

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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## A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

Lloyd Merchant is looking for people that are interested in helping him with black powder as almost all of the guys that used to do it with him have passed away or moved away. If interested please contact Lloyd at 517-927-7264.

The archery committee is looking for people to man the club gate for the times that archery is open to the public. Contact info is under archery in the newsletter.

Remember to clean up after yourself when using the ranges and remove your targets from the backboards.

Stay safe and be kind to your fellow shooters.

Ralph Batten

- 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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**JUNE** dates to note:

1- LLL - rifles  
5 – 7 yard orientation 9AM  
5 – Club House rental  
3, 1, 17, 24 – Thursday adult trap 9AM & 5PM  
6, 13, 20, 27 – Sunday adult trap 12PM  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – JR/ladies trap 5PM  
12, 26 – Cowboy Action 8A  
3, 10, 17, 24 – W&G 730A  
14 – Monthly meeting 7PM  
28 – Board Meeting 7PM

**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

**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 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.

**2021 TRAP PROGRAM**

The Jr and Ladies summer program began on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM and runs all summer long ending on August 31<sup>st</sup>. We welcome new shooters even though they did not take the Basic Shotgun class. Every Tuesday night at 5:00PM our instructors will be there ready to help you be a better trap shooter.

Also, we have the shotguns for you to use (if you need) and we supply all the ammunition and clay targets at no cost to you. Let us get out of the house and have some fun.

### **LADIES LADIES LADIES**

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.

### **ARCHERY**

June is archery kick-off season. Time to get out your old bow or check out all the new bows, sights, quivers, releases, arrows, lighted nocks, and broad heads the industry has to offer. With firearm ammo coming up scarce, I expect archery to be coming on strong this year. The Chief Okemos archery ranges are open. Crossbows are welcome at the field range. "NO SPEED LIMIT" SpyderWeb box targets are at the 30, 40, and 50 yard ranges. The Morrell bag targets under the box targets are rated at 300fps and are several years old and may not stop a bolt at the center, they are on the schedule to be replaced next year.

Our three new 3D archery targets came in the first week of May. The new caribou and wolf are set up on the raised platform in the back of the 3D range and a new cheetah is set up on target 22. The old targets are for sale if anyone wants a 3D target of their own. The old cheetah is \$30, the old caribou is \$90. The wolf has already been sold. See either Mark Richardson, Tom Kreh, or Steve McGarry for more information.

Cost for non-club members at the 3D range is still \$10 a person or \$20 for a family of "2 adults 2 kids." Club members are \$5. Target field range is free. Please no broad heads, field points only on all the ranges.

Looking to get work hours in? Saturdays are all open for hosting the Archery Open Houses, from 9A-2P, the gate will remain open for that time period. The 3D range is "self-serve," the pay tube is on the honor system. There is a box on the tree next to the pay tube with score cards and pencils.

Steve McGarry 575-9511 or [smmcgarry@hotmail.com](mailto:smmcgarry@hotmail.com)

### **COWBOY ACTION 2021**

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 June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

### ***SHOOTING SPORTS***

April started 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 517-983-2637

**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 to 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 on the firing line.
  9. Eye and ear protection is required within immediate vicinity when range is in use.
  10. **Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction.**
  11. **Always keep finger off the 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 firing line or in posted safe areas when black powder is in use.
  15. **All shooting** must be done 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 are 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 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 rim fire and straight-wall pistol cartridges only. Caliber restrictions are posted at the plate range.**
22. **No climbing** is allowed on 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 while 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** in the **white buckets** or **take them home.**
28. **No .50 cal. BMG is to be fired on the range.**

# Hello JUNE

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		<b>1</b> <b>LLL – rifles</b>  <b>JR/ladies trap 5P</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Adult Trap 9A &amp; 5P</b>  <b>W&amp;G 730A</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Club House rental – full day</b>  <b>7yd range orientation 9A</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Adult Trap 12P</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>JR/ladies trap 5P</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Adult Trap 9A &amp; 5P</b>  <b>W&amp;G 730A</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Cowboy Action 8A</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Adult Trap 12P</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Monthly Meeting 7P</b>	<b>15</b> <b>JR/ladies trap 5P</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Adult Trap 9A &amp; 5P</b>  <b>W&amp;G 730A</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Adult Trap 12P</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>JR/ladies trap 5P</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Adult Trap 9A &amp; 5P</b>  <b>W&amp;G 730A</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Cowboy Action 8A</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Adult Trap 12P</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Board Meeting 7P</b>	<b>29</b> <b>JR/ladies trap 5P</b>	<b>30</b>			

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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](mailto:DaleKHowe@dkhowe.com) for details and to enroll.

**Executive Officers**

\*all terms end 1/8/22

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\*THERE IS NO CLUBHOUSE PHONE\*

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**Junior/Ladies Trap**

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