

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

The water sample came back clean so all clubhouse activities can resume.

I want to Thank John Gambill, Jerry Shihady and Gary Kandler for all the work that they do for the club! So Thank you for all that you guys do to keep the club up and running! Also Thanks to Ken and Bob Ecker for fixing the drive out at the club.

I need to remind everyone that shooting hours start at NINE and NOT before. I have been getting calls about members shooting before nine. Please be considerate of our neighbors and follow the rules and shooting hours that are posted down on the board near the ranges.

Be safe and respectful!

Ralph Batten

OCTOBER dates to note:

3, 10, 17, 24 – Sunday Adult Trap 1PM
7, 14, 21, 28 – Thursday Adult Trap 9AM & 5PM
9, 23 – Cowboy Action 8AM
11 – Monthly Meeting 7PM
25 – Board Meeting 7PM
7, 14, 21, 28 – W&G

- 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



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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, 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.

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.*

The 7 yard range orientation will now be conducted by Jerry Shihady 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 517-282-5097 or Gary at 517-646-7973.

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. Remaining dates for 2021 are October 9th and 23rd. If you have any questions please call or text Ken Ecker (517-983-9195) or Mike Rhoads (517-643-5989.)

MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES

Starting September 1st 2021 you can start renewing your annual membership. Due to the rising cost of lumber and materials used on our range and buildings, the Board of Directors has voted to raise membership fees across the board for the year 2022.

In the past, if you paid for a:

- Regular membership at \$125.00, it will now be \$135.00
- Regular membership with 15 hours of work at \$62.50, it will now be \$72.50
- Senior renewal at \$62.50, it will now be \$72.50
- Senior renewal with 15 hours of work at \$25.00, it will now be \$35.00

Also, there is still a \$25.00 late fee after March 1st, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

We are at our cap of 600 members and are not accepting any new members until after March 1st if space allows.

WORK HOURS

Anyone needing work hours? Mark Richardson can always use help on building, range, and grounds maintenance projects. If you are interested, please text or call me at 517-202-6000 or send an email to me at gtmars@yahoo.com Thanks! Mark Richardson

CRAFT SHOW

Dimondale Home Holiday Craft Show will be taking place Friday, November 19, 2021 from 9AM to 6PM and Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 9AM to 4PM. Village Crafters will be using COSC as their location. There will be 30+ crafters with handmade items ranging from skin care products, holiday décor, homemade candies, and SO MUCH MORE! Some crafters can personalize your purchase on site.

We offer free refreshments for guests, free gift wrapping upon request, a Kiddy Korner with letters to Santa, ornament making, and cookie decorating.

We will also have 2 drawings for a chance to win \$100 and \$50 in lottery tickets. Tickets can be obtained at a crafter's booth. You will receive 1 ticket for every \$10 spent at the booth. Drawings will be held Saturday at 3PM. You must be 18 to enter and you do not need to be present to win.

For more information please contact Tricia at 517-896-7281 or ketr5563@gmail.com.

JR & LADIES 2021 TRAP SEASON

We had our final shoot for the year on August 31st. We had a great season with many new shooters in all age classes. We had 9 in the senior class, 4 in the intermediate class, and 5 in the ladies class. Over the last 3 years we had more experienced shooters using 12-gauge shotguns, however this year we had more shooters using the 20-gauge shotguns. Because of this we didn't have a lot of 20-gauge shells. We started the season with only 4 cases and were not able to find any to purchase. Thanks to club members donating to our cause we were able to finish the season. Our shooters shot over 6000 rounds.

We had 6 awards handed out to our shooters. We had 3 Pro Marksman awards and 3 Marksman awards given out through the season. These were all to new shooters this year.

I want to thank all the parents for their support in bringing their kids to our Tuesday shoots. I also want to thank our coaching staff for all their time and dedication to this program. Thanks to Keith Wright, Duane Whaley, Jerry Shihady, Josh Benjamin, Dan Reid, and Ron Crowe.

Thanks, Gary Kandler

JOHN MATHEWS AWARD

At the end of the season, we have one final award that is given out to one of our shooters. The award is presented to a shooter who shows respect for coaches and other shooters as well as being responsible, shows good gun safety, listens to our coaches, and is helpful to all. The 2021 award goes to a first-year shooter. His name is Landin Voss. Congratulations Landon from all your coaches.

OPEN TRAP

Shotgun shells are showing up all over town. We're back in business again. Remember we have open trap on Thursday evenings starting at 5pm and Sundays at 1pm.

WHEEZERS & GEEZERS

Lloyd Merchant is ready and waiting for shooters after breakfast. Shooting begins at 9am so get your guns and shells and get started again.

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.

5/26/21

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 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**.
 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.**



COSC-001 (08/16)

Application for Annual Membership

for the year beginning January 1, 20____

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club is a family organization. We encourage families to join and participate in all of our programs and activities.

As a paid member, your family enjoys free membership to COSC.

