

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

We are waiting for the water sample to come back. When we do all clubhouse functions may resume.

I want to thank one of our newest members, Brent Everson, for rewiring the new well to 220v. Brent recently moved to the area from Montana, so if you meet him on the ranges welcome him into the club. He is eager to help in any way, a true model of members that the club needs.

Thanks Brent!

I also want to remind everyone about the clubs gun show this month. Be sure to check the calendar and come out to support your club. If you need or want hours contact John Gambill, I am sure he needs help with set up and tear down.

As always, be safe and do your part in keeping the club grounds clean by picking up after yourself.

Ralph Batten

**SEPTEMBER** dates to note:

**2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Sunday Adult Trap 9AM & 5PM**

**5, 12, 19, 26 – Thursday Adult Trap 1PM**

**14, 28 – LLL**

**7, 14, 21, 28 – JR/Ladies Trap 5PM**

**11, 25 – Cowboy Action 8AM**

**13 – Monthly Meeting 7PM**

**26 – Gun Show 9AM**

**27 – Board Meeting 7PM**

- 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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#### **NRA MEMBERSHIP INFO**

When joining or renewing your NRA membership you can do so through COSC and here's how: As of Jan 7, 2021 the rates for one year and five year NRA memberships have returned to standard recruiter rates. One year \$35 and five years \$125. 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 mailed to: Kirk Ginther 737 Brenneman Pottersville, MI 48876.) A receipt for dues will be mailed to you. By renewing your NRA membership through the club, \$6 of that renewal fee is returned to the club to promote and support youth and ladies trap shooting.

#### **7-YD RANGE**

Please **DO NOT** let your children play in the sand at the 7yard range (electronic range.) They should **NEVER** be in front of the firing line!! It could be contaminated with lead.

The Board approved a project to stack sandbags against the backdrop of the 7 yard range in order to secure and protect it against the bullet firing damage. Volunteers Jerry Shihady, Gary Kandler, Duane Whaley, John Gambill, Mike Garrison, and Ken and Bob Ecker met at COSC to fill over 100 bags of sand and stack them against the back stop. Thanks to the previous mentioned members who gave of their time & energy!

The 7 yard range orientation will now be conducted by Jerry Shihady and Gary Kandler. They are at COSC frequently and you can locate them at the trap range on Thursday mornings at 9am, Thursday evenings at 5pm, and Sundays at 1pm, otherwise you can contact them by phone to set up an appointment: Jerry at 517-282-5097 or Gary at 517-646-7973.

#### **COWBOY ACTION 2021**

Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month April through October. Cowboy Action is open to the public as well as club members. There is a \$5 charge for each contestant. Cowboy Action consists of shooting with lever action rifles, single action handguns and either side by side double barrel shotguns (without ejectors) or Winchester model 1897 pump action shotguns. Centerfire and rim fire rifles and pistols are acceptable. We will mainly be shooting at steel targets though we may occasionally shoot paper targets. Centerfire and rim fire rifles and pistols are acceptable. If you are short on the proper equipment to start with, some members will be glad to loan you the proper equipment during the shoot. Setup time is 8A-9A, shooting starts at 9A and is usually finished between 11A and noon. Remaining shooting dates for 2021 are September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions please call or text Ken Ecker (517-983-9195) or Mike Rhoads (517-643-5989.)

#### **LADIES LADIES LADIES**

Hello Ladies, summer is here and we will be meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30PM (please come a few minutes early.) We will be shooting ARs this evening with special guests. LLL is open to all ladies 18 and older, members or non-members are welcome. You do not need to own a handgun, we have .22 pistols available. Cost is \$5.00. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Reid at 517-899-8434.

#### **GUN SHOW**

Antique and Modern Gun show Sunday, September 26, 2021. Public hours are 9:00AM – 3:00PM. Admission is \$3.00 per person. Table reservations are \$15.00 per table if you would like to sell your firearms. Set up for the gun show will be Saturday at 3PM. If you would like to set up and earn some work hours or purchase a table to sell please contact John Gambill at 517-646-0681 with any questions.

#### **SUNDAY TRAP**

Gary Kandler has taken over the **Sunday** Trap program and he would like everyone know that trap will now start at **1pm instead of noon**.

