

Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club



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**GUN CLUB
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**OUR CLUB. OUR COMMUNITY.
LET'S MAKE IT GREAT!**

★ WHY VOLUNTEER? ★

- SUPPORT OUR CLUB**
Help keep our club strong
- GIVE BACK**
Make a difference
- MEET GREAT PEOPLE**
Build friendships & connections
- BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER**
Our members make it all possible!

**EVERY HAND
MAKES AN IMPACT!**

★ WE NEED YOU! ★
SIGN UP TODAY!

- 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 517-202-6000 or send an email to me at qtmars@yahoo.com Thanks! Mark Richardson

COWBOY ACTION

Once again, it is time to COWBOY UP. 2026 Cowboy Action Shooting season started 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 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.

ARCHERY

The 3D course is set up and ready to shoot. Remaining 2026 3D shoot dates are as follows: 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, especially once "growing" season is in full swing, we always need help keeping the weeds tamed on all 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.

WHEEZERS AND GEEZERS

Wheezers and Geezers are getting together on Thursday mornings like they used to do. They would like to see you join them for breakfast and friendship. They could also use some help in the kitchen. The cook arrives by 7am and he could use help with cooking, prepping, serving, and cleaning up the kitchen. The group would appreciate some new volunteers and some more members to join in their breakfast get together. Please consider joining. Contact person is Richard Garza, 517-230-3552.



RENEWAL TIME

September starts the beginning of COSC membership renewal reminder season. Some of us will put this off for now and hopefully remember before December 31st. Some of us won't and then end up paying the \$25 late fee along with your membership renewal. I am advising that if you send in your payment by December 31st you can renew your club membership for 2027.

Unlike many things around us, prices did not go up for 2027 so send in your money now.

There will be a downloadable fillable renewal form in the September through December newsletters emailed out.

Sincerely, Kirk Ginther Membership Committee Chairman

2026 FALL GUN SHOW

The next COSC Gun Show is Sunday, October 4th, 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 the newsletter is a PDF that includes the 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 Legions, 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 on Saturday, picking up roadside signs for the show, helping vendors bring their stuff into the show and loading up after the show, taking down tables, cleaning the hall, etc. Please contact Mike at 517-643-5989 to volunteer.

GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES

COSC has some plants and bushes surrounding the building that need sprucing up! They mainly need the weeds pulled up and new wood chips brought over to nestle among the plants. This is an opportunity to earn volunteer hours to reduce your membership fee. You can set your own hours. The weeds can be disposed of by tossing them behind the trash container in the wooded area. There is an ample amount of woodchips you just need to bring your own tools. Helpful tools might be a tarp to haul away weeds, a shovel, and a container to bring the wood chips over in.

Questions? Contact Cathy at 517-974-6178.



COSC Classified Corner



Please take note....

This is the inaugural launch of the COSC Want Ad Section of the newsletter for COSC members only. Want to sell something, give an item away for free? Create your ad per the rules below and send to cosc4667@gmail.com on or before the 12th of the month.

FREE

Listed until 10/15/26

I have 2 Nest cameras and power cords no longer needed. The units work fine. Switched over to Reolink and have no need for these units. If anyone wants them free, let me know please.

Richard Ott roc3cqq@gmail.com
517-719-5513

FOR SALE

Listed until 10/15/26

Ruger Single Six revolver, two cylinders – 22LR and 22MAG, 6.5” barrel, blued, adjustable sights, 15 years old still new in box.

\$500
Steve
517-775-7353

FOR SALE

Listed until 10/15/26

54 new NOS Winchester primed brass in vintage box. 75 Winchester 150gr soft points in vintage boxes. 349 dia.

\$90
Eric
Erict58@aol.com, 517-944-2039

EMPTY

The subject of the COSC Wants Ad should be related to the functions of the club. There will be a few exceptions, but sales of houses, autos, land, boats, and big-ticket items will be denied. Selling by business will be prohibited. This is the inaugural launch, and a few bumps are expected, and the content rules will be adjusted as the ads revolve. Thank You.

Ads for COSC Newsletter are printed monthly (due by the 12th)

Max ad lines – 6

Max length of ad run – 3 months

Email ad to – cosc4667@gmail.com

Include Contact Info – Name, Phone number, Email, length to run

Executive Officers *all terms end 1/11/27

President – Mark Richardson 202-6000

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Secretary – Kathy Reid 899-8434

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Lost and Found

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

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

New Member Orientation

Sharon Whaley 896-8253

Trap – Juniors & Ladies

Dan Reid 719-0416

Trap – Thursday PM - Members Needed

Trap – Sunday - Members Needed