



York Rifle Range Newsletter

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President's Message - Spring 2022

Greetings, Everyone! Welcome to a new year at York Riflemen!

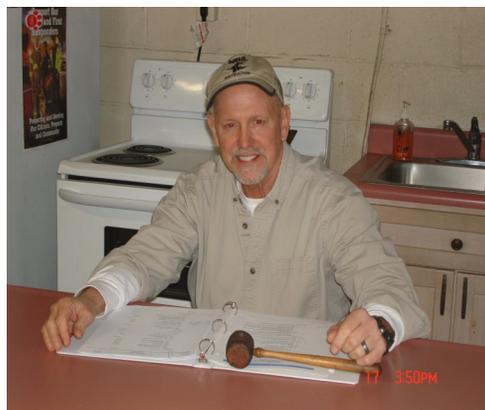
Changes are continuing to happen at the range, around the country, and around the world. I'm sure I don't have to remind anyone just how challenging the past year has been and how this year is shaping up! The COVID virus is finally on the downswing but inflation is on the upswing. We're all feeling the crunch and the range is unfortunately feeling it, too. The world situation is constantly in the news, and politics share the headlines.

The political scenario for the country should still remain a top concern for all of us. Our gun rights are constantly under attack by this administration. We must all be vigilant at keeping aware of what legislation is being proposed that will affect our rights to legally own and use firearms. It is the responsibility of all of us to stay informed and to let our elected officials know where we stand on these issues. We need them to uphold the Second Amendment and let them know our expectations are supported by our votes.

We're looking forward to addressing some key projects around the range this year. We're slowly but surely getting the range back in shape following the successful timbering project. The work days we had last year were a great success with the turnouts to help being spectacular. This year we hope to finish work on the running deer pit, get some much needed painting around the range completed, general clean-up, and perform the usual target frame repairs. We have had some substantial damage inflicted on our 50 and 100 yard target frames and number boards by what appears to be careless placing of targets. All members and guests are reminded to place targets below the red "no-shoot" zones on the frames and fasten the targets where they will not be shooting into any wood parts of the frame.

Our outdoor competitions for smallbore and high-power rifle are gearing up for the season. We've had a successful indoor smallbore season and also our youth air gun program. Members are encouraged to come out and view these events and inquire about participating if interested.

Remember, this range belongs to ALL the members, and it is your responsibility as a member to treat the facility with respect and commonsense. Safety is always first! Mount your targets properly, clean up ALL your trash and spent cases, and be courteous and respectful of those around you. Enjoy, be safe, and be healthy!




T. Richard Ide, President
York Rifle Range Association Inc.

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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 Programs at York Rifle Range

As you are reading this article we have finished up our 2021-22 season of Monday evening youth air rifle. Overall we had a small group of young shooters participate each week learning basic safety and marksmanship skills. If you have a child, grandchild, or you know of a person aged between 10 and 18 that might be interested feel free to come out and see what we're all about.

Currently we have a few junior shooters participating in smallbore rifle. Jacob Sands is one of our long term junior shooters, and I take great pleasure in seeing him get better each year. Justin Danner has been shooting Smallbore for about a year now, he is doing well and with some time, effort, and practice he will become a well rounded competitive shooter. Our newest Smallbore shooter is John Fusco. He is a young and eager teenager that rose from the ranks of our air rifle program. He is continually improving his scores with practice and shooting in our league matches. His competitive drive and eagerness to excel & improve brings a smile to this old grizzled coach's face. I am proud of each of our young junior competitors and by extension our members should be proud of them as well. They are the future of this sport and we are all grateful that the club supports their training and development.

The CMP National Matches are a few months away and at least one of our junior shooters will be heading out to compete against some of the best shooters in the county. It is always a good and enjoyable time shooting with and learning from some of the best competitors in the country. Stay tuned in the fall newsletter for an after action report.

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 next junior air rifle shooting season begins in early October, 2022 and continues through the end of March 2023. Over the past six 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.

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. For more information please check out our club website or contact Coach Jeff Walters: jeffsabwalters@gmail.com



Temporary and periodic range maintenance



As a friendly reminder to our membership due to grass cutting or other range maintenance we may have to temporarily shutdown one or more ranges on the property. Our volunteers try make an attempt to schedule around high traffic periods so we do not cause too much disruption, and typically a maintenance job or grass cutting closure will only last, at most, an hour or two. Any long term multiple day disruptions will be posted on the club website. Fortunately most of members understand this situation and will use one of the other open ranges, relax on the porch/clubhouse until the range is opened or even sometimes lend a hand to get the job done sooner. Sadly we also have a few members that are a little more belligerent and take it as a personal slight against them if a range is closed due to maintenance. We have five or six volunteers doing a lot of the maintenance work on the club property. They have jobs, families, and other responsibilities and they have to work around their schedule to try to do the maintenance around the club for the other 1500+ junior, senior, and life members. There will be inevitable scheduling conflicts and we simply ask for your patience.



Small-bore

Hello All,

The winter 3 position league ended with our final match on March 25th. The team will have a one month down period before starting the outdoor prone season with a day match on April 23rd at Seitzland Rifle Club.

The Smallbore team welcomed another Junior shooter from the Air Rifle Program this season. John Fusco, a fine young shooter from Hellam Twp., breezed though the Air Rifle Program with a passion for learning and shooting. John had a great 3 position season and Coach Jeff and I are looking forward to working with him outdoors. It's always great fun, teaching a new shooter to dope the wind.

I also would like to welcome Devin Pentz to the team. Devin has been shooting regularly and working things out quickly.

Weather permitting, Team practice starts on March 30th on the Smallbore Range.