#### **CAMP DINNER 2021**

Due to the rise of Covid-19 threats from the highly contagious Delta Variant... we have decided to postpone the Camp Dinner that was scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will have this event when we are finally free from Covid outbreaks. Tickets already purchased for this event will still be good for the dinner. Thank you for your patience and please try to stay healthy and Covid free! Cathy Finn

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES**

**Starting September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 you can start renewing your annual membership. Due to the rising cost of lumber and materials used on our range and buildings, the Board of Directors has voted to raise membership fees across the board for the year 2022.**

**In the past, if you paid for a:**

- **Regular membership at \$125.00, it will now be \$135.00**
- **Regular membership with 15 hours of work at \$62.50, it will now be \$72.50**
- **Senior renewal at \$62.50, it will now be \$72.50**
- **Senior renewal with 15 hours of work at \$25.00, it will now be \$35.00**

**Also, there is still a \$25.00 late fee after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

#### **WORK HOURS**

Anyone needing work hours? Mark Richardson can always use help on building, range, and grounds maintenance projects. If you are interested, please text or call me at 517-202-6000 or send an email to me at [gtmars@yahoo.com](mailto:gtmars@yahoo.com) Thanks! Mark Richardson

#### **COSC CLUBHOUSE**

The clubhouse has a new look on the inside thanks to many work hours of tearing out the old carpet, patching and painting the walls upstairs and remodeling the bathrooms. Thank you to the following volunteers for their time and effort in completing these tasks: Person in charge Mark Richardson, Bill Ames, Mike and Deb Carter, Christian and

Junior Collins, Mike Garrison, Dale Howe, Dave and Wayne Walter, non-members Larry Wisner and Dan Chamberlin, and member Gary Kandler for getting the paint. Thanks for a job well done, the clubhouse looks great!

### ***ARCHERY***

Don't forget to bring your bug spray with you when you come to the 3D range. Skitters are starting to die off, but are still a force to deal with. Deer flies pick up where the skitters back off. I haven't seen any horse flies on the 3D course so far. I was alerted to a ground hornet's nest on 3D target #5, next to the bow rack. I have sprayed that area for hornets. Please report any 3D target that is being eaten by ants. I'll reapply ant poison to that target.

I will be working on the back stand, targets #9, #10, replacing old stair treads. Hope to have some of the new steps on by the time this goes to print. If the red tape is still on at the base of the steps of the back stand, I'm still work on it.

On the archery range, sighting in will mean making adjustments to your bow. I've added a table for working on your bow at the 20-yard line.

Remember the 30, 40, 50 yard backstops are spiderweb's NO SPEED LIMIT crossbow rated box. Morrell's range targets in good condition are rated for 315fps. For sighting with broad heads, please use your own broad head approved backstop.

The Chief Okemos backstops and 3D targets are for field point use only. I am suggesting setting up a sand bunker where you can use your broad head approved backstops safely. I don't want to see an arrow with a broad head lost in the yard. Sorry I don't have any idea when this sand bunker might happen.

Archery Steve McGarry 575-9511

**THE FALLING PLATES ARE FOR**

# **HAND GUNS ONLY**

**FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY  
OF OTHERS, AND TO PREVENT  
DAMAGE TO THE FALLING PLATES,  
THE FOLLOWING CALIBERS**

**ARE NOT TO BE USED**

**NO Magnum loads,**

**Including .22 Magnum,**

**No calibers over .45 ACP.**

**No +P or +P+ ammo.**

**No Armor Piercing rounds.**

**No Bouncers or Tracers.**

**No Full Automatics.**

**No should-firing rifles or shotguns.**

## **COSC Range Rules**

- COSC is a non-profit club. No individual or member may make any kind of profit from use of the club or its ranges in any way.
  - COSC liability insurance only covers Board of Director-approved activities on our property.
  - Any persons bringing the shooting portion of any class to COSC without board approval are subject to termination. The Board of Directors will provide a permission slip signed by the President.
  - Any persons violating these rules will be subject to termination of their membership.
1. No more than **two guests** allowed **per membership**. Members must remain with their guests at all times. Any member with guests must act as the RSO and may allow only **one guest** to shoot at a time.
  2. **Violation** of the rules can be grounds for **expulsion** from the club.
  3. Exemptions to these rules may apply as permitted in club-approved events.
  4. **Hours open to use:** 9:00 am to ½ hour **before sunset**, but not past 9:00 pm.
  5. You must have your **membership card** with you when on club property.
  6. It is advisable to **close but not lock the gate** when **shooting alone**.  
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!
  7. Last person to leave the club **MUST close and lock the gate**.
  8. **Uncased firearms** must be made safe: magazines removed, actions open with **open bolt (empty chamber) safety indicators inserted in chamber or barrel** of gun. These safety indicators must **be bright orange or bright yellow and easily visible** from all points on the firing line.
  9. Eye and ear protection is required within immediate vicinity when range is in use.
  10. **Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction.**
  11. **Always keep finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
  12. **Always keep guns unloaded until ready to shoot.**
  13. **No alcohol is allowed on the range.** Clean up shooting area before you leave: remove targets, pick up brass, etc.
  14. **No smoking** on the firing line or in posted safe areas when black powder is in use.

