



York Rifle Range Newsletter

York Rifle Range

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President's Message - Winter 2019

In a review of 2018, I am proud to report we had a successful year in the sense of accomplishing all the projects that were proposed. The biggest item to report is the Club purchased a new Mahindra Tractor with a front loader and retired the 1950's vintage Ford Tractor, which is for sale for \$2,000.00. The Board of Directors deliberated on this purchase by getting quotes from like tractor manufacturers that were found locally. After reviewing quotes for four like tractors and what warranties were offered, the decision was made. With proper maintenance this tractor should supply service to our organization for years to come. The Board of Directors are presently looking into updates for the highpower pit at 200 yards and the smallbore firing line. We are fortunate to have business minded individuals on the Board of Directors to look after and balance the funds for improvements to the Club. All this would not have been possible without our solid membership. I would also like to thank all the loyal and dedicated members who took extra time out of their busy schedules to provide maintenance, up-keep and helped with Club functions over the past year. We are so fortunate to have these individuals stepping up to the plate to make York Riflemen a better place that is enjoyed by a multitude of members.

The other item that I am pleased to report on for 2018 is the Youth Air Rifle program that continues to be a huge success. There are still many youth participating in this program and some that have been with the program from the start have progressed into smallbore and highpower shooting venues. We are hopeful some will even attend Camp Perry this coming summer to compete at the National Matches. This is our future and it is rewarding to see the interest generated by this program. Again, this would not be possible without the dedicated leadership and individuals that avails themselves on a weekly basis to coach this program. Thank You!

As for 2019, we are always looking at updates and means to make this a better facility and Club for the members. The highpower and smallbore committees have already been hard at work scheduling match dates for the respective disciplines. The Youth Air Rifle classes are held every Monday evening. For updates please turn to our website that has an active calendar of events.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the York Rifle Range, I bid you a safe and successful New Year.



Doug Nace, President
York Rifle Range Association Inc.

York Rifle Range 2018 Officers

• President:

Doug Nace

• Vice President:

T. Richard Ide

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Cheryl Gerhart

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Jeff Walters

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Jim Jensen

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• Chairman:

Greg Livingston 2019

• Directors:

George Himmelright, Jr 2018 - 2019

Devin Pentz 2018 - 2019

Fred Haag 2019 - 2020

Norm Taylor 2019 - 2020

York Riflemen Club

- Meetings held the 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30pm in the clubhouse. All Members are encouraged to attend

**Club's Mailing Address
send your yearly dues to:**

- York Rifle Range
PO Box 3592
York, PA 17402

- Dues paid between Oct 1
and December 31



Rules and Safety at the Range



The York Rifle Range

Our GUN Club is 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, 3, 5 year or Life Membership. If you would like to Join the NRA as a New member or Renew your current membership and receive a discount go to Our website www.yorkriflemen.org and click on the NRA Link like the one above. For Every New and Renewed NRA Membership our Club receives a commission from the NRA which we use for additional support and upkeep for the club.

If you would rather not join online, you can come to any monthly club meeting and become a New NRA member or renew your current membership.

JOIN NOW!

York Rifle Range Hours

Members are allowed on Range Property between the hours of 6:00am — 11:00pm.

Outside shooting is allowed between 8:00am to sunset every day.

Shooting on the Indoor range is allowed between 6:00am to be completed by 11:00pm once a member has attended an Indoor Range Certification class.

As a Range Safety Officer I have noticed some lack of understanding or blatant disregard of some of the club rules amongst some of our members and their guests, and I would like to take a moment to go over some of the responsibilities that you as a member are required to follow while on club property.

First, members are allowed to have two guests while they are at the range. You are required to sign them in at the clubhouse before any rounds are sent down range, and sign them out prior to you leaving the range. Our sign in sheet has a dual purpose, it to keep track of the guests visiting the range and, more importantly, it is also a liability release form in regards to your guest. At least once a week I have caught members and their guests not signing in, and the typical response is "I was gonna do it". I want to stress the point, you need to sign them in first. It takes all of two minutes to do this, and it is one of your responsibilities as a member to follow this rule.

