

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Greetings!

Misfires go in the red boxes on each range, not in the trash or spent brass buckets. Please help us handle these safely.

Picking up your spent brass is required. Obviously, you won't find them all, but please make an effort to clean up after yourself.

We have had requests by members who wish to use their own steel targets. I understand the attraction. We, as a group, accept liability if we give permission for the use of steel plates. If you have thoughts on rules that might make these workable, please let me know.

We appear to have some progress on repairing the existing steel plates so they may be missing for a day or two, but they are only out for repair. Timing is uncertain. Volunteers are a bit unpredictable. When we know they will be missing, I will try to get it on the calendar on the website.

A club member has offered to match up to \$500 in donations specifically for steel repair/upgrades. While I am not sure how I feel about steel target users being asked to pay a fee in addition to their dues, we already charge per person per day for the 7-yard range. This is a very generous offer, but the club doesn't get any part of this unless others match some part of the \$500. Maybe we can fund a third rack?

We had another pistol left at the 7-yard range. Best guess is that this was left sometime on May 8th. It has been turned into Michigan State Police as found property. That solution is simple, the problem is not. The club property is not secure enough to make leaving guns laying around a safe practice. The club has no way of tracking ownership by serial number.

June is the last month the club will be mailing out paper newsletters. We plan to have some paper newsletters at each club meeting.

Dale K Howe
COSC President

- 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 ground 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

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!

Every Thursday, social hour starts at 730am for coffee and food is served at 830am.

Breakfast is the 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, 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

COWBOY ACTION

Once again, it's time to COWBOY UP! 2024 Cowboy Action shooting season started on April 13. 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.

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 shotguns. We will mainly be shooting at steel targets though we may occasionally shoot paper targets. Centerfire and rimfire 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.

The setup time is from 8am-9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11am and noon. Remaining shooting dates for 2024 are 6/8 and 6/22, 7/13 and 7/27, 8/10 and 8/24, 9/14 and 9/28, 10/12 and 10/26.

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

JUNIOR .22 RIFLE CLUB

It's time for another exciting junior .22 rifle club for the 2024 summer. We meet every Monday from 5-7pm as of May 6.

Many participants earned NRA patches and awards last summer. Each student will be instructed on the safe handling and shooting of rifles on the COSC range.

The junior rifle club is for all 10-17 years of age. You do not have to be a member of COSC. All rifles, ammunition, targets, and safety equipment will be provided free of charge. Call me with any questions you may have.

If you would be interested in helping with the junior .22 rifle club this summer, please give me a call. All volunteers will need to be Range Safety Officer (RSO) trained. Training will be on May 4 2024. This is an all-day training. You will need to register but call me first for more information. Thank you.

NRA class registration website:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=821668>

Randy Campbell 517-285-5727

JR & LADIES TRAP PROGRAM

As of May 7th at 5pm we began our yearly Jr and Ladies trap program. We have shotguns, ammunition, and clay targets to entertain you with, at no cost to you. The smell of gun powder will be in the air, and yes, some of those clay birds will be dusted.

Kids from 4-12 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 to watch the excitement!

LADIES LADIES LADIES

Happy Spring Ladies,

The weather is warming up and it's time to get out and shoot and enjoy each other's company. Here is our schedule for this year, note we are alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Thurs May 16 – Pistols Weds May 22 – 7-yard range with Pistols

Thurs May 30 – Falling Plates with Pistols

Weds June 5 – Rifles Thurs June 13 – Trap Weds June 19 – Dueling
Trees/Texas Star Thurs June 27 – ARs

Weds July 10 – Cowboy Action Thurs July 18 – Dueling Trees/Texas Star

Weds July 24 – Pistols

Thurs Aug 8 – ARs Weds Aug 14 – Pistols Thurs Aug 22 – Rifles

Weds Aug 28 – Pistols Thurs Sept 5 – Cowboy Action (still need to verify)

Weds Sept 11 – ARs Thurs Sept 19 – End of year Dinner at Tony M's

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kathy Reid 517-899-8434

“THANK YOU”

I would like to Thank the individuals who presented me with a generous gift card to “Lucky's” restaurant in Okemos. Although I do not know the identity of the gentlemen who decided to honor me with this gift, I am hoping they all read this notification. I was extremely surprised..... honored and humbled by this act of thoughtfulness. You are a great group of guys and I can't thank you enough!

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/13/25

President – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

1st Vice – Richard Garza 230-3552

2nd Vice – Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Secretary – Holly Richardson 989-277-8181

Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

Board Members

Past President - Mark Richardson

Duane Whaley (1/13/25) 983-2637

Kay Lockwood (1/13/25) 332-2869

Jerry Shihady (1/12/26) 282-5097

Cathy Finn (1/12/26) 974-6178

Ken Ecker (1/11/27) 983-9195

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Lost and Found

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

Club Contact Info

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Black Powder

Members Needed

Club Maintenance

Mark Richardson 202-6000

Mike Birsen 231-5491

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

COSC/NRA Membership Recruiting

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker 983-9195

Mike Rhoads 643-5989

Falling Plates

Mike Carter 285-4189

Junior .22 Rifle

Randy Campbell 285-5727

Key Masters

Mark Richardson 202-6000

John Gambill 646-0681

Ladies Ladies Ladies

Kathy Reid 899-8434

Membership Volunteer Work Hours

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Membership (Applications, Records, Dues)

Kirk Ginther 881-6022

coscmembership@gmail.com

New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Don Uramkin 652-9894

Trap – Juniors & Ladies

Gary Kandler 646-7973

Trap – Thursday PM

Members Needed

Trap - Sunday

Members Needed

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