332-286 01/12/22
George O' Kon 517-749-0280 01/12/22

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



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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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2019 Camp Dinner

Mark Your Calenda - March 23, 2019

Come on out for a great dinner! Raffles & Door Prizes!

I hope you will plan to attend the annual dinner and raffle event on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. We will start the evening with a Social Hour beginning at 4:00 pm, serving Merindorf meats, cheese & crackers (BYOB). A delicious dinner will follow at 5:30. There will be rifle raffles, a 50/50 raffle, and \$1 and \$5 raffles as well.

Wild Game Donations are needed, and very much appreciated! You can contact me (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 bring it to our Monday night meeting on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month. You will receive a free ticket to the dinner for this donation.

Raffle Items: New or gently used Items are needed for the \$1 & \$5 raffles. These do not have to be "gun" related. All types of donations are welcome. Contact method is the same as mentioned above.

Rifle Donations: Do you have a rifle that you rarely/never use? Would you consider donating it to COSC for the camp dinner raffle?

Baked Goods Donations: We have had some delicious deserts prepared by members of our club over the last two years, so I am asking again this year for baked goods donations.

I am asking for a lot of donations...but **we are keeping the price of the ticket for this event at \$15 per person (12 & under are free)**, while the cost of buying the groceries keeps rising. I really appreciate all your help in this effort to make a great day of fun and good eating!

Volunteers will be needed to serve the dinner (this gets you in free of charge) and help to clean up the club on Sunday morning beginning at 11am.

You can buy tickets (\$15) at the door, or ahead of time by mailing your check made out to COSC at 616 Waverly Rd, Dimondale, Michigan 48821. I will have tickets at each of the Monday night meetings aswell.

I hope to see you at the dinner!

Gun Raffle Prizes for Wild Game Dinner

We are looking for gun raffle prizes from the membership to help defray expenses this year. If you have a gun you would like to donate to the camp dinner raffle, please contact Duane Whaley at 517-646-1611. The camp dinner is March 23 this year so please all me as soon as you can. Thank you!

Turkey Shoot 2019

We are having only **ONE BIG** turkey shoot in 2019.

The date is Saturday, April 13th and it starts at 11:00 am.

Sign-up for the shoot starts at 10:00 am and goes until 11:00 am.

For more info contact Duane at 517-646-1611.



Basic Shotgun Class for Juniors & Ladies

On April 20, 2019 we will be having our annual Basic Shotgun Class at Chief Okemos. This is an NRA sponsored class teaching kids and adult's 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 23rd & 30th. This gives new students the opportunity to see how our Jr. Trap program works before our shooters from past years join us on May 7th.

Our Juniors & Ladies 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 metals 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.

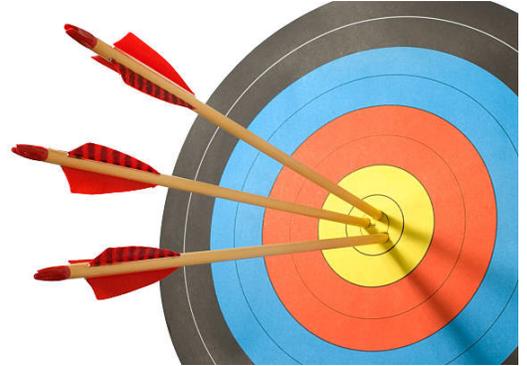


COSC Archery Update

Welcome to Archery and Bowhunting. Hope everyone had a great holiday season. I heard from a few of you, that you got brand new archery gear and others were given used equipment from family members who either upgraded their current gear or were retiring from hunting altogether.

At the Chief Okemos Sportsman Club, our ranges will give you an open and safe place to safely shoot your bow.

We have bag targets that are open year around and range from 20 to 50 yards. In the warmer months, a 30 target, 3-D



range will be set up where you can gain a lifetime of deer hunts in a single afternoon. We only shoot field points at our targets on club grounds. Bring your range finders, and new hunting gear to try out before you go afield next fall.

If you are just starting out, now is a good time to learn all you can about your gear and how it fits you. You may have lots of questions or don't have any idea of what question to ask. I know I did when I first started out. One of the better sources of knowledge I found came from a small book called *Tuning Your Compound Bow* by Larry Wise. It answered question I hadn't even thought of.

