

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

I have been getting calls from members about the gate rules. I can say the closing of the gate when alone is really a judgement call. The rules say when alone close but not lock the gate. Some think it should be locked for security reasons, I think it should be unlocked for safety reasons, my reason is as follows: If you should have an accident that is life threatening, it takes time for first responders to access the gate if locked. Seconds can be the difference between life and death. On the other hand if there's a risk of a firearm being taken while being down range, I personally value my life more than my firearm.

I will leave the decision to the individual who may be there alone.

Be safe and enjoy everything that the club offers.

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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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, Duane Whaley, 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 282-5097, Duane at 983-2637 or Gary at 646-7973.

WORK HOURS

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

ADULT TRAP

Trap season started May 1st. This year we will have 3 open shoots per week: Sunday at 1pm, Thursday at 9am, and Thursday at 5pm. Contact Duane Whaley at 517-983-2637 for more information. No holidays will be scheduled for shooting.

LADIES & JR TRAP

Okay boys, girls, and all ladies: Are you tired of sitting at home doing schoolwork on your computer or working from home and missing your friends and workplace co-workers? We have a solution for you! May 3rd we began our yearly Jr & Ladies Trap Program. We have the shotguns, ammunition, and clay targets to entertain you with at no cost to you. The smell of gun powder in the air and yes, some of those clay birds will be dusted. Kids from 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome as well as moms and ladies of all ages. Bring your friends and start enjoying being outside and having fun again. P.S Dads bring the family along and watch the excitement!

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm. Please try to arrive by 545pm so we can get the administrative items out of the way. There is a \$5 cost per event to shoot. Kathy Reid 899-8434 **Schedule:**

August 9 @ 6pm - .22 long rifles

August 23 @ 6pm – AR night: guest instructor Dan Reid (AKA Shirley)

Sept 13 @ 6pm – Cowboy Action: guest instructor Evil Duane (AKA Laverne)

Sept 27 @ 6pm – Season End get together (TBD)

COWBOY ACTION

2022 Cowboy Action shooting season started on April 9th. Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month April through October. Cowboy Action shooting is open to the public as well as club members though 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. We will mainly be shooting at steel targets though we may occasionally shoot at paper targets. Centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols are acceptable. If you are short on having proper equipment to start with, some members will be glad to loan you the proper equipment during the shoot.

Setup time is from 8-9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11 and noon. Shooting dates for the remainder of 2022 are 8/13 & 8/27, 9/10 & 9/24, 10/8 & 10/22.

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

COSC MEMBERSHIP

As of September 1st 2022 you can begin renewing your membership for 2023. The new LATE FEE DATE is now January 15th of every year not March 1st. We will still be bringing in new members in March but the LATE FEE DATE is changing. Please make a note of this. The LATE FEE is \$25.00. The following are the new dues for the club:

Regular Membership Renewal is \$135.

Regular Membership Renewal with 15 hours of volunteer work is \$72.50.

Senior Membership Renewal is \$72.50 (must be a member in good standing for 5 years to get the senior rate and must be 65 years of age or older.)

Senior Membership Renewal with 15 hours of volunteer work is \$35.00.

If you are paying late and don't send in the late fee with your renewal then your renewal will be sent back to you.

Thank you, Membership Chair



members only

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/9/23

President – Ralph Batten 242-6650

1st Vice – Mark Richardson 202-6000

2nd Vice – Penny Batten 896-4291

Secretary – Holly Richardson 989-277-8182

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)

Website – Sandy Enness (sandraenness@gmail.com)

Facebook – Aaron Lopez (lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com)

Lost and Found

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
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Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker	983-9195
Mike Rhoads	643-5989

Junior Hi-Power

TBD

Junior.22 Rifle

TBD

Thursday PM Trap

Duane Whaley	983-2637
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Junior/Ladies Trap

Gary Kandler	646-7973
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Sunday Trap

Gary Kandler	646-7973
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Ladies Ladies Ladies

Kathy Reid	899-8434
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Black Powder

Lloyd Merchant	927-7264
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Range Maintenance

Christian Collins	319-7974
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Grounds Maintenance

Mark Richardson	202-6000
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Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn	408-0015
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Member Volunteer Work Hours

Sharon Whaley	896-8253
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Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)

Penny Batten	896-4291
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coscmembership@gmail.com

New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley	896-8253
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Don Uramkin	652-9894
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NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther	881-6022
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goodbye July, hello

AUGUST

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Trap 1pm	8 Membership Meeting 7pm	9 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm LLL 6pm	10	11 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	12	13 Cowboy Action 9am
14 Trap 1pm	15	16 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm	17	18 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	19	20
21 Trap 1pm	22 Board Meeting 7pm	23 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm LLL 6pm	24	25 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	26	27 Cowboy Action 9am
28 Trap 1pm	29	30 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm	31			
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