

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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## A Note from the President: Dan Reid

Happy March and Welcome back Spring!

I have asked the Property Committee to find a way to track who has keys to what. First, no one is being asked to give up any keys they have and need. Please just let them know what keys you do have. Forms are available from the committee, or email Amy Dabb at [amost0317@gmail.com](mailto:amost0317@gmail.com). Once we know who has keys to each lock we can do a better job of making sure they receive replacements, if or when, a lock needs to be changed. If you have keys that you no longer need or use, please turn them in. I am looking forward to getting rid of some of the ones Ken gave me.

We are getting the committees filled nicely. Thank you to all that are participating. I've received training on the new video system and it is great. While reviewing some footage, I was able to catch people in the act of doing the right thing. Range flag used and rules followed while no one was looking. Guy with the F-150, thanks!

With warmer and wetter weather coming, please mind the mud down by the ranges. We don't want to tear up the drives. If it looks pretty bad, please park at the top lot. The material for making paths to the rifle range targets is there and will be an early project. Lots of opportunities to pick up work hours and snag some savings on your membership for next year.

21MAR20 is the camp dinner. There are lots of hours available to work there as well. Servers, kitchen staff, and raffle and game staff. A lot of fun and great food! If you haven't done it before, you'll be glad you did!

Lastly, the combination to the gate lock will be changing. DO NOT give the combination to ANYONE that is not a current paid member with their membership card for 2020 please.

Dan Reid

- 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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### 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, forests, waters, and wildlife.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 2020

W&G 8A – 5, 12, 19, 26

9 - Monthly Meeting 7P

14 – Reloading Group 930A-2P

14 – 7yd range orientation 12P

17 – MSP Self-Defense Class 6P-830P

21 – Wild Game Dinner 530P

28 – Pistol training 830A – 12P

## TRAP SHOOTING

Due to health issues I have to give up my duties of running the trap range. If you would like to take over for me please contact me at 517-646-1611. I will show you the ropes and answer all of your questions. This is a good program for work hours.

Duane Whaley



## COWBOY ACTION

This year cowboy action starts April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 8A. It may be cold so dress accordingly. All members are invited to join us and learn more. Call me with any questions @ 646-1611.

Evil Duane

## 7 YD RANGE ORIENTATION

One Sunday per month at 12P we will have orientation for the 7yd range. Please check the club calendar for those dates. The class takes about 15 mins and gives you the safety rules for the range.

Duane Whaley

## RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) CLASS

A range safety officer (RSO) class will be held at COSC on April 26<sup>th</sup> for members only from 8A – 5P. More information will be coming in the April newsletter. There will be a minimal fee. Please contact Keith Wright at 646-9179 if you would like to sign up for this class.

## HUNTER'S EDUCATION

OHGC Hunter Education Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> "Field Day" \$10 donation, DNR website: Ionia Co for sign up info. The Field Day class is for students who complete the online course first. Text Dennis Dann for info, 775-1965 or OGGC Facebook.

COSC 2-day class is April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, sign up at [www.chiefokemos.org](http://www.chiefokemos.org) Hunter Education Class page to register or email [HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com](mailto:HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com).

Cost is \$10, pre-registration required for both classes, contact Dennis Dann 775-1965.

## NRA MEMBERSHIP INFO

When joining or renewing your NRA membership you can do so through COSC and here's how:

Please send the following info:

Your name, mailing address, NRA membership number (if renewing,) the NRA magazine you prefer (choose one: American Rifleman, American Hunter, 1<sup>st</sup> Freedom, Shooting Illustrated) along with a check for dues payable to NRA Membership Dues (new rates as of 3/1/2019: 1 Yr - \$35; 3 Yr - \$85; 5 Yr - \$125,) mailed to: Kirk Ginther 737 Brenneman Potterville, 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.**

## CALLING ALL LADIES

March 17<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to announce that we will be having a "SELF-AWARENESS & SELF DEFENSE" Hands-on class from 6pm – 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](mailto:reidkathryn@yahoo.com) or (517)719-2764 or Sharon Whaley at (517) 646-1611.

