

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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We are not that far from the January club elections. Please consider serving on the board. We will need at least 3 new board members. Terms for the President and both Vice Presidents are up. Please help recruit some new board members. Holly Richardson is moving away and will not be available to serve as secretary. If you can think of anyone who might be willing to serve as secretary, please ask them to give me a call. We used to hold meetings twice a month, now we hold the general membership meeting and the board meeting on the second Monday of each month.

There was some discussion at the last meeting about the income and expenses for the Wheezer's Breakfast Thursday mornings. A few don't pay, some really can't. We would still rather have them join us, however the breakfast is way past self-supporting and makes a little money every month.

The next gun show is September 29. Mike Rhoads is the lead on that. Please tell anyone who might be interested in being a vendor or spending some money. As always, we need some unskilled labor: setting up and breaking down tables, collecting money at the door, simple stuff. Even if you are only able to help for some of that, please give Mike a call.

We need some grounds help trimming weeds. We have the equipment, and the hours are very flexible. Please consider helping, if you have the time.

If you know someone who likes to shoot, recruit them as a member. If they don't like to shoot but do wish to support the club, get them a membership form. 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. We either need higher dues or more members.

**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

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 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

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 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.

SIGHTING IN DAYS

Sighting in Days for this year will be Saturday and Sunday November 2 and 3 and again November 9 and 10. The time for both weekends is 9am to 3pm.

All participants will need to bring their own ammunition. COSC will provide targets and personnel to assist with this endeavor. The charge is \$3 per firearm.

Volunteers to help with this event would be very much appreciated.

JR & LADIES TRAP PROGRAM

As of May 7th, 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!

ARCHERY TRAIL

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

GUN SHOW BAKE SALE

Cookies, Brownies, Cakes, Breads, Goodies!

Our upcoming gun show is on September 29th, 2024. The Jr and Ladies Trap program and members of our club have baked all the above goodies for this event in the past, and the proceeds go to help our program. So, we need your HELP again parents, shooters, and members, please bring in your goodies to support our program. I will be out at the club on Saturday the 28th from 230 – 330pm if you would like to drop off your baked goods early or bring them on Sunday morning at 8am before the gun show. Please package your goodies in sealed sandwich baggies placing 2-3 items in each bag. I will price them according to size. If you leave a cake pan, please mark your name on the pan so you can pick it up later. Thank you, Gary Kandler 517-646-7973

COSC GUN SHOW

COSC fall gun show will be held at the club on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 9am – 3pm. The public is welcome. Admission is \$4 per person. Set up time for vendors is from 630-9am that morning. Volunteers are needed to assist vendors in bringing in merchandise and for setting up the tables and chairs on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 6pm. Contact Mike Rhoads, cell 517-643-5989, to volunteer or if you have any questions about the show. NOTE: The August newsletter had an incorrect address for mailing on the table reservation form. The correct address is **7940** Willow Highway Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Please let any friends or family that may be interested in attending know about the show.

COSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Hello COSC Members,

The 2024 year is ending and starting this month, September 1 – December 31st, 2024, it is time to submit your membership renewal applications for 2025. Please take time now and complete your renewal application. You can find the application on our website.

<https://chiefokemos.org/membership-in-cosc/>

Please know that if you send an incomplete application and dues, we will send it back to you to fill out completely. If you have any questions, email us at coscmembership@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you, COSC Membership

2024 FALL COSC GUN SHOW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

9AM-3PM

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

4667 Gunnell Rd

Dimondale, MI 48821

517-643-5989

Items to be on sale:

**Muzzleloading and modern firearms, reloading equipment, books,
shooting accessories for old and new firearms, ammunition, knives,
etc.**

Admission: \$4.00 per person

2024 FALL COSC GUN SHOW TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST

Make checks payable to: Chief Okemos Sportman's Club

Mail to: Mike Rhoads 7940 Willow Hwy Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Please reserve _____ table(s) for Sunday, September 29, 2024.

Table fee: \$20.00 per 6' table.

Payment must accompany your reservation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

By accepting the display area 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, injury to myself, my guests, or my property.

NOTE: Tables are not transferable. Tables not occupied by 9:00AM revert back to the club. No refunds after September 15th. The club will be open for setup at 6:30AM and open to the public from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For more information contact Mike Rhoads at 517-643-5989.

THIS REQUEST IS VOID WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE.

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

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

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

Communications/Social Media

Newsletter – Ashley Wonnacott (ashleymarie.wonnacott@gmail.com)

Website – Nikki Goodrich (nlgoodrich@gmail.com)

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Lost and Found

cosclostandfound@gmail.com

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

Club Contact Info

Archery

Mike Cripps crippsmc@gmail.com

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