

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

I want to remind everyone that our annual membership meeting is next month. There are 5 executive seats and 2 board seats open. If you have a full 3 years in and wish to get involved with the operations of keeping the club solvent please attend and run for one of the open seats.

Also a reminder that January 9th in the gun show so come out and support your club.

We had a member that accidentally left his Bushnell bore sighter tool out on the ranges. If you have found it please contact me so that I can get it back to its original owner.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and hope to see you all next year.

Be safe,
Ralph Batten

DECEMBER dates to note:

13 – Monthly Meeting 7PM

27 – Board Meeting 7PM

- 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.) It could be contaminated with lead. They should **NEVER** be in front of the firing line!!*

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.

MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES

As of September 1st 2021 you could 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

PLOWING

If anyone in the club has a plow that would like to keep the club plowed out please contact Ralph Batten at 517-242-6650.

GUN SHOW

There will be a gun show at COSC on January 9th from 9am until 3pm. Admission is \$3. If anyone wants to rent a table to sell firearms or accessories each table rents for \$15. Questions? Call John Gambill at 517-646-0681.

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 (03/21)

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.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> Rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale	<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"/> Informal Plinking	<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 \$135.00. If a member works at least 15 hours a calendar year on Club projects, next year's dues are reduced to \$72.50. 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 \$72.50 or \$35.00 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. Dues are due by December 31st of each year.

This is an application for (choose one):

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial membership \$135.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal \$135.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual renewal with work \$72.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal (after 5 consecutive years)\$72.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior renewal with work \$35.00 | |

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 two guests per membership). Members must stay with their guests at all times.
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. All steel targets need to be approved by the Board of Directors.
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.

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 Sponsor

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

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

For COSC use	
Amount received \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check number:
Date Paid	Accepted By
Orientation Date / By	



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 GUN SHOW 9AM-3PM	10 MONTHLY MEETING 7PM	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 BOARD MEETING 7PM	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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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
Secretary	Lissa Collins 319-7615
Treasurer	Jane Kandler 646-7973

Board Members

Past President:	Dan Reid 719-0416
Dave Walter (1/8/24)	755-8120
John Gambill (1/8/24)	646-0681
Penny Ecker (1/10/22)	512-0948
Kirk Ginther (1/8/24)	881-6022
Kay Lockwood (1/10/22)	332-2869
Jerry Shihady (1/9/23)	282-5097
Keith Wright (1/9/23)	646-9179

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ashleymarie.wonnacott@gmail.com
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sandraenness@gmail.com
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lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com

Lost and Found

cosclostandfound@gmail.com

THERE IS NO CLUBHOUSE PHONE

All area codes are (517) unless noted.

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Mark Richardson 202-6000

Jr Archery TBD**Falling Plates**

Clint Wells 974-4770

Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker 983-9195
Mike Rhoads 643-5989

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

Jerry Shihady 282-5097

Junior/Ladies Trap

Gary Kandler 646-7973

Sunday Trap

Gary Kandler 646-7973

Ladies Ladies Ladies

Kathy Reid 899-8434

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Lloyd Merchant 927-7264

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Grounds Maintenance

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Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

Member Volunteer Work Hours

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)

Penny Batten 896-4291

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New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Jim Ingison 543-7587

Don Uramkin 652-9894

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Property Committee

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