

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

I have been getting calls again about after-hours shooting at the range. The shooting hours are posted down on the bulletin board between the west 25 and the automated 7 yard ranges. They need to be adhered to!!!

Violating this rule subjects you to termination of your membership. Our neighbors deserve their quiet time in the evening so please be aware of the time when shooting in the evenings.

Be safe and courteous to others and our neighbors.

Ralph Batten

- 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, 1st 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 Thanks! Mark Richardson

ADULT TRAP

Trap season started May 1st. This year we will have 3 open shoots per week: Sunday at 1pm, Thursday at 9am, and Thursday at 5pm. Contact Duane Whaley at 517-983-2637 for more information. No holidays will be scheduled for shooting.

ARCHERY

Hopefully by the time you read this the 3D course will have dried out. After setting up the 3D targets and the black powder shoots many ruts were left in the main trail by the quad runner. If you are shooting the 3D course please watch your footing. We have about 15 yards of woodchips to be hauled back to the trails. Looking to get hours in? Using the quad runner and small trailer I'm working my way around the 7/8 mile course.

Once the main trail is safe to walk we need to start replacing the 22 bow racks. Other projects that need to be done include: ant poison applied around the 3D targets, raised shooting platforms need UV water protection applied, brush will need to be cut back, and the main trail will need to be mowed. I will be working around the archery range most Saturdays from 9-2 except holidays. Any help would be appreciated.

Steve McGarry smmcgarry@hotmail.com 575-9511

LADIES & JR 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! May 3rd we began 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 6th grade to 12th 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!

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES

Happy Spring Ladies. We had our first meeting on May 10th where we discussed what we are going to be doing this year. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm. Please try to arrive by 545pm so we can get the administrative items out of the way. Here is our schedule:

May 24 @ 6pm – handguns: if you have your own firearm and would like to shoot that we do have .22, 38spl, and 9mm ammo

Jun 14 @ 6pm - .22 long rifles

June 28 @ 6pm – handguns: we will bring out the Texas Star and use the falling plates

July 12 @ 6pm – AR night: guest instructor Dan Reid (AKA Shirley)

July 26 @ 6pm – handguns: do some skill drills

August 9 @ 6pm - .22 long rifles

August 23 @ 6pm – AR night: guest instructor Dan Reid (AKA Shirley)

Sept 13 @ 6pm – Cowboy Action: guest instructor Evil Duane (AKA Laverne)

Sept 27 @ 6pm – Season End get together (TBD)

There is a \$5 cost per event to shoot. Any questions, let me know. Kathy Reid 899-8434

COWBOY ACTION

2022 Cowboy Action shooting season started on April 9th. Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month April through October. Cowboy Action shooting is open to the public as well as club members though 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. We will mainly be shooting at steel targets though we may occasionally shoot at paper targets. Centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols are acceptable. If you are short on having proper equipment to start with, some members will be glad to loan you the proper equipment during the shoot.

Setup time is from 8-9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11 and noon. Shooting dates for the remainder of 2022 are 6/11 & 6/25, 7/9 & 7/23, 8/13 & 8/27, 9/10 & 9/24, 10/8 & 10/22.

If you have any questions please call or text Ken Ecker at 517-983-9195 or Mike Rhoads at 517-643-5989.

COSC MEMBERSHIP

As of September 1st 2022 you can begin renewing your membership for 2023. The new LATE FEE DATE is now January 15th of every year not March 1st. We will still be bringing in new members in March but the LATE FEE DATE is changing. Please make a note of this. The LATE FEE is \$25.00. The following are the new dues for the club:

Regular Membership Renewal is \$135.

Regular Membership Renewal with 15 hours of volunteer work is \$72.50.

Senior Membership Renewal is \$72.50 (must be a member in good standing for 5 years to get the senior rate and must be 65 years of age or older.)

Senior Membership Renewal with 15 work is \$35.00.

If you are paying late and don't send your renewal then your renewal will

Thank you, Membership Chair



hours of volunteer

in the late fee with be sent back to you.

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

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2nd Vice – Penny Batten 896-4291

Secretary – Holly Richardson 989-277-8182

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

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

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Jr Archery

TBD

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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

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Mark Richardson 202-6000

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Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Hello JUNE

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	3	4
5 Trap 1pm	6	7 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm	8	9 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	10	11 Cowboy Action 8am
12 Trap 1pm	13 Monthly Meeting 7pm	14 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm LLL 6pm	15	16 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	17	18
19 Trap 1pm	20	21 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm	22	23 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	24	25 Cowboy Action 8am
26 Trap 1pm	27 Board Meeting 7pm	28 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm LLL 6pm	29	30 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm		

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