



# York Riflemen Newsletter

York Rifle Range  
Association Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we have entered into the second decade of this new century. The proceeding year we were able to make great achievements and they could not have been obtained without the diligent work of our Membership, Officers and Board of Directors. I would like to thank everyone for a successful year.

I am proud to report on the growth of the York Rifle Range Association and what is scheduled for this new year. The growth of our membership has been unprecedented in the amount of new membership in an overall membership of 1,411.

The Highpower Rifle Committee has scheduled their usual venue of highpower matches and have added a new event called a Vintage Rifle Match where only M-I Garand

and Springfield Rifles will be used.

The Smallbore Rifle Committee is hard at work scheduling the summer matches and the Junior Committee is working with local Boy Scout troops to qualify them for different shooting merit badges.

The big change scheduled for this year, which will affect all members, will be the new security system being installed at the club house. We are replacing the old antiquated system with a new system that has the capability to record when and who enters the club house as well as a number of other features. Every member will be issued a individual card, which will be programmed with a code to identify you as a member. This card will be good for as long as you are a member in good standing and will not be replaced on an

annual basis. The gate security system will be upgraded at a later date but once it is updated, the card issued to you will work the gate and club house door. At this time please keep your existing green card, which will be used on the gate until upgraded. This new system will cut the annual expense of purchasing and mailing new cards as well as monitoring the facilities against vandalism.

Please turn to our website at [www.yorkriflemen.org](http://www.yorkriflemen.org) for information and updates.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the York Rifle Range Assoc. I would like to give a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who shares of their time to make this organization and heritage a great success.

Doug Nace, President  
York Rifle Range Association Inc.

## New Club Access System

It's coming. The New Club access system is on it's way. Doug mentioned it in his message above.

**ALL Senior members** that have paid your dues have received the New Access Card and your new 2011 membership card with the note telling you a little about the change that is about to happen.

**Life Members** - some of you have received your new cards others have recently received a mailing from me asking you to verify and, or update information that I have in your file. Almost all have returned the letter and I am working on getting your cards out to you in the next week.

**The new system is scheduled to be installed first at the Club house door on or about the end of February.** It is an HID card reader system that only requires that you swipe your card in front of the card reader to unlock the door. It will be located within a few inches of the current card system that we have. The system that uses the green card will be removed from the Club house door.

**PLEASE DO NOT UNLOCK THE CLUB HOUSE DOOR. EVEN IF YOU ARE INSIDE. YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR ACCESS CARD WITH YOU SO you do not need to unlock the door. Doing so will send the**

open door alarm to the system.

If the door needs to be unlocked for special events it will be programmed in to the system.

The main gate will be changed later after the snow and cold weather goes away so keep your Green access card until it stops working at the front gate. We are also discussing installing a new front gate at that time. **Information will be posted online, at the clubhouse and each of the ranges prior to the change so watch for notices posted around the range.** If you have questions about the new system and it's operation please come up to a club meeting and we can talk about it. (continued on page 2)

## York Riflemen 2011 Officers

- **President:**  
Doug Nace
- **Vice President:**  
T. Richard Ide
- **Treasurer:**  
Ken Kreiger
- **Recording Secretary:**  
*This could be your name*
- **Membership Secretary:**  
Jim Jensen

## 2011

## Board of Directors

- **Chairman:**  
Russ Stabley 2010 - 2011
- **Directors:**  
Steve Hughes 2010 - 2011  
Greg Livingston 2010 - 2011  
Ed Fauth 2011 - 2012  
Bob Mitzel 2011 - 2012

### York Riflemen Club

- Meetings held 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30pm in the clubhouse. Members are encouraged to attend
- Update you files with the Club's Mailing Address**
- **York Rifle Range PO Box 3592 York, PA 17402**
- **The Post Office has stopped forwarding mail from the old address as of Oct. 31, 2010**

**Support your "Right to keep and bear arms"  
Join the NRA**



## Club Safety

We had another safety violation at the club on the high power range. In the last newsletter it was mentioned about NOT driving down range on the high power range. That was not a suggestion. Someone drove down to the 200 yard targets sometime after it snowed. The only time driving down range is allowed is for maintenance approved prior to doing so by the Building and Grounds committee. Any person found driving on the range ignoring club safety rules is jeopardizing their safety and their membership and will be reported to the club's Officers. **Please don't drive on the range.**

## Recording Secretary Needed

The Club is still in need of a Recording Secretary. If you have 2 or 3 hours a month that you could spare we could really use your help. Russ Stabley has been acting as our Recording Secretary for over 16 months. Thank you very much Russ for doing this. But after all of this time he is ready to let another person take over. He will get with you and spend all the time you need to understand what you will need to do. He will even sit with you at every meeting until you are comfortable and feel you can take over on your own.

If you can help us out it will be very much appreciated, by Russ, and all of the members.

But mostly by Russ.

If you would like to give it a shot, come up to the Club meeting on Tuesday night.

