

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the November edition of the COSC newsletter.

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

I am happy to say that the cameras are up and working.

I would also like to remind everyone that membership

renewals are open for next year and that the elections for some board seats and for president will be held in January.

I am also glad to see more attendance at the membership meeting. It is important that we have participation from the members, we are getting bigger all the time. The club is run and maintained by our members, so please come and help us keep it going. We have a great club but there is always room for improvement, so come and participate and help make it so.

Sighting In Days will be November 2nd & 3rd and November 9th & 10th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each of those days. Cost is \$3.00 per firearm. Coaches and bore-sighting will be available as will targets and spotting scopes.

It's getting darker real soon, now, so be aware of when sunset is and stop shooting 30 minutes prior to sunset. This is a club rule. Let's all be a good neighbor on the range and to our neighbors living near the club.

Thank you.

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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Archery Update

The 3-D archery range is put away for winter storage. It's a lot of work to take down the 3-D range and set it back up again. But if it's not done birds and mice will make a lot of big holes in our 3-D targets when cold weather gets here. To prevent that type of damage we store our targets in the archery shed with mothballs.

Our Bags targets will remain out thru the winter for anyone wishing to shoot their bow.
Steve McGarry Archery 575-9511

Reloaders Group and All COSC Members,

With hunting season coming up we'll start with rifle calibers and concentrate on fine tuning loads as well as basics for all members. Bench use is Open to all COSC members! Planned date for November is the 2nd with option for the 9th and December is on the 14th.

Email reloadinggroupcosc@gmail.com or Dennis at 517-775-1965 with any questions.

Happy Fall Ladies

November 19th we are pleased to announce that we will be having a "SELF-AWARENESS & SELF DEFENSE" part 2 class 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Our instructor is Sgt. Patrick Daugherty of the Michigan State Police Department. In this class we will learn simple awareness and defense tactics that help identify and avoid potential threats as well as provide security and peace of mind if conflict does arise. Feel confident with your ability to protect yourself, friends and family from dangerous situations. This class will have us practicing practical application exercises. Please share this class with your friends and family.

Pre-Registration is preferred: Email Kathy at reidkathryn@yahoo.com or (517)719-2764 or Sharon Whaley at (517) 646-1611.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2020



It's time to renew your membership for 2020.

Our membership year runs Jan 1st through Dec 31st, and membership renewals and dues payment are due for 2020, regardless of when you joined the club.

If you joined during the 2019 club open house in September, you need only submit a new application for 2020 without additional dues.

Please use the enclosed membership application to renew or download the application from the club website. You can also pass along the membership application to a family member or friend.

Failure to renew your membership will result in your loss of access to the club's facilities. Any questions about your application status or dues can be directed to the Membership Committee at COSCMembership@gmail.com.

November Sight In Days

November 2nd & 3rd and November 9th & 10 will be the dates for sighting in your firearms. Each day begins at 9:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per firearm.



Targets and spotting scopes will be provided. Coaches will be available to help you and bore-sighting will also be available.

If you have questions, please contact Duane Whaley at 646-1611.

Some comments from a regular attendee at the COSC Membership/Board meetings.

In my last submission to this newsletter I submitted some of the thoughts I had on issues that appeared to me to need our attention. Our October meeting of the 14th I believe strengthened those concerns.

COSC is not unique in the fact that the membership in general is under represented because all but a few rarely attend the meetings. Some choose not to come because they have no interest other than using the grounds, others may choose not to attend because of previous experience that turned them off, and still others have any number of other commitments. Whatever the reason, **COSC needs you at least to attend the January meeting where the elections will be held and the bylaws will be voted on. Please consider attending.**

I believe that the election process is lacking for a number of reasons. In my last newsletter article I made clear as to some of the issues that I believe are in need of reform. As to the election process itself, I believe that it needs to be more formalized with early notification to the membership as to the candidates thoughts about COSC fundamentals and to receive member input. Those choosing to run for office need to be known to the membership before they arrive on the scene election meeting night. Maybe, just maybe, there should even be a short introduction and debate period set aside prior to the vote.

