



York Rifle Range Newsletter

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President's Message - Spring 2023

Greetings, everyone, and welcome to a new year at York Riflemen! Much is happening here at the club, as well as things around the country and the world. The pandemic is over (or so they say), politics are in the news, "balloons" are popping overhead, campaigns are kicking off, and the usual attacks on our gun rights are heating up.

We're now entering into the 2024 election cycle and many issues are at hand. Among those is our right to keep, buy, and use firearms. We are under constant attack to have our rights taken away. We can't let our guard down for even a moment or we may very well lose these rights and not get them back! There is always some politician somewhere renewing the threat to "ban" certain firearms or institute some ridiculous legislation making it harder, or impossible, for law abiding citizens to obtain or use a firearm, whether for sport or personal protection, and are not willing to prosecute the "real" criminals. We see and hear it every day in the news. Stay informed and elect officials who will support and fight for our Second Amendment rights and are willing to enforce the laws we already have. Stay vigilant and vote accordingly!

We continue to make some changes happen here at the range. We've had some very successful workdays last year with great membership turnouts (really appreciated!). We accomplished quite a few projects ranging from roof replacement at the running deer shack, creation of an archery range, various painting details both inside and out, and continued cleanup around the range. The spring workday is coming up and we have quite a list of tasks we still need to address. Target frame maintenance is always on the agenda.

We continue to have unnecessary damage inflicted on our 50 and 100 yard rifle frames. The number boards seem to be considered targets by some individuals. They are NOT! I remind you that purposely shooting at them constitutes willful destruction of club property and is grounds for losing your membership. Use targets that fit the frames. Do not mount them where shots will be fired into the wood. Always mount the target BELOW the red "no-shoot" zones. Pistol shooters are reminded the bottoms of the metal target frames are NOT targets. Move frames out of the way and/or lay them down when shooting the closer targets. And PLEASE do not shoot at the steel targets with high powered or steel core rounds. This damages the targets and may result in their removal.

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.

York Rifle Range 2023 Officers

- **President:**
T. Richard Ide
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Greg Livingston
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Cheryl Gerhart
- **Recording Secretary:**
Jeff Walters
- **Membership Secretary:**
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- **Directors:**
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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



Youth Programs at York Rifle Range by Jeff Walters

As you are reading this our Monday evening junior air rifle program is wrapping up for the season and will start back up again in early October 2023. We had a successful season with a group of dedicated juniors learning about gun safety and basic marksmanship. We also have three juniors participating with the club's smallbore team this year. As in years past if you have a child, grandchild, or know of a child aged between 10 and 18 that would be interested in basic safety and marksmanship instruction please consider looking into our Monday air rifle program. Information and contact information is located in the clubhouse.

Another opportunity that this club offers is junior membership. For the low price of \$10 per year a person under the age of 18 can become a member. All that is needed is a current senior or life member to sponsor the junior for membership. One of the long term benefits of having a junior membership is once the child is age 18 on January 1st they are automatically transferred to a senior membership for that membership year, so long as they pay the senior membership dues. Once they become a senior member, they will have all the access and benefits every other senior member has in this club. In other words they are placed at the head of the line before anyone else on the membership waitlist. This is something to consider especially if the young adult uses the range as a guest of a regular member, or there is a long waitlist of prospective people vying for a limited number of open senior member slots available each year.

Once a junior becomes a member, there are no more guest fees and they are given priority for senior membership. It is one of the priorities of the current club officers and directors to promote junior membership. The long term survival of this club depends on the younger generations that enjoy the safe and responsible use of firearms to be active in this club and, in time, eventually take on the leadership roles of our range. So to make a long story, short if you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or you know any other junior that would be interested in becoming a club member it would be beneficial to sponsor them for junior membership.

Time for current members to