

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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See newsletter!

- 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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Hello COSC members,

So, it's been a while since I put something in the newsletter, so I have a lot of information to share this month.

Most of the storm damage has been cleaned up thanks to Daniel Warren and Dave Walter. 6 large cottonwood trees were across the range from 125 yards to 200 yards.

Reminder, there is **NO** deer hunting on the club property! You may still small game hunt but only on the west side of the creek (3D archery range area) **ONLY!** For your safety no hunting behind any of the gun ranges.

The missing falling plates have been replaced thanks to Mike Carter and Dale Howe.

Reminder that **NO RIFLES** or rifle caliber ammo on the steel targets at the east pistol range, most of the targets are mild steel intended for handguns. I would like to say thanks to the as\$@#^* that mag dumped a 5.56 and damaged the large rectangle target and a couple of the falling plates, then did not bother to pick up the brass even! Nice job!!

The steel targets on the 200-yard range are AR500 and designed to take the abuse. There is a steel ammo can in the range shed that contains repair parts and some tools for the steel targets, so if you see one in need of some parts, grab the can and fix it up!

Jerry Shihady and Gary Kandler spent a good deal of time rebuilding the roof on the trap house that was rotten, and then some as\$@#^* shoots the side of the new roof with what looks like a handgun round. Why on earth would someone be on the shotgun range with something other than a shotgun??

Be mindful that if you shoot above the berm by accident on the rifle and pistol range, Vermontville Hwy is only a half mile away and a bullet can easily travel that far and strike something.

It's time to renew your membership. Please don't wait until the last minute to get it in.

Also, if you're looking for hours, I have a couple of projects that I would like to get done. Looking for someone to do some power washing at the club and someone to paint the basement walls.

Elections are just a few months away, there will be two board of directors' seats available, as well as President, Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, and Treasurer. If you're thinking about running for office, come out to the meetings and see what is going on. It's easier to get elected if people know you and what you're about!

Also, Sight In Days are coming up at the end of the month and first part of November. This is another way to get some hours. Limited amount of sit around, drink coffee, and do-nothing hours are available, so show up early to make sure and get the easy work. Contact person for this is John Gamble.

Let's all play nice and follow the rules can we? We play with dangerous toys here and I should not have to remind people to be SAFE!

IF you see someone being unsafe or destroying something, take photos or videos of the act and contact me or any other board member to report it.

Mark Richardson

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 ground 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 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

I wish to thank everyone for their participation in the Junior .22 Rimfire Club this summer. Every club member was instructed on how to safely handle and shoot many different .22 rifles. The NRA marksman program was a success, allowing our juniors the opportunity to earn patches and certificates. I look forward to seeing this summertime program continue into the 2024 summer.

To the RSOs who volunteered their time every Monday, I wish to say "Thank You." We could not have this club without the help of our safety staff. It has been an honor working with this great group and hope to see you back next summer.

The Junior .22 Rimfire Club is for boys and girls, ages 10-17 years of age, who would like to come out to COSC for recreational shooting of .22 rifles. We instruct them in the safe handling and shooting of rifles. All rifles, ammo, targets, and rewards are supplied by the COSC. Look for the springtime post for when we will start up for the next summer.
Randy Campbell

JUNIOR AND LADIES TRAP

We had another great season shooting trap. We had 39 different shooters throughout the season. We had 13 beginner shooters in grades 4-6, 6 intermediate shooters in grades 7-9, 7 senior shooters in grades 10-12 and 13 lady shooters of all ages.

Our shooters shot a total of 215 rounds of trap equaling 5,375 shots fired at clay targets. Between 12-gauge and 20-gauge shells we used 22 cases of ammunition. Total clay targets hit was 1978. Considering all the new shooters to the program they did very well.

We gave out a record number of awards this year. We had 8 Pro-Marksman awards, 5 Marksman awards, and 2 1st Class awards. A majority of the Pro-Marksman awards and Marksman awards were new shooters this year. I want to especially give thanks to all parents and grandparents that made an effort each week to bring these shooters to trap.

I also want to thank all the coaches, Keith Wright, Jerry Shihady, Duane Whaley, and Dan Reid, who gave their time to teach all our shooters. I want to thank Ron Crowe who released the clay targets when the shooter called PULL.

As we look towards a new season in 2024, we ask our members to get involved in this program. We can use more help in teaching the young shooters. Give me a call if interested.
Gary Kandler 517-646-7973

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to Mike Carter for fixing and/or replacing the falling plates on the range. This was a big job and many thanks go out to Mike!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Well members, 2023 is coming to a close and starting this month, September 1 through December 31 2023 it's time to submit the membership renewal applications for 2024.

Please take the time now and complete your renewal/application. You can find the application on our website at <https://chiefokemos.org/membership-in-cosc>.

Please know that if you send in an incomplete membership application and dues, we will send it back requesting that you fill it out completely.

If you have any questions, email us at coscmembership@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you, COSC Membership Committee

HUNTING ON CLUB PROPERTY

Due to recent issues during the last deer hunting season with members and other violating state regulations on club property or next to it, the COSC Board has made the decision that NO hunting will be allowed on club premises for the 2023 season. This will be revisited at a later date if we can keep the club from being on the radar of the DNR and local police/sheriff's office. As with any topic regarding club activities, members are welcome to attend general membership meetings and share their views.

SIGHT IN DAYS

Sight in days this year will be held on November 4th and 5th, and the next weekend, November 11th and 12th. They will start at 9am and finish at 3pm. All participants will need to provide their own ammunition. COSC will provide targets and personnel to assist with this endeavor. The charge is \$3 per firearm.

VILLAGE CRAFTERS

The Village Crafters will be at COSC again this year for the Dimondale Annual Holiday Craft Show. This event will be held on Friday and Saturday November 17th and 18th. We hope to see you there!

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

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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

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

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Kirk Ginther 881-6022

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New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Don Uramkin 652-9894

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

October 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Member Meeting 7pm	10	11	12	13	14 Cowboy Action
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Board Meeting 7pm	24	25	26	27	28 Cowboy Action
29	30	31				

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