

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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Welcome to the December edition of the COSC newsletter.

A Note from the Club President - Ken Ecker

Hello!

It is getting down to the wire for elections, Time to think about who you want for the open board seats

and president. I will not be running for president next year.

I am pleased that we were able to get the cameras and signs installed. Now we still need to get the members gate installed to heil protect the club from misuse which is happening quite often. We still need members to check on others who are using the ranges to keep nonmembers from using our facilities. So don't be shy and ask others that you don't recognize for their cards .All members using the range are required to have their cards on them, if they do not have them politley ask them to leave. That is the club rules.

Due to the recent problems the club has had on the ranges and the lack of member participation:

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Ken

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.

www.chiefokemos.org



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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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Reloaders News

The Reloaders have been busy!

The newer 450 Bushmaster is a bit expensive,... but not if you reload or "Handload" the 450 Bushmaster. For .85 on average with a high quality Hornady Brass Spent Cartridge, Bullet and right powder and primer the rounds can be hand loaded and tuned for your particular rifle. Several new members have been reloading under Roger's and Martin's watchful eyes and met November 2nd and 9th and did just that!

The next Reloaders Group is Saturday December 14th, 9:30 to 2:00 with time on the range 2 to 4 PM. Contact us if there is a Cartridge you want to learn or improve contact us, we'll see you there. The Reloaders Group is there for all members and guests, just bring donuts... You will need supplies and reload for your personal use only.

reloadinggroupcosc@gmail.com

Upcoming Calendar Dates

December 2019

Dec 9 Membership & Board Meeting 7 PM
Dec 5, 12 & 19 W & G

January 2020

Jan 13 Annual Election Meeting 7 PM
Jan 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 W & G

COSC Newsletter Editor Needed

Due to changes in my life, I will be stepping down from compiling the monthly club newsletter effective January 1, 2020.

If you would like to take over duties, contact me at sandraenness@gmail.com. I create the newsletter in desktop publishing software (InDesign), but you could create it in Word if you chose. It's up to you as new editor.

I will continue to manage the club website.

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.

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.

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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	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

Sandy Enness sandraenness@gmail.com

Facebook

Aaron Lopez lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com

Lost & Found 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

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

Reloading Group

Dennis Dann ReloadingGroupCOSC@gmail.com

Hunter Education

Dennis Dann HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com

Range Maintenance

Christian Collins 319-7773

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

Sharon Whaley 646-1611

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 517-881-6022

Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann 694-1440

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

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CURRENT RESIDENT OR



Protect Your Right To Keep and Bear Arms



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	