



York Rifle Range Newsletter

York Rifle Range

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President's Message - Spring 2021

Greetings, Everyone! Welcome to a new year at York Riflemen! Changes are happening at the range, around the country, and around the world. I'm sure I don't have to remind anyone just how frustrating the past year has been. The COVID virus has made life more than interesting for many of us.

My name is Dick Ide and I am the new President of the York Riflemen, taking the reins from Doug Nace, the President for the past 25 years. A tough act to follow, for sure! I wish to thank Doug for his unselfish dedication and many years of service to this organization. We've come a long way under his guidance and have persevered thru some trying times, a strong testament to his leadership. I am proud to have worked with him and look forward to his help and advice as we move on to new things. Thank you, Doug!

This past year has proved to be challenging and 2021 looks to be every bit the same. Not only are we struggling to cope with the COVID outbreak and the restrictions it has imposed on us, but we now face a new government administration which has been very vocal on its feelings towards firearms and the Second Amendment. I shouldn't have to tell you how important it is to stay informed of any and all legislation proposed or already in the works. I strongly encourage you to contact your legislators and let them know your disapproval of the Biden Administration proposals for restricting your rights and placing an unnecessary burden on your ability to exercise those rights. Let them know you need them to uphold the Second Amendment and only consider commonsense legislation. It may be an uphill battle but it is one we cannot afford to lose!

Last year we accomplished a few monumental projects, like the much needed logging of the property to ensure the healthy future of our wooded area, and the revamp of our 200 yard pit and target carriers for our high power competitions. We look forward to having a successful competition year. We have a few projects in discussions for this, as well as a few succeeding years. Our Officers and Board of Directors will be busy with the discussions and finalizing the details.

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

York Rifle Range 2021 Officers

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

Board of Directors

- **Chairman:**
Doug Nace 2021
- **Directors:**
Jeremy Bogdany 2020 - 2021
Christian Schwinger 2020 - 2021
George Himmelright, Jr. 2021 - 2022
Nathaniel Brown 2021 - 2022

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**



Thank You Doug Nace

After 25 years as the York Rifle Range Association's Club President, Doug Nace is passing the reins to our new President Dick Ide. As Our new President, Dick Ide mentioned, Doug's "unselfish dedication and many years of service to the organization. We've come a long way under his guidance and have persevered thru some trying times, a strong testament to his leadership." Pictured below at the January board of Directors meeting held January 17, 2021, Dick Ide is presenting Doug Nace a plaque for his Years of Dedication of service and appreciation to the York Riflemen.

Per the Club Constitution Doug will be a member of the Board of Director for 2021. Doug is now able to retire and move to his retirement home in Florida. Well he is able to do that, if he was actually going to retire and if he had a retirement home in Florida. He hasn't retired and he doesn't have a retirement home in Florida so he will be staying in Pennsylvania for now.



Pictured left to right Dick Ide and Doug Nace

So once again.

Thank you Doug

Hope to see you at the Range often.

Youth Programs at York Rifle Range

As you sit down to read the club's newsletter we are wrapping up another successful air rifle program for the winter. Despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic we managed to run our Monday evening air rifle sessions since early October and we just had to adapt to the "new normal" just like everyone else. Attendance was down a little bit from last year but those that came out to try their hand at air rifle shooting hopefully learned about firearms safety and basic marksmanship. I am going to be optimistic and say that when we start the air rifle sessions back up in October 2021 a lot of the annoyances of the pandemic will be behind us and we can get back to the way things were a year ago. If not we will adapt, just like everyone else, and try to make the best of the situation and provide the best instruction that we can.

Along with our youth air rifle program we have a few juniors representing our club shooting in small-bore competition. I take great pride in watching them grow into seasoned, well disciplined competitive shooters over the many hours of practice and matches they shoot in a year. Good shooters are not born but are made with consistent practice and the mentorship of veteran competitive shooters. As a coach and instructor it is my hope that the lessons they learn at the range will carry over to other aspects of their lives and they become successful adults on and off the firing line.

