

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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

## **A Note from the Club President - Ken Ecker**

Hello! My name is Ken Ecker and I am your new President of the Chief Okemos Sportsman Club. I would like to start by introducing myself and sharing a bit about me.

I have been a member of the Sportsman Club since 2015 and have been active in our clubs bi-weekly Cowboy Action Shooting and also have had a major role in the range and grounds keeping of the club. My interests are shooting various firearms, archery, reloading, and shooting pool.

My main goals for the future of Chief Okemos Sportsman Club are:

- Incorporating all members to become more involved with club activities:

New and returning members are what keeps the Sportsman Club going. Without membership participation, the club will not grow. A couple of ways we can ensure the prosperity of the club are signing up for committees, volunteering hours, and participating in board and membership meetings.

- Keeping a clean and safe environment

Members should always clean up after themselves when using club property or grounds. Members need to be aware of proper safety guidelines while on the ranges, follow range rules, and police grounds when needed.

I am look forward to seeing all of you at our next Chief Okemos Sportsman Club meeting.

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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## Cowboy Action Shooting

The first Cowboy Action shooting for the year will take place on Saturday, May 11. This is a fun shooting sport for the whole family.

Anyone who wants to learn more about Cowboy Action shooting is invited to join us. You are welcome to use my guns to try the course.

Contact resident cowboy, Evil Duane, at 517-646-1611 for more information.

## Happy Spring Ladies, Ladies, Ladies!!!

The weather is starting to warm up and Ladies, Ladies, Ladies is getting ready to start our 10th season.

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies is open to all women 18 yrs and older, (Club membership is not required to attend), so bring your friends, and learn and develop your shooting skills.

Our first night that we will meet is April 16th at 6:30 pm in the Club House. During our first meeting we will go over the schedule for the year and what type of shooting sports the ladies are interested in. We will also set the schedule so everyone knows what will be happening at each of the nights that we are meeting. Looking forward to a fun season.

Any questions please call Kathy Reid at (517)719-2764 or Sharon Whaley at (517) 646-1611.

## COSC Black Powder Shoot

Mark Saturday, April 27th for the date of our annual Black Powder Shoot. The woods walk includes 18 targets for \$10 (includes lunch).

Sign up begins at 8:30 am with shooting starting at 9:00 am. "Trap" after lunch with black powder cartridge shotguns is \$5 for 20 birds.

For information, call 517-927-7264

## Turkey Shoot 2019

Our **ONE BIG** turkey shoot in 2019 is Saturday, April 13th and it starts with sign in from 11:00 to 11:45 am. Shooting gets underway at 12:00 Noon.



This is a fun shotgun shoot where shooters compete for different prizes of turkeys and other meats (BACON!).

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

## Adult Trap Starts Up May 2nd

Adult trap season starts on May 2nd at 5:00 pm. Just like years past, we shoot trap on Sundays at 12:00 noon and Thursdays at 5:00 pm. Trap is also a part of the Weezers & Geezers breakfast on Thursdays at 9:00 am. Watch the calendar for dates and times. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about trap shooting, please call Duane Whaley at 627-646-1611.

## 7-Yard Range Orientation

The first date for 7-yard range orientation is April 7 at 9:00 am. All subsequent dates will be posted in the club calendar.

If you are coming to Weezers & Geezers breakfast on Thursday mornings, you can go through the orientation by request. Contact Duane at 517-646-1611 with 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.



## Mac McKenzie Memorial Donations

Mac passed away on February 20th. His passion for COSC's Junior Trap program was always evident in the stories he shared. His dedication to the kids was very important to him even as his health declined and his mobility became limited. To continue his love for this program, donations were collected for Junior Trap in his memory.

Mac's daughter Gerri and granddaughter Ashley proudly presented \$1,025 dollars to COSC Junior Trap program in Mac's memory at the March meeting.

Thank you to the club for allowing use of the hall for his funeral luncheon and to Lois Wright and Jane Candler for providing homemade desserts.

## Spring Hunters Education Class

The Spring hunters education class will accept registrations for students and adults through April 5th. See the enclosed flyer for more class information.

Instructor/Volunteers: We have a meeting scheduled on Saturday, March 30 at COSC Clubhouse at 9:30 am and 1 PM for all who can attend. If you are not available, contact Dennis Dann.

My humble thanks to all. Special thanks to our "Trap" Volunteers who I feel are the "Finest Kind" Team anywhere in Michigan.

We hope to have Compounds and Crossbows Volunteer with us this year!

Dennis Dann - Hunters Education

## 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](mailto:GJO1232@yahoo.com) or leave contact info at 517-749-0280. Thank you and Godspeed.

## COSC Archery Update

Welcome to Archery and Bowhunting.