PART 1-Information about you (Please Print)

Your name		Your date of birth		Home phone number ()		Unlisted number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Best time to call	
Your spouse's name (if applicable)		Spouse's date of birth		Work phone number ()		Cell phone number ()			
Address				Your E-mail address		Receive Newsletter by E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
City		State		Zip		Your occupation		Employed by	

Please enter NRA number and type:

Member NRA No. _____

Type _____

Spouse's NRA No. _____

Type _____

You can apply to join (or renew) the National Rifle Association (NRA) through Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. Ask your membership representative for details.

Which Club activities would you or your family like to work or participate in (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Plinking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Pin Shoot | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High Power | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap - Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Sporter Rimfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap - Junior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowboy Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Ladies Ladies | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap - Ladies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falling Plates | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Range | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle Loading | |

Do you have any special talents, tools, or materials available?

Do you have any special interests or ideas?

If you are applying for initial membership, briefly describe your reasons for joining COSC.

PART 2-Membership Dues: Annual membership dues are \$125.00. If a member works at least 15 hours a calendar year on Club projects, next year's dues are reduced to \$50.00. A single membership includes both husband and wife. Each receive a membership card, are considered full Class A members with voting rights, have the right to hold office (after three years) and may share in working the 15 hours. Senior members (over 65 and a paid member for the previous five years) pay half the amount of a regular membership (\$62.50) or \$25.00 with 15 hours of work the previous year. If you have a physical limitation and cannot work, please attach a letter of explanation. Your letter will be considered by the Board of Directors.

This is an application for (choose one):

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial membership \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal with work \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal \$62.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal with work \$25.00 | |

PART 3-Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club Range Rules PLEASE READ Before Signing Below

General Range Rules

1. Members and guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a member (limit three guests per member at one time).
2. No alcohol allowed on ranges.
3. Uncased firearms must have magazines removed and bolt open.
4. No shooting when "Range Closed" sign is displayed. The Board must approve all range closings in advance.
5. Scheduled shooting events have priority.
6. Remove target after use and pick up brass. Place ALL spent brass, including shot shell hulls, in the white buckets marked for brass disposal.

Outdoor Range Rules

1. Only paper and approved targets.
2. Staple targets to center of backers only. DO NOT use posts or stringer boards.
3. Do not proceed down range until clearance has been given and Yellow Flag has been posted.
4. No smoking on range when black powder is used on the range.
5. No shooting to be done from behind the covered firing line.
6. No climbing on berms or backstop.
7. Keep all vehicles out of range area. Stay off drain field.
8. Portable IPSC type targets are to be used on the 25 yard range only. (Except in scheduled IPSC matches.)
9. Cowboy Action targets are for Cowboy Action Shooting only.
10. Any target being used shall be placed at the shooting berms. If a shooter wishes to fire at closer ranges, the "shooter" must move to the target. DO NOT move the targets away from the shooting berms.
11. It is advisable to close and lock the gate when the shooter is alone.
12. Any member can request another person using the range to show his/her membership card. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when on Club grounds.

Are you or your spouse banned from owning a firearm?

You ► ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spouse ► ☐ Yes ☐ No

Certification

The information given on this application is true, complete, and correct. I/we have read and agree to abide by the current Range Rules, and to support and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club. I/we ask to be considered for membership or renewal.

Your signature

Date signed

Your spouse's signature

Date signed

Live rounds may be disposed of in the wooden red boxes attached to the front of the covered firing points. No brass is to be put into the blue trash containers or the dumpster at the North property line.

7. No handling of firearms when someone is down range changing targets. The Yellow Flag is to be hung when targets are being posted. The Red Flag is to be hung when the range is "hot" (live shooting taking place/DANGER). Failure to hang the appropriate flag puts liability on the person or persons using the range.

8. Shooting hours are from 9:00 am to ½ hour before sunset but NOT to exceed 9:00 pm.

Membership Drive

Any individual who sponsors or signs up five (5) new members will get the following year membership free. The individual bringing in those new members must sign each membership application form to receive credit.

Print Sponsoring Member's Name

Sponsoring Member Signature

Instructions

Complete the first page of this form.

Read and understand the range rules on this page.

Read and sign the Certification below.

Mail your completed application and check made payable to COSC to:
Do not send cash.

COSC Membership
P.O. Box 375
Dimondale, MI 48821

For COSC use

Amount
received

\$

☐ Cash

☐ Check number:

Date Paid

Accepted By

Orientation
Date / By



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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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.

Executive Officers

*all terms end 1/8/22

President	Ralph Batten 242-6650
1 st Vice	Penny Batten 896-4291
2 nd Vice	Mark Richardson 202-6000
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John Gambill (1/8/24) 646-0681
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Kirk Ginther (1/8/24) 881-6022
Kay Lockwood (1/10/22) 332-2869
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THERE IS NO CLUBHOUSE PHONE

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Cowboy Action

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Junior Hi-Power TBD**Junior .22 Rifle TBD****Thursday PM Trap**

Jerry Shihady 282-5097

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