

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the March edition of the COSC newsletter.

A Note from the Club President - Stu Miller

Being in the position of club president for only a little more than one month, my goals for the club moving forward are to:

- run the club in accordance with its current by-laws; and
- recruit and retain more members to volunteer for club activities

Proposed changes to the club by-laws were voted on at the January 2019 general membership meeting. Those proposed changes **were not voted into place**, having failed to receive the 2/3 majority vote from among the eligible voting members in attendance at that meeting. Therefore, the 2018 by-laws remain in effect and can be found on the bottom of the home page of the club website as a PDF for anyone to read.

Our **Wild Game Dinner is on March 23rd** with lots of great food, fun and raffle prizes. Get your tickets from Cathy Finn at any membership or board meeting, or contact Cathy to get your tickets in the mail (see the dinner article in this newsletter). Tickets will also be available at the door. This event is a great family event, so get extra tickets for family and friends, and bring them along.

- Stu Miller

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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2019 Camp Dinner is Almost Here

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 11 am.



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 as well.

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 call me as soon as you can. Thank you!

Firearms up for grabs during this year's raffle include:

- Smith & Wesson M & P Shield 40
- .410-45 long colt "Judge" revolver
- Ruger American 30-06 Bolt Action
- Citadel 22 cal. Auto Rifle
- Ruger Ranch .223 Rifle
- Henry Golden Boy

Instructors, RSOs & Shooting Discipline Leaders Meeting

If you are an instructor, RSO or shooting discipline leader, save Saturday, March 16th to get together to work on budgets and schedules for the upcoming shooting season at the club. We'll start at 3:00 pm. Please contact Dan Reid if you have questions.

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 3-D Archery Update

The 3-D archery course setup starts **April 6th and 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**, weather permitting. The 2019 season will need some course improvements, target #9 needs additional woodchips added, #12 needs some brush cut, and at least 4 sets of target cross bracing, with 5/8" holes drilled in the center of each brace.

The **setup of all 30 3-D targets is planned for Saturday April 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**, weather permitting. There are still backstops that need

to be setup, some bow racks need to be rebuilt and UV-water treatment sprayed on the two

raised shooting platforms. We also need to apply UV- water treatment on the newer targets, and insect control applied to all 30 3D targets, repair of any damaged foam on targets and touch up paint if needed.



If you are new to the sport of archery, it helps to learn the right way to draw your bow without hurting yourself. A common problem in archery is shoulder pain. This might be from drawing too much poundage on your bow or from poor shooting form. Just like shouldering a gun, there is a right and wrong way to draw your bow.

If you have a computer, you can go online or YouTube and search "The right way to draw a bow". There are dozens of videos on proper form, both recurve and compound bows. I also recommend Larry Wise's book entitled "Core Archery", which explains proper shooting form in detail.

Archery Steve McGarry 575-9511

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 Update - Come Join Us

The dates are set for 2019 Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on the following dates: 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.

If it's price, we can load a box of 300 Weatherby Magnums for about

the same as a box of 30-06's (if you have the brass). That's right if you have the used (or new) brass, a box of 300 Wby Mags cost about the same as a box of 30-06's!



The example cost may go something like this: A box of premium bullets, (50 per box) will run \$40 – \$45, (some bullets may be 100 count boxes). A box of 100 primers cost \$4. And a pound of powder is about \$32. (A pound will load about 100 rounds in a big magnum, more in smaller calibers). From here there are many different powders and bullets to experiment with to achieve whatever accuracy goals you would like. The sky is really the limit.

Visit our new [Reloading Group](#) web page to read the full article from us.

Roger, Martin & Dennis

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	Stu Miller	482-8169
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	646-1611	
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 8:00a

Reloading Group
9:30a – 2:30p

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

W&G 8:00a

**NEW Deadline
for Newsletter
Submission**

Instructors, RSOs
& Shooting
Leaders Mtg
3:00p

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W&G 8:00a

**Wild Game
Dinner 4:00p
Dinner Served
5:30p**

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

W&G 8:00a

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Wild Game Dinner! Donate wild game, raffle items, and/or baked goods or to volunteer for the event, contact Cathy Finn at 517-974-6178 or by e-mail cathylfinn@comcast.net

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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Education Class
8:30a – 4:00p
3D Archery
Course Setup
10:00a – 2:00p

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Reloading Group
9:30a – 2:30p
Turkey Shoot
10:00a Sign-In
3D Archery
Course Setup
10:00a – 2:00p

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Newsletter
Deadline

W&G 8:00a

Passover
Begins

Basic Shotgun
Class 9:00a –
4:00p

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

Ladies & Jr Trap
5:00p

W&G 8:00a

Black Powder
Shoot 8:30a

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5:00p

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W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

Now that Spring has finally sprung, if the weather looks sketchy and you're not sure if your shooting activity will take place, call the person who is leading your shooting sport to find out if activities have been cancelled. See the Contacts page in every newsletter or on the club website – www.chiefokemos.org

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

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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

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club
P.O. Box 375
Dimondale, Michigan 48821

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