

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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## **Greetings!**

**Elections are coming up in January. It appears we have 2 board seats up for election. Or you may wish to coax Jerry Shihady and Cathy Finn to stay on. I am term limited out, as are Richard Garza, currently 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and Kirk Ginther, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. OR, if you have the time and are willing, run for office!**

**Sight In Days 2025... A new member, Brian Klaiss came out to help before he was actually a member and donated a stack of targets and chronograph. As you are recruiting new members, please look for more like that.**

**Sight In Days 2026... Sight In is usually the first two weekends in November. In 2026, the way the dates line up, next year it will be the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November. (Oct 31<sup>st</sup>/Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>.)**

**We had a DNR Trapper Safety course November 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 16 students. Hunter Safety is usually 65-70 students. Trapper courses are usually 4-5 students. Eaton County Sheriff's Office has run ORV, Snowmobile, and Boating safety classes for years. They have decided to back off those. So, if we can find enough instructors, Chief Okemos may wish to fill that gap by offering the other safety courses in 2026. Please let me know if you have the interest and time to become a DNR instructor.**

**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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## MEMBERSHIP

Hello COSC Members,

As of this newsletter, you are in the last 30 days 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 me at [coscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com) and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you,

Kirk Ginther, COSC Membership Chairman

## 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 Pottersville, 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 7-yard range orientation will now be conducted by Tom Nelson. Please contact Tom at 517-882-8783 to set up an appointment. Also willing to help train individuals are Jerry Shihady 517-282-5097 and Dale Howe 517-349-9919.

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

### **RANGE WORK PARTY**

A Big "Thank You" to the 18 individuals who came out to COSC to help repair the backstops and the 200-yard steel target holders. The weather was great and the many volunteer hands made for quick and efficient work. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all of the members! Be sure to put in your work hours for this project. When you accumulate 15 hours you will be eligible for a reduced membership payment. Cleaning out the barrels on the range and/or replacing cardboard on the backstops is another great way to get credit for work hours. Thanks again for your work!

### **SIGHTING IN DAYS RECAP**

John Gambill and Barry Chappell have worked these for many years... and they are both grateful for the two younger gentlemen who have joined their efforts for the last few years. These men who have worked very diligently outside wherever needed are Justin Mace and Steve Slee. We are thankful for all the other volunteers who have shown up and helped out as well. Thanks also go out to the generous donations of food for this event. Cooks Bob Culp, Richard Garza, and Gloria Gambill prepared delicious dishes for everyone to eat. Food and coffee are always welcome, especially on the cold and windy days! Fifty-one people showed up to have their firearms sighted in. So once again... Thank You to all who helped with this event.

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please join us for a night of socializing and good food! Please bring a dish to pass. COSC will provide ham as well as plates and silverware, water, cocoa, and coffee. You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverage if you wish to do so. Santa will be stopping by for a visit as well. Social hour at 4pm. Dinner at 5pm. Hope to see you there!

**Executive Officers** \*all terms end 1/13/26

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 – Kathy Reid 899-8434

Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

**Board Members**

*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

**Communications/Social Media**

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**Lost and Found**

[cosclostandfound@gmail.com](mailto:cosclostandfound@gmail.com)

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

## **Club Contact Info**

### **7-yard Range Orientation**

Tom Nelson 882-8783

### **Archery**

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Austin Walter

### **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

Jerry Shihady 282-5097

### **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](mailto:coscmembership@gmail.com)

### **New Member Orientation**

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

### **Trap – Juniors & Ladies**

Dan Reid 719-0416

### **Trap – Thursday PM - Members Needed**

### **Trap – Sunday - Members Needed**