I know it's cold outside right now, but it will warm up soon. Get out and practice as much as you can.

Steve McGarry Archery

COSC NON NRA Defensive Pistol Course

Master Sergeants at Arms, LLC is offering a NON NRA Defensive Pistol Course on Saturday, April 27th at Chief Okemos Sportsman Club. Course is geared towards current CPL holders seeking to enhance marksmanship skill sets.

Instructor is NRA certified, as well as former US Army Special Forces with 35 years of experience.

Cost: \$125.00 for COSC Family Members or Veterans and \$150.00 all others. Maximum class size is eight. Show up time is 8:15 am with five hours of training ending at 14:00/2:00 pm (no lunch).

Training Schedule: Admin/Safety brief, dynamic shooting drills including; fundamentals refresher, movements to neutralize threats, barricades- low and high, range from contact to 25-yard engagement,



21-foot moving target, other events time permitting.

What to bring:
Clothing

appropriate for the weather, long work pants. (We will be outdoors. Training will go on rain or shine except if lightning is present.) Your carry firearm (if you'd like to bring additional pistol/revolver to try out, that's okay), 300 – 325 training rounds, a quality holster/belt rig (recommend a strong side hip holster made particularly for your handgun), 3 - 4 magazines / speed loaders with belt pouch for same, eye and ear protection; water, coffee, snacks, 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. Thank you and Godspeed.

Reloading Group

The dates are set for 2019 Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on the following dates: Jan 12, Feb 9, March 9, April 13 & May 4 at the COSC Clubhouse.

Email or call for cartridge you want to tune to your Rifle, Carbine & Pistols. Chances are we'll have dies and all you'll need is your brass and bullet size you want. We'll take emails at:

ReloadingGroupCOSC@gmail.com.

Reloading is free for all COSC members and guests to Reload, Chronograph and customize for your gun. There is an amazing difference to discover with the combined knowledge available on Saturday's at COSC.

I am especially looking forward to tuning the newer 6.5

Creedmoor, some 5.56, 9mm and .40 S&W. There is always interest in the more expensive 45-70 and .338 Lapua too.



Here's to a Great 2019! See you soon!

Roger, Martin & Dennis

New Deadline for Newsletter Submission

Effective immediately the new deadline for submitting content for the monthly newsletter will be the **15th of each month**. Content for the March newsletter will be due by February 15th.

This will allow for time in getting the newsletter put together, sending it off to the printer for production and into the mail (for those receiving it via US Mail) so members have their copy before the end of the month. Thank you for respecting the deadline date.

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, Pottsville, 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	Stu Miller	
1st Vice	Dan Reid	719-0416
2nd Vice	Ken Eckert	646-9179
Secretary	Dennis Dann	775-1965
Treasurer	Jane Kandler	646-7973

Board Members Term Ends

Past President/Ralph Batten	482-8169	
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
Penny Ecker		1/14/21
George O'Kon	517-749-0280	1/14/22
Kay Lockwood		1/14/22

Communications/Social Media

Newsletter & Website

Sandy Enness sandraenness@gmail.com

Facebook

Aaron Lopez lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com

Lost & Found 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

Hunter Education

Dennis Dann 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 (Application, Records, Dues, etc.)

Penny Batten 482-8169

COSCMembership@gmail.com

New Member Orientation

Jim Ingison jdingison@sbcglobal.net

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 517-881-6022

Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440

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W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

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MI DNR Hunter Education Class

Saturday & Sunday April 6 & 7, 2019

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

4667 North Gunnell Rd. Dimondale, MI 48821

North side door, main building, park in upper parking lot only.

Saturday: sign in 8:30 - 9:30 Class 9:30 12:00 Lunch Class 1:00 - 4:00
- All Students - Required: Turn in Signed /completed Student/Parent-Guardian Agreement at Sign In

Sunday: sign in 8:30 Review 9:00 Exam 10:00 Lunch Field Day 1:00 - 4:00

Students under age 10 are required to be accompanied by parent/guardian at all times.