## A Word About Proper Targets

It's been a while since our incidents with a few destructive individuals, and although the frequency has dropped, we still have somebody, or a few, who just don't seem to get the point.

Let's talk about targets. It's important we understand the 'targets' we shoot at must be appropriate and safe, and shooting at them is not de-

structive to our range, pose a safety hazard to ourselves, or anyone around us.

### What does 'safe and appropriate' mean?

Under NO circumstances are bottles, cans, pins (bowling, clothes, rolling, etc), rocks, food, exploding devices, fireworks, etc., to be used on any of the ranges as a target. We are a rifle range/club, not a

shooting gallery or garbage dump.

Appropriate targets are paper targets of the right size for the frames, or clay targets appropriate for our shotgun range. Use good commonsense before pulling that trigger. Know your target and what is beyond it. Remove your targets and police your firing point when you're done.

## New Club Access System (cont. from page 1)

In the letter that I sent out with your new membership cards I listed incorrect costs for the new cards and optional Key fobs. Let me correct that information here.

You are issued the original CARD at no charge.

If you loose your card and need a replacement there is a \$10.00 charge.

If you have your original card and would like to exchange it for a Key fob you can do so for a \$5.00 upgrade charge.

If you need to replace a lost key fob the cost is \$10.00. The

original device that you had will be deactivated before you get your replacement device. If you loose your card or key fob you should contact me or one of the clubs Officers or Directors as soon as possible.

You will not be able to have 2 devices active on the system at one time.

**Life Members**— If I have not had any or limited correspondence with you over the last year, I sent you a letter in January requesting you to update or supply some missing information and to verify your current ad-

dress. A huge Thank You to all of you that have returned your information to me. If you have not returned it yet, please send it back as soon as you can in the Postage paid envelope enclosed with the letter. Once you send that back to me I will send out your new Access key and Membership card for 2011. Again, thank you for helping me update the information in your file.

Any questions about this or any membership related issues please send me an email at

YRMembership@comcast.net or come up to a club meeting.

## 2011 Membership dues

**Time is running out,** The End of February is the last day to get your Membership Dues in for 2011. If your dues are not in my mailbox by February 28th, 2011 your membership will be terminated and you will need to re-apply for membership. **Absolutely no exceptions will be made.**

When you are re-applying for membership it requires the same steps as First time Applicants, You will need to get a current member to sponsor you and you are required to attend a pre-membership meeting prior to being announced for membership.

If the Membership is full you will be placed on the waiting list in the order that I received your Pre-membership Waiting list form.

### IMPORTANT CHANGE

For 85% of the Members this will be of no consequence to you as you pay your dues each year before the end of December. For the remaining 15% this will be something you will want to mark on your calendars. STARTING with the 2012 Membership year, that is the end of this year. The "Grace" period will be adjusted to follow the Club Constitution. One month past the Due date. The DUE date

is December 31 EVERY year. And starting with the membership year of 2012, you will only have until the **END of January** until you are considered late. The Grace period will no longer extend until the end of February.

Thank you for your understanding to this matter and thank you for getting your Dues in on time each year.

### Please note

WE DO NOT send out individual invoices or Payment reminders. It is up to you to remember to get your dues in on time.

## SMALLBORE NEWS

The indoor season is at the half way mark and the York team has been unable to win any points within the Inter-County League competition to date. We are still struggling to field a team on a consistent basis and are looking for competitive minded shooters to join. The smallbore indoor matches are held on Friday evenings starting at 7:00 PM and the match consists of using a 22 rifle to shoot 60 shots at fifty feet. The schedule is posted on our website, in the Club House or contact any smallbore team member.

Doug Nace

Greg Livingston

## HIGH POWER NEWS

The York Riflemen plan to hold our regular 2011 season matches on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, May through September. However, the first match this year will be a John C. Garand Match on Sunday, April 10 followed by a fifty round National Match Course NRA Match. The Match dates are April 10, May 22, June 26, July 24, and September 25. The Club Memorial Trophy Match will be August 28, 2011.

Details concerning all of the matches is posted on the club website [www.yorkriflemen.org/HighPowerTeam.htm](http://www.yorkriflemen.org/HighPowerTeam.htm)

**Of special note**, a notarized Liability form is required to shoot in the CMP As-Issued John C. Garand Match. That form can be downloaded from the CMP website at <http://odcmp.com/Competitions/Affidavit.pdf>

The As-Issued Garand Match will follow the CMP John C. Garand format – 30 rounds, 200 yards (5 sighters, followed by 10 shots prone slow-fire, 1 rapid-fire prone string, and 10 rounds offhand)

At this time, no High Power clinic details are available. For info on York's High Power program, email [haagfred@gmail.com](mailto:haagfred@gmail.com)

## Are You A Safe Shooter?

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Good safety practices and good commonsense should be used when handling any firearm.

