

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A Note from the President: Dan Reid

Please mind the mud down by the ranges. If it looks bad, please park on the top lot. The material for making paths to the rifle range targets is here and will be an early project. Lots of opportunities to pick up work hours and snag some savings on your membership next year. The archery ranges are getting some updates and new equipment. The wood tower back there is now condemned, please don't use it. We will have a new one up shortly.

Sadly we've postponed the camp dinner with a date to be announced due to concerns over Coronavirus. Rest assured that we have enough toilet paper to get by for a while.

The MSP self-defense class has been postponed as well. We have yet to schedule upcoming pistol classes. The Junior and Ladies trap program has the NRA Basic Shotgun class on April 18th. It will be an all-day class and there are still plenty of openings. This is a FREE to youth (up to 18 years old but not completed high school yet) and adult ladies NRA class that is normally \$200+. This is open to non-members also! Please contact Gary Kandler (info on back page) to get your spots. We will be having a CPR class soon as well.

Lots of chances for volunteer hours coming up. April 22 at 6P there will be a task of setting up targets. April 25 there is a black powder shoot in the woods walk. May 2 & 3 will be archery range set up.

Lastly, the combination to the lock will be changing at the end of the month. **DO NOT** give the combination to ANYONE that is not a current paid member with their membership card please. The whole purpose of the electric gate we will be putting in is to eliminate the access that un-authorized or former members seem to enjoy. Therefore, we have reduced the capacity of membership to 600. Please be sure to have your membership card with you.



Remember to wash your hands.

Thank you,

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

April 2020

W&G 8A – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Adult Trap – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 4P

JR Trap – 21/28 5P

4 – 7 yd range orientation 12P

11 – Cowboy Action 8A

13 - Monthly Meeting 7P

18 – Basic Shotgun class 9A-330P

18 – Defensive Pistol course 815A-2P

25 – Cowboy Action 8A

25 – Black Powder Shoot 9A – 5P

26 – RSO Class 8A

CORRECTIONS

Please note: Amy Dabb's email for security is amos0317@gmail.com.

Please send her what keys you have to COSC.

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 646-1611. I will show you the ropes and answer all of your questions. This is a good program for work hours.
Duane



COWBOY ACTION

This year cowboy action starts April 11th and 25th 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

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) CLASS

A 9-hour range safety officer (RSO) class will be held at COSC on April 26th for members only beginning at 8A. The cost is \$40 which will include student book, RSO vest with proper patches, and use of the clubhouse. This rating is to be used at COSC ONLY. Please contact Keith Wright at 646-9179 if you would like to sign up for this class.

HUNTER'S EDUCATION

At this time, we have cancelled the Hunter Education Class on April 4th and 5th. We may have a field day for internet study students only, held outside on April 5th, by appointment. We will allow 5 students at a time every 45 minutes with a max of 35 students. .22 rifle and archery only or just .22 rifle only. Other dates as situation demands. Limited to 2 DNR instructors and 2 RSO's. Questions may be directed to HunterEdCOSC@gmail.com

*COSC Hunter Education students:

AFTER you contact me to re-confirm your attendance at the Hunter Ed April 5th Field Day, the only opportunity at COSC will be for the students to take the online internet class for Hunter Ed. It is a very good course. You must print the completion certificate and bring it to Field Day April 5th. Appointment only, 5 students every 45 minutes. Go to MI DNR website to access, \$25-30 cost. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Dennis

BLACK POWDER SHOOT

There will be a black powder shoot on Saturday, April 25th at 9A. Cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Woods walk, your choice of 10 or 18 targets. There will be prizes for the best shots. Sign up starting at 830A. We will need help to set up the targets in the woods on Wednesday, April 22 at 6P and the next morning after the W&G breakfast.

For more information call 927-7264.

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Are you a member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association? Please let us know if you are by contacting Bill Hensler @ bills_bbs@yahoo.com. We could qualify to be a charter organization of the NMLRA!

ARCHERY UPDATE

I have seen a few archers on the target range already. This is a great time to practice, with temps about the same as they are in the fall. Over the winter I had a new set of bow strings put on my compound bow, time to start settling them in. As with any change to a bow, it needs to be shot to settle it in, make sure the sights are still on, peep lines up, and the arrows fly true.

The first weekend in May, 2nd & 3rd, the 3D range will be set up. Good way to get hours in for membership discount. Also, we will host our 3D archery range open house now on Saturdays beginning May 9th through October 10th, 9A-2P. The 3D course cost for non-members is \$10 a person or \$20 for a group of 4. Club members are still \$5 for the 3D course. Hosting is a good way to get in hours for a member discount. Just call me and set up a time. As of right now, all Saturdays are open. If you are new to the club, we have a 1-mile nature trail that doubles as our 3D archery range. Also, in the spring, a black powder shoot is held the last weekend of April. The trail is closed that weekend. We try to keep an open walking trail year-round. One of the nice things of the club is having a place to get out and walk around and the trail is open to everyone.