See you on the firing line,
Greg Livingston
Smallbore Committee

High Power

2022 Season York Riflemen CMP Approved High Power Program

The York Riflemen will host six CMP High Power Rifle matches this year and two John C. Garand, Springfield, and Modern Military (GSM) matches. These reduced course High power rifle matches will all be held on our 200-yard range, using reduced targets for the 300, and 600-yard stages. Most competitors use AR15-type rifles (.223/5.56mm) in a service rifle configuration and almost all competitors use a rifle with optics (either the service rifle or match rifle configuration). The particular rules and 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* <http://www.rulebooks.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/HPR/hpr-book.pdf>
CMP RULES <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>

The posted 2022 York High Power Rifle schedule for CMP Approved 80 rnd. matches and CMP GSM matches will follow years past (4th Sunday from April through September) - April 24; May 22; June 26; July 24; August 28; September 25. The CMP Garand (GSM) Match Dates (30 rounds) are slated April 24 and October 1 (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 dates and match schedule is posted at <http://www.yorkriflemen.org/programs/high-power/> or you have any questions about the High Power Team you may contact:

Fred Haag at haagfred@gmail.com

**Fred Haag
Highpower Committee**

★ **Club Work Day... We could use your help!** ★

Saturday April 16, 2022 8:30am—Noon

★ **Free Donuts and Pizza for all that come out to help.** ★



New Member meetings

New Member meetings, in an attempt to avoid major snow storms and the need to reschedule, NORMALLY begin in APRIL . New Member meetings will be scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month before the start of the monthly club meeting. You will want to arrive with the person that you are sponsoring at 6:00pm to have time for them to complete the full application, submit their CURRENT PATCH report 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.

Instructions for what a Prospective New member needs to do Prior to that meeting and what they need to bring with them to that meeting will be sent to them in an email about 3 to 4 weeks prior to the meeting they are being invited to attend. The email invitation will be sent to the email that was supplied on the waiting list application that was submitted. It is up to them to contact the current member that is sponsoring them to attend this meeting with them. The Sponsor needs to attend with them as they are still a Guest and are not allowed on range property without a member. They also need to arrive with their sponsor so that they can get in the gate and the clubhouse.

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 and be in the meeting to review the rules and Conduct while using any of the ranges.

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 in 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. Current waiting list forms have an expiration date on it. Any obsolete 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** and the prospective member will lose their spot on the waiting list for not replying to the email invitation.

A person on the waiting list will be sent an Email invitation 3 to 4 weeks 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 in 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 and the next name on the waiting list will be invited.
3. **Bring CASH or Check 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. **Do not request the volunteer form of the PATCH report**, we can not accept that report for Memberships.
5. The New Membership meeting is NOT a meeting for debate that Prospective New members can object to any of the rules being covered. It is a meeting to inform the Prospective new members of the current Rules and expected conduct while using any of the ranges. Our rules are for safety reasons and are not unreasonable. If they don't agree with the current rules and expected conduct it may be best to join another shooting club.



Payment Options for your Yearly Membership Dues

Each year membership dues are collected between October 1st and December 31st for the following membership year. You've had several options for paying your dues:

1. Mail your payment to the Club's P.O. Box.
2. Set up your bank account to automatically send your payment to the Club's P.O. Box.
3. Stop up to the Range on the second Tuesday of the month and pay before or after the monthly Club Membership meetings held in October, November and December..
4. Stop up to the Range one of the 2 Sundays before Thanksgiving during the Public site in / Running of the deer. Times Dues can be paid and receiveing your membership card will be in the Fall Newsletter.

At the time of this newsletter we plan to continue to collect dues by the 4 options above but we may limit options 3 and 4 as needed to keep safe and we are adding a new option.

The NEW OPTION IS dropping your payment off in the lockbox located inside the clubhouse.

During the past couple of years, as you know, the Covid pandemic has changed our lives and some of the ways we will be collecting membership dues in the future.

We have looked into setting up online payments but at this time we are not going to use that option due to the cost of using online companies. Transaction charges, a percentage of the total payment and Monthly charges for 12 months even though we will only us it for 3 months, make it not a viable option.

If you have been inside the Clubhouse over the last year you may have noticed the new Lockbox installed on the wall by the freezer, (pictured below). This Lockbox will be used to collect yearly membership dues. You can deposit your dues in the lockbox the same dates that yearly membership dues are collected each year. Those dates are as you are all aware, October 1st through December 31st for the following membership year. Dues placed in this box ARE NOT collected daily.

Whatever form of payment that you choose, cash, check or money order, you should place it in a sealed envelope, Please DO NOT Staple you payment to the form, also include the name or names of all the people that you are paying for. If your address has changed over the past year you should supply the new address and note that you are updating your address. If you do not supply an address with your payment I will mail your new membership card(s) to you at the address that I have on file. Also note that if you pay for multiple members I will mail all membership cards to the person submitting the payment.

The York Rifle Range will not be supplying envelopes or paper to list the members names or address changes. You should have those items when you deposit your payment.



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Question about the club?

Questions about membership?

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Newsletter Editor in Chief: - Jim Jensen

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www.yorkriflemen.org



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Damage to 50 yard Outdoor Target Frame

We obviously have an individual (or a few) that do not understand the proper way and place to mount a target on our outdoor frames. This picture is of the target 3 position of the 50 yard target frame showing extensive damage to the upper cross support (which is completely shot through) and the number board. **THE NUMBER BOARDS ARE NOT TARGETS!** This damage is not by accident. There is absolutely **NO** excuse for destroying the number board and underlying framework. This damage is not easily repaired and is not isolated to just this position.

All members and guest are reminded that targets are to be placed **BELOW** the red painted "no-shoot" line on the frames and placed where fired shots will not hit any part of the wood frame. Damage like this will be considered intentional, and if caught, the person or persons involved will be removed from the range and may lose their membership. We cannot tolerate this type of damage.

