

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

Lots of things going on at the club! The upstairs remodel is almost complete...! Thank you Mark Richardson and ALL that was involved in the project...!! I also want to give a big thanks to Holly Richardson for being so patient with Mark and the club while he was away from home so much doing that big project...!!!

The time has come after forty some years that the well at the club has finally given up!! We are working hard to get a new well in as soon as possible!! Thank you John Gambill for heading up this MAJOR REPAIR..! It is looking like it will take about two weeks to get everything in order and done.

There has been some controversy on the range rules # 6 & 7 so the board reviewed them at the last board meeting and decided to change them to:

#6: It is advisable to close but not lock the gate when shooting alone. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

#7: Last person to leave the club MUST close and lock the gate.

Stay safe, clean up after yourself, and enjoy the club!

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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JULY dates to note:
6 – Ladies Ladies Ladies
12 – Monthly Meeting 7PM
26 – Board Meeting 7PM
6, 13, 20, 27 – JR/ladies trap 5PM
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Adult trap 9AM & 5PM
10, 24 – Cowboy action 8AM
4, 11, 18, 25 – Sunday trap 12PM

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 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 4th at 5:00PM and runs all summer long ending on August 31st. 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.

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 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.)

7-YD RANGE

Please **DO NOT** let your children play in the sand at the 7yard range (electronic range.) They should **NEVER** be in front of the firing line!! It could be contaminated with lead.

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

LADIES LADIES LADIES

Hello Ladies, summer is here and we will be meeting on July 6th at 6:30PM (please come a few minutes early.) We will be shooting pistols this evening. LLL is open to all ladies 18 and older, members or non-members are welcome. You do not need to own a handgun, we have .22 pistols available. Cost is \$5.00. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Reid at 517-899-8434.

CAMP DINNER 2021

We have decided to have our Camp Dinner on October 16th, 2021. If you purchased tickets to the 2020 Camp Dinner they are still good for 2021. There will be more information posted in the next newsletter.

WHEEZER/GEEZER BREAKFAST

Thursday morning Wheezer/Geezer breakfasts will not be available for gathering until the club has a new well installed. The water at COSC is unusable at this time.

ARCHERY

Still have the old 3D caribou for sale. Was asking \$90, but any offer is fine. Can be seen behind the archery shed. New 3D caribou sells for over \$1000. The wolf and cheetah have been sold.

If you go for a walk or plan to shoot the 3D course, take along a pair of snippers for some quacking pruning. The brush is starting to grow up and lean into the main trail. Turn your shooting time in towards a club discount.

Deer flies are number one pest on the 3D course. A wide brim hat works for me in dealing with deer flies.

Heat is your next pest. Take water with you, it gets hot this time of year on the 3D course. I have spaced trash cans every 5 targets for easy disposal of water bottles or cans.

Steve McGarry

THE FALLING PLATES ARE FOR

HANDGUNS

ONLY!

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF
OTHERS, AND TO PREVENT DAMAGE
TO THE FALLING PLATES,
THE FOLLOWING CALIBERS
ARE NOT TO BE USED:

NO Magnum loads,
including .22 Magnum.
No calibers over .45ACP.
No +P or +P+ ammo.
No Armor Piercing rounds.
No Bouncers or Tracers.
No Full Automatics.
No shoulder-firing rifles or shotguns.

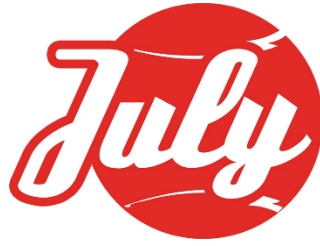
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COSC Range Rules

- 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**. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!
 7. 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.**



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Adult Trap 9A & 5P W&G 730A	2	3 7yd range orientation 9A
4 Adult Trap 12P	5	6 LLL 6:30PM – Pistols JR/ladies trap 5P	7	8 Adult Trap 9A & 5P W&G 730A	9	10 Cowboy Action 8A
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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 1/8/22

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