

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

Spring is here and the club is going to get busy. Our outdoor activities are about to begin.

We have trap that is starting in April: Thursdays and Sundays. Look at your newsletter for dates and times along with other activities going on.

April 24th **Lloyd Merchant** is putting on a black powder shoot and I'm sure that he would appreciate some help getting the woods and walk targets set up! If you can help contact Lloyd at 517-927-7264.

Also, Ladies X3 will be having their first meeting April 13th. Calling all ladies for a ladies only night of shooting.

Please be patient with the remodeling going on upstairs and down. **Mark Richardson, Christian Collins, and Bill Ames** are working hard to get it done.

A special thanks going out to **Ken and Bob Ecker** for the great job of spreading the crushed asphalt on the ranges and at the 200 yd parking area.

I would also like to thank **Dale Howe** for taking the time and initiative to get our Junior 22s cleaned, fixed, and inventoried... GREAT JOB DALE!

Please be safe out on the ranges and remember to be courteous to your fellow members.

Remember, kindness goes a long way in the world we live in!

Ralph Batten
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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APRIL DATES TO KNOW

3 – 7 yd range orientation 9A
10, 24 – cowboy action 8A
12 – monthly meeting 7P
13 – LLL meeting 6P
17 – basic shotgun class 8A
24 – black powder shoot 830A
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – W&G 730A
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – adult trap 9A & 5P
4, 11, 18, 25 – adult trap 12P
20, 27 – jr & ladies trap 5P

MEMBERSHIP GUESTS

The Board of Directors voted that only **TWO** (2) guests are allowed per membership instead of six (6.)

7 YARD 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.

Remember your badge. See you there.
Duane

BLACK POWDER SHOOT

Primitive black powder shoot in the woods Saturday, April 24th. Sign up is at 830A, 9A shoot. Targets are metal plates. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. First prize is a \$50 gift certificate. We could use some help setting up the evening of Wednesday April 21st at 6P.

Lloyd Merchant 517-927-7264
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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.

2021 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 on May 4th we begin our yearly Jr & Ladies trap program. We have the 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 6th grade to 12th 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 and watch the excitement!

LADIES LADIES LADIES

Calling all ladies: Happy Spring! The weather is starting to warm back up and the days are staying lighter longer. Now is the time to get back out to the range. We are going to be having an informational meeting for LLL on Tuesday, April 13th at 6P upstairs in the clubhouse. During this meeting we will discuss the schedule for the year and what everyone would like to do. LLL is open to all ladies 18+ and you do not need to be a member of COSC. Please share with all the ladies you know. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Reid at 517-899-8434.

SHOOTING SPORTS

April starts our shooting activities at COSC. Members are invited to join all shooting sports that are offered. We have members that can instruct and help you if you are interested in all shooting sports. We have Range Safety Officers (RSO) and instructors to help you in all disciplines so come out and join the fun. Please check the monthly calendar for dates. Duane Whaley

Duane Whaley 517-983-2637

GATE LOCK

Gate code will be changing on 4/1/2021. Don't forget to use the new code instead of the old code.

As **always**, please do not share the code with non-members, and don't forget to spin the numbers when you lock the gate behind you coming or going.

COWBOY ACTION 2021

2021 Cowboy Action shooting season will start on April 10th. Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month April through October. Cowboy Action is open to the public as well as club members. There is a \$5 charge for each contestant. Cowboy Action 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. Centerfire and rim fire rifles and pistols are acceptable. We will mainly be shooting at steel targets though we may occasionally shoot paper targets. Centerfire and rim fire rifles and pistols are acceptable. If you are short on the proper equipment to start with, some members will be glad to loan you the proper equipment during the shoot.

Setup time is 8A-9A, shooting starts at 9A and is usually finished between 11A and noon.

Shooting dates for 2021 are April 10th and 24th, May 8th and 22nd, June 12th and 26th, July 10th and 24th, August 14th and 28th, September 11th and 25th and October 9th and 23rd.

