

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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**Falling plates – We have two sets of falling steel plates on the East 25-yard range. They are worn out. To be safe, they need to be flat, smooth, and angled forward. Ours are dish shape and pitted. The easy solution is just to remove them. The club is owned by members and that means all members are responsible for the liability presented by leaving steel up that is no longer safe to use. Replacing them has been discussed for a couple years. However, no one has stepped forward to work on that. Removing them will be on the next board agenda. I would much prefer to be discussing replacing them, but that depends on someone coming up with a plan.**

**We had a guy wearing a Sheriff's Dept tac vest on the East 25-yard range, standing on lane four, back about 10 yards, shooting diagonally off to his left at the plates on lane one. I am not sure how to explain why that would be bad. I don't mean it is bad to do this in uniform, I mean shooting.....**

**We also have had requests by members who wish to use their own steel targets. If you have thoughts on rules that might make these workable, please let me know.**

**Mark Richardson, the guy who supervises most of the range repairs, sent me pictures of paper targets fastened to the top of the target frames. That destroys the frame and costs work and club funds to repair. He also sent me pictures of rocks someone set on top of the wood target frame. Possibly, surely, no club member would be using rocks as targets??**

**We have a great place to shoot. Mark is always looking for help with range maintenance. It can pretty much be on your own schedule.**

**We are still looking for a contractor to replace the back deck on the main building. The rails and stairs are in rough shape.**

**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 \$2,500 a year in printing and distribution costs. If this is a significant problem for you, please email me at [DaleKHowe@dkhowe.com](mailto: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.

[www.chiefokemos.org](http://www.chiefokemos.org)



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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!

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](mailto:qtmars@yahoo.com)

### **COWBOY ACTION**

Once again, it's time to COWBOY UP! 2024 Cowboy Action shooting season started 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. Remaining shooting dates for 2024 are 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.

### **JUNIOR .22 RIFLE CLUB**

It's time for another exciting junior .22 rifle club for the 2024 summer. We will be meeting every Monday from 5-7pm starting on May 6.

May participants earned NRA patches and awards last summer. Each student will be instructed on the safe handling and shooting of rifles on the COSC range.

The junior rifle club is for all 10-17 years of age. You do not have to be a member of COSC. All rifles, ammunition, targets, and safety equipment will be provided free of charge. Call me with any questions you may have.

If you would be interested in helping with the junior .22 rifle club this summer, please give me a call. All volunteers will need to be Range Safety Officer (RSO) trained. Training will be on May 4 2024. This is an all-day training. You will need to register but call me first for more information. Thank you.

NRA class registration website:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=821668>

Randy Campbell 517-285-5727

### **JR & LADIES TRAP PROGRAM**

OK boys, girls, and all ladies: Are you tired of sitting at home doing schoolwork on your computer or working from home and missing your friends and workplace coworkers? Well, we have a solution for you!

Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm we begin our yearly Jr and Ladies trap program. We have shotguns, ammunition, and clay targets to entertain you with, at no cost to you. The smell of gun powder will be in the air, and yes, some of those clay birds will be dusted.

Kids from 4-12 grade are welcome as well as Moms and ladies of all ages. Bring your friends and start enjoying being outside and having fun again.

P.S Dads bring the family along to watch the excitement!

### **RANSOM REST**

The club owns a ransom rest. This is basically a fancy bench vise used to hold a pistol steady while adjusting sights. Fairly expensive and very specialized. Very few members even knew we had one. We don't use it and the board has decided to offer it for sale. Package deal, all the parts we have. Probably will sell for around \$400. If you have any questions, please contact me at [DaleKHowe@dkhowe.com](mailto:DaleKHowe@dkhowe.com).

**Executive Officers** \*all terms end 1/13/25

President – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Richard Garza 230-3552

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Secretary – Holly Richardson 989-277-8181

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**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

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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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### **Black Powder**

*Members Needed*

### **Club Maintenance**

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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

### **Key Masters**

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)**

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### **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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