

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Membership dues are due by the end of the year. There used to be a very long grace period and quite lax enforcement. That has changed. Postmarked after December 31<sup>st</sup> will incur a late fee, and you run the risk of being appointed to the membership committee. If you want to be a member and the cost is an issue, please give me a call. ("I shouldn't have to pay full rate because I don't use the range often" won't work). Every couple weeks, I get a call from someone who would like to be a member, but heard we were full. We have openings for new members.

We are not that far from the January club elections. Please consider serving on the board. Terms for all 5 executive officers are one year, so those seats are all open for 2025. We will also need at least 3 new board members for 2025. Please help recruit some new board members.

There are no rules about parking close to the range benches. However, doing so may mean you get some marks on your vehicle. We have had some recent complaints about people parking right next to the range shelters and in such a way as to block vehicles driving past. We should not need a rule about that. If you need to park close to unload, please move your vehicle after you unload your toys.

Holly and Mark Richardson are moving away, and Holly will not be able to serve as secretary. If you can think of anyone who might be able to serve as secretary, please ask them to give me a call.

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.

**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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### **MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

COSC Christmas Party! Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 4pm-10pm.

Sighting in days were a success. Traffic was about what we normally expect. And the club made a little money. This year the team added a deer silhouette with a small fee per shot with the closest to the heart getting half the pot. That was popular and will likely become a regular part of the event.

Cowboy Action events run on Saturdays are over for the year. The last day had a turnout closer to what we have seen in past years. Ken Ecker and Mike Rhoads have been running that. And the club made a little money.

During the summer we usually turn all the thermostats to "off." We have come to the time of year where that is a problem. When you leave the building, please make sure the thermostats are all set to "heat." Jerry Shihady has all of them set to only turn on when the temperature gets really low. Please also check when you lock up that the vent fans in the bathrooms are not running. They are not intended to run for days at a time and are hooked to the bathroom lights. Please make sure these get turned off.

The gun shows are back. Mike Rhoads is running another show on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please help get the word out that we will be having another show.

The steel falling plates are still a work in progress. All the targets on the large plate rack have been replaced. Mike is experimenting with ways to build replacements for the small plate rack. There are some new ones up now. Once those two racks are completed, we have the funds to see about a third rack. Should that be on the same 25yd range or on the other 25yd range?

Guests are limited to two per membership. Not per member. Please do not look for ways to get around that. Any classes taught at the range require board approval. I am getting complaints about people running unapproved classes. You can expect to lose your membership if you create a problem.

New member orientations are typically, not always, done just before the monthly meetings. We have had people showing up unannounced. New members need to wait to be scheduled.

The lost and found box in the office has two pairs of subscription eyeglasses. Seems like someone would know if they lost those. If you can't read this, contact [cosclostandfound@gmail.com](mailto:cosclostandfound@gmail.com).

### **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)

### **COSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Hello COSC Members, the 2024 year has almost come to an end. Man, where did that go? 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](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you, COSC Membership

### **CAMP DINNER**

Please mark your calendars for March 8, 2025, for our annual Camp Dinner.

To all you hunters out there... We would very much appreciate your wild game donations! Your donation will gain you a ticket to the dinner, so please keep us in mind as you are out there hunting.

More information will be posted next month.

Cathy Finn

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December 14<sup>th</sup> is the COSC Christmas party! Social hour is at 4pm and dinner at 5pm. The club will provide spiral sliced ham, coffee, hot chocolate, paper plates, and silverware. Please bring a dish to pass. If you wish, you may bring a beverage of your choice. Also, bring the kids or grandkids because Santa will be coming. Mark your calendars and plan on having a great time! If you have questions please call Jane Kandler at 517-646-7973 or Sharon Whaley at 517-896-8253.

**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

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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*