

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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**December 2023**



**Another year is coming to an end, and I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving.**

**Just a reminder that elections are coming up at the January General Membership meeting. Come out to vote or run for office, we have 3 board positions open as well as President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Secretary positions.**

**Do you have ideas for something new around the range? New targets or programs you would like to see implemented?**

**We need people to take over the trap program and archery. It does not have to be one person doing everything, just someone to try and get others involved.**

**We have a large membership base; it shouldn't be hard to find a few people to help out.**

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is the club Christmas party. Bring your family and a dish to pass. Meat is provided by the club and Santa will be making an appearance as well.**

**Hope you all have a safe and happy Holiday Season!**

**Mark Richardson  
COSC President**

- 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 the 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](mailto:qtmars@yahoo.com)

## **COSC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

Social hour is at 4:00pm and dinner at 5:00pm. The club will provide spiral sliced ham, coffee, hot chocolate, paper plates, and silverware. Please bring a dish to pass. If you wish, you may bring a beverage of your choice. Also bring the kids and/or grandkids because Santa will be coming. So, mark your calendars and plan on having a great time. If you have questions, please call Jane Kandler at 517-646-7973 or Sharon Whaley at 517-896-8253.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Well members, 2023 is coming to a close and as of September 1st through December 31st 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](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you, COSC Membership Committee

## **HUNTING ON CLUB PROPERTY**

Due to 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.

## **RENTALS**

Starting in January the price for clubhouse rentals by members only will increase. The charge for a single day rental will be \$175 with an additional deposit fee of \$50. The weekend rental charge will be \$350 with an additional deposit fee of \$50.

## **CRAFT SHOW**

The annual Dimondale Craft Show that was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! COSC had 30 plus crafters set up in our facility for this event. The customers were very pleased to see the Village Crafters return this year with their unique and special high-quality items. Thanks to the members who participated or came out to do some Christmas shopping.

**Executive Officers** \*all terms end 1/8/24

President – Mark Richardson 202-6000

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Communications/Social Media**

Newsletter – Ashley Wonnacott ([ashleymarie.wonnacott@gmail.com](mailto:ashleymarie.wonnacott@gmail.com))

Website – Sandy Enness ([sandraenness@gmail.com](mailto:sandraenness@gmail.com))

Facebook – Aaron Lopez ([lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com](mailto:lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com))

**Lost and Found**

cosclostandfound@gmail.com

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

### **Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)**

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

[coscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com)

### **New Member Orientation**

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Don Uramkin 652-9894

### **NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting**

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

# December 2023

| Sun. | Mon.  | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat.                             |
|------|---|------|------|------|------|----------------------------------|
|      |   |      |      |      | 1    | 2<br>Clubhouse Rental            |
| 3    | 4   | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9<br>Club Christmas Party<br>4pm |
|      | 11<br>Monthly<br>Meeting 7pm<br>Board<br>Meeting  | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16                               |
| 17   | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23                               |
| 24   | 25<br> | 26   | 27   | 28   | 29   | 30                               |

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