15. **All shooting** must be done in front of **the designated safety line (RED line.) No shooting at all** from **behind** the safety line.
16. **Safety flags** must be posted at the firing line. **YELLOW** is to be hung before and whenever people go down range. Firearms are **not to be handled** when the **YELLOW** flag is up. The **RED** flag must be hung **before firearms are handled** and before shooting commences. Only ONE set of flags to be used at the 50/100/200 yard ranges. No handling or uncasing of firearms at the benches on any ranges if people are downrange the benches. Even though the **RED** flag is displayed, you must wait until everyone is back at the benches before handling or uncasing firearms.
17. Whenever an **unsafe condition** is observed, it is the obligation of that person to command an immediate **“CEASE FIRE.”** No shooting will commence until after the unsafe condition has been resolved.
18. **All targets must be placed** at the bullet **impact berms.** Targets and target holders are not to be moved forward.
19. **Only paper targets** may be used **on the target holders.** Targets are to be stapled to the target holder backing boards. Do not staple targets to posts or stringer boards.
20. **Exploding targets** are **not allowed** nor used on club property. No shooting at the ground. No tannerite, bouncers, reactive targets, clay pigeons, cans, tiles, bricks, etc. are to be placed on the ground, or anywhere on the ranges and used as targets.
21. **Metal stationary targets** which are **commercially made for target shooting may be used with board approval. Falling plates: handguns only. Non-magnum rim fire and straight-wall pistol cartridges only. Caliber restrictions are posted at the plate range.**
22. **No climbing** is allowed on the bullet impact berms.
23. **No “skying”** of firearms. This is the practice of holding the muzzle of the gun above the bullet impact berms before lowering it onto the target. An accidental discharge while taking aim in this manner will allow a bullet to leave the range.
24. Keep all **vehicles** out of the down range areas except during range maintenance or changing of targets during club sanctioned events.
25. Use of **shotgun shells** loaded with **buckshot or birdshot** are **not to be used on the pistol and rifle target holders, only on the trap range.**

26. **Live rounds** may be disposed of in the **RED boxes** attached at various locations at the front of the covered firing lines.
27. **No spent cartridge cases** may be dumped **into the blue trash** containers or into the **club dumpster**. Dump **spent cartridge cases** in the **white buckets** or **take them home**.
28. **No .50 cal. BMG** is to be fired on the range.





# SEPTEMBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Adult trap 9AM & 5PM	3	4
5 Adult Trap 1PM	6	7 JR/ladies trap 5PM	8	9 Adult trap 9AM & 5PM		11 Cowboy Action 8AM
12 Adult Trap 1PM	13 Monthly Meeting 7PM	14 JR/ladies trap 5PM  LLL – cowboy action	15	16 Adult trap 9AM & 5PM	17	18
19 Adult Trap 1PM	20	21 JR/ladies trap 5PM	22	23 Adult trap 9AM & 5PM	24	25 Cowboy Action 8AM
26 Adult Trap 1PM  Gun Show 9AM-3PM	27 Board Meeting 7PM	28 JR/ladies trap 5PM  LLL – holsters & potluck	29	30		

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

## Class Opportunities

### **Introductory Level – NRA Basic Pistol**

This is a class for people new to handling hand guns. No prior experience is required. You do not need to own a gun to attend. We will spend time talking about what handguns may be better choices for the way you want to shoot. All written materials are provided. The program includes lectures and time shooting at close range. Very limited physical activity. This is an 8-hour class.

### **CPL – NRA PPITH**

This class requires some prior knowledge of handguns. No particular skill level is required, you must already know basic handgun safety and you will do better if you have had some experience shooting. You do not need to own a gun to attend. We will spend time talking about what handguns may be better choices for self-defense or concealed carry. This is one of the courses the State of Michigan will accept as qualified training if you decide to apply for a Concealed Pistol License. The program includes lectures and time shooting at close range. The class is less about shooting and more about the laws and regulations surrounding a handgun in your possession when you are not at home. Very limited physical activity. This is an 8-hour class.

Classes are taught by experienced, certified, and insured instructors. Classes are \$45 per class for club members and \$100 per class for nonmembers. All proceeds go to club programs.

Please contact Dale Howe at (616) 485-3979 or [DaleKHowe@dkhowe.com](mailto:DaleKHowe@dkhowe.com) for details and to enroll.

**Executive Officers**

\*all terms end 1/8/22

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                    242-6650  
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                    896-4291  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice        Mark Richardson  
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                    894-7757  
Treasurer      Jane Kandler  
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\*THERE IS NO CLUBHOUSE PHONE\*

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Jerry Shihady         282-5097

**Junior/Ladies Trap**

Gary Kandler         646-7973

**Sunday Trap**

Gary Kandler         646-7973

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**Clubhouse Rental**

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