## 2020 WILD GAME DINNER

Mark your calendar! Come on down for a great dinner, raffles, and door prizes!

Our Wild Game Dinner is Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30P, 4P social time. Please contact Cathy Finn (974-6178, [cathylfinn@comcast.net](mailto:cathylfinn@comcast.net)) for anything regarding the dinner or donations. I have purchased 2 rifles from Not Just Guns: a Ruger American Bolt 450 Bushmaster with scope & muzzle brake with a \$50 gift card for purchasing ammo and also the ever popular Henry Golden Boy 22 long



rifle.



We also have 2 donated firearms from COSC members. Duane & Sharon Whaley have donated a 380 Lorcin Pistol still in its original box. William Hensler has donated a Harrington & Richardson 12 gauge shotgun also still in its original box.

I hope to see you at the dinner! Cathy



## ARCHERY UPDATE

Our 2020 COSC Archery committee has started. The committee members are Steven McGarry (575-9511,) Tom Kreh (243-0153,) and Mark Richardson (202-6000.)

We have sent in club dues for 5 years to Michigan Bowhunters. We are showing up on their map of affiliated clubs and archery ranges and will be listed in the "Open Shoots" section of their magazine. Our Sunday open house shoots will be from May 10<sup>th</sup> – Oct 4<sup>th</sup> every weekend except holidays. We will need a host on Sundays for the open house from 9A – 2P, a great way to get in hours for the club dues discount.

This raised shooting platform in the back of the 3D range is to be torn down and replaced. I am looking for a certified builder,



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preferably in the Dimondale area, who can take down the old and rebuild the new platform to code. We will start taking bids soon. Time frame will be when the ground is dry enough to get back there without getting stuck. Please stay off the old platform as the support legs on the lower portion are rotten at ground level.

Steve McGarry Archery 575-9511

## RELOADERS

COSC Deer Hunting Members,  
We know there are a lot of members with 450 Bushmasters. If you have a 450B for deer season, hunted with it, or just bought one for next year, THIS IS FOR YOU!  
We have the dies, tools, time/know how to help you reload for YOUR 450 Bushmaster for Savings \$ and ACCURACY!  
Who saved 450 brass and wants to save \$25, \$50? Or even a NEW box of 50, Hornady 450B Brass?  
Supplies for this hand load: new or once-fired 450B brass cartridge casings, one pound of LIL' gun powder, 2 boxes Hornady FTX bullets, 240, 245 grain will work or 250 same as factory, 1 box (100) large rifle primes, CCI 450 is OK, Rem 7 1/2 & Winchester WSR are best.

That's about \$94 for 100 rounds, as opposed to \$165 for 5 boxes, 100 factory ammo. What's that? About 43% savings. You get to have the fun of learning how to load and test your own. The last time I looked at Sportsman's Warehouse, Bob's in Hastings had all of the components. If not the bullets can be ordered online from Bass Pro/Cabela's, Natchez or Midway USA. But... try to buy the powder & primers local to avoid paying the hazardous shipping fees. Local: Sportsman's Warehouse, Bob's Gun & Tackle in Hastings.

I'll bring my sonic cleaner too if we want to clean the cases.

Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> Group Meeting, reload 930A-130P, range 130P-330P, Reloading 450 Bushmaster for Accuracy and Economy, bring your brass, powder/bullets/primers to reload and rifle to "test fire" or just come learn.

Mark your calendar for the following meets:

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> Pistol Cartridge Reloading – just the basics alone can create greater accuracy in your rifle, carbine and SBR.

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 450 Bushmaster Cartridge Reloading  
Open to all COSC members with interest in reloading, basic to advanced. Email us with the cartridge you want to reload, we'll usually have tools for it!

