

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the September edition of the COSC newsletter.

A Note from the Club President - Ken Ecker

I have a couple of issues I would like to address to our members:

I know all of you cannot get out to the ranges all the time to see

what is happening. We are having our backboards being deliberately destroyed. I do not know the responsible parties, but I hope to find out and address this problem. These certain people are making it imperative that we need some sort of security. We recently voted to use \$5,000 to put in security cameras and signs clearly stating the property will be under surveillance. Hopefully, the sooner we get this installed, the quicker we can find out who is responsible for improper use of club grounds.

We have 537 active members. In addition to that, 74 have not paid their 2019 dues. These people are still using the facilities.

Out of 537 active members, there have only been 57 that have volunteered their time this year to keep things going.

We need more members to step up and help maintain club grounds. Again, I know all you have busy lives, but if we are to keep this club moving forward, we need more support.

If this does not happen, we are going to have to raise dues to be able to hire individuals to maintain the grounds. It is your club. You have a choice of how this will go. Please come to the club meetings to share your input into bettering our club.

Ken

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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Upcoming Hunter Education Classes

COSC September 7/8 2019 - Sign up online on the COSC [Hunter Education web page](#).

STOP the BLEED Class - New Date

This is a class that one of our members is giving. I have taken this class and found it very informative.

It is a hands-on class plus video, I learned how to apply a tourniquet, direct pressure application, and wound packing. These are things that you can use at home or on the range without medical knowledge.

It is a free class to all members and takes about two hours of your time. If interested, please contact Brandon Avery at braverymed@gmail.com or Dwayne Whaley at 517-646-1611.

There will be one class a month, The next being **October 2nd** beginning at 7:00 pm. A special THANK YOU to Branden for bringing this to our attention, I recommend this class to everyone. — Penny Batten

COSC OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 14th

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Bring your family and friends to check out the club ranges, try some shooting and archery, and maybe become new members of the club.

Self Defense – Self Awareness Class

A big Thank You to Sgt. Patrick Daughtery and Trp Justin Matz for the wonderful presentation to the attendees on August 13th.

A lot of good information was given, and questions were answered. The troopers have offered to come back in the fall and do another class that will be hands on and allow us to practice the non-lethal techniques that we can use to protect ourselves.

If you are interested please contact Kathy Reid at 517-719-2765 or reidkathryn@yahoo.com or Sharon Whaley at 517-646-1611 so that we can plan on how many will be attending and that there are enough instructors for the class.

Archery Update

The high tower way in the back on the 3D range is now closed. Wet weather this spring and a windstorm has made it unsafe to use. There is a crack in one of the high supports and rotten supports on the low tower. We do plan to rebuild it at some point. For now, **Please Do Not Use It.**

The red mower has been fixed, it had a loose oil filter and was leaking oil around the sending unit. Now the 3D range main walking path is all trimmed up.

Shooting lanes 20 thru 30 have been left on the wild side, in an effort to make it a more realistic shooting expertise. If you find any lost arrows please, set them next to the bow rack. I will round them up and put them in the lost arrow barrel.

Remember to take along an arrow gripper to help remove your arrow from 3D targets. It makes it easier on your hand and your arrow.

For those who shoot crossbows, we haven't forgot about you. I spent some time working on the shoot table at the bag target range. I am hoping this will make the table sturdier to use.

We have new bag targets at the 20-yard line. Next spring, we will replace the 30-yard, 40-yard and 50-yard bag targets. As you know the center of the bag targets are the first to go, please shoot off center for now because the rest of the bag is good.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	Ladies, Ladies, Ladies 6:30p	03	04	W&G 8:00a Adult Trap 4:00p	05
06	07	Cowboy Action 8:00a	08	09	10	11
Adult Trap 12:00p	New Member Orientation 6:45p COSC Board/Member Mtg 7:00p	12	13	14	W&G 8:00a Adult Trap 4:00p	QD Youth program/Sight in 9:00a -1:00p
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Adult Trap 12:00p Club House Rental	29	30	<p>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.</p>			

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

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

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
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Board Members Term Ends

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TBD

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Cowboy Action

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TBD

Junior .22 Rifle

TBD

Adult Trap

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