

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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COSC's Camp Dinner was a huge success! Credit goes to MANY volunteers who work long and tireless hours to bring this event together.

I want to begin with our cooks in my "Thank You" session. I cannot give enough Thanks to the 5 main cooks who worked Friday and Saturday prepping, creating, and cooking the many dishes we had to offer our guests. Our head chef was Mark Richardson, with helpers Mike Carter, David Walter, and Dan Reid. On Saturday, Austin Walter joined his father Dave to smoke the venison hind quarters. Helpers Jim Southworth and Joab Cotton pitched in to do a variety of last minute preparations. Mike Morey was busy Friday and Saturday cleaning pots and pans and dishes to keep the kitchen in Tip Top condition. We also had some dishes prepared by some very helpful individuals. Doug Watson made and brought in "Opening Day Chili." Carol Kapp prepared "Hunter's Beans." Pam Southworth prepared Mac n Cheese with Chicken and Cheesy Potatoes. Charlyn Stratton brought us Scalloped Potatoes. Richard Garza brought us Taco Salad. AND Henry Gaily brought us 100 Deviled Eggs! We had several bakers bring us their delicious dessert treats! A Very Big Thank You to all the cooks and bakers!

MANY THANKS to Mike Carter for the very generous amount of venison he donated! Also donating venison were Ken Ecker, Mike Birsen, Tom Kreh, Marty Rios, and Jeanne Royale Jr. Jeanne also donated rabbits, pheasant, and fish. Thank You Gentlemen for your very much appreciated donations that made our dinner a success!

Graciously serving the dinner were the following individuals: John Kandler, Tyler Kandler, Debi Carter, Charlyn Stratton, Tony Gorski, Russel and Cindy Shinevar, Trudy Longazel, Karen Czelada, Dale Howe, and Dennis Dann.

We had volunteers go out and seek donations from area businesses for our raffle tables. They were as follows: Holly Richardson, Dave Walter, Richard Garza, Kirk Ginther, and Wayne Walter who stepped up 2 days before the event and brought in several raffle items, 5 of which were first time donators. I would also like to Thank Leanne Scarborough who has generously donated several raffle items for at least the last 5 camp dinners! So, many Thanks to this group for all their efforts!

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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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Once again, this year Sharon Whaley took care of the admission desk. We had once again as our emcee, Dan Reid. Dakota VanKuren stepped up and offered to do our 50/50 raffle, bringing in \$1,041 with her smile and cheerful presentation. Mark and Holly Richardson sold raffle tickets for the 450 Bushmaster. Mike and Carla Rhoads sold raffle tickets for the Henry Golden Boy. Steve Dunn sold raffle tickets for 350 Legend. Dale Howe took care of the \$10 raffle table. Kirk Ginther and son Kenny took care of the \$1 and \$5 raffles. We were able to clear a profit of \$4600!

Sunday morning Marty Rios came back to the club to do a much-needed sweep and vacuuming the floors!

“Thank You” to all who attended this event as well! I hope you enjoyed the appetizers, the meal, and the raffles! We hope to see you again next year!

Chairperson, Cathy Finn

IN MEMORANDUM

Keith Wright March 31st, 2024

Keith Wright was a member of COSC for 22 years. He was actively involved in work projects and COSC activities. Many days you could find him on his backhoe working the club's ground premises or dragging his grater across the many driveways. He helped build the enclosed 7-yard range and shored up other buildings. He was a Chief Range Safety Officer and spent many hours in the vest performing his duty. Keith helped to teach many “Hunter Safety” programs. Perhaps his biggest joy while working at COSC was the time he spent with our youth groups. He was invested in their learning safety, accuracy, and aim. The youngsters always put a smile on his face. Keith was club President more than once and served on the board for many years giving sage advice. Keith donated several handcrafted birdhouses to the raffles at our Camp Dinner. He and his wife Lois took care of the Youth Trap Program Bake Sale at the many gun shows held here at COSC. Keith put his heart and soul into COSC, and here it remains.

Duane Whaley January 9th , 2025

Duane was a member for 22 years. He was actively involved in all things at COSC for all of his years. He was President more than once and served as a board member for many years. He was a Chief Range Safety Officer and performed many duties while wearing the orange vest. He ran many programs: The “Turkey Shoot,” “Cowboy Action,” and the “Adult Trap” to name a few. He taught many Basic Pistol and CPL classes. He oversaw the Camp Dinner for many years as well. Duane was very dedicated to COSC and the well-being of its members.

Don Uramkin January 31st, 2025

Don was a member of COSC for 20 years. He was actively involved during all his years here. He presented "Orientation" to many new members. He cooked breakfast and lunch for many of our Gun Shows. He was the main cook for our 2024 Camp Dinner. The General Manager at Joe's Gizzard City, Kelly Austin, attended the dinner this year to present COSC with \$650 gathered in Don's name. Quite a tribute to Don as the community at Joe's showed him their love and respect.

