

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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- 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

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

2023 Cowboy Action shooting season started 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 shotguns. 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 remaining for 2023 are 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.

OPEN TRAP

Open trap season began the first week of May and continues through the last week in October. Tuesday evenings are reserved for Ladies and JR trap. Open trap will be on Sundays at 1pm 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!

JR .22 RIFLE

The Junior .22 rifle club has started for the 2023 summer. Juniors 10-17 years are welcome to come Monday's from 5-7pm. Rifles, ammo, and targets are provided to you by the COSC. Thank you COSC. Call 517-285-5727 or email me at emailrlc@yahoo.com with any questions.

You will learn and focus on the following:

1. The safe and responsible handling of rifles.
2. How to safely shoot and use a rifle.
3. Shooting positions in target shooting.
4. Shooting at targets, dueling trees, the NRA Marksman Program.

Randy Campbell

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!

Our yearly Jr and Ladies Trap Program has begun. 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!

UPGRADE

There has been a kitchen upgrade! Thank you to Mike Biersen, Dave Walter, and Mark Richardson who spearheaded this project. They had additional help from Mike Carter, Marty Rios, and Wayne Walter. They tore out all the old stuff and placed in new walls, ceiling, shelves, worktables, and a large new refrigerator with stand-alone freezer. The gas stove remained in place. This was a big project and a BIG thank you goes out to the gentleman who put in all the work!

Cathy Finn

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES

LLL will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month shooting from 530-730pm.

LLL is open to all women 18 years and older whether you are a member of COSC or not. If you have any friends who would like to come, bring them along. We are going to keep the cost at \$5 this year. We have 22 caliber pistols for shooting, if you have other calibers and would like to bring them we have ammo for 22s, 9mm, and 38spl. If you have other calibers and would like to shoot them, please bring your own ammo.

The remaining 2023 schedule is as follows and could change:

Aug 7 – Falling plates/Bowling pins

Aug 15 – AR night

Aug 21 – Pistols

Aug 29 – Falling plates

Sept 4 – Holiday. Enjoy time with family and friends.

Sept 12 – Cowboy Action

Sept 18 – TBD

Sept 26 – Season Get Together (TBD)

Looking forward to seeing you all this year!

Kathy Reid at 517-899-8434 or email kathyreid38@gmail.com.

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

Secretary – Holly Richardson 989-277-8182

Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

Board Members

Past President Dan Reid

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 (1/12/26) 282-5097

Cathy Finn (1/12/26) 974-6178

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

Club Contact Info

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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

Duane Whaley 983-2637

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)

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

coscmembership@gmail.com

New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Don Uramkin 652-9894

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

August 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Jr/Ladies Trap 5pm	2	3 W&G 730A Trap 9am Trap 5pm	4	5
6 Open Trap 1pm	7 JR .22 5pm- 7pm LLL 530pm- 730pm	8 Jr/Ladies Trap 5pm	9	10 W&G 730A Trap 9am Trap 5pm	11	12 Cowboy Action 8am
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