

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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We begin again...

First, I would like to thank all those who turned out for club election night. That was one of the best attended meetings in months.

Richard Garza has been a very active worker at the club and is now the new 1st VP. Kirk Ginther moved from a board position to 2nd VP. Not surprisingly, Jane Kandler ran unopposed for Treasurer and Holly Richardson ran unopposed for Secretary. Ken Ecker is back. He was on break and got voted back onto the board when he was not paying attention. Gary Radtke and Joshua Ramey were voted in as new board members.

A reminder: We have a very nice covered 7-yard pistol range. The other ranges are free to members and their guests. The 7-yard range has a minimal \$2/person fee to help cover electricity and maintenance of the moving targets. Jerry Shihady reported that we took in \$32 total for November and December. It seems unlikely that we only had 16 people using that range over two months. While there are several possible solutions, the simple one would be for everyone to be more conscientious about paying when they use that range. We have had to close the 3D archery trail due to lack of interest; it would be a shame to lose the 7-yard range.

The board is looking for an alternate accounting firm to back up Jane Kandler. If you know of one you would recommend, please let me know.

One of the first issues addressed at the first board meeting was the cost of the paper newsletter. With few members still receiving it on paper, we are paying close to \$20 a year for each member still receiving paper. With annual dues at \$35-\$135, that is a lot to spend on printing and mailing. It is likely a good share of those receiving paper copies don't actually want them, their preference just kind of never got updated. The board voted to discontinue mailing paper newsletters starting with the July issue. This will allow us to publish the newsletter a bit closer to the first of the new month, making the information more current, and save the club close to \$2500 a year in printing and distribution costs. If this is a significant problem for you, please email me at dalekhowe@dkowe.com.

**Dale K Howe
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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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

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 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

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.

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/8/24

President – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

1st Vice – Richard Garza 230-3552

2nd Vice – Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Secretary – Holly Richardson 989-277-8181

Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

Board Members

Past President - Mark Richardson

Duane Whaley (1/13/25) 983-2637

Kay Lockwood (1/13/25) 332-2869

Jerry Shihady (1/12/26) 282-5097

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

Ken Ecker (1/11/27) 983-9195

Josh Ramy (1/11/27) 819-9644

Gary Radtke (1/11/27) 646-7973

Communications/Social Media

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

Website – Nikki Goodrich (nlgoodrich@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

Mike Cripps crippsmc@gmail.com

Black Powder

Members Needed

Club Maintenance

Mark Richardson 202-6000

Mike Birsen 231-5491

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

COSC/NRA Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker 983-9195

Mike Rhoads 643-5989

Falling Plates

Clint Wells 974-4770

Junior .22 Rifle

Randy Campbell 285-5727

Ladies Ladies Ladies

Kathy Reid 899-8434

Membership 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

Trap – Juniors & Ladies

Gary Kandler 646-7973

Trap – Thursday PM

Members Needed

Trap - Sunday

Members Needed

February 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 W&G 730AM	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 W&G 730AM	9	10
11	12 Monthly Meetings 7PM	13	14	15 W&G 730AM	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 W&G 730am	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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