

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Thank you to all that came out for the range work party! We had a very large turnout and got the range all fixed up and ready for the summer. We added more steel targets on the 25 yard and 200 yard ranges.

A few disturbing things were found. Someone thought it was a good idea to shoot at a VERY large rock down at the 200 yard range, and not just a few times. If you are caught doing unsafe things like this you membership WILL be terminated.

Let's remember to pick up your trash, remove cardboard or any targets that you used, and PICK UP YOUR BRASS!

We are also looking for people to help set up the 3D archery range and do maintenance. If you can help or are interested you can contact Dave Walter at 517-755-8120.

**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

COWBOY ACTION 2023

Once again, it is time to COWBOY UP! 2023 Cowboy Action shooting season started 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 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.

JR .22 RIFLE

My name is Randy Campbell (517-285-5727) and I will be the lead instructor for the junior .22 rifle club/class. I would like to have one trained volunteer for every two shooters. I have one volunteer already but would like two more. Please let me know, as soon as you can, if you are interested in helping. The junior club will be meeting every Monday 6-8 pm. All volunteer safety instructors will receive free training through COSC. As soon as we have our safety instructors and training, we can get started. So please let me know if you are willing to help out our junior shooters.

Junior shooters can be registered by calling me. I will make a list in the order of being called and then accept those we can accommodate by the number of safety instructors.

Thank You.

JUNIOR AND LADIES TRAP

OK 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? Well, we have a solution for you!

Beginning May 2 at 5pm we begin our yearly Jr and 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 will be in the air and yes, some of those clay birds will be dusted. Kids from 4th 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!

NRA RSO AND CRSO CLASSES

The club is planning Range Safety Officer and Chief Range Safety Officer classes for May 13th and 14th. RSOs supervise range activities. There are not firearms instructors, but safety monitors. This is all classroom work. We will spend some time at the ranges, but no shooting is involved. Bring snacks and lunch. We will break for lunch but there are no restaurants close enough to be practical. The NRA RSO course is 8 hours and class will be May 13th from 8am to 4:30pm.

To take the CRSO course you must either take the RSO class on May 13th or already be a current NRA RSO. CRSOs supervise RSOs and can track NRA RSOs. This is all classroom work. We will spend some time at the ranges, but no shooting is involved. Bring snacks and lunch. We will break for lunch but there are no restaurants close enough to be practical. The NRA CRSO course is 8 hours and class will be May 14th from 8am to 4:30pm.

The cost for either course is \$100 for non-members and free to members. If you have any questions please contact Dale Howe at 616-485-3979 or dalekhowe@dkhowe.com.

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES

Happy Spring, the weather is starting to warm up and the days are staying lighter longer. Now is the time to get back out to the range.

We are going to be having an informational meeting for LLL on Tuesday May 9th at 6pm upstairs in the club house. During this meeting we will discuss the schedule for the year and what everyone would like to do.

LLL is open to all ladies 18 years and older and do not need to be a member of COSC. Please share this with all the ladies you know. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Reid at 517-899-8434 or email kathyreid38@gmail.com.

OPEN TRAP

Open trap season will begin the first week of May and continue on through the last week in October. Tuesday evenings are reserved for Ladies and JR trap. Open trap will be on Sundays at 1pm with the exception of Mother's Day May 14th and Thursday mornings at 9am after the Weezer's and Geezer's breakfast, and Thursday evenings at 5pm. The cost for members is \$5 and the cost for non-members is \$6. We hope to see you out at the trap range!

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/8/24

President – Mark Richardson 202-6000

1st Vice – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

2nd Vice – Mike Birsen 231-5491

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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

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Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

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New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Don Uramkin 652-9894

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Kirk Ginther 881-6022

May 2023

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | 1 | 2 Jr/Ladies Trap 5pm | 3 | 4 W&G 730A Trap 5pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Clubhouse Rental Open Trap 1pm | 8 Member Meeting 7pm | 9 Jr/Ladies Trap 5pm LLL Meeting 6pm | 10 | 11 W&G 730A Trap 5pm | 12 | 13 RSO Class 8-430 Cowboy Action 8am |
| 14 CRSO class 8-430 NO Open Trap Mother's Day | 15 JR .22 5pm- 7pm | 16 Jr/Ladies Trap 5pm | 17 | 18 W&G 730A Trap 5pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Open Trap 1pm | 22 Board Meeting 7pm JR .22 5pm- 7pm | 23 Jr/Ladies Trap 5pm | 24 | 25 W&G 730A Trap 5pm | 26 | 27 Cowboy Action 8am Clubhouse Rental |
| 28 Open Trap 1pm | 29 JR .22 5pm- 7pm | 30 Jr/Ladies Trap 5pm | 31 | | | |
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