

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

Spring is almost here and club activities will soon be starting. Look in your newsletter for contact info on the different activities you may want to participate or your kids in. It's also a good way to get work hours for next year's dues reduction.

Remember that Lloyd is having a black powder shoot on April 30<sup>th</sup> and I'm sure he could use some help so contact Lloyd if you have any questions or want to help.

I have been getting calls about members finding the gate code left on the lock or just one number off. This is a breach of security for the club! The tumblers must be spun off of the combination so that not just anyone can look at it to get in the gate whenever they want.

Reminder: we will be going back to 2 meetings a month here in April.

Be safe and courteous and enjoy the club.

Ralph Batten

**APRIL dates to note:**  
**11-Membership Meeting**  
**25-Board Meeting**

- 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 Potterville, 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.) It could be contaminated with lead. They should **NEVER** be in front of the firing line!!*

The 7 yard range orientation will now be conducted by Jerry Shihady, Duane Whaley, 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 282-5097, Duane at 983-2637 or Gary at 646-7973.

### **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

### **MUZZLE LOADER WOODS WALK**

Muzzleloader woods walk Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at 830am, shoot at 900am. \$10 includes lunch. Archery range will be closed. Helpers are needed to set up on Wednesday, April 27 at 600pm and Thursday after the Wheezers and Geezers breakfast if there is anything left to do.

### **TRAP**

Okay boys, girls, and all ladies: Are you tired of sitting at home doing schoolwork on your computer or working from home and missing your friends and workplace co-workers? We have a solution for you! Beginning on May 3<sup>rd</sup> we begin our yearly Jr & Ladies Trap Program. We have the shotguns, ammunition, and clay targets to entertain you with at no cost to you. The smell of gun powder in the air and yes, some of those clay birds will be dusted. Kids from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome as well as moms and ladies of all ages. Bring your friends and start enjoying being outside and having fun again. P.S Dads bring the family along and watch the excitement!

### **ARCHERY**

Looking forward to setting up the 3D archery range for 2022. We are planning to set up the 3D targets on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am. The range will be open to the public on Saturday's from 9am to 2pm starting May 7 – September 24, 2022. There have been several trees that have blown down over the winter across the 3D archery trail. Any member looking to get work hours cutting up trees across the trail would be a big help. Please contact Steve McGarry at 517-575-9511 if you can help with the set up or removing trees.

THE FALLING PLATES ARE FOR

# HANDGUNS

## 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 .45ACP.**
- No +P or +P+ ammo.**
- No Armor Piercing rounds.**
- No Bouncers or Tracers.**
- No Full Automatics.**
- No shoulder-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.**

**Executive Officers** \*all terms end 1/9/23

President – Ralph Batten 242-6650

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Mark Richardson 202-6000

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Penny Batten 896-4291

Secretary – Lissa Collins 319-7615

Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

**Board Members**

Dave Walter (1/8/24) 755-8120

John Gambill (1/8/24) 646-0681

Duane Whaley (1/9/25) 983-2637

Kirk Ginther (1/8/24) 881-6022

Kay Lockwood (1/10/25) 332-2869

Jerry Shihady (1/9/23) 282-5097

Keith Wright (1/9/23) 646-9179

**Communications/Social Media**

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Website – Sandy Enness ([sandraenness@gmail.com](mailto:sandraenness@gmail.com))

Facebook – Aaron Lopez ([lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com](mailto:lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com))

**Lost and Found**

cosclostandfound@gmail.com

There is no clubhouse phone.  
All area codes are (517) unless noted.



## Club Contact Info

### **Archery**

Steve McGarry 575-9511  
Mark Richardson 202-6000

### **Jr Archery**

TBD

### **Falling Plates**

Clint Wells 974-4770

### **Cowboy Action**

Ken Ecker 983-9195  
Mike Rhoads 643-5989

### **Junior Hi-Power**

TBD

### **Junior.22 Rifle**

TBD

### **Thursday PM Trap**

Duane Whaley 983-2637

### **Junior/Ladies Trap**

Gary Kandler 646-7973

### **Sunday Trap**

Gary Kandler 646-7973

### **Ladies Ladies Ladies**

Kathy Reid 899-8434

### **Black Powder**

Lloyd Merchant 927-7264

### **Range Maintenance**

Christian Collins 319-7974

### **Grounds Maintenance**

Mark Richardson 202-6000

### **Clubhouse Rental**

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

### **Member Volunteer Work Hours**

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

### **Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)**

Penny Batten 896-4291

[coscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com)

### **New Member Orientation**

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Don Uramkin 652-9894

### **NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting**

Kirk Ginther 881-6022



| Sun.         | Mon.                            | Tue. | Wed. | Thu.               | Fri. | Sat.                               |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------|------|--------------------|------|------------------------------------|
|              |                                 |      |      |                    | 1    | 2                                  |
| 3            | 4                               | 5    | 6    | 7<br>W&G<br>730AM  | 8    | 9                                  |
| 10           | 11<br>Membership<br>Meeting 7PM | 12   | 13   | 14<br>W&G<br>730AM | 15   | 16                                 |
| 17<br>Easter | 18                              | 19   | 20   | 21<br>W&G<br>730AM | 22   | 23                                 |
| 24           | 25<br>Board<br>Meeting 7PM      | 26   | 27   | 28<br>W&G<br>730AM | 29   | 30<br>Black<br>Powder<br>Shoot 9AM |
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