

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Greetings!

We have had some excellent weather for shooting. I hope you have found time to enjoy the range. Obviously, stopping one half-hour before sunset. This time of year that gets earlier and earlier every day. By the first of October, sunset will be 7:15, so no noise after 6:45. By the end of October, sunset will be 6:30, so no noise after 6:00. Breaking this rule, even once, can be expected to cost you your membership. Please don't test that boundary.

Mark Richardson is hosting a general range maintenance party October 18th. The entire range will be closed from 9am until noon, maybe 1:00. We have so few volunteers that we cannot afford to shoot any of them. If you are available for even part of this time, please come out to help. Bring battery powered tools if you have them.

The Old Guys Breakfast on Thursday mornings is over. If we had some volunteer cooks, we could restart this.

We have the lowest membership dues of any club I know of. The club bylaws prohibit paid employees. If we have to hire contractors to do some of the work, the dues must go up.

With a little luck and some cooperation from the Windsor Twp staff, we should have a new mower shed by the middle of October. We are not doing anything strange, but still need signoffs for zoning, the building inspector, and the health department. That has taken a couple weeks.

We have another DNR Hunter Safety Field Day planned for October 25th and a DNR Trapper Course set for November 8th.

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

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 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

MEMBERSHIP

Hello COSC Members,

The 2025 year is moving along quickly and starting this month, September 1 – December 31 2025, it is time to submit your membership renewal application for 2026. Please take time now and complete your renewal application. You can find our application on our website. <https://chiefokemos.org/membership-in-cosc/>

Please know that if you send in 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,

Kirk Ginther, COSC Membership Chairman

SIGHT IN DAYS

This year's dates for sighting in your firearms is Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd from 9am – 3pm and Saturday and Sunday, November 8th and 9th from 9am – 3pm. Targets will be provided by COSC along with assistance from some knowledgeable members. You will need to bring your own ammunition. The cost remains at \$3 per firearm.

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

1st Vice – Richard Garza 230-3552

2nd Vice – Kirk Ginther 881-6022

Secretary – Kathy Reid 899-8434

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

Club Contact Info

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Members Needed

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Mike Birsen 231-5491

Clubhouse Rental

Mike & Cathy Finn 408-0015

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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

Key Masters

Mark Richardson 202-6000
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Jerry Shihady 282-5097

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