



# York Rifle Range Newsletter

York Rifle Range

Volume 4, Issue 7  
Fall 2020

## President's Message - Fall 2020

We are living in a unique time where our lives and the world has changed. York Rifle Range has been keeping with the new normal. During the Spring the entire facility was closed and as directed we opened the outdoor facilities in late Spring. The entire facility was opened this summer with a directive to practice social distancing and the wearing of masks when necessary. Some shooting events were held outside while practicing the number of person limit. This Fall we will have the annual running deer the two Sundays before Thanksgiving, but there will be no food sold. I am proud to say that everything went rather smooth and the membership did a magnificent job adjusting to this new normal while still coming to the range to enjoy this wonderful facility. If you have not visited the range recently, the woods coming into the range on both sides of the road have been logged, which a professional Forrester was hired to guide us in the proper management of the property.

As I noted before, this year was a milestone for me serving as President of this Organization for 25 years. I feel this is a good stepping off point for me and time to turn the reins over to someone new. I know you will show the next President the support, respect and friendship I have received. I have truly been blessed to be able to be a part of this historic organization, and fortunate to have known and be mentored by some of the Charter Members. Hopefully in their eyes and your, that I did an OK job to uphold the purpose, ideals and values of what this Organization was built upon.

This year is a critical year for gun owners as we go to the polls and elect government officials. Please make it a point to know what the candidates stand for and how they will represent you. Do not be idle on the issues and do your part by Voting.

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, stay safe and stay healthy.



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:**
- Norm Taylor                              2019 - 2020
- Fred Haag                                      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**
- **Pay your dues between**  
**Oct 1 and December 31**



## Club election held at the October Meeting

The yearly elections were held at the October Monthly Club meeting. The Members present cast their vote.

The Officers are elected for a one year term. Directors are elected for a 2 year term. 2 of 5 Directors are up for election each year. The Officers and Directors are voted on by the members that attend the October meeting. All Senior and Life Members are eligible to cast a vote but you must be in attendance at the October meeting to do so.

**The 5th Director normally** is appointed by the President for a 1 year term. The exception is if there is an Out-

going President the Outgoing President fills the 5th Director Appointment for a one year term. **Being the President of the York Rifle Range for 25 years after much thought an consideration Doug Nace** has decided to step down.

**THANK YOU DOUG FOR 25 YEARS LEADING THE YORK RIFLE RANGE.** You will be talked about often.

The results of this years election:

**Officers Elected for 2021**  
**The NEW President and Vice-President**  
**President:**  
**T. Richard Ide**

**Vice President:**  
 Greg Livingston

**Treasurer:**  
 Cheryl Gerhart

**Recording Secretary:**  
 Jeff Walters

**Membership Secretary:**  
 Jim Jensen

**New Directors for 2021/22**  
 George Himmelright Jr. &  
 Nathaniel Brown

The 5 members of the Board of Directors will hold a meeting after the first of the year in 2021 to elect the Chairperson of the Board.

The Chairperson will hold that position for 1 year.

Congratulations to those elected and Thank You for your time and service to The York Rifle Range.

If you would like to be part of the York Rifle Range leadership team come to the Monthly Meetings, Special events and Workdays to see what is going on at your club and let others get to know you. The September meeting is when you can be nominated to be on the ballot for the yearly October club elections.

**And one more time.**

**THANK YOU DOUG**

## Junior Air Rifle Program

The current Covid pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another, and the competitive shooting world had to endure the cancellation of both the NRA and CMP National Matches this past summer. Because of this cancellation we were unable to take our junior smallbore shooters to Camp Perry in July and we stayed local and participated in our regional smallbore league. All of our young shooters did well and learned some new things from our more experienced shooters. One of our Junior shooters, John Hendell has graduated and is now studying hard in his first semester away at college. Hopefully he will be back when time and his studies permit. Our junior smallbore shooters now consist of our veteran smallbore shooter, Trinity Bogdany, and newcomers Jacob Sands and Malia Ellis. I am confident that with time, practice, coaching, and experience all of our young shooters will do well shooting competitively in the future. Hopefully we will be able to take a contingent to Camp Perry in 2021.

