

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

A Note from the President: Dan Reid



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Hello again!

What a wild year this has been so far. Our membership continues to grow. We are very near the 600-member cap we currently have. If you know someone that wants to join and feel they would be a good fit for the club and vice versa, sponsor them and get them signed up.

We have a lot of people out shooting, I can tell from all the brass left behind. Please pick up your brass, about as much as you shot would do fine.

Continue to follow all the Covid-19 precautions as we are not out of this yet.

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies and the JR and ladies trap are up and running.

We still need someone to take charge of the open trap for Thursdays and Sundays. You can easily get your hours in for the year and work with a bunch of great people.

COSC basic pistol and CPL classes are starting up in August. Watch the Facebook page and website for flyers as the dates are being finalized. Class size will be kept to about 10 and will fill up very quickly.

Dan Reid
COSC President



Remember to wash your hands.

- 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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UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

1 – 7 yd range orientation 9AM
10 – Club Meeting 7PM
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Open Trap 12PM
6, 13, 20, 27 - Open Trap 5PM
8, 22 – Cowboy Action 8AM

TRAP PROGRAM

I am still looking for someone to take over the trap program. Please call Duane at 646-1611 if you are interested.

NRA MEMBERSHIP INFO

When joining or renewing your NRA membership you can do so through COSC and here's how:

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 (new rates as of 3/1/2019: 1 Yr - \$35; 3 Yr - \$85; 5 Yr - \$125,) mailed to: Kirk Ginther 737 Brenneman Pottersville, MI 48876.)

A receipt for dues will be mailed to you. **Have your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone renew or join through COSC and the club will get \$5 or \$10 commission.**



NRA NEWS

Hello from your Chief Okemos NRA Recruiter!

I wanted to share a promotion currently being offered by the NRA. Prices are good for a limited time and I will only know that they end when I get an email from the NRA.

If you renew annually like I do, to give the club a \$6 bonus for Jr Trap, now is the time. 1-year membership prices are \$30 (discounted \$5 from the current club member price but \$15 off the \$45 normal NRA yearly membership.

3 year memberships are not discounted beyond what they already are for club members at \$85 but if you want to buy a 5 year membership or renewal, the prices is discounted to \$100 (\$25 savings off our normal price of \$125 for club members.) Mail me your information as usual or call me if you want to renew and pay by credit card. If you do call me, leave a voice message with your name and phone number along with the best time to call you back. I don't call phone numbers back if no message is left because of too many spammers. My contact information is in the newsletter every month or can be found on the COSC website too.

Thank you,

Kirk Ginther – COSC NRA
Recruiter

7 YAD RANGE

ORIENTATION

Any member who would like the orientation for the 7 yard range, we schedule the classes on the first Saturday of each month at 9AM. Just show up and I will start the class at 9AM promptly. **Remember your badge.** See you there.

Duane

COWBOY ACTION

I would like to invite members and guests to join our scheduled cowboy shoots. Please come and join us to find out more. August 8th and 22nd at 8AM. Evil Duane

TRAP SHOOTING

Trap is scheduled for Sundays at 12PM and Thursdays at 5PM. We also shoot trap at Wheezers and Geezers at 9AM. Cost is \$5.00 for COSC members and \$6.00 for non-members.

BI-LAWS CHANGE

As of January 1st, 2020, per the bi-laws change, there is a \$25 late fee on **ANY** renewals after March 1st, 2020. If you do not pay it, your money will be sent back to you and you will have to re-join after September. All membership dues are due by December 31st of every year, with a completed application. Thank you, Membership Chair

ARCHERY

I'm pleased to report that the high tower at targets 10 and 11 is back open. Carpenter ants damaged 3 of the legs of the lower platform of the high tower. This was closed down a year ago and it took some time to figure out how to repair it.

I'm using the blue mower to mow the 3D range this summer but it is too large to fit down all of the shooting lanes. In the weeks to come herbicide will need to be applied around the base of the bow racks because of nettles and giant rag weed growing throughout the course.

The 3D range has dried up and the mud is gone for now but there are plenty of mosquitoes on both archery ranges in early morning and early evenings. At midday on the 3D range be prepared for house flies, deer flies, and horse flies. Nothing messes with your aim like a horse fly does.

A note to crossbow shooters: I'm still waiting on a NO SPEED LIMIT backstop for the 50 yard target. All type of archery deer can be used with this backstop. Please use field points only, no broad heads.

Steve McGarry

CAMP DINNER UPDATE

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic we will not be able to hold the Camp Dinner at any time during the year of 2020. We are hoping to be able to schedule this event for the year 2021. We will wait and see how this virus plays out. The individuals who have purchased tickets for the dinner can be reimbursed or they may hold onto them for the next year. I will not be printing new tickets or flyers as I will just use what I have on hand. If you would like to be reimbursed, please contact me by phone (517-974-6178) or email (cathylfinn@comcast.net.) I hope you all manage to enjoy your summer and stay healthy.

