

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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**Greetings!**

We are working on repairing the steel plate racks. If they are missing, they are not gone, only out for repair. Please be patient. This was made possible through donations specifically for the steel plates. An offer of up to \$500 in matching money was far exceeded. There is enough money to make discussion of a third rack possible. For now, we will get the existing racks updated.

**On the same topic, stay in your own lane!**

Shooting steel diagonally across the range from other lanes is dangerous. Doing so is obviously unsafe and grounds for getting your membership revoked. If you bring a guest, please remind them about the risk to your membership. It shouldn't be necessary to have to discuss this.

We are working on replacing the back deck on the main building. That project will likely happen in June. We have quotes and the board selected a builder for the project. While the deck is missing, please don't use that exit door. For now, the door to the deck has a deadbolt on it that requires a key from either side.

The 3D archery range is ready to go. Mike Cripps and Steve McGarry have put in a huge amount of work to make this happen. If you are an archer, please use the range. If you cross paths with either of these guys, please thank them for making this possible.

Good things are happening at the range. The target backers are in great shape, the steel targets are being worked on, the 3D archery range is back, we now have a very active small-bore program. We are even seeing some increase in the number of trap shooters.

Everything that happens at the club is done by volunteers. If you enjoy some of these activities, come out and help. Lousy pay but very flexible hours.

If you know someone who likes to shoot, recruit them as a member. The dues pay to keep the club open. We are currently spending more than we are bringing in each year. You don't need to be an accounting major to understand that this is not sustainable.

**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, 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**

The covered range orientation is conducted by Jerry Shihady or Gary Kandler. They are at COSC frequently and you can catch up to them at the trap range on Thursday mornings at 9am and Thursday evenings at 5pm, otherwise you can call them to set up an appointment. Jerry is 517-282-5097 and Gary is 517-646-7973.

The sand in the covered range is not play sand. For one, it is heavily contaminated with lead. For two, it is in front of the firing line on a gun range. NO ONE should be in front of the firing line on the covered range.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:qtmars@yahoo.com)

### **COWBOY ACTION**

The 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 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.

Randy Campbell 517-285-5727

### **JR & LADIES TRAP PROGRAM**

As of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Here is our remaining schedule for this year:

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

### **DNR HUNTER SAFETY FIELD DAYS**

COSC will be hosting two field days: July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>. Classes are 9am – 130pm. If you are interested please register on the DNR website – <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs/2> or call Dale Howe at 616-485-3979 for more information.

### **RSO COURSE**

COSC will be hosting Range Safety Officer training on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We will start at 8am for this all-day training course. The link to sign up for the course is <https://www.nrainstructors.org/coursedetails.aspx?courseid=836299>. Please give me a call at 517-285-5727 with any questions you may have. Randy Campbell

### **3D ARCHERY TRAIL**

The 3D archery trail is open. This required a huge effort, mostly by Mike Cripps and Steve McGarry. Lots of repair of targets and clearing brush. If you are an archer, please come out and try it. Let us know what you think.

### **ARCHERY TRAIL**

We had a work party on May 18<sup>th</sup> therefore the course is fully set up, all stations are ready to shoot. We also repaired the first elevated shooting stand and that is back open. If someone wants work hours, we need someone or multiple someone's to apply herbicide around the targets once a week or once every couple weeks. They can reach out to me and I'll get em set up. It is still very wet and buggy back there.

There is a \$5 charge for members and a \$10 charge for non-members. As of now the red post at the start of the course is where you deposit your money. Remember, this is on the honor system and a club benefit. Mike Cripps

**Executive Officers** \*all terms end 1/13/25

President – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Richard Garza 230-3552

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Josh Ramey (1/11/27) 819-9644

Gary Radtke (1/11/27) 281-7704

**Communications/Social Media**

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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**

### **Archery**

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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

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### **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*