

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Greetings!

We finally have some much nicer weather for being outdoors!

The IRS has the club listed as a 501(c)(4) and has been since 1950. The short definition of this classification is for a not-for-profit providing community service. These are legal requirements to qualify as a 501(c)(4). The members cannot be the only people benefiting from the club. Some of the ways we meet those requirements are:

- 1. Providing women's shooting opportunities through the Ladies, Ladies, Ladies program. These are open to any community member.**
- 2. Providing youth shooting opportunities through the 22 rimfire program. There are open to anyone under 17.**
- 3. We regularly contribute to local food banks and charitable functions.**
- 4. We offer Michigan DNR Recreational Safety courses, for free. These courses are open to anyone.**
- 5. We regularly support and donate to other community service organizations in the area.**

Please find time to come out to the club and take advantage of our range.

**Dale K Howe
COSC 2025 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 Dale Howe. 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 Dale is 616-485-3979.

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 \$8 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 started April 12th. 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. Setup time is from 830am – 9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11am and noon. Remaining shooting dates for 2025 are 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

Junior .22 Rimfire Club started this year on April 28th. We meet 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.

Randy Campbell

ARCHERY

We will be holding 3D shoots open to the public every other Sunday. Schedule for the rest of the season is: July 13, 27, August 10, 24, September 7, 21. 9am registration and practice, 10am shotgun start. Cost is \$15 per shooter for non-members, \$10 for members, \$5 for 10 and under, free for spectators. There will be 31 targets and 3 classes.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this event and with range maintenance. Please contact Mike Cripps if you can give your time at 616-283-1886 or crippsme@gmail.com.

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The 3D archery range is open!! The range fees will stay \$10 per member and \$15 per non-member. We've got 3 different stakes set up for levels of difficulty: Red for hardest with shots of 70 yards and in, Yellow for intermediate with shots of 40 yards and in, and Green for easy 20 yard and in shots. The two elevated platforms are out of play until further notice due to seeming quite rickety and in need of repairs.

LADIES LADIES LADIES

Happy Spring Ladies!

We have started our Ladies Ladies Ladies for 2025. This program is open to all ladies 18 years and older and you do not have to be members of Chief Okemos Sportsman Club. So invite your friends and come have fun. The cost is still \$5 and evening and if they don't own a firearm that is ok, we have firearms they can shoot. If you do have your own, I have ammunition for 22s, 380s, 9mm, and 38 special. Here is our schedule for the year:

July 2 – Pistols, skills and drills July 10 – Pistols, skills and drills

July 16 – AR night (if you have your own you can bring it, I will have 556 ammo for them)

July 24 - Pistols, skills and drills July 30 - Pistols, skills and drills

Aug 7 - Pistols, skills and drills Aug 13 – 22 Long Rifles

Aug 27 – Cowboy Action Sep 4 - AR night (if you have your own you can bring it, I will have 556 ammo for them)

Sep 10 - Pistols, skills and drills Sep 18 – End of season dinner @ Tony M's (spouses are welcome)

Looking forward to seeing you on the range. If you have any questions please let me know.

Kathy Reid 517-899-8434, kathyreid38@gmail.com

NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE

COSC is cooperating with the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club to train some additional NRA Range Safety Officers on Saturday, July 19th 8am-5pm at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club. The course is free to COSC members. You are not required to be an NRA member to be an NRA RSO. For more information contact dalekhowe@dkhowe.com or call 616-485-3979.

Dale K Howe

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2025 GUN SHOW

The next COSC Gun Show is Sunday, October 5th, 2025 from 9am to 3pm. If you have any questions please contact Mike Rhoads, Gun Show Manager, at 517-643-5989 (call or text.) Attached to this newsletter are forms to request a vendor table, rules for the show, and advertising for the show. If you can print out and post the ad for the show at gun shops, sportsman's clubs, American Legions, VFWs, etc, that you are affiliated with that would be a great help to the club. We had a good showing at the last show but can always use more attendees and vendors.

Please forward the table request and rules form to anyone who might be interested in being a vendor or have them contact Mike. Help will be needed with setting up the show, modifying, placing and picking up signs for the show and loading up after the show, take down tables, clean hall, etc. Please contact Mike at 517-643-5989 to volunteer.

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/13/26

President – Dale Howe 616-485-3979

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

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Members Needed

Club Maintenance

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Mike Birsen 231-5491

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Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

COSC/NRA Membership Recruiting

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Cowboy Action

Ken Ecker 983-9195
Mike Rhoads 643-5989

Falling Plates

Mike Carter 285-4189

Junior .22 Rifle

Randy Campbell 285-5727

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Mark Richardson 202-6000
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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

Dan Reid 719-0416

Trap – Thursday PM

Members Needed

Trap - Sunday

Members Needed