



York Rifle Range Newsletter

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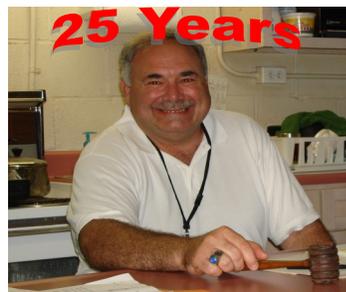
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President's Message - Winter 2020

In January of 2020 the new Officers and Directors were installed for the York Rifle Range Association, Inc. This was a milestone for me, since this will be my 25th year as President of the Organization. On my ride home after the meeting I found myself thinking about this quarter century of my life and the rifle range. I was fortunate in the early years to be mentored by some the Charter Members of our organization and to have instilled in me their purpose for starting the organization. This purpose was simple, but important and is found in our Articles of Incorporation. "To provide a social organization for those persons interested in the sports of rifle, pistol, shotgun, trap and skeet shooting. Where they may meet together for their mutual advantage and to pursue the above mentioned sports. To promote a fraternal spirit among those who are interested in pursuing these afore-mentioned sports and to provide an organization to take and hold title to personal and real property incidental to the furtherance of the above purposes." I was also informed that the Charter Members had little money and most everything was built with sweat equity. My first year in office we had 950 members and now we have 1,600 members. We have been able to keep the dues at \$20.00 a year so the average person can afford membership and enjoy the facility. We still have no paid employees, which all the work is still done on a volunteer basis from our membership. The most rewarding item for me was meeting and becoming good friends with so many individuals I have met here at the range. I can only hope that I have brought forth the ideals and wishes of our Charter Members who established this wonderful facility we all enjoy and know as the York Rifle Range Association, Inc. or "The Range"

Please make it a point to come out and enjoy all this organization has to offer.

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 2020 Officers

- **President:**
Doug Nace
- **Vice President:**
T. Richard Ide
- **Treasurer:**
Cheryl Gerhart
- **Recording Secretary:**
Jeff Walters
- **Membership Secretary:**
Jim Jensen

Board of Directors

- **Chairman:**
Greg Livingston 2020
- **Directors:**
- Fred Haag 2019 - 2020
- Norm Taylor 2019 - 2020
- Jeremy Bogdany 2020 - 2021
- Christian Schwinger 2020 - 2021

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



Youth shooting programs

As you read this newsletter we are a few weeks away from wrapping up our 2019-20 junior air rifle program for this year. As in years past we have had a successful season with around 8-10 junior shooters participating each week learning about gun safety and marksmanship. Speaking for myself and my assistants it is very rewarding to teach the next generation responsibility and good habits around firearms. Even though we are finishing up this season at the end of March we will be back up and running in the fall. Our next season will start in early October, 2020. We meet Monday evenings starting promptly at 6:30pm. If you would like further information on our air rifle program please refer to our club website or contact me via email: jeffsabwalters@gmail.com

Starting in the Spring we will also have four young shooters that will actively participate with our smallbore rifle team in weekly Intercounty Rifle League matches. Our indoor season is quickly coming to an end and our outdoor prone season typically begins in April. If you are curious about what is involved in smallbore competition feel free to stop by and check out one of our matches which are usually on Friday evenings. We are also looking at attending the CMP National Matches this July at Camp Perry, Ohio. As a coach it is nice to see the steady progress of our young shooters and I am proud that they represent the York Rifle Range.

Whether a junior shooter participates in air rifle, smallbore, or highpower teams their hard work and dedication is supported by talented coaches, parents, and the club. With the support of the club's officers and directors we have been able to rejuvenate our youth program. We have also benefited from generous underwriting through grants provided by the Friends of the NRA. Over the past few years the Friends of the NRA have provided tens of thousands of dollars in the way of equipment and ammunition towards our youth shooting programs. If you are looking for a way to donate funds or equipment please consider donating directly to the club or towards the Friends of the NRA. It is in the best interest of the club and to the firearm owning community to teach gun safety and responsibility to the next generation.

New Member meetings starting in April

New Member meetings, in an attempt to avoid major snow storms and the need to reschedule, will begin in APRIL . They will be scheduled to begin at 6:30pm, before the start of the monthly club meeting. You will want to arrive at 6:00pm to have time to complete the application and pay all fees prior to the start of the meeting at 6:30pm. Meetings will continue each month until Senior membership is full or everyone on the waiting list has been invited to attend a meeting. Late arrivals will not be allowed to attend a meeting in Progress.

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 posted in the clubhouse by the waiting list forms 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 is dated and becomes obsolete each year. Current waiting list forms have and expiration date on it. Any old versions of the waiting list form 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. PRINT CLEARLY ON THE FORM, If information is illegible especially the email address, the email invitation will not be delivered to the correct email address**

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 with required information and instructions. 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 and confirm attendance by the date listed in the email will result in the removal of 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 than 3 months prior to the pre-membership meeting they are attending.