Sincerely,
Cathy Finn

NEW MEMBERSHIP NOTE

You MUST be a member for at least one (1) year before you can sponsor anyone. If anyone sponsors someone and has not been a member for a year the application will not be accepted. We are almost at our cap of 600 members. There will be no more orientations until after September 1st, 2020. Thank you.
Membership Chair

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES

Happy Summer Ladies!

Our 11th season is going and going strong.

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies is open to all women 18 yrs. and older, (club membership is not required to attend,) so bring your friends and learn and develop your shooting skills.

We are having a nice turn out and having a great time.

The nights for the rest of the year are August 4th which is going to be AR night and August 18th is pistols, September 1st and September 15th and the end of the year dinner on September 29th, starting time is 6:30 PM, please plan on arriving around 6:15 PM to get started on time.

We will have .22 pistols available to shoot or you can bring your own gun. We have a supply of .22 and 9 mil ammo available to shoot with.

We have been awarded a grant from the NRA for our ladies shooting program. I want to thank Dennis Dann for his help and Kirk Ginther for presenting it at the July monthly membership meeting. We will put it to good use.

Cost is \$5.00 per lady.

Any questions please call Kathy Reid at (517) 719-2764 or Sharon Whaley at (517) 646-1611.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

*all terms end 1/11/21

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Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club is hosting
**NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting (BOPS) and
NRA Personal Protection Inside the Home (PPIH) classes.**

This program will include both NRA classes, in full, with *two days of training*. The BOPS class is pre-requisite for PPIH. PPIH exceeds the training requirement to apply for a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL).

The classes will be held at C.O.S.C. 4667 N. Gunnell Rd. Dimondale, MI 48821

What you get are two firearms classes taught by experienced, NRA certified, insured Instructors and Range Safety Officers. This is offered at a package price of \$125 (COSC MEMBERS \$75) There will be two, 8-9 hour days of training, rain or shine. ***Both days will be required*** and run from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. each. Water and coffee will be provided. You will need to bring your own soft drinks, snacks and lunch. There is fast food nearby and a kitchen on site. There are a total 10 seats available for each class. There will be one of each course offered per month. The courses are:

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting introduces new, beginner, and novice students to the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for owning, maintaining, storing and using a pistol safely. Experienced shooters will further develop their skills and diagnose shooting errors. The class will cover: Pistol knowledge and safe gun handling. Ammunition knowledge and the fundamentals of pistol shooting. Scoring targets, selecting and maintaining your pistol, and more.

NRA Personal Protection in the Home Course (Michigan CPL) will further develop the students ability to safely and ethically use a firearm for protection of self and family, and to provide information on the law-abiding citizen's right to self defense. Including: Introduction to defensive shooting. Basic defensive pistol skills. Firearms and the law: Possession, ownership, and the use of deadly force. Strategies for home safety and responding to a violent confrontation. Selecting a pistol for self-defense. Course review and examination.

You may bring your own rim fire or center fire pistol, *NO single action revolvers please*, with 100 rounds of ammunition per day (200 total), using our guns and ammo will incur an additional fee, firearms available are limited.

Each student will get the NRA BOPS and PPIH training materials and completion certificate that you need to deliver with your CPL application to your County Clerk to obtain your Michigan CPL.

Our instructors firmly focus on making safer, better trained, more responsible gun owners and concealed carry licensees. That is why we offer this class package. We will not offer a one day, 8 hour (any less is a felony in Michigan) "hybrid" class that teaches some of each but less than all. We will not put someone who has never shot a gun before on the street with a license to carry after 30 shots and a few hours training.

Contact Dan Reid at (517) 719-0416, cell or text, to reserve your seat in the class. You may also contact me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/daniel.labrat.reid> or email me at reid.danielw@yahoo.com with your questions.

C.O.S.C MEMBERS GET A \$50 DISCOUNT!!!

Course dates are as follows.

August 16 (BOPS) and 23 (PPIH) September 6 (BOPS) and 14 (PPIH) October 18 (BOPS) and 25 (PPIH)

All course dates are subject to change or cancelation based on Government mandates over the Covid virus.
All participants are responsible for maintaining their own social distancing, sanitization, and mask use.

***August is full**



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 7 yd range orientation 9AM
2 Open Trap 12PM	3	4	5	6 Open Trap 5PM	7	8 Cowboy Action 8AM
9 Open Trap 12PM	10 Monthly Meeting 7PM	11	12	13 Open Trap 5PM	14	15
16 Open Trap 12PM NRA BOPS class 9A	17	18	19	20 Open Trap 5PM	21	22 Cowboy Action 8AM
23 Open Trap 12PM NRA PPIH class 9A	24	25	26	27 Open Trap 5PM	28	29
30 Open Trap 12PM	31					*all events subject to change following Covid-19 guidelines*

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