

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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A note from the President:

Hello everyone,

The year is winding down and we need to start thinking about next year. There are several seats that are opening up at the elections in January. If you want to get more involved in the club this is the perfect opportunity to do so. My two consecutive terms are up this year as are several board seats. My wife and I are moving north for retirement and will miss the club and everything it has offered, its members, and the community. It will be a big change for us as I myself have been a member for nearly 30 years and my wife for 11 years. On that note, get involved and help make the club grow and prosper for years to come!

Be safe and courteous to our great neighbors along with fellow members.

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.

[www.chiefokemos.org](http://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, 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, 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.

### CLUB CHRISTMAS

We're getting together for a Christmas party on **12/10/22**. Bring the family and a dish to pass! Santa will be here at 6pm. The club will supply ham, plates, silverware, cups, coffee, and hot chocolate. Doors will open at 4pm, dinner at 5pm, clean up at 7pm. Any questions call Jane Kandler at 646-7973 or Sharon Whaley at 896-8253. See you there!

## **COSC MEMBERSHIP**

It's annual club membership renewal time as of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup> of every year not March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions as soon as possible.

Thank you, COSC Membership

## **CRAFT SHOW**

The Village Craft Show held at COSC on November 18 and 19 was a big success! There were 28 vendors selling a large variety of crafts! The public was very pleased with the variety and quality of the craft items available. Donations for the Food Bank of Dimondale were collected and will be presented to the First Presbyterian Church in town. Thanks to all of the COSC members who participated in the show either as craft presenters or shoppers. Hopefully we will see all of you again next year for the "Dimondale Holiday Craft Shows."

Cathy Finn

### **HELP WANTED**

We need more DNR Hunter Safety Instructors!

There is a significant need for more DNR Hunter Safety classes. Unless you are old, you must have a hunter safety certificate to buy your first hunting license. During the covid mess the online part of the course was still available, but those taking the online course must still show up in person to attend field day. We have made some progress, but there are still over 10,000 people who took the online part and can't find a field day. When we open registration for a class, it typically fills within a day or two. New hunters badly need more field days. The classes are typically half filled with kids working on earning their right to hunt. COSC has a great classroom, but we are very short on instructors.

These classes are all taught by DNR certified instructors. You do not need a lecture to help out. The pay is awful, but you do get a fancy hat and orange vest.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a DNR hunter safety instructor, please call 616-485-3979 or email [dalekhowe@dkhowe.com](mailto:dalekhowe@dkhowe.com) Dale Howe.

### **CRAFT SHOW**

Please mark your calendars for the Camp Dinner coming up next year on Saturday, March 4 2023. I will post more information regarding this event in the January newsletter. I hope everyone has a great Holiday season. Cathy Finn

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

### **VIRTUAL BUCK POLE**

When you bag your beast, please email a photo with your name to COSC Web Coordinator Sandy Enness at [sandraenness@gmail.com](mailto:sandraenness@gmail.com) to be posted on our virtual buck pole. If you'd like to share your hunting tale in how you bagged your beast that would be great!

# **ANTIQUE & MODERN FIREARMS SHOW**

**JANUARY 8 2023**

**9AM – 3PM**

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

4667 Gunnell Rd

Dimondale, MI

517-646-0681

## **Items to be On Sale**

Cap & Ball, Flintlock Rifles and Pistols, Black Powder  
Shotguns, Modern Rifles, Pistols, and Shotguns, Buckskins,  
Moccasins, Knives, Handcrafted Jewelry, Accessories for Old  
& New Firearms

# WINTER GUN SHOW

## CHIEF OKEMOS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHIEF OKEMOS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

MAIL TO: JOHN GAMBILL 5350 N CANAL RD. DIMONDALE MI 48821

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ TABLE(S) FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 8 2023

TABLE FEE: \$15.00 PER 6 FOOT TABLE.

FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

By accepting the display are assigned to me by Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, I agree to abide by all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations governing firearms and related activities. I further agree to release Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, its officers and members from all liability due to theft, damage, or injury to myself, my guests, or my property.

THIS REQUEST IS VOID WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE

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NOTE Tables are not transferrable. Tables not occupied by 9:00am revert back to the Club. Club open set up at 6:30am open to the public 9:00am - 3:00pm

For more information contact John Gambill 517-646-0681

**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 – Holly Richardson 989-277-8182

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

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

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](mailto: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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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 ____ Yes ____ No			
City		State		Zip		Your occupation		Employed by	

**Please enter NRA number and type:****Which Club activities would you or your family like to work or participate in (check all that apply)?**

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.

- 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

<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"/> _____
<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	

# December 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Club Christmas 4pm
11	12 Member Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26 Board Meeting 7pm	27	28	29	30	31 Last Day for Membership Renewals

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Dimondale, Michigan 48821**

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**CURRENT RESIDENT OR**



**Protect Your Right To Keep and Bear Arms**