High Power

2020 Season York Riflemen CMP / NRA Approved High Power Program

CMP HP Rifle Matches have been approved for April 26 (50 shot), May 24, June 28, August 23 and September 27, 2020 (all 80 shot). You will receive your packet of supplies about 1-2 weeks prior to the date of your match.

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.

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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 2020 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**

Tree Stands and Hunting on Club Property

By Recording Secretary Jeff Walters on behalf of club officers & directors

As a member of the York Rifle Range you are entitled to use our property to hunt throughout the year No Guests allowed. Along with following the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Game Commission we do have some additional rules that are written out in our club rules and bylaws. They can be found on our club website, hard copy located in our clubhouse, or by reading through the copy that was given to you when you became a club member.

Going forward we will provide a sign in sheet near the main clubhouse door. Please sign in and out when you go out to hunt on our property. This is to keep a tally of how many members are hunting on our property, and to locate people if we are faced with a search and rescue situation.

This past deer season we had an incident with one of our members who was shooting onto the neighboring property. The incident ended peacefully, but in the future this may not happen. We want to remind you that you only have permission to hunt on our property and not in the adjacent wooded area that is leased by the Druck Valley Hunting Club. Our property line is clearly marked with a 10-20 foot clearing, blue paint marks on adjacent trees, posted & York Rifle Range signs, and yellow painted rebar & stone mounds. Please respect the private property of our neighbors and stay on our club property. This also includes hunting game located on the neighboring property while you are still located on our property. You will need to have patience and wait for the game to cross on to our property before you are allowed to hunt it.

This brings me to the second subject, tree stands. Currently we have about two dozen tree stands scattered throughout our property. Some are in decent shape while others are in terrible condition and are unsafe to occupy. Going forward any member that wants to use a tree stand on club property to hunt must adhere to the following rules. One, tree stands are to be temporary and need to be removed from the club property two weeks after the conclusion of hunting season. Two, any tree stand that is placed needs to be set back from the property line at least twenty yards, and be completely located on our club property. Three, any tree stand used on club property needs to have a name, address, phone number, and member number located on the stand to identify the owner.

If you currently have a tree stand placed on club property and you would like to keep it you have until May 31, 2020 to remove it from the club grounds. You are then free to set it up again after September 1, 2020 so long as you adhere to the rules mentioned earlier in this article. Any tree stands remaining on club property after May 31st will be taken down and will be discarded, or sold as scrap. The remaining stands will be removed in a safe and efficient manner with out regard to future functionality. This includes the use of bolt cutters, hack saws, rope, chain, etc to remove them. So if you have a sentimental attachment to a particular tree stand take it down and remove it from the club property before May 31st.



York Rifle Range

Mailing address

**P.O. Box 3592
York, PA 17402**

Clubhouse phone

717-755-7694

Question about the club?

Email: Yorkriflemen@yahoo.com

Questions about membership?

Email: YRMembership@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor in Chief: - Jim Jensen

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arms"**

Join the NRA

Club's Website:

www.yorkriflemen.org

Timbering and Temporary Range Closures

By Recoding Secretary Jeff Walters on behalf of club officers & directors

If you have visited the club grounds in the fast few weeks you might have noticed some of the trees along the driveway, around the club house, and the rifle range have been marked with fluorescent orange paint. This is not malicious vandalism but the work of a forester the officers and directors have hired to harvest some of our mature trees located on our club property.

There are a number of reasons we are doing this at this time. First and foremost is to maintain a healthy wood lot by selectively removing "junk" trees and some marketable trees and leaving behind trees that will thrive and grow that can be considered marketable in a generation. Secondly, with the encroachment of the trees along the driveway and around our club buildings & infrastructure there is a concern of trees falling and causing damage. During the past few years it has been a common occurrence that "widowmakers" have fallen and taken down our power & phone lines as well as causing other damage. By harvesting the encroaching trees this will be minimized in the future. The third reason is to raise funds to help maintain the club in the years to come.

At this time our wood lot located behind our pistol and rifle ranges will remain untouched and the focus of this harvest will be located on the western side of our property. This includes the area between the clubhouse and range road and a 50 foot buffer around the rifle range. Because there is going to be some timbering around the rifle range there will be temporary closures of our ranges while this is occurring. The club officers and directors will work with the forester to keep closures to a minimum and when there is a closure scheduled we will post notifications around the club grounds as well as on the club website. Depending on weather and market conditions it is predicted that the timbering will occur sometime in the next 12 months.

We strongly suggest that prior to traveling to the club to use the ranges that you check our club website for possible closures. While this will be temporarily inconvenient it will lead to a stronger club with better facilities and a healthier wood lot that can help support the club in the years to come.

Our club website is www.yorkriflemen.org