## BASIC SHOTGUN CLASS, JR TRAP, LADIES TRAP

Dear shooters,  
On April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we will be having our annual Basic Shotgun class at Chief Okemos. This is an NRA sponsored class teaching kids and adults proper shotgun skills and safety. The class is free and enables the shooters to win shooting awards in our summer trap program. This class will



run from 9A – approximately 3:30P. 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 21<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. This gives new student the opportunity to see how our Jr Trap program works before our shooters from past years join us on May 5th. Our Jr 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 5P 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, safe shooters. If you have any questions or are interested in this program please call Gary Kandler at 517-646-7973.

### **DEFENSIVE PISTOL COURSE**

Master Sergeants at Arms, LLC is offering a NON NRA Defensive Pistol Course on Saturday, 18 April 2020 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' experience. Show up time is 08:15 with five hours of training ending at 14:00/2PM (no lunch.) Maximum class size is eight. Training schedule: Admin/Safety brief, dynamic shooting drills including: fundamentals refresher, movements to neutralize threats, barricades-low and

high, range from contact to 25 yd engagement, 21 foot moving target, other events time permitting. Cost: \$125.00 for COSC family members or US Veterans, \$150.00 all others. 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/ear protection, water, coffee, snacks, sun screen, bug juice as you need. Interested? Please contact George OKon at [GJO1232@yahoo.com](mailto:GJO1232@yahoo.com) or leave contact info at 517-749-0280. Thank you and Godspeed.

### **FEB 15 RSO CLASS UPDATE**

February 15<sup>th</sup> had a full class held at Eaton Rapids Conservation Club, Eaton Rapids, MI. ERCC hosted an NRA RSO Certification Course for area clubs. Four ERCC, seven Oak Hill Gun Club, 2 COSC complete their RSO certification. CRSO Bill Ames and Dennis Dann, RSP Prince, Miller, Shellenbarger and Petri instructed a very thorough class. On their graduation they all agreed to assist their clubs SOP and Range Rules revision. Their first RSO duty will be at the OHGC Hunter Education. Second assignment is COSC Hunter Education Field Day Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the volunteers who keep these programs available.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

\*all terms end 1/11/21

President	Dan Reid 719-0416
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## BOARD MEMBERS

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Penny Ecker(term ends 1/11/21)	512-0948
George OKon(term ends 1/10/22)	749-0280
Kay Lockwood(term ends 1/10/22)	332-2869
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Keith Wright(term ends 1/9/23)	646-9179

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Steve McGarry	575-9511

### Jr Archery

TBD

### Falling Plates

Clint Wells	974-4770
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### Cowboy Action

Duane Whaley	646-1611
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### Junior Hi-Power

TBD

### Junior .22 Rifle

TBD

### Adult Trap

TBD

### Junior/Ladies Trap

Gary Kandler	646-7973
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### Ladies, Ladies, Ladies

Kathy Reid	719-2764
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### Black Powder

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### Range Maintenance

Christian Collins	319-7773
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Mark Richardson	202-6000
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### Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn	408-0015
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### Member Volunteer Work Hours

Sharon Whaley	646-1611
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### Membership (Application, Records, Dues)

Penny Batten	482-8169
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### New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley	646-1611
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### NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther	881-6022
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### Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee

John Mann	694-1440
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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 CLUB HOUSE RENTAL	2	3	4	5 W&G 8A	6	7
8	9 MEETING 7P	10	11	12 W&G 8A	13	14 RELOADERS 930A-2P  7 YD RANGE ORIENTATION 12P
15 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	16	17 MSP SELFDEFENSE CLASS 6P-830P  ST PATTY'S DAY	18	19 W&G 8A  FIRST DAY OF SPRING	20	21 WILD GAME DINNER 4P SOCIAL, 530P DINNER
22	23	24	25	26 W&G 8A	27	28 GEORGE OKON'S PISTOL TRAINING 830A – 12P
29	30	31				

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