Our trail is located to the west of the mowed grass, across from the king drain. This time of year, before the vegetation starts to take over the place, you can see all the game trails. Look around you might find someone's lost arrow, a buck's shed antler, or a turkey feather. It's not

uncommon to see deer, turkeys, rabbits, and lots of songbirds. There are 2 fallen pines that have been crossing the walking trail and the shooting lane of target 27, an easy job for someone with a chainsaw looking to get in hours for the membership discount.

Archery, Steve McGarry 575-9511

BASIC SHOTGUN CLASS, JR TRAP, LADIES TRAP

Dear shooters,

On April 18th, 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 21st and April 28th. 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.

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, 1st 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 Pottsville, 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.**

NRA NEWS

Hello from your Chief Okemos NRA Recruiter!

I wanted to share a promotion currently being offered by the NRA. Prices are good for a limited time and I will only know that they end when I get an email from the NRA.

If you renew annually like I do, to give the club a \$6 bonus for Jr Trap, now is the time. 1-year membership prices are \$30 (discounted \$5 from the current club member price but \$15 off the \$45 normal NRA yearly membership.

3 year memberships are not discounted beyond what they already are for club members at \$85 but if you want to buy a 5 year membership or renewal, the prices is discounted to \$100 (\$25 savings off our normal price of \$125 for club members.)

Mail me your information as usual or call me if you want to renew and pay by credit card. If you do call me, leave a voice message with your name and phone number along with the best time to call you back. I don't call phone numbers back if no message is left because of too many

spammers. My contact information is in the newsletter every month or can be found on the COSC website too.

Thank you,

Kirk Ginther – COSC NRA Recruiter



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 or leave contact info at 517-749-0280.

Thank you and Godspeed.

RANGE USE FOR PROFIT

Attention all members who are using the range for outside training for profit: This is a VIOLATION of range use rules. All range use is to be scheduled for class training in the club calendar and approved by the executive board. Failure to comply with this will terminate your membership to COSC. You must show proof that you are insured and a current certified instructor in the discipline that you are teaching. You will not be covered under COSC's insurance. This puts yourself and your students at risk. As trainers, we know what this looks like when you are out there. If you do not have approval, you and your class will be ejected from the range. If you would like to teach or assist for COSC as a volunteer, please contact Kathy Reid, currently working with programs. Volunteer hours count towards your membership discount.

Dan Reid, President & the Board of Directors

COSC 2020 RENEWALS

Just a reminder, any renewals up to the 600-member cap **MUST** pay the \$25 late fee or the renewal will not be accepted. Even if you pay now, all memberships expire December 31st, 2020.

Membership Chair

CORONA VIRUS UPDATES

In case you didn't get the emails:

Camp Dinner POSTPONED for a later date TBD. If you bought tickets they will still be accepted. If you would like a refund or have any questions, please contact Cathy Finn at 974-6178 or cathylfinn@comcast.net.

W&G POSTPONED until April or later if need be. Stay healthy and see you soon.

MSP Self Defense class POSTPONED to another time TBD.

RELOADERS, BRASS PREPPERS

Good meet on Saturday! .450 BM Brass and a 454 Casull too. Member T.K had a different caliber for meeting when we loaded a 454 Casull for his "rifle." That was a different combination. Martin & Roger worked up a recipe for him to test on the range. Cleaned and prepped more 450 BM and improved the bench with some new stability additions. Penny Batten, always working on the membership files for us, stopped in. She also processed a membership for a neighbor of COSC, a nice young family. Range only had 4 members shooting all day. Plus, Duane and Sharon Whaley held a 7 yard range orientation for members Saturday morning. It was a sunny but cool day on the range after class. As always, hope to see more members on the range. See you Saturday, April 11th. Any

questions contact us at reloadinggroupcosc@gmail.com
DD, Pat, Martin, Roger

BI-LAWS CHANGE

As of January 1st, 2020, per the bi-laws change, there is a \$25 late fee on **ANY** renewals after March 1st, 2020. If you do not pay it, your money will be sent back to you and you will have to re-join after September. All membership dues are due by December 31st of every year, with a completed application.

Thank you, Membership Chair

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*all terms end 1/11/21

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APRIL

All events are subject to being cancelled/postponed due to Coronavirus and government rules

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
				ADULT TRAP 4P		7 YRD RANGE ORIENTATION 12P
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				ADULT TRAP 4P		COWBOY ACTION 8A
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	MONTHLY MEETING 7P			ADULT TRAP 4P		BASIC SHOTGUN CLASS 9A DEFENSIVE PISTOL COURSE 815A
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		JR TRAP 5P		ADULT TRAP 4P		COWBOY ACTION 8A BLACK POWDER SHOOT 9A
26	27	28	29	30		
RSO CLASS 8A		JR TRAP 5P		ADULT TRAP 4P		

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