

# Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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**The board voted to go back to separate meetings starting in April. The General meeting will be the second Monday of the month, and the Board meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, both starting at 7pm.**

**Don't forget to come out to the Camp Dinner March 7<sup>th</sup>!  
Always good food and fun times had by all.**

**Mark Richardson  
COSC 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:qtmars@yahoo.com) Thanks! Mark Richardson

### **COWBOY ACTION**

Once again, it is time to COWBOY UP. 2026 Cowboy Action Shooting season will start on April 11. Shoots will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month April through October. Cowboy 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 to 9am. Shooting starts at 9am and is usually finished between 11am and noon. Shooting dates for 2026 are 4-11 & 4-25, 5-9 & 5-23, 6-13 & 6-27, 7-11 & 7-25, 8-8 & 8-22, 9-12 & 9-26, 10-10 & 10-24.

If you have any questions, please call or text Ken Ecker at 517-983-9195 or Mike Rhoads at 517-643-5989.

### **SPRING 2026 GUN SHOW**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Spring 2026 COSC Gun Show has been cancelled. The Fall Gun Show is scheduled for October 4, 2026. Mike Rhoads will be the gun show manager. If you have any questions, please call or text Mike at 517-643-5989.

### **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 meat 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 for 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 cleaning 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 1/11/27

President – Mark Richardson 202-6000  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Steve Slee 775-7353  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Richard Garza 230-3552  
Secretary – Kathy Reid 899-8434  
Treasurer – Jane Kandler 646-7973

**Board Members**

*Past President – Dale Howe*

Ken Ecker (1/27) 983-9195  
Josh Ramey (1/27) 819-9644  
Gary Radtke (1/27) 281-7704  
John Gambill (1/28) 646-0681  
Mike Rhoads (1/28) 643-5989  
Jerry Shihady (1/29) 282-5097  
Cathy Finn (1/29) 974-6178

**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**

Mike Cripps 616-283-1886 [crippsme@gmail.com](mailto:crippsme@gmail.com)

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***