

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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Greetings!

This is an odd newsletter; written in December for the January newsletter, by what will be last year's President.

What would you like to see done in 2026?

January 12th is the first meeting of the new year and elections for board members. Please try to come out. The people you put on the board are your voice about club activities for the next year.

Board members meet once a month and we try to move along so the evenings tend to be short. We could certainly use some new faces.

Beyond routine maintenance, we have accomplished a lot this year. We need more members. Perhaps even a few of those unusual members who is also a volunteer? Too many of the programs the club ran for years have faltered.

Happy Holidays and very best wishes for the new year!

**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 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 Thanks! Mark Richardson



SPRING 2026 GUN SHOW

The next COSC Gun Show is Sunday, April 12, 2026, 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 Legion, 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 forms 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, helping vendors bring their stuff in to the show and to load up after the show, take down tables, clean hall, etc. We need someone to run the kitchen for this show as our previous cooks are unavailable. Please contact Mike at 517-643-5989 to volunteer.

2026 CAMP DINNER FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendars for March 7th, 2026 for our Camp Dinner. The evening begins with Appetizers and looking at Raffles and Door Prizes. Dinner will follow at 5:30.

A donation of wild game would be very much appreciated and will get you a ticket to this event. My number is 517-974-6178. You can call or text me to set up a time for drop-off. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month, and the Wheezer Geezer Thursday morning get together is gearing up to start again....at least for coffee and donuts if you wish to do a drop off at either of these times.

New or gently used raffle items would be very much appreciated as well. Same contact as above.

Baked goods donations are always appreciated at the dinner. We have some wonderful bakers among our members. Please consider offering your favorite dessert to our guests.

Volunteers are needed to serve the dinner, it's a buffet line with servers. This gets you in free of charge to the event.

I will need a few folks to help with clean up on Sunday morning around 11am. This will give you hours toward your volunteering to reduce your membership fee next year.

I hope you will join us for this day of fun, good food, and good raffle prizes. We only hold one fundraising event a year, and this is it!

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

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

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Club Contact Info

7-yard Range Orientation

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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

New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Trap – Juniors & Ladies

Dan Reid 719-0416

Trap – Thursday PM - Members Needed

Trap – Sunday - Members Needed