Second, only paper targets are permitted to be posted on the target frames located on the rifle range. They also need to be placed in a manner that the majority of the shots fired will not hit the wooden target frames. Do not place a target in the red or orange painted areas or on the railroad ties that support the target frame. The railroad ties and the top stretcher support are expensive and at times difficult to replace, and we want to extend the life of those items as much as possible. The proper placement of your targets also ensure that any shots fired will be absorbed into the dirt backstop and not fly off of our club property.

Third, when there is a ceasefire condition or people down range the firearm(s) are not to be handled. The firearm(s) need to be unloaded, actions opened and grounded on the firing bench while there is a ceasefire or people down range. No exceptions. If you are loading or unloading you vehicle everything else can be handled except your firearms. Wait until everyone is back behind the firing line and the ceasefire has ended before you handle your firearm(s).

Finally I would like to remind you of the **Golden Rules of Firearm Safety.**

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded and do not point it at anything or any person that you do not intend to destroy. In other words keep you firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are lined up on your target and about to fire.
3. When a firearm is not in use it needs to be unloaded and have the action clear of ammunition.

Over the past four months I have been personally aware of two situations where these basic rules were not being followed and the result was the addition of a new "hole" in our new roof on the highpower rifle range, and more seriously an individual accidentally shot their left hand ring finger. In both situations the individuals were good and decent people and 99.999% of the time follow good safe gun handling practices. But this lapse in judgment or carelessness had caused property damage, and in the case of the gun shot wound required reconstructive surgery, physical therapy, and months of pain and suffering. When shooting at paper targets it is easy to forget that the firearms we use can cause a lot of damage when not being used responsibly. Even a small 22 rimfire in the wrong situation can cause a lot of damage. We are all human and we make mistakes, but when we are handling firearms we need to be aware of our situation, be responsible and use our firearms with care.

As stated at the beginning of this article the majority of our members do what they are supposed to do and for that I want to thank you. For those few members that do not follow our rules and the standard operating procedures of this club and you are caught there will be repercussions. This might be as simple as being given some constructive criticism or in the most severe situations a loss of membership and criminal/civil charges being filed against you. Take a few minutes to review our range rules. The range rules are located online on our website, posted in the clubhouse, and if in doubt talk to one of our club officers, directors, or range safety officers. We want to continue to have a clean, safe place to shoot and enjoy the outdoors. By following our club rules and by using some common sense this will go a long way to ensure the York Rifle Range is a safe and enjoyable place to visit.

Thank you, Jeff Walters, club Recording Secretary, RSO, and Junior Rifle Coach.



High Power

2019 Season York Riflemen CMP / NRA Approved High Power Program

What is NRA or CMP High Power Rifle? It is an organized and extremely challenging type of marksmanship that takes place at 200, 300, and 600 yards. Most competitors use rifles that range from .223/5.56mm to .308/7.62mm. Frankly, in this area almost all competitors use an AR15 based rifle (either the service rifle or match rifle configuration). The particular characteristics for each rifle type and the courses of fire can be downloaded at the NRA and CMP High Power Rifle Rules posted below.

The proposed 2019 York High Power Rifle schedule for NRA Approved 80 rnd. matches and CMP M1 Garand matches will follow years past (4th Sunday from April through September) - April 28; May 26; June 23; July 28; August 25; September 22. The CMP John C. Garand Match Dates (30 rounds) are slated April 28 and October 5 pending approval (course of fire is Course A) 15 shots slow-fire prone (first 5 shots are sighters); 10 shots rapid-fire prone; 10 shots slow fire standing. All shot from 200 yards.

If you are interested in competing in High Power Rifle events, most folks use an AR15 based rifle (either the service rifle or match rifle configuration). The particular characteristics for each rifle type and the courses of fire can be downloaded at the NRA and CMP High Power Rifle Rules posted below.

NRA RULES <https://rulebooks.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/HPR/hpr-book.pdf>
CMP RULES <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>

If you would like to get more information about the York Riflemen High Power Rifle Program, the date and approved match schedule will be posted early 2019 at www.yorkriflemen.org/programs/high-power/ or if you have any questions about the High Power Team you may contact: **Fred Haag at haagfred@gmail.com**

Junior Air Rifle Program



3rd year

The York Rifle Range was founded by competitive shooters and sportsmen over 80 years ago, and to continue this legacy of competitive marksmanship with the next generation of shooters we created a Junior Air Rifle program in 2015. We will be concluding our 2018-19 shooting season on May 20th, and taking a break for the summer. We will start the 2019-20 season in late September or early October. This program is open to anyone between the age of 10-18. The group meets Monday nights between 6:30-9:00 pm at the indoor rifle range between the months of October and May. The junior shooters will learn at their own pace about firearms safety, and basic marksmanship skills while using sporter class target air rifles.

