

# 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) and will end August 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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. Remaining shooting dates for 2026 are 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.

## **ARCHERY**

The 3D course is set up and ready to shoot. 2026 3D shoot dates are as follows: May 2, June 13, July 11, August 1, and September 19. They are open to the public and registration/practice starts at 9am. Shotgun start is 10am. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. We should be done shooting around 4pm. There are 31 targets of various North American game animals, and the layout has been changed from last year to keep things interesting. Members are welcome to shoot the 3D course anytime during normal shooting hours at a cost of \$10 that can be deposited into the red post at the start of the course. You can also find score cards near there as well. If you would like to help out, especially once "growing" season is in full swing, we always need help keeping the weeds tamed on all of the lanes. Whether it's spraying or string trimming, whether you come out for an hour a day, everything helps. This also counts towards your 15 hours for discounted membership rates. Please contact Mike or Austin for more information on maintenance needs.

**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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Facebook – Aaron Lopez ([lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com](mailto:lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com))

**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 980-9613

### **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**