We have hundreds of members and I would wager that we have at least a couple of plumbers in the membership that could volunteer to fix a problem we have, and have had for some time, in the mens bathroom downstairs. I mention this because we have, I believe, a wealth of talent and abilities in the membership community and fail to reach out to members for their assistance when we may be able to, through membership applications, match a member to a need. Greetings and salutations to any member who might help us out and fix the damn leak.

Another issue that needs attention is security of COSC grounds; some measures are underway and others are being considered. As a member of COSC you have rights and among those rights is to help secure the facility so as to provide a safe environment for everyone; based on your best judgement you have the right to challenge anyone on COSC property to display their membership card if you feel confident and safe in doing so. Safety is of paramount importance and a brief notice of this membership right is in and has been in your monthly newsletter.

While I have not officially declared that I will be a candidate for one of the COSC offices at the January meeting, I will make my intentions known in the December newsletter; I encourage others to do the same with a concise statement of their perception of COSC needs in that issue. As I am not a young pup and have many other commitments and limitations it would be a relief to me personally if someone else would step forward who has at least some of my concerns for COSC but frankly I don't see it happening; if you know of someone please let me know.

Thanks for your time and interest. Please review my article in the last newsletter.

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John Akley
COSC member

Submitted: 15 October 2019

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Sight In Days – Targets & Spotting Scopes Provided, Coaches and Bore-Sighting Available
\$3.00 per Firearm

Sight-In Day
9:00a – 3:00p
Reloading
Group 9:00a –
3:00p

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Sight-In Day
9:00a – 3:00p

W&G 8:00a

Sight-In Day
9:00a – 3:00p

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Sight-In Day
9:00a – 3:00p

Veterans Day

New Member
Orientation 6:00p
COSC Board &
Member Mtg
7:00p

W&G 8:00a

**Opening
Day**

Deadline for
submission for
Newsletter

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W&G 8:00a

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**Thanksgiving
Day**

W&G – Wheezers & Geezers Group ☺

Club hours for shooting: 9:00 am to ½ hour before sunset BUT not past 9:00 pm. With it getting dark earlier, you need to know when sunset will occur to cease range use in a timely manner.

Please be respectful of our neighbors and keep track of time when shooting in the evening.



Application for Annual Membership

for the year beginning January 1, 20_____

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club is a family organization. We encourage families to join and participate in all of our programs and activities.

As a paid member, your family enjoys free membership to COSC.

PART 1-Information about you (Please Print)

Your name _____		Your date of birth _____		Home phone number _____		Unlisted number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Best time to call _____	
Your spouse's name (if applicable) _____		Spouse's date of birth _____		Work phone number _____		Cell phone number _____			
Address _____				Your E-mail address _____		Receive Newsletter by E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
City _____		State _____		Zip _____		Your occupation _____		Employed by _____	

Please enter NRA number and type:

Member NRA No. _____

Type _____

Spouse's NRA No. _____

Type _____

You can apply to join (or renew) the National Rifle Association (NRA) through Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. Ask your membership representative for details.

Which Club activities would you or your family like to work or participate in (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Plinking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Pin Shoot | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High Power | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap - Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Sporter Rimfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap -Junior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowboy Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Ladies Ladies | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap- Ladies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falling Plates | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Range | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle Loading | |

Do you have any special talents, tools, or materials available?

Do you have any special interests or ideas?

If you are applying for initial membership, briefly describe your reasons for joining COSC.

PART 2-Membership Dues: Annual membership dues are \$125.00. If a member works at least 15 hours a calendar year on Club projects, next year's dues are reduced to \$50.00. A single membership includes both husband and wife. Each receive a membership card, are considered full Class A members with voting rights, have the right to hold office (after three years) and may share in working the 15 hours. Senior members (over 65 and a paid member for the previous five years) pay half the amount of a regular membership (\$62.50) or \$25.00 with 15 hours of work the previous year. If you have a physical limitation and cannot work, please attach a letter of explanation. Your letter will be considered by the Board of Directors.