When individuals are down-range, ALL firearms are to be made safe (unloaded, safeties on, bolts open, magazines/clips removed, pointed in a safe direc-

tion) and nobody is to be touching or handling it until everyone is back behind the firing line, has been accounted for, and the line is declared 'hot' to begin shooting. The same goes for how you hold and transport your firearms to and from the firing ranges and points, too.

Use the range alarm; it's there

for your protection.

Remember, if you knew an accident was going to happen, it wouldn't be an accident.

If you see anyone acting in an unsafe manner, please report it to a club officer.

Safety first, safety last, safety always!

## Electronic version of the Newsletter

If you have access to the internet you can view this and previous Newsletters in PDF form at [www.yorkriflemen.org](http://www.yorkriflemen.org).

Would you like to receive the Newsletter by email rather than the U.S. Postal service? Send me your email address. This will save the club money that can be used for other club needs.

Let me know if you would prefer the email version only or if you would like to continue to have a copy mailed to you through the U.S. Postal Service.

I have sent a copy of this Newsletter to all of the Members that have supplied me with an active email address. If you gave me your email address but did not get this newsletter in your email, I may have an incorrect email address for you.

You can insure I have an accurate address for you by sending an email to me from the email address that you want to have the newsletter delivered to. Send an email to me at

[YRMEMBERSHIP@comcast.net](mailto:YRMEMBERSHIP@comcast.net)

You should also add the above email to your safe senders list so that your email provider doesn't treat it as junk email.

To help me keep your email request separate from the other email, type "Email address for Newsletter" in the subject of the email. The York Rifle Range will not trade or sell your email. It will only be used to send out the newsletter or to contact you regarding membership or other club information.



Our club has been designated as a RECRUITING CLUB with the NRA. If you have not already done so you should join the NRA to help support your Second Amendment rights. You can also RENEW your membership and receive a discount off of a 1 year membership.

If you would like to Join the NRA or Renew your current membership and receive a discount go to Our website [www.yorkriflemen.org](http://www.yorkriflemen.org) and click on the NRA Link like the one below.



This will take you to a special link at the NRA site that is tied to our club. For each New Membership our club receives a commission of \$10.

For each renewal our club receives \$5.

According to my records our club has less the 25% of our members that are NRA members That sure surprised me. I would have thought that a GUN CLUB like the York Rifle Range would have 90% to 100% of it members as current NRA members. If you don't have access to the internet but would still like to join or renew your membership with the NRA come up to a Club meeting and we can get you signed up. If you are not sure when your NRA membership ends you can still purchase a One year membership and the NRA will add the membership on at the end of your current membership so you don't lose any time. ALSO don't forget about \$2500 firearm insurance provided at no charge to all NRA Members. JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

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Clubhouse phone:  
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Question about the club?  
Email: Yorkriflemen@yahoo.com

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bear arms"  
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Check out the York Rifle  
Range website

[www.yorkriflemen.org](http://www.yorkriflemen.org)

Articles in this newsletter submitted  
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Doug Nace	Dick Ide
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## Membership 2010 Totals

**As Doug mentioned in the President's Message**, the Club is growing in Membership. At the time this Newsletter was sent to the printer we were at a TOTAL membership of 1,411. The breakdown of the membership is the following.

Life Members — 222

Junior Members— 62

Active Military — 1

Senior Members— 1,126

Last year and vote was taken to increase the total number of Senior Members from 1,000 to 1,200. as you can see we are filling those extra 200 positions and will be at maximum Senior Membership soon.

Once these are filled, Membership to the Club will once again close and we will go back to instituting the WAITING LIST.

Once the waiting list is activated New members will not be able to join the club until current memberships are vacated. This would normally be after the last day membership payments are due each year.

If you have submitted anyone for membership you should contact them ASAP. Everyone on the waiting list has been mailed a full application and has been invited to attend one of the Pre-membership meetings held at the club each month 1 hour prior to the start of the regular monthly club meeting. They must attend one of these meetings BEFORE they will be announced and posted for membership. ONCE the Senior Membership total has been reached anyone that did not attend one of the Pre-membership meeting will be

placed on the waiting list in the order that I received their original request for application. Being mailed the Full application does not automatically lock in a membership, the prospective member **must attend a Pre-membership meeting**. Once we activate a "WAITING LIST" I will keep an updated list posted at the club.

Once the Senior membership is full Pre-membership meetings will not be held before every monthly Club meeting, they will only be held when scheduled.

**Also Please remember. You are only allowed to sponsor a new member once you have been a member for at least one full year.**

You are only allowed 2 quests to visit the club with you each day and you should sign in

PRIOR to beginning to shoot.

When you are sponsoring a person for membership you should take the prospective member on a complete tour of the range and explain the proper use of each area. While giving the tour, when you are explaining the use of the clubhouse and indoor range you should pick up a pre-membership application for your guest. You as the sponsoring Member should fill in your name and member number.

**You should never instruct your Prospective member to come up to the club to pick up a form without you.** Non-members are only allowed on the range as a Guest of a member or when participating in match events.