

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Greetings!

So far, we have had a great winter for using the range, very little snow and moderate temperatures. Take advantage of the opportunity while it lasts.

One new issue that has come up is the lost and found. In theory anyone that loses something at the range can email cosclostandfound@gmail.com to see if the item was turned in. Seems like a great idea. However, it doesn't seem anyone was watching that email address. Kirk Ginther sorted that out. We have had some items in the lost and found box in the office for years – like a chronograph with a bullet hole in it. Does anyone know who that belongs to? If you lose something at the range, email lost and found and we may be able to help. Lost at the club. One hearing aid. If found, please email cosclostandfound@gmail.com or me.

A few years ago, we lost a Colt 45 Gold Cup. No one seemed to know when it disappeared. That is bad. The club and its members are responsible for what happens with the guns we own. It was reported lost/stolen to MSP. During the most recent inventory it reappeared. That is bad. How it got out of the armory without anyone knowing how that happened is a problem, but so is getting it back to the armory without anyone knowing how that happened.

One of the first issues addressed at the first board meeting was the cost of the paper newsletter. 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 also save the club close to \$2,500 a year in printing and distribution costs.

If this is a significant problem for you, please email me at dalekhowe@dkhowe.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 Breneman Pottersville, 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!

Every Thursday, social hour starts at 730am for coffee and food is 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

NRA CLASSES

The club will be running NRA Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, Basic Pistol Instructor, Basic Rifle Instructor classes in March and April. The intent is to make this series of classes available to members of local gun clubs. The two basic classes are open to anyone, the instructor classes are intended for members of local clubs. Anyone interested in any of these should contact Dale Howe at Dalehowe@dkhowe.com.

COWBOY ACTION

Once again, it's time to COWBOY UP! 2024 Cowboy Action shooting season will start on April 13. Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, April through October. Cowboy Action shooting is open to the public as well as club members though 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 rimfire 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.

The setup time is from 8am-9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11am and noon. Shooting dates for 2024 are 4/13 and 4/27, 5/11 and 5/25, 6/8 and 6/22, 7/13 and 7/27, 8/10 and 8/24, 9/14 and 9/28, 10/12 and 10/26.

If you have any questions, please call or text Ken Ecker 517-983-9195 or Mike Rhoads 517-643-5989.

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/8/24

President – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

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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) 281-7704

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Lost and Found

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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

Club Maintenance

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Mike Birsen 231-5491

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

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Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker 983-9195

Mike Rhoads 643-5989

Falling Plates

Clint Wells 974-4770

Junior .22 Rifle

Randy Campbell 285-5727

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Mark Richardson 202-6000

John Gambill 646-0681

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

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4667 N. Gunnell Rd. Dimondale, MI 48821

19th Annual Camp Dinner

Open to the public

Saturday March 9, 2024

Social Hour at 4pm (BYOB)

Followed by Dinner at 5:30

Door Prizes • Raffles

March 2024

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 W&G 730am | 8 | 9 Camp Dinner 4pm |
| 10 | 11 Meetings 7pm | 12 | 13 | 14 W&G 730am | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 W&G 730am | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 W&G 730am | 29 | 30 |
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