This is an application for (choose one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial membership \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal with work \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal \$62.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal with work \$25.00 | |

PART 3-Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club Range Rules PLEASE READ Before Signing Below

General Range Rules

1. Members and guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a member (limit three guests per member at one time).
2. No alcohol allowed on ranges.
3. Uncased firearms must have magazines removed and bolt open.
4. No shooting when "Range Closed" sign is displayed. The Board must approve all range closings in advance.
5. Scheduled shooting events have priority.
6. Remove target after use and pick up brass. Place ALL spent brass, including shot shell hulls, in the white buckets marked for brass disposal.

Live rounds may be disposed of in the wooden red boxes attached to the front of the covered firing points. No brass is to be put into the blue trash containers or the dumpster at the North property line.

7. No handling of firearms when someone is down range changing targets. The Yellow Flag is to be hung when targets are being posted. The Red Flag is to be hung when the range is "hot" (live shooting taking place/DANGER). Failure to hang the appropriate flag puts liability on the person or persons using the range.
8. Shooting hours are from 9:00 am to ½ hour before sunset but NOT to exceed 9:00 pm.

Outdoor Range Rules

1. Only paper and approved targets.
2. Staple targets to center of backers only. DO NOT use posts or stringer boards.
3. Do not proceed down range until clearance has been given and Yellow Flag has been posted.
4. No smoking on range when black powder is used on the range.
5. No shooting to be done from behind the covered firing line.
6. No climbing on berms or backstop.
7. Keep all vehicles out of range area. **Stay off drain field.**
8. Portable IPSC type targets are to be used on the 25 yard range only. (Except in scheduled IPSC matches.)
9. Cowboy Action targets are for Cowboy Action Shooting only.
10. Any target being used shall be placed at the shooting berms. If a shooter wishes to fire at closer ranges, **the "shooter" must move to the target.** DO NOT move the targets away from the shooting berms.
11. It is advisable to close and lock the gate when the shooter is alone.
12. Any member can request another person using the range to show his/her membership card. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when on Club grounds.

Membership Drive

Any individual who sponsors or signs up five (5) new members will get the following year membership free. The individual bringing in those new members must sign each membership application form to receive credit.

Print Sponsoring Member's Name

Sponsoring Member Signature

Instructions

Complete the first page of this form.

Read and understand the range rules on this page.

Read and sign the **Certification** below.

Mail your completed application and check made payable to COSC to:
Do not send cash.

COSC Membership
P.O. Box 375
Dimondale, MI 48821

Are you or your spouse banned from owning a firearm?

You ► Yes No

Spouse ► Yes No

Certification

The information given on this application is true, complete, and correct. I/we have read and agree to abide by the current Range Rules, and to support and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. I/we ask to be considered for membership or renewal.

Your signature

Date signed

Your spouse's signature

Date signed

For COSC use	
Amount received	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check number:
Date Paid	Accepted By
Orientation	
Date / By	

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	Lissa Collins	894-7757
Treasurer	Jane Kandler	646-7973

Board Members Term Ends

Past President/Stu Miller	517-393-3178	
Bill Ames	282-8085	1/13/20
Kathy Reid	719-2764	1/08/21
John Gambill	646-0681	1/08/21
Jean Wank	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

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Club Contact Information

All area codes are (517) unless otherwise noted

There is NO CLUBHOUSE PHONE

Archery

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Steve McGarry 575-9511

Jr Archery

TBD

Falling Plates

Clint Wells 974-4770

Cowboy Action

Duane Whaley 646-1611

Junior Hi-Power

TBD

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

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Grounds Maintenance

Wayne Walter 627-8247

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

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Sharon Whaley 646-1611

Membership (Application, Records, Dues, etc.)

Penny Batten 482-8169

COSCMembership@gmail.com

New Member Orientation

Jim Ingison jdingison@sbcglobal.net

Sharon Whaley 646-1611

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Kirk Ginther 517-881-6022

Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440

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