

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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- 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: The rates for one year and five-year NRA memberships have returned to standard recruiter rates. One year \$35 and five years \$125 (if done through COSC.)

You can click the link on our webpage and renew with CC online or sign up for a new membership. If you wish to write a check then send the following info: Your name, mailing address, NRA membership number (if renewing,) the NRA magazine you prefer (choose one: American Rifleman or American Hunter) (please note if you choose digital you get 12 monthly emailed editions, if you choose to have it mailed to you then it will be mailed quarterly) 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

JUNIOR .22 RIMFIRE

We are looking forward to another exciting summer with the Junior .22 Rimfire Club. All children 10-17 years old are welcome to join us. There is no cost and you do not need to be a member to participate. All students will be instructed in the safe handling and shooting of rifles. Everyone will have a chance to earn patches, certificates, and medals under the NRA Marksman program.

Classes will be every Monday 5:00-7:00pm and will start on May 4th (weather permitting) and will end August 31st with our annual cookout and family shooting. Range Safety Officers (RSOs) who will be returning please contact me so that I know who will be working with me this year. Thank you.

You can contact me with any questions you may have by email at emailrlc@yahoo.com or by phone at 517-285-5727.

Randy Campbell

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.

LADIES LADIES LADIES

All ladies are invited to the planning meeting for our 2026 shooting season. We will be meeting upstairs in the clubhouse on Wednesday April 22nd at 6pm. Come and bring your ideas. Any questions please contact Kathy Reid at 517-899-8434 or kathyreid38@gmail.com. Thanks so much, Kathy

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 RECAP

Our Camp Dinner Fundraiser was a great success again this year... due to the dedication and hard work of many volunteers. I'd like to acknowledge them in this newsletter.

First of all, I want to thank our lead cook Mark Richardson. He prepared most of the delicious entrees for this event! He gladly accepted help from Dan Reid who has perfected his venison stroganoff dish. Also helping were Austin and Dave Walter with smoked venison and pork loin. Bob Gailey provided deviled eggs and two kinds of pickles and olives. Mike Carter was on hand to help with everything that was getting prepared and he is responsible for the majority of venison we received. Jeanne Royale Jr also donated venison and pheasant. Tom Kreh and friend donated venison and rabbit and squirrel. Mike Birsen also donated venison. "Thank You" to all of these gentlemen who donated and/or prepared the delicious dishes we consumed.

We had delicious desserts prepared and donated as well. "Thank You" to Jane Kandler, Karen Czelda, Jody Walter, Charlyn Statton, and Bob Gailey. The desserts were yummy!

Many thanks to Mike Morey who was busy cleaning pots and pans, etc both Friday and Saturday.

Our business donations were collected by three COSC members: Holly Richardson, Dave Walter, and Wayne Walter. We also had personal items donated to the raffles by Jeanne Royale Sr, Mike Carter, Jerry Shihady, Dave Walter, Dennis Dann, and Leanne Scarborough. Thanks to all of these donations, our raffles did quite well!

Selling raffle tickets for the firearms were Mark and Holly Richardson, Steve Dunn, and Steve Slee. Selling tickets for the \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 raffles were Toni Gorski, Kirk Ginther, and Jaisen and Christina Caspers.

Jane Kandler and Deb Carter were working the admission desk with John and Corissa Toomey taking care of the appetizer table.

Dan Reid was our MC again this year and he did a wonderful job as usual.

Dakota Vankuren sold 50/50 tickets with help from Johnathan Kandler. Great job you two!

Thank You to all our servers: Johnathan Kandler, Charlyn Stratton, Russ and Cindy Shinevar, John and Corissa Toomey, Toni Gorski, Dennis Dann, Trudy Longazel and Karen Czelda.

Sunday morning Marty Rios and Bob Starr helped me clean up the clubhouse after many volunteers had helped to put away tables and chairs Saturday night.

As you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers to make this event a success. Plus give a hand to all the folks that came out to the Camp Dinner for the evening! I hope everyone had a good meal and a good time! I hope to see all of you again next year!

Thanks again to everyone! Chairperson: Cathy Finn

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/11/27

President – Mark Richardson 202-6000
1st Vice – Steve Slee 775-7353
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Black Powder - Members Needed

Club Maintenance

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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