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

Current BOD approved range rules are included. **PLEASE REVIEW.**

COSC Range Rules

- COSC is a non-profit club. No individual or member may make any kind of profit from use of the club or its ranges in any way.
 - COSC liability insurance only covers Board of Director-approved activities on our property.
 - Any persons bringing the shooting portion of any class to COSC without board approval are subject to termination. The Board of Directors will provide a permission slip signed by the President.
 - Any persons violating these rules will be subject to termination of their membership.
1. No more than **two guests** allowed **per membership**. Members must remain with their guests at all times. Any member with guests must act as the RSO and may allow only **one guest** to shoot at a time.
 2. **Violation** of the rules can be grounds for **expulsion** from the club.
 3. Exemptions to these rules may apply as permitted in club-approved events.
 4. **Hours open for use:** 9:00 am to ½ hour **before sunset**, but not past 9:00 pm.
 5. You must have your **membership card** with you when on club property.
 6. It is advisable to **close and lock the gate** when shooting alone.
 7. **Close and lock the gate** when **entering** and **exiting**. Last person to leave the club must **close and lock the gate**.
 8. **Uncased firearms** must be made safe: magazines removed, actions open with **open bolt (empty chamber) safety indicators inserted in chamber or barrel** of gun. These safety indicators must be **bright orange or bright yellow** and **easily visible** from all points of the firing line.
 9. Eye and ear protection is required with immediate vicinity when range is in use.
 10. **Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction.**
 11. **Always keep finger off trigger until ready to shoot.**
 12. **Always keep guns unloaded until ready to shoot.**
 13. **No alcohol is allowed on the range.** Clean up shooting area before you leave: remove targets pick up brass, etc.
 14. **No smoking** on the fire line or in posted safe areas when black powder is in use.
 15. **All shooting** must be done from in front of the **designated safety line (RED line.)** **No shooting at all** from **behind** the safety line.
 16. **Safety flags** must be posted at the firing line. **Yellow** is to be hung before and whenever people go down range. Firearms are **not to be handled** when the **Yellow** flag is up. The

- Red flag** must be hung **before firearms may be handled** and before shooting commences. Only ONE set of flags to be used at the 50/100/200 yard ranges. No handling or uncasing of firearms at the benches on any ranges if people are downrange of the benches. Even though the **Red** flag is displayed, you must wait until everyone is back at the benches before handling or uncasing firearms.
17. Whenever an **unsafe condition** is observed, it is the obligation of that person to command an immediate **“CEASE FIRE.”** No shooting will commence until after the unsafe condition has been resolved.
18. **All targets must be placed at the bullet impact berms.** Targets and target holders are not to be moved forward.
19. **Only paper targets** may be used **on the target holders.** Targets are to be stapled to the target holder backing boards. Do not staple targets to posts or stringer boards.
20. **Exploding targets** are **not allowed** nor used on club property. No shooting at the ground. No tannerite, bouncers, reactive targets, clay pigeons, cans, tiles, bricks, etc., are to be placed on the ground, or anywhere on the ranges and used as targets.
21. **Metal stationary targets** which are **commercially made for target shooting** may be used **with board approval.**
- Falling plates: Handguns only. Non-magnum rimfire and straight-wall pistol cartridges only. Caliber restrictions are posted at the plate range.**
22. **No climbing** is allowed at the bullet impact berms.
23. **No “skying”** of firearms. This is the practice of holding the muzzle of the gun above the bullet impact berms before lowering it onto the target. An accidental discharge when taking aim in this manner will allow a bullet to leave the range.
24. Keep all **vehicles** out of the down range areas except during range maintenance or changing of targets during club sanctioned events.
25. Use of **shotgun shells** loaded with **buckshot or birdshot** are **not to be used on the pistol and rifle target holders, only on the trap range.**
26. **Live rounds** may be disposed of in the **RED boxes** attached at various locations at the front of the covered firing lines.
27. **No spent cartridge cases** may be dumped **into the blue trash containers** or into the **club dumpster.** Dump **spent cartridge cases** into the **white buckets** or **take them home.**
28. **No .50 cal. BMG** is to be fired **on the range.**

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Class Opportunities

Introductory Level - NRA Basic Pistol

This is a class for people new to handling hand guns. No prior experience is required. You do not need to own a gun to attend. We will spend time talking about what handguns may be better choices for the way you want to shoot. All written materials are provided. The program includes lectures and time shooting at close range. Very limited physical activity. This is an 8-hour class.

CPL - NRA PPITH

This class requires some prior knowledge of handguns. No particular skill level is required, you must already know basic handgun safety and you will do better if you have had some experience shooting. You do not need to own a gun to attend. We will spend time talking about what handguns may be better choices for self-defense or concealed carry. This is one of the courses the State of Michigan will accept as qualified training if you decide to apply for a Concealed Pistol License. The program includes lectures and time shooting at close range. The class is less about shooting and more about the laws and regulations surrounding a handgun in your possession when you are not at home. Very limited physical activity. This is an 8-hour class.

Classes are taught by experienced, certified, and insured instructors. Classes are \$45 per class for club members and \$100 per class for nonmembers. All proceeds go to club programs.

Please contact Dale Howe at (616) 485-3979 or
DaleKHowe@dkhowe.com for details and to enroll.

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*all terms end 1/8/24

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 Easter Adult Trap 12P	5	6	7	8 W&G 730A Adult Trap 9A & 5P	9	10 Cowboy Action 9A (set up 8A)
11 Adult Trap 12P	12 Monthly Meeting 7P	13 LLL Meeting 6P	14	15 W&G 730A Adult Trap 9A & 5P	16	17 Basic Shotgun class (ladies & Jrs) 8A-4P
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