

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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

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

Hello!

I want to remind members to police their brass and remove used targets from back boards

before leaving the range. I would like to see more members at your (membership) meetings. There are several issues coming up that be prudent for you to be aware of. So please try to make the meeting. Your voice and vote count, too.

Take notice of the new schedule for meetings. We are combining the Board and Membership meetings into one monthly meeting. This meeting will take place the second Monday of each month beginning with the June meeting. Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.

Don't forget to check out all of the firearms training opportunities the club offers. See the info in this newsletter or visit the Firearms Training page in the club website.

Ken

Shooting hours are posted on the Range Board. All shooting must STOP one half-hour before sunset. This 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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## Archery Update

A small 3D buck target was donated to the target range. It will be a nice addition.

You may have some trouble pulling your arrows out of the foam target, "I know I did". I was lucky to have a rubber gripper "arrow puller". These rubber grippers are easier to use than your hands and reduces the chance of damaging an arrow.

A trick I learned is to rub a small piece of bar soap on the arrow shaft. This helps to reduce the foam build up. A clean arrow and an arrow gripper can make your visit to the 3D range more enjoyable and less work pulling arrows out of the targets. A gripper and commercial arrow cleaner can be found at most archery stores or online.

Due to the heavy rains this Spring there has been standing water on several of the 3D shooting lanes. There is also mud, so a pair of boots would be recommended. The cool weather and no mosquitos make an enjoyable time to visit the 3D range.

Steve McGarry 575-9511, [smmcgarry@hotmail.com](mailto:smmcgarry@hotmail.com)

## Hunter Education at COSC

April 6/7 2019 Class graduated 6 new instructors for the Tri County area of Eaton, Clinton, Ingham Counties. Chief O, Capitol Area Sportsman's League and Oak Hill Gun Club and MSU has new Certified Instructors to serve their Clubs and Students.

The DNR Hunter Education Academy this July will host several of them and further their education. September 7/8 is the next scheduled class at Chief O and all future classes in the area will be posted for members in other communities to attend.

Thank you to all the volunteers who continue the program in Lansing area communities.  
[hunteredcosc@gmail.com](mailto:hunteredcosc@gmail.com)

Dennis

## Cowboy Action Shooting

Cowboy Action shooting is underway or the year. 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. Sorry no mules or horses allowed.

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

## Reloading Group Update from May 4, 2019

Well a lot of firearms knowledge was showcased today. Martin Bowyer gave us a most interesting talk on Rifle "Internal Ballistics". Cartridge, Powder and Primer seems simple to the reloader... or so it seemed. The milliseconds it takes for the chemical reaction after the Primer fires and pressure in the barrel builds became a simple matter after Martin broke the equations down. I know this is simplified but as a reloader the knowledge was priceless! The discussion was so interesting we did not reload any but left for the range to demonstrate it. That was a Great session! Thank you, Martin.

The reloaders will be loading at our home, doing our homework and using the chronograph to test instead of reloading for the rest of the summer. Contact us for range times to tune your loads with us.

COSC reloaders: [reloadinggroupcosc@gmail.com](mailto:reloadinggroupcosc@gmail.com)  
Martin Bowyer, Roger Courey, Dennis Dann

## COSC NON NRA Defensive Pistol Course

Master Sergeants at Arms, LLC is offering a NON NRA Defensive Pistol Course on Saturday, June 29th 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.



## Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club is sponsoring these Michigan CPL/CCW NRA Pistol Classes for 2019.

### **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 and insured NRA Instructors. This package is offered at a price of \$125.00 for non COSC members and \$75.00 for COSC members. The package includes both the NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting and the NRA 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. Class size is kept small (max 12) to better ensure learning and one on one instruction.

**NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting classes will be held on May 4th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th.** 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, improving your accuracy and how to train on your own
- Scoring Targets, and selecting and maintaining your pistol
- Course review, examination and training completion certificate

**-Experienced shooters will learn things in this class too, everyone does. We don't know what we don't know.**

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 11th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th.** 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. Presented live by a MI licensed attorney.
- 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 classes at COSC, please contact COSC's Chairman of Training and Education, Dan Reid 517-

719-0416 (cell, leave a message please) or [reid.danielw@yahoo.com](mailto:reid.danielw@yahoo.com) or on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/daniel.labrat.reid>

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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.**

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## 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	983-9195
1st Vice	Dan Reid	719-0416
2nd Vice	Penny Batten	482-8169
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)

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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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