

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A Note from the President: Dan Reid

Okay folks, here we go.

For anyone that isn't aware at this point, the ranges and COSC are closed to all activity for the time being.

This is a result of the Covid-19 virus containment measures and all the executive orders coming from the Governor's office.

Last month, we held an emergency Board of Directors meeting wherein it was voted to close the range for the safety of our membership.

To my knowledge, only one of our members have tested positive and we are hoping for a full recovery.

I have been trying diligently to get a ruling from the AG or Governor's offices as to if the range can be open with the obvious personal spacing and sanitation protocols being used. These would be the responsibility of the users of the property. This has been going on for more over a month, since before we closed the range.

Obviously, our questions are not a priority to those I've petitioned on the grounds of:

- There is no building in use. These are outdoor ranges.
- There are no employees.
- It is locked and private property, not a public range.
- We don't meet any of the specific conditions of a "public accommodation" they are listing.
- And yes, on a person level, I have some real problems with the "temporary suspension" of some or any of our civil rights.

That said, it is my deepest desire to get the ranges open and going again. The sooner the better.

We will have a fair amount of ground to make up on the years activities and projects. This hibernation has not been good for COSC.

On the good side of things, there are millions of new gun owners out there right now. When we can, share what you know to help them be safe and ethical gun owners.

I wish you all well, health, and happiness.
I hope to see you all on the range very soon.

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

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RANGES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

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

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, 6 June 2020 (76th anniversary of D-Day) at COSC. 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.

ARCHERY UPDATE

We have good backstops set up on the archery range at the start of spring 2020. Added one new traditional bag targets on the 20-yard line with multiple spots to shoot at "total of 3 adult targets." Also have "2 No Speed Limit" backstops at the

longer ranges for crossbows and compounds, with one "No Speed Limit" backstop on order. I know it's a great confidence builder to shoot a tight group of arrows, but you can also do damage to your arrows – bolts if they're slapped together inside the backstop. It's safer on your arrows – bolts, and easier on the backstops, if you can shoot one arrow per spot.

You will see this "Flex it First" printed on most arrows – bolt shaft, can be the only clue to a shaft that might fail. Flex it first. Listen for any cracking sounds, look for any bulges in the shaft as you bend it. Shooting a tight group can also crack a nock. This cracked nock will fit loose on your bow and string and shooting a cracked nock can almost be as bad as firing a dry bow.

So, when shooting this spring, try to hit one arrow per spot. And check your arrows – bolts from time to time for any damage. It helps to number your arrows – bolts with a permanent marker. If you notice an arrow or bolt that is consistently off, it might need a good looking over. Archery: Steve McGarry 575-9511

Steve and Tom have decided to put off any scheduling of range work and Saturday open houses.

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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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	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30

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