

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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## A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

I want to thank everyone that showed up to the annual membership meeting to vote. Also to those that re-elected me for another year.

The election results are as follows:

President: Ralph Batten

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Mark Richardson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Penny Batten

Secretary: Lissa Collins

Treasurer: Jane Kandler

The two board seats went to Kay Lockwood and Duane Whaley.

Congratulations to you all for your seats. I look forward to working with you all and keeping the club going in a positive direction for our members.

Please be safe and enjoy the facility.

Ralph Batten

## FEBRUARY dates to note:

**14 – Monthly Meeting**

**28 – Board Meeting**

- 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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### **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 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**

As of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 you can start renewing your annual membership for 2023. Right now the late fee starts on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Starting in January 2023 as per the new bi-laws, the late fee date is JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>. After this date, there is a \$25.00 late fee for anyone who pays after. Changing the gate code and accepting new members (if space allows) stays at March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Everyone must fill out an application **every** year. There are 2 pages, the address to the club and the signature portion are on the second page. You **MUST sign** the application.

We now have a drop box on the driveway leading down to the ranges on the left-hand side. **NO CASH!** Checks and money orders only.

### **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 [gtnmars@yahoo.com](mailto:gtnmars@yahoo.com) Thanks! Mark Richardson

## **THANKS**

Big thank you to Jerry Shihady and Gary Kandler for getting Mac McKenzie's caribou on the wall. There is no other place he'd rather it be hanging. The smile in the below pic says it all! The caribou was shot at Lanes Pond in Newfoundland in July of 2001.



## **GUN SHOW**

Thanks to the hard work and effort of John Gambill, the January 2022 Gun Show was a success! We hope all of the sellers did well too.

Thirty seven tables were rented at \$15 a table. The kitchen served breakfast and lunch and brought in \$197. The admission's desk brought in \$308 with 102 customers attending this event. The bake sale proceeds for Junior Trap brought in \$141.25 with some generous donations by some individuals.

Thank you to all who attended and thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with set up, tear down, and clean up. We'll see you again in September 2022.

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.**

## **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?	Best time to call
		(      )		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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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- 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

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):

Initial membership \$135.00

Annual renewal \$135.00

Annual renewal with work \$72.50

Senior renewal (after 5 consecutive years)\$72.50

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.

### **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	

## **Executive Officers** \*all terms end 1/9/23

President – Ralph Batten 242-6650

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Mark Richardson 202-6000

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Penny Batten 896-4291

Secretary – Lissa Collins 319-7615

Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

## **Board Members**

Dave Walter (1/8/24) 755-8120

John Gambill (1/8/24) 646-0681

Duane Whaley (1/9/25) 983-2637

Kirk Ginther (1/8/24) 881-6022

Kay Lockwood (1/10/25) 332-2869

Jerry Shihady (1/9/23) 282-5097

Keith Wright (1/9/23) 646-9179

## **Communications/Social Media**

Newsletter – Ashley Wonnacott ([ashleymarie.wonnacott@gmail.com](mailto:ashleymarie.wonnacott@gmail.com))

Website – Sandy Enness ([sandraenness@gmail.com](mailto:sandraenness@gmail.com))

Facebook – Aaron Lopez ([lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com](mailto:lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com))

## **Lost and Found**

[cosclostandfound@gmail.com](mailto:cosclostandfound@gmail.com)

There is no clubhouse phone.  
All area codes are (517) unless noted.

## **Club Contact Info**

### **Archery**

Steve McGarry 575-9511

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

### **Black Powder**

Lloyd Merchant 927-7264

### **Range Maintenance**

Christian Collins 319-7974

### **Grounds Maintenance**

Mark Richardson 202-6000

### **Clubhouse Rental**

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

### **Member Volunteer Work Hours**

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

### **Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)**

Penny Batten 896-4291

[coscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com)

### **New Member Orientation**

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Jim Ingison 543-7587

Don Uramkin 652-9894

### **NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting**

Kirk Ginther 881-6022



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Monthly Meeting 7PM	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Board Meeting 7PM					

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