As of right now the 2021 CMP National Matches are scheduled to happen this summer, and as usual the club will be well represented during the highpower stage of the National Matches. I am planning on going out to represent the club during the smallbore stage, and hopefully some of our juniors, who have practiced and trained all year, will come along to partake in this "World Series" of competitive shooting.

Our youth shooting programs are able to exist due to the generous support of the the NRA Foundation, the officers and directors of this club and members volunteering their time and energy to provide firearms instruction to the next generation. Without your continued support we would not be able to provide this opportunity for our youth.

If you would like to learn more about our youth air rifle or smallbore program please check out the club's website, www.yorkriflemen.org, or just stop by the club some evening. We typically have Friday night matches and Wednesday night practice throughout the year. Our youth air rifle program runs from the first Monday in October though the last Monday in March.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer or donate to our Junior Program please contact Jeff Walters: jeffsabwalters@gmail.com



Small-bore

Hi All,

The winter indoor small-bore season is winding down and will be ending in March, followed shortly by the start of the summer outdoor prone season. The Prone matches are held Friday nights starting at 7:00pm and are shot under the lights. Not all of the matches are held at York, so if you plan to attend you must check the match schedule posted on the York Riflemen website. www.yorkriflemenn.org

This year, as always, our Juniors did well and Coach Jeff and I are proud to mentor these young men and women. We have two or three Juniors in the Air Rifle program who will be transitioning to the small-bore program this summer and we always look forward to getting these young people started on the next phase of their journey to becoming marksmen. **YOUNG SHOOTERS ARE THE FUTURE** of this fine sport. If you think you may be interested in small-bore, contact myself or Jeff Walters and we will be happy to answer questions you may have.

See you on the firing line,
Greg Livingston
Vice-President



Indoor range



Outdoor range

Small-bore Committee:
Greg Livingston— acebowyer@aol.com
Jeff Walters— jeffawalters@gmail.com

High Power

2021 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. While High Power is a challenging type of marksmanship that often takes place at 200, 300, and 600 yards, our matches are all fired at 200 yards 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 links 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 2021 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 25; May 23; June 27; July 25; August 22; September 26. The CMP GSM Match Dates (30 rounds) are slated April 25 and October 2 (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



New Member meetings

New Member meetings, in an attempt to avoid major snow storms and the need to reschedule, NORMALLY begin in APRIL . This year, 2021, we are going to wait until the vaccine has been distributed and we, (the Membership Committee), have received our shots. 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 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** 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.
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. **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 expected while using any of the ranges. If they don't agree with the current rules and expected conduct it may be best to join another shooting club.



New Payment Option 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.

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 of in the lockbox located inside the clubhouse.

During this past year 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. Monthly charges, Transaction charges and a percentage of the total payment make it not a viable option at this time.

If you have been inside the Clubhouse in the last couple of months 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.

It is suggested that you do not deposit cash but that is up to you. Whatever form of payment that you choose, cash, check or money order, you should place it in a sealed envelope and 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.



Club Work Days coming

Check posting online and around the club for dates and time.

Free Lunch for all that come out to help.



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



Club Workdays - Will be scheduled for later this spring.



Check the website and postings around the range for dates

Indoor Range Certification Class

After a long hiatus due to the Covid Pandemic we will once again be holding 2 Indoor Range Certification classes. If you have already completed the class you do not need to attend another class.

Exception: If your membership was terminated and you rejoined the club your Indoor Range access was also terminated and you are required to be re-certified.

The Classes will be held on Sunday April 11, 2021.

Class #1 will be at 2:00pm

Class #2 will be held at 6:00pm

At the time of this newsletter we will still be following Social Distancing guidelines and Masks must be worn inside the Clubhouse.

You can sign up for the class one of two ways. You can use the sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse or sign up online through Sign-Up Genius. Please do not sign up on the clubhouse sheet and Sign-Up Genius. If you supplied the Club with your current email address and you received this newsletter by email you will receive an invitation to the Certification Class to sign-up online. If you are not interested in Using the Indoor Range you do not need to reply to tell me that.

Copy and paste this link to sign up online <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BABA92AA4F49-indoor4>
The Class will be informational only. No shooting will be done at this class.

NOTE! If you have not completed the Certification class your access card will not open the Indoor Range door no matter how many times you swipe it at the card reader.