Gary Kandler March 1st, 2025

Gary was a member for 15 years. He too was actively involved in all of his years at COSC. He worked in the kitchen preparing food for every Camp Dinner since he joined the club. He donated several beautiful handmade walnut and maple clocks and other miscellaneous wall hangings to the raffles at the Camp Dinner. His last project, a folded flag holder case, was donated by his family and won by member Kathy Reid who cherishes this item. Gary was always available to perform tasks around COSC... weed whacking, spraying weeds, painting the kitchen counter and dutch door countertop. He and Jerry Shihady set about mounting the Caribou captured by Garold McKenzie onto the "Wall of Fame" in the basement. One of Gary's greatest joys was teaching the youth groups how to safely use their firearms. He showed great patience and compassion while working with the youngsters and the Ladies Only group.

All four of these Exemplary Gentlemen were dedicated to their families, their communities, and to COSC. They have earned our respect, and we say to them: Farewell to our Good Friends and may you Rest in Peace.

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 members that sit around, drink coffee, and occasionally even shoot something other than the bull!

Every Thursday, the 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! 2025 Cowboy Action shooting at COSC will start on April 12th. Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month of 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. Setup time is from 830am – 9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11am and noon. Shooting dates for 2025 are 4-12 and 4-26, 5-10 and 5-24, 6-14 and 6-28, 7-12 and 7-26, 8-9 and 8-23, 9-13 and 9-27, 10-11 and 10-25. If you have any questions please call or text Ken Ecker at 517-983-9195 or Mike Rhoads at 517-643-5989, rhoads1976@comcast.net.

JUNIOR .22 RIMFIRE

ATTENTION!! Junior .22 Rimfire Club will start this year on April 28th. We will be meeting every Monday from 5:00-7:00pm. All children 10-18 years of age can attend. Rifles, ammo, and targets are supplied by COSC. Those who have their own .22 rifle may use them at their own risk upon the approval of the instructor and RSOs. Each club member can win a patch, medals, and certificates through the NRA Rimfire challenge program. Call me at 517-285-5727 with any questions you may have.

The Junior .22 Rimfire Club uses Range Safety Officers (RSOs) to help make sure our students are using the range and firearms safely. The primary purpose of the club is to educate in the safe handling of firearms and to recognize and resolve a possible unsafe condition before it becomes a major issue.

I will be having a Range Safety Officer training course for all that will volunteer to help with our Junior .22 Rimfire Club. Those that are already certified do not need to attend,

but it is a great way to renew those things that you have learned. If you were an RSO for the club last summer and plan to return, please let me know as soon as possible. If you are a member of COSC or a parent of one of the students and would like to volunteer your time as an RSO for this summer, please also let me know as soon as possible. I am looking forward to working with our young shooters. Thank you.

Randy Campbell

RSO TRAINING

RSO Training class is set up for April 12, 2025. Start time is 8am. This will be held in the COSC clubhouse.

STOP THE BLEED

Stop the bleed is a collaboration of organizations that came together to design a program. This program can be taught to anyone. The idea is to take someone from no medical knowledge to being able to recognize and treat life-threatening bleeding.

This class entails a PowerPoint presentation and a hands-on piece. The class ranges from 1-2 hours. We cover what life threatening bleeding looks like, and the treatments once it's recognized. These treatments include wound packing, tourniquets, pressure bandages, hemostatic agents, and chest seals. Stop the bleed classes are generally taught for free which is how I will be running my classes as well. I will be accepting donations. I will have limited related medical supplies available for sale after the completion of the class.

My name is Brandon Avery. I've worked as an EMT for 4 years and spent the last 7 years in my current profession Nursing. I am a Stop the bleed instructor and a COSC member. I'm excited to be able to share this knowledge with my fellow COSC members. I have two passions in life, medicine and the second amendment. In the order I received emails, I will be recording people's names. I will contact people through email as this will allow me to keep track more efficiently and communicate more effectively. Stop the bleed has a requirement of no more than 8 students per instructor so classes will be limited to 8 people. As soon as there is a small group a date will be set.

For more information about Stop the bleed please visit <https://www.stopthebleed.org>.

For further information related to class feel free to contact me at Bravery Medical Training, braverymed@gmail.com.

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 – Kathy Reid 889-8434

Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

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Past President - Mark Richardson

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

John Gambill (1/10/28) 646-0681

Mike Rhoads (1/10/28) 643-5989

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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

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Black Powder

Members Needed

Club Maintenance

Mark Richardson 202-6000

Mike Birsen 231-5491

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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)

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New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Trap – Juniors & Ladies

Trap – Thursday PM

Members Needed

Trap - Sunday

Members Needed