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. Our current 2020-21 junior air rifle shooting season begins in early October and continues through the end of March. Over the past five years a lot of our junior air rifle shooters eventually compete in smallbore, highpower, or bullseye pistol. 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. 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. 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 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 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. The donated 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: jeffsabwalters@gmail.com**





## Small-bore

Wow, what a spring and summer. The Covid-19 virus sure changed our way of life. Every day life has changed drastically and it's been hard for everyone. Things are getting a little better, hopefully most folks are starting to get back to normal. Our Intercounty rifle league small-bore schedule was delayed in the beginning but we were finally able to get the season underway. Matches were canceled because of the virus, and because the spring was so wet, several matches were canceled because of rain. As I write this, there are two matches left, one at York Riflemen, and one at Seitzland Rifle club. Our shooters had a good season. We are especially proud of our juniors, they are becoming fine marksmen and women. I'm happy to report the South team, for the fourth year in a row, has secured the outdoor championship. The South team is made up of shooters from York, Colombia, and Seitzland. The Intercounty rifle league has some of the finest shooters on the east coast and the competition is always fierce, but it's always in good fun. Now that the summer season is winding down, we are turning our thoughts to the indoor season. The first match will begin October 2nd. York will travel to Palmyra. As always if anyone is interested in becoming part of the small-bore team, contact one of the team leaders, Jeff Walters or Greg Livingston.

In closing, everyone please be safe.

Greg Livingston  
Small-bore committee

## High Power

I want to thank our club leadership for their support of the High Power improvements, to our competitors who come out to support the program and most of all, to the members that volunteered their time working on the improvements. THANK YOU!

Covid-19 presented difficulties for almost all shooting disciplines and High Power was no exception. However, the club was able to refurbish the pits and offer the full match schedule with some adjustments. High Power Rifle competition is a challenging form of marksmanship that takes place at 200, 300, and 600 yards. At York, we offer 200-yard reduced CMP stationed matches. Most competitors use rifles that range from .223/5.56mm to .308/7.62mm. Today, almost all competitors use an AR15 based rifle (either the service rifle or match rifle configuration). If you are interested in competing in High Power Rifle events, 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 2021 York High Power Rifle schedule for CMP sanctioned 80 rnd. matches and CMP M1 Garand matches will follow years past (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from April through September) - April 25; May 23; June 27; July 25\*\*; August 22; September 26. The CMP John C. Garand Match Dates (30 rounds) are slated April 25 and October 2 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 would like to get more information about the York Riflemen High Power Rifle Program, the date and approved match Schedule will be posted early 2021 at [www.yorkriflemen.org/programs/high-power/](http://www.yorkriflemen.org/programs/high-power/) or you have any questions about the High Power Team you may contact:

\*consult for updates in the near future

\*\* may be canceled due to National Matches

Fred Haag at [haagfred@gmail.com](mailto:haagfred@gmail.com)

## Update on Hunting & Tree Stands on Club Property

First off I would like to thank those members that did what they were asked to do in the spring, and remove their tree stands. It made the job of deciding which ones needed to be taken down much easier. Earlier this year we took a survey of the tree stands on the property, and we had around twenty four in various conditions ranging from excellent to very poor. After the members removed their tree stands we had less than ten that needed to be addressed this summer. While most of the remaining tree stands were taken down, we did leave three that were in good condition, appeared to be used recently, and were well within our property and not encroaching on the neighboring hunting lease property.

To further clarify and reinforce what was originally announced in the spring newsletter going forward we are asking our members to follow the requirements outlined below.

**One**, our members are not permitted to hunt game on adjacent property that is currently leased by a separate hunting group. You must wait for the game to cross on to our property before you can take a shot. With this in mind all tree stands on club property must be set back at least twenty yards from our property line. The neighboring lease holders have a legal right to prosecute trespassers, and if they choose that option you may be subject to the penalties for such an action.

**Two**, we have decided to follow the state game commission guidelines in regards to tree stands on state game land property. Please refer to your Pennsylvania Hunter, Trapping Digest under the section, Big Game Regulations, Tree Stands & Blinds, for further detailed information.

**Three**, we are adding a sign in sheet near the clubhouse door, and we are asking that all members that are hunting on the club property to sign in and out. This is to enable the club to take a census of who is hunting the property and also aid in a search and rescue if a situation arises during hunting season.