No Ammunition or Personal Firearms Allowed in Class or Field Day

COSC Students: bring sack lunch, snack and drinks. Both days required to receive DNR Certificate.

On-Line Students Sunday: Bring On-line Certificate of Completion, sack lunch, snacks and drinks.
- All Students - Required: Turn in Signed /completed Student/Parent-Guardian Agreement at Sign In

On Sunday: Register by 9 AM for exam review. 10 AM all students must take MI-DNR exam to attend
Field Day 1 - 4 PM is range live fire exercise to receive MI-DNR Safety Certificate

Sunday at Field Day: Dress for that days weather! Wear boots, no open toe shoes on Shooting Range.
Wear high necked closed collar shirt/blouse. Note: Students may bring their own Eye & Ear protection.

DNR study materials, Certificate, water, pencils and teaching aids provided by COSC DNR Instructors.
Field Day: Firearms & Ammunition, Eye and Hearing Protection, Archery Equipment is provided by
Volunteer DNR Certified Instructors, Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club & NRA Range Safety Officers

To Register: email request for the DNR Student/Parent-Guardian Agreement Form to:

HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com

Bring signed completed form to Class Sign In.

Registration ends April 4. Class size: 50 Students

Cost: \$10 Donations are accepted.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Dennis Dann 517-775-1965 cell/text
COSC Hunter Education Volunteers Committee

1-2019



HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS REGISTRATION STUDENT/PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

Provided under the authority of MCL 324.43543 of Act 451, P.A. of 1994, as amended.

State law requires that all first time hunters, born on or after January 1, 1960, successfully complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing a license to hunt unless they are purchasing an Apprentice License to hunt.

The goal of the Michigan Hunter Education Safety program is to train knowledgeable, safe and responsible hunters. Further, the hunter education program will strive to inform all citizens of the interrelationship between modern wildlife management and responsible/ethical hunting practices.

Hunting is a life long recreational activity which can be enjoyed by many people. The hunter education course is designed to provide the student those basic skills which will allow the novice hunter to participate in the sport safely and responsibly. It is a basic course and does not purport to teach the student all there is to know about hunting in Michigan or to guarantee that the person will never be injured or will never injure someone else in an accident. Persons who successfully complete the course will be better prepared to hunt in Michigan.

FEDERAL FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS ADVISORY

Effective September 30, 1996, Congress enacted the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 entitled the 'Gun Ban for Individuals Convicted of Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence', which amended the Gun Control Act of 1968. The law prohibits any person who has been convicted of a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms or ammunition. In addition, the law prohibits any person who is currently the subject of a court order that restrains the person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an "intimate partner" or child of the "intimate partner" or the person, or engaging in conduct that would place an "intimate partner" in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child (hereinafter referred to as "domestic violence restraining order"), from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms or ammunition, except firearms or ammunition which are imported for, sold or shipped to, or issued for use of any federal, state or local agency. This law applies to all persons, including peace officers. The Department sponsors Hunter Safety Education classes for the public which involve the use or possession of firearms or ammunition. As such, the Department advises registrants, if they are prohibited by this federal law from possessing or receiving firearms or ammunition, they may not participate in classes which involve the use or possession of firearms or ammunition.

The following criteria will be used in evaluating each student for certification:

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| 1) Class attendance | 2) Prompt attendance at class sessions |
| 3) Completion of all homework assignments | 4) Participation in class activities and discussions |
| 5) Performance on standard test | 6) Performance on the firing range/field exercise |
| 7) Behavior in class and on the range/field exercise | 8) Attitude |

NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS: *Occasionally students have certain physical challenges or special learning needs which might interfere with a student's ability to successfully complete a hunter education course. If any, please list the special needs, medications or allergies that we should be aware of during the course participation.*

Special needs: _____

Medications: _____

Allergies: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	Relationship to the student
Home phone	Cell or work phone

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend and fully participate in courses with their children and to become certified in hunter education.

I have read the above policy and understand the requirements for successful completion of the Michigan Hunter Education course.

Student's Printed Name

Signature of Student

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Submit this completed Agreement/Registration to:

The Hunter Education Instructor