

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

I want to remind everyone that the club's gun show is September 25 from 9am – 3pm. If you don't have anything on your calendar, come on out and support the club! I'm sure John could use some help... If you can and want to help please contact John at 517-646-0681 to help out.

Be safe and enjoy everything that the club offers. Be courteous to one another.

Check the shooting hours and ABIDE by them.

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.

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:**

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 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

It's annual club membership renewal time as of September 1st 2022 through December 31st, 2022. Please take time now and download, fill out completely, sign/date and send your renewal application and payment in as soon as possible. We can have a better understanding of what our member count is after processing all of the renewals. Please note that if you send us your membership dues without a completed application, we will hold those funds until the membership renewal application is received.

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.

If you have any questions, email us at coscmembership@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer your questions as soon as possible.

Thank you, COSC Membership

ARCHERY

Getting ready for bow season? The field targets are ready and waiting for all archers and crossbows. Our 3D range has dried up and been mowed for easy walking. Please remember that only field points should be used on club targets. If you want to shoot broad heads, bring your own broad head approved backstop.

If you're planning on hunting on club grounds this year get to know the club's property lines and stay within the club grounds. If you already have a tree stand up on club grounds, check while the leaves are still on and make sure your tree is still alive and in good shape. Trees in our swamp uproot quickly once they have died.

Archery: Steve McGarry smmcgarry@hotmail.com 517-575-9511

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

DEPARTURE

It has been a pleasure serving all of you as Membership Chairman. I will be moving soon so I have handed over membership to Kirk Ginther. From now on please call Kirk or email him. The email is still the same: coscmembership@gmail.com. Good luck Kirk and if you need anything please call me. Thank you. Penny Batten

ANTIQUE & MODERN FIREARMS SHOW

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Admission: \$4.00 per person

CHIEF OKEMOS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

4667 GUNNELL RD.

DIMONDALE, MI

Info: John Gambill 517-646-0681

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Cap & Ball, Flintlock Rifles and Pistols

Black Powder Shotguns

Modern Rifles, Pistols, and Shotguns

Accessories for Old & New Firearms

Knives

Club members wishing to rent tables, or to work the event, please
contact John Gambill at the number above.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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)

Kirk Ginther	881-6022
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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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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 Trap 1pm	5	6 Ladies/Jr Trap 5pm	7	8 W&G 730am Trap 9am Trap 5pm	9	10 Cowboy Action 9am
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