

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Hello Everyone!

The weather is warming up and it won't be long before the range is packed with people!

There will be a range work party on Sat April 15th starting at 9am. If you want hours come on out and help!

The rifle range and the east 25 yard pistol range will be closed from 9am – 1pm.

If you want hours come on out and help! We will be building backstops and doing other maintenance. Bring any cordless tools you have.

Unfortunately I didn't get the combo change in the newsletter. It will be changed on Monday April 10th after the General Membership meeting. The new combo will be #####.

We could still use some volunteers to help with the Junior .22 rifle program and Junior Trap. We will train you, it won't cost you anything but your time so please help get the next generation of shooters started out right.

We are also in need of a mason for a small project of setting a door in the vault.

I would like to thank everyone that came out to our Camp Dinner. It was nice to be able to have it this year after the break from Covid! Cathy Finn did an outstanding job putting it together!! Thank you Cathy!

**Thank you,
Mark**

- 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? I can always use help on building, range, and grounds maintenance projects. If you are interested, please text or call me at 202-6000 or send an email to me at qtmars@yahoo.com Thanks! Mark Richardson

HELP WANTED

We need more DNR Hunter Safety Instructors!

There is a significant need for more DNR Hunter Safety classes. Unless you are old, you must have a hunter safety certificate to buy your first hunting license. When we open registration for a class, it typically fills within a day or two. New hunters badly need more field days. The classes are typically half filled with kids working on earning their right to hunt. COSC has a great classroom, but we are very short on instructors.

These classes are all taught by DNR certified instructors. You do not need a lecture to help out. The pay is awful, but you do get a fancy hat and orange vest.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a DNR hunter safety instructor, please call 616-485-3979 or email dalekhowe@dkhowe.com Dale Howe.

WEEZERS & GEEZERS

What is Weezers and Geezers you ask? It's a group of mostly members that sit around, drink coffee, and occasionally even shoot something other than the bull!

Social hour starts at 730am for coffee and food served at 830am.

Breakfast is cooks choice and can range from sausage gravy and biscuits to omelets or blueberry pancakes and waffles. Breakfast is \$6 and the public is welcome, so bring your friends out to eat then do a little shooting on the range after.

If you can cook and would be interested in working in the kitchen sometime get a hold of me. Hope to see you there and no need to be a weezer to come.

Mark Richardson 517-202-6000/qtmars@yahoo.com

COUNTERING THE MASS SHOOTER CLASS

The club is offering a one -day course in countering the mass shooter threat. CTMS is a USCCA 6 hour course. This is not a firearms course, rather it is a course exploring your options in responding to an event. There is no shooting portion of this training, it is all classroom work. There are more complex options a business or organization might take to make their people safer. There are also some very simple options you have to make yourself less vulnerable. We will discuss some very basic supplies you may wish to have available. The date is April 8th from 9am-330pm. The cost is \$75 for club members and \$100 for non-members. While the course is open to anyone, the material is probably not appropriate for children. If you are interested, please contact Dale Howe at dalekhowe@dkhowe.com or call 616-485-3979.

CAMP DINNER RECAP

We were finally able to hold our “Camp Dinner” fundraising event this year after cancelling in 2020 and following years due to Covid-19.

I want to thank everyone that attended! A good meal, good appetizers, and a general good time was had by all.

This event takes a commitment of several volunteers and I would like to thank all of you who volunteered your time, your wild game, your wonderful desserts, and your willingness to make this gathering a success!

Dan Reid excelled as “Master of Ceremonies” again this year while his wife Kathy took care of the 50/50 raffles. Kirk Ginther and his son Kenny sold \$1 and \$5 raffle tickets. Mark and Holly Richardson, Jeanne and Judy Royale, and Steve Dunn sold raffles for three firearms. Sharon Whaley and Jane Kandler took care of the admission desk. Cooks Kathy and Bill Graham along with Gary Kandler, Ron Crowe and Jim Southworth took care of preparing the meal while Mike Morey and Clint Wells kept the dishes and kitchen clean. A crew of ten people helped by serving the dinner to attendees as they passed down the line.

Kirk Ginther, Holly Richardson and Dave Walter sought donations from business owners in Lansing and surrounding towns of the Lansing area. Dave Walter borrowed a popcorn machine to add to our appetizers from Merindorfs. Dave donated smoker chips from his business for the raffles and seven rabbits that he caught to give to the cooks, while his wife Jody prepared several desserts. Mike Birsen and Tom Kreh donated venison and Kim Birsen donated several shooting-themed cookies. Other fabulous bakers included Karen Czelada, Mike Crips, Leanne Scarborough, Jane Kandler and Caroline Starr. Thanks for the wonderful variety of delicious baked goods!

Holly Richardson, Jeanne Royale and Leanne Scarborough donated items from their homes while Gary Kandler donated beautifully crafted wood grain clocks that he created.

A group of people helped to break down tables and chairs Saturday night and Marty Rios returned Sunday morning to vacuum, dust mop and damp mop the floors on both levels.

I cannot say “Thank You” enough to everyone for all of their help and support for this event! I hope to see all of you next year when we hold our 19th Camp Dinner on March 9th 2024!

Cathy Finn

RECOGNITION WHERE RECOGNITION IS DUE

Hello everyone, I want to take a moment to recognize one of the clubs' great people. I am talking about Cathy Finn.

Cathy has been a club member for over 10 years and has been the point of contact for renting the clubhouse for years. Cathy has been the primary contact to organize and orchestrate the camp dinners at the club for several years. We had to suspend the camp dinners during the Covid years because of the government restrictions against having them. With our ability to start again, Cathy organized and worked tirelessly to get cooks, servers, dishwasher, solicitors for raffle items and solicited several businesses herself to get the abundant items that we raffled at our camp dinner this year on March 4th 2023. I thought it only appropriate that we take a moment to recognize a great club member for all the effort put forth to organize and promote the camp dinner. Thank you for all your work Cathy!

Kirk Ginther COSC Board Member

COWBOY ACTION 2023

Once again, it is time to COWBOY UP! 2023 Cowboy Action shooting season will start on April 8. 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. It 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 shot guns. 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 having the proper equipment to start with, some members will be glad to loan you the proper equipment during the shoot. Set up time is from 8am-9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11am and noon.

Shooting dates for 2023 are 4-8 & 4-22, 5-13 & 5-27, 6-10 & 6-24, 7-8 & 7-22, 8-12 & 8-26, 9-9 & 9-23, 10-14 & 10-28.

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

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/8/24

President – Mark Richardson 202-6000

1st Vice – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

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

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

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

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

Club Contact Info

Archery

Members Needed

Jr Archery

Members Needed

Falling Plates

Clint Wells 974-4770

Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker 983-9195

Mike Rhoads 643-5989

Junior Hi-Power

Members Needed

Junior.22 Rifle

Randy Campbell 285-5727

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

Members Needed

Range Maintenance

Mark Richardson 202-6000

Grounds Maintenance

Mike Birsen 231-5491

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

Member Volunteer Work Hours

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)

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Sharon Whaley 896-8253

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Kirk Ginther 881-6022

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6 W&G 730A	7	8 Countering the Mass Shooter Class 9A-330P Cowboy Action 9AM
9	10 Member Meeting 7pm	11	12	13 W&G 730A	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 W&G 730A	21	22 Cowboy Action 9AM
23	24 Board Meeting 7pm	25	26	27 W&G 730A	28	29
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