We realize that some of our members have hunted on our property for many years and these additional requirements may seem unfair. As officers and directors we have to ensure that our organization is on a solid foundation in regards to liability issues and keeping the peace with our neighbors. These additional requirements help us accomplish this goal, and still allow hunting on our property. If, in the future, we continue to have problems we may have to reconsider allowing hunting on the property.

Jeff Walters, Club Recording Secretary



## Members transitioning to next level for 2021

### 10 - Juniors transitioning to Senior Membership

Beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, the members listed below will transition to Senior Membership with the York Rifle Range when their Senior Membership dues are paid. As a Senior Member your Yearly Dues will be \$20.00 and are due every year on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. You will be issued an access card that opens the gate and clubhouse door that will become active on January 1, 2021. The Access card does not get replaced each year.

**Congratulations on becoming a Senior Member with the York Rifle Range.**

Noah	J.	Chronister
Natalie	C.	Fuhrman
Ethan	M.	Grim
Matthew	J.	Grove
Conner	C.	Harlacher

John	W.	Hendell
Logan	T.	Himmelright
Erin	B.	Kelly
Caden	N.	McKiinney
Caleb	J.	Ritter

### 23 - Seniors transitioning to Life Membership

Beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, the members listed below transition to Life Membership with the York Rifle Range. As a Life Member you are no longer required to pay annual dues but will retain the same membership privileges that you had as a Senior Member. Also remember that your access card for the Main gate and Clubhouse door does not get replaced each year. You will be issued a Life Member membership card this year. Life Membership cards are not replaced each year but if it becomes worn or damaged over time let me know and I will print you a replacement card.

Douglas	A.	Nace
Gregory	L.	Livingston
Keith	M.	Baer
Jeffrey	P.	Barnhart
Royce	A.	Beaverson
Dennis	J.	Blanch
Nicholas	L.	Bobbitt
Bruce	M.	Burdette
Donald	E.	Burger
Ronald	H.	Dettinger
Keith	J.	Gillespie
Deborah	A.	Ide

John	V.	Locondro, II
Charles	E.	London
Robert	T.	Patierno
Leonard	W.	Peritz
Sally	A.	Peritz
Frederick	J.	Romano
Edwin	C.	Senft
Dale	N.	Strickler, Jr
Larry	W.	Updegrove
Frank	B.	Witta, Jr
David	E.	Young

**Congratulations on becoming a Life Member with the York Rifle Range.**

## Indoor Range Access

As mentioned in previous newsletters, in 2016 the Indoor Range was updated. In addition to updates to the Indoor Range it was also updated with a Card reader that requires your access card to allow entry into the range. **You are required to attend an Indoor Range Certification Class to get your access card programmed to allow entry into that range.** You must attend a Certification class prior to your card being re-programmed. We have already held 24 Indoor Range Certification classes and there are 423 members that have attended. **Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic we will not be hold any classes the remainder of this year.** When it becomes possible and Safe to do so we will schedule another Certification class. Check the Club Website and postings in the clubhouse for future class date and time. Since the new restricted access we have not had any significant damage to this range. Most likely it was one of 3 reasons; either we didn't do a good job at informing members of the rules and proper use of the indoor range, people using the indoor range now know that they are being tracked when they use the range because they have to swipe their card and are now recorded when they enter, or we are now keeping the person or persons out that were doing this damage. What ever the reason we are happy to report that at this time it has seemed to correct the problem and we are not forced to put cameras up to record the activity in the Indoor Range. Thank you all for treating and using the Indoor Range as a place to sharpen your shooting skills and not just a place to unload your guns of ammunition as fast as you can pull the trigger.



# Membership Renewals for 2021 are now being accepted!

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2020 NO GRACE PERIOD!**

1. This form can **ONLY** be used for **RENEWING** a Membership. If you are an active member renewing for 2021 you can use this form. **It should not be used for a person to be placed on the Waiting List.** The Waiting list form can be found in the Clubhouse.
2. If a current Junior Member is 18 on or before December 31 they will renew as a Senior Member. At the Senior member rate.
3. If a current Senior Member is 65 or older on or before December 31 **AND** has been a member for 15 or more consecutive years just prior to the beginning of the year, they will transition to a Life Member as per the Club Constitution.
4. If payment is not received by December 31, your membership will be terminated and your access card deactivated. If you wish to rejoin after your membership has been terminated you are required to have a current member sponsor you and attend a Pre-membership meeting.
5. Make check or money order payable to: York Rifle Range A check returned unpaid for any reason will be charged \$30.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues for 2021**  
 Senior dues - \$20.00  
 Junior dues- \$5.00  
 Life Member - No Dues required

**Dues accepted between  
 October 1 and December  
 31 for the following mem-  
 bership year.**

**Mail payment to:**  
 PO Box 3592  
 York, PA 17402

No Family or Group member-  
 ships available with the York  
 Rifle Range.

