

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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**Happy New Year!
I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season!**

Our 2024 general elections are being held at the General Membership meeting on Monday, January 8th at 7pm. Please come on out and run for office and/or just to vote.

The Christmas party was a big success with over 60 people attending, up from 40 the year before. Santa even showed up to see the kids young and old.

Big thanks to the Whaleys and the Kandlers for all the work you put into this event and Dan Reid for helping to get Santa to our event.

Recently, the Board voted to combine both the General and Board meetings on the same night, with a 10-minute break in between. We are doing this effective immediately.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President for 2023 and I look forward to seeing everyone at the January membership meeting.

Mark Richardson

- 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 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

RENTALS

Starting this month, 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.

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, 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

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.

GUN USE REQUEST

I need to use a 375 H&H rifle for approximately 2 hours. The lender will be compensated for this usage. I need to do some velocity testing with a 375 H&H rifle with a 24-25 inch barrel. Owner can do all the shooting if desired, I do not need to touch the rifle. This is for an article for a major shooting magazine. Complete confidentiality!

Please call Steve Howard 517-374-9000.

GUN SHOW & BAKE SALE

Cookies, Brownies, Cakes, Breads, Goodies!

Our upcoming gun show is on January 7th, 2024. The Jr & Ladies trap program and members of our club have baked all the above goodies for this event and proceeds go to help the Jr & Ladies Trap program so parents, shooters, and members please help support this program.

I will be out at the club on Saturday the 6th from 230 to 330pm if you would like to drop off your baked goods early or bring them on Sunday morning at 800 am before the gun show. Please package your goodies in sealed sandwich baggies placing 2-3 items in each bag. I will price them according to size. If you leave a cake pan, please mark your name on the pan so you can pick it up later.

Thank you, Gary Kandler 517-646-7973

2024 CAMP DINNER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 9th, 2024. We will start the evening with a social hour at 4pm serving Merindorf meats, cheese, and crackers. (BYOB)

A delicious dinner will follow at 530pm. There will be 50/50 raffles and \$1 and \$5 raffles. We will also be raffling off a 450 Bushmaster, a 350 Legend, and a Henry Golden Boy.

Wild game donations are needed and very much appreciated! You can contact me by phone (517-974-6178) or by email (cathylfinn@comcast.net) to set up a time to drop off your donation or simply bring it to a Monday night meeting (second Monday of each month.) You will receive a ticket to the dinner.

Raffle items: new or gently used items are welcome for the \$1 and \$5 raffles. These do not have to be gun related, all types of donations are welcome. Contact method listed above.

Baked Good donations: We have had some delicious desserts prepared by members of our club over the last few years, so I am asking for your help again this year. These can be brought the day of the dinner.

Volunteers will be needed to serve the dinner. (This gets you in free of charge.)

Ticket price is \$20. You can get tickets from me at the Monday night meetings or at the door. I hope to see you at the dinner!

Cathy Finn

MEMBERSHIP

Hello COSC members! 2023 is behind us and 2024 has begun. If you didn't renew for 2024 this will be your last newsletter. If your late renewal is postmarked by January 15th, 2024, then you won't be charged the \$25 late fee. If your renewal is postmarked after January 15th, then you either need to pay the \$25 late fee or forfeit your years of membership and start over for 2024. For some folks that is not going to be a big deal, however if you are getting senior rates, it means you must return to full price annually for 5 years before getting the senior discount.

Please remember that all new members need to be sponsored by someone who has been a member for more than 1 year with the club. So please take the time now to completely fill out and sign the membership application and send it in with your payment as soon as possible. Please know that if you send us your membership renewal/application and dues without a completed application, we can't send your stickers until the application is completed fully. If you have any questions email us at coscmembership@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer them.

Let's make 2024 a great year at Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club!

WINTER FIREARMS SHOW

JANUARY 7, 2024 9AM-3PM

CHIEF OKEMOS SPORTSMANS CLUB

4667 GUNNELL RD

DIMONDALE, MI

517-646-0681

Items to be on sale:

Cap & Ball, Flintlock Rifles and Pistols, Black Powder
Shotguns, Modern Rifles, Pistols, and Shotguns,
Buckskins, Moccasins and Knives, Handcrafted Jewelry,
Accessories for Old & New Firearms

Admission: \$4.00 per person

WINTER GUN SHOW

TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST

Make checks payable to: Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club
Mail to: John Gambill 5350 N Canal Rd Dimondale, MI 48821

Please reserve ____ table(s) for Sunday, January 7th, 2024.

Table fee: \$15.00 per 6' table. Payment must accompany your reservation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

By accepting the display area assigned to me by Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, I agree to abide by all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations governing firearms and related activities. I further agree to release Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, its officers, and members from all liability due to theft, damage, or injury to myself, my guests, or my property.

NOTE: Tables are not transferable. Tables not occupied by 900 am revert back to the club. The club will be open for set up at 630 am and open to the public from 900 am-300 pm.

Signature: _____

For more information contact John Gambill at 517-646-0681.

THIS REQUEST IS VOID WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE.

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

Communications/Social Media

Newsletter – Ashley Wonnacott (ashleymarie.wonnacott@gmail.com)

Website – Sandy Enness (sandraenness@gmail.com)

Facebook – Aaron Lopez (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

New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Don Uramkin 652-9894

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

January 2023

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

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