

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Hello Everyone,

We are in need of someone to take over the 3D archery and practice range, and people to help with maintenance, mowing, and such. It's a job for a few people so if you're interested in helping out please get a hold of me or the range may not be set up this year.

I had a volunteer contact me about starting up the junior .22 program! We need a few more volunteers to make this happen. You will need certifications for range safety officer and NRA rifle. You can contact Dale Howe 616-485-3979 about training.

Also looking for a volunteer or two to take over the black powder shoot.

**Thank you,
Mark**

- 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 qtmars@yahoo.com Thanks! Mark Richardson

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. 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 Dale Howe.

WEEZERS & GEEZERS

What is Weezers and Geezers you ask? It's a group of mostly members that sit around, drink coffee, and occasionally even shoot something other than the bull!

Social hour starts at 730am for coffee and food served at 830am.

Breakfast is cooks choice and can range from sausage gravy and biscuits to omelets or blueberry pancakes and waffles. Breakfast is \$6 and the public is welcome, so bring your friends out to eat then do a little shooting on the range after.

If you can cook and would be interested in working in the kitchen sometime get a hold of me. Hope to see you there and no need to be a weezer to come.

Mark Richardson 517-202-6000/qtmars@yahoo.com

COUNTERING THE MASS SHOOTER CLASS

The club is planning to offer a one -day course in countering the mass shooter threat. CTMS is a USCCA 6 hour course. This is not a firearms course, rather it is a course exploring your options in responding to an event. There is no shooting portion of this training, it is all classroom work. There are more complex options a business or organization might take to make their people safer. There are also some very simple options you have to make yourself less vulnerable. We will discuss some very basic supplies you may wish to have available. The tentative date is April 4th from 9am-330pm. The cost is \$75 for club members and \$100 for non-members. While the course is open to anyone, the material is probably not appropriate for children. If you are interested, please contact Dale Howe at dalekhowe@dkhowe.com or call 616-485-3979.

COWBOY ACTION 2023

Once again, it is time to COWBOY UP! 2023 Cowboy Action shooting season will start on April 8. Shoots will be held on the **second** and **fourth** Saturdays of each month April through October. Cowboy Action is open to the public as well as club members. There is a \$5 charge for each contestant. It 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 shot guns. We will mainly be shooting at steel targets though we may occasionally shoot paper targets. Centerfire and rim fire rifles and pistols are acceptable. If you are short on having the proper equipment to start with, some members will be glad to loan you the proper equipment during the shoot. Set up time is from 8am-9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11am and noon.

Shooting dates for 2023 are 4-8 & 4-22, 5-13 & 5-27, 6-10 & 6-24, 7-8 & 7-22, 8-12 & 8-26, 9-9 & 9-23, 10-14 & 10-28.

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



Executive Officers *all terms end 1/8/24

President – Mark Richardson 202-6000

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

Club Contact Info

Archery

Members Needed

Jr Archery

Members Needed

Falling Plates

Clint Wells 974-4770

Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker 983-9195

Mike Rhoads 643-5989

Junior Hi-Power

Members Needed

Junior.22 Rifle

Members Needed

Thursday PM Trap

Duane Whaley 983-2637

Junior/Ladies Trap

Gary Kandler 646-7973

Sunday Trap

Gary Kandler 646-7973

Ladies Ladies Ladies

Kathy Reid 899-8434

Black Powder

Members Needed

Range Maintenance

Mark Richardson 202-6000

Grounds Maintenance

Mike Birsen 231-5491

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

Member Volunteer Work Hours

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)

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New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

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NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

March 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 W&G 730A	3	4 Camp Dinner
5	6	7	8	9 W&G 730A	10	11 Boy Scout Breakfast/Planning
12	13 Member Meeting 7pm	14	15	16 W&G 730A	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 W&G 730A	24	25 Hunter Safety
26	27 Board Meeting 7pm	28				

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