Additional member payments— List each member below. All Membership dues paid by one person will be mailed to one address.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Member Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Member Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Member Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Member Level: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsoring New Members

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.

A person requesting membership must be sponsored by a current Life Member or Senior member that has been a member for **more than 12 months**. The **current waiting list application form** must be completed and submitted for a person to be placed on the waiting list. **Old forms submitted will not be accepted.** The waiting list form can be found at the clubhouse. It can be picked up after you, the sponsoring member, gives your prospective member a tour of the Ranges. Please don't take extra copies of the form home so that there are copies at the clubhouse. **Old forms submitted will not be accepted.**

**Before a person requesting membership can be announced to current membership as requesting to be a member, they will be contacted by email and invited to attend the required Pre-membership meeting with the person that is sponsoring them. They can't just show up to join.**

**They must attend this pre-membership meeting WITH the person that is sponsoring them.** Attending the meeting **WITH** the Sponsoring member is how the applicant will get in the gate and clubhouse. Also, the prospective member is still a GUEST and is not allowed on Range property without their sponsor. These pre-membership meeting will be held prior to the start of the monthly club meeting on Tuesday evening. The pre-membership meeting starts at 6:30 pm but instructions to arrive before the start of the meeting will be suggested so there is time to complete the full application, pay the required dues and fees of new members and submit a PATCH report. **New Member meetings will start in April and each month after, until senior membership is full. Other days for Premembership meeting will be held at the option of the Membership Committee.**

**In 2016 the club implemented a new requirement for new Senior Members. They are now required to obtain a PATCH, (Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History) Report and submit it when they attend the Pre-membership meeting. They should get this report only after they have been invited to attend a pre-membership meeting as it must be dated within 3 months of when they attend the pre-membership meeting.**



York Rifle Range

Mailing address  
P.O. Box 3592  
York, PA 17402

Clubhouse phone  
717-755-7694

Question about the club?  
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](http://www.yorkriflemen.org)



**Remember to cast your vote on November 3rd**



"This year is a critical year for gun owners as we go to the polls and elect government officials."

**It's time to pay your 2021 Membership dues, see page 5 for details**

**Club Workdays - See postings around the ranges - We need your help**

## Hunting season will soon be here! Public Sight-In dates set for 2020

Mark your calendars! The annual Public Sight-in and Running Deer dates are set for the two Sundays before Thanksgiving. This year the dates are **November 15 and November 22** from 8am to sunset. **Don't miss it!**

This event is open to the public and non-members are welcome on these dates only. Any type of hunting rifle may be sighted-in and if needed, assistance will be available.

**UNFORTUNATELY THIS YEAR due to COVID-19 — WE WILL NOT be serving FOOD inside the clubhouse.**

Sight-in will be held rain or shine. Weather permitting we will again hold the annual "running of the deer". Try your skills on our mov-

ing deer target. You'll get three trips across the range for a modest fee, proceeds to go to the club for range upkeep. Again this year we are continuing a 5-shot string maximum for each run for safety reasons as well as reducing wear and tear on the equipment. Also for these reasons we ask that no slug guns or calibers larger than 30 cal. be fired at the deer target.



And just in case you were wondering, the pistol and shotgun ranges

will also be available for use those days too. So come on out and make a day of it!

We're sorry but the outdoor .22 range will be closed because the operators for the running deer are behind that range in the woods and they might not appreciate the gunfire coming at them from both sides of the little area they are hiding in.

The Membership Secretary will also be available both days from 11am to 4pm so you can pay your **YRR 2021 membership dues**. Payment may be made by cash or check.

If you are not an NRA member, now would be a great time to join at a discounted rate; if you are an NRA member, you can renew thru the club also at a discounted rate.

Checks or Credit Cards are preferred for NRA membership. Make checks payable to the NRA.

We also have New Club apparel in limited sizes and qtys that you can purchase either of these days or come to a monthly club meeting.