This program is made possible through the support of the club, volunteer coaches, personal donations and generous annual grants underwritten by the NRA Foundation. Over the past three years we have been fortunate to receive almost \$15,000 in supplies and equipment from the NRA Foundation. Because of this overwhelming support we are able to provide all equipment, supplies, and instruction free of charge to members as well as the general public.

If you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew that might be interested in this program come on out and give it a try.

On a side note, I am proud to announce that this July we will have the opportunity to have some of our more advanced youth shooters travel to Camp Perry, OH to participate in a four day 6400 conventional smallbore prone match during the CMP National Matches. I am truly excited to see some of our youth shooters compete shoulder to shoulder with some of the best shooters in the world including past Olympic and World Cup champions. I am happy to see first hand the hard work and dedication of our youth team members, and the lessons they learn on and off the firing line will carry them far in their future endeavors.

On behalf of myself and my fellow volunteer instructors it has been our honor to teach the next generation the safe and proper use of firearms and basic marksmanship skills. I am proud of every young shooter who has tried our air rifle program. If you, like myself, feel that this is worthy cause I would ask you to please consider donating to the NRA Foundation and other organizations that support the next generation of firearm enthusiasts. If you are a former competitive rifle shooter and some of your old equipment is collecting dust we can put it to good use with our junior program. We can always use gently used equipment like shooting mats, slings, gloves/mitts, spotting scopes, and stands. If you would like to help out the next generation of competitive shooters please consider donating your old items to our junior program. The items will be greatly appreciated by our young shooters and their parents/guardians, and be put to good use.

For more information or if you would like to donate to our junior program please contact Jeff Walters: jeffsab-walters@gmail.com



York Rifle Range

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717-755-7694

Question about the club?

Email: Yorkriflemen@yahoo.com

Questions about membership?

Email: YRMembership@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor in Chief: - Jim Jensen

Support your "Right to keep and bear arms"

Join the NRA

Club's Website:

www.yorkriflemen.org

New Member meetings starting in April

New Member meetings will begin in APRIL before the start of the monthly club meeting in an attempt to avoid major snow storms and the need to reschedule. Meetings will continue each month until Senior membership is full or everyone on the waiting list has been invited to attend a meeting.

To sponsor a person for membership you must be a Life Member or a Senior Member that has been a member for more than 12 months. The Sponsoring Member is required to attend the pre-membership meeting with the person that they are sponsoring.

Each year we have a limited number of **Senior** memberships become available due to a number of different reasons. There are also an **unlimited** number of Junior membership available each year. To fill these Memberships, both Senior and Junior, there is a process required for a person to be brought up to the membership for a vote. The procedure for sponsoring new members and requirements are attached to the waiting list form and posted on the club website at www.yorkriflemen.org. The waiting list form can be found at the clubhouse. It can be picked up **after you**, the sponsoring member, give your prospective member a tour of the Ranges. Please don't take extra copies so that there are copies at the clubhouse. **The waiting list form has a Serial number on the lower right corner and becomes obsolete each year. Current waiting list forms have a serial number on it starting with the 4 digit year that they will be accepted. Any old versions of the waiting list form starting with 2018 or earlier will not be accepted and the person will not be added to the waiting list. When taking a form for a prospective new member it should be submitted as soon as possible so it doesn't become obsolete.**

Also — DO NOT send any form of payment when submitting the waiting list form.

A person on the waiting list will be sent an Email invitation about a month before the pre-membership meeting they are being invited to attend. The person requesting membership is required to.....

1. Contact their sponsor to arrange attendance of both to the pre-membership meeting.
2. Reply to the email by the date listed on the email to confirm attendance to the meeting. Failure to reply to confirm attendance by the date listed in the email will remove the person from the waiting list.
3. Bring CASH for initial payment, amount will be listed in the email invitation.
4. Bring a copy of a current PATCH report dated no more that 3 months prior to the pre-membership meeting they are attending. Do not request the volunteer form of the PATCH report, we can not accept that report.