This is a reminder that the 3-D archery course cleanup is on April 6. We will plan to start at 10:00 am. After walking the course today, there are some pine branches and small limbs that have covered the trails over the winter. Saturday, April 13th is the planned day to set up the 3-D course. If weather does not cooperate, we will try for Sunday, April 14.

This past Saturday, I went looking for an arrow that I had lost last summer on the 3-D course.

This time of the year it is easy to spot an arrow in the woods if it's fletching is exposed, since everything



else on the ground is brown. I found my arrow as well as another one with a camouflaged shaft. It is now in the Lost Arrow Barrel.

I have lost my share of arrows over the years. Today's graphite and aluminum arrows can weather a couple of months outside without too much damage. Water proofing the threads of the field point with bow string wax protects the arrow insert and weathering. Fletching is good for about one year of exposure. The sun can bleach the color from the fletching and nock.

Graphite arrow shafts should last as long as they are not stepped on. Before shooting your bow with graphite arrows, always "flex it first." Look for a bulge or anything that might suggest it is damaged in some way.

Steve McGarry, COSC Archery

## 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 (**new rates as of 03/01/19**):

1 Yr - \$35 3 Yr - \$85 5 Yr - \$125

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 1/13/20

President	Ken Ecker	953-9195
1st Vice	Dan Reid	719-0416
2nd Vice	Penny Batten	4828169
Secretary	Jody Laclear	882-6391
Treasurer	Jane Kandler	646-7973

## Board Members

## Term Ends

Past President/Ralph Batten	482-8169	
Bill Ames	282-8085	1/13/20
Kathy Reid	719-2764	1/08/21
John Gambill	646-0681	1/08/21
JeanWank	646-6753	1/08/21
Penny Ecker		1/13/21
George O'Kon	517-749-0280	1/13/22
Kay Lockwood		1/13/22

## 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

Kathy Reid 719-2764

### 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 (Application, Records, Dues, etc.)

Penny Batten 482-8169

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

### New Member Orientation

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

Sharon Whaley 646-1611

### NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 517-881-6022

### Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440

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**Club hours for shooting – 9:00 am to ½ hour before sunset but not past 9:00 pm. Please be respectful of our neighbors and keep track of time when shooting in the evening.**

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

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Hunters  
Education Class  
8:30a – 4:00p  
  
7yd Range  
Training 9:00a

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

W&G 8:00a

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

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7yd Range  
Training 9:00a

Newsletter  
Deadline

LLL Orientation  
Mtg 6:30p

W&G 8:00a

**Passover  
Begins**

Basic Shotgun  
Class 9:00a –  
4:00p

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**HAPPY  
EASTER**

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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7yd Range  
Training 9:00a

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

W&G 8:00a

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

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

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7yd Range  
Training 9:00a  
Adult Trap 12:00p

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

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

Cowboy Action  
Shooting 8:00a

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**Mother's  
Day**

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

Ladies & Jr. Trap  
5:00p

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

Veterans' Shoot  
9:00a – 3:00p

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7yd Range  
Training 9:00a  
Adult Trap 12:00p

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

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

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

Cowboy Action  
Shooting 8:00a

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7yd Range  
Training 9:00a  
Adult Trap 12:00p

**MEMORIAL  
DAY**

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

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

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

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# DNR Hunter Education Class

Saturday & Sunday April 6 & 7, 2019

## Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

4667 North Gunnell Rd. Dimondale, MI 48821

<http://chiefokemos.org> Map

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

**Students must Pre-register** Attendance both days is required to receive DNR Safety Certificate.

Saturday sign in, Starts at **8:30 - 9:00 AM** Classroom 9:00 to 4:00  
Sunday sign in, **8:30 -9 AM** Review. 10 AM Exam. Field Day 1:00 to 4:00

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

**COSC Students:** bring snacks, sack lunch and drink both days. **Internet Students:** bring lunch Sunday

DNR Student Books, Certificates, pencils/highlighters/teaching aids provided by instructors. Firearms Ammunition, Eye/Hearing Protection, Archery Equipment provided by, Volunteer DNR Instructors, Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club - Member Volunteers - COSC, NRA RSO's - Range Safety Officers

Cost: \$10 Donations are accepted.

No Ammunition or Personal Firearms Allowed in Class or Field Day

Sunday **Field Day:** Dress for outside weather. No open toe shoes on COSC Shooting Range. Wear high necked closed collar shirt/blouse. Students may bring their own eye & ear protection.

All Students must pre-register. Class size limited to 50 Students. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Internet Students:** Sunday register by 9 AM review & must take, MI-DNR exam to attend **Field Day**  
Must Bring: signed Student/Parent Agreement/ On-line Completion Certificate/ Lunch and Snacks

To register by April 5th:

email to: [HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com](mailto:HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com) Parent&student name, age, phone, e-mail  
**or at <https://chiefokemos.org> Hunter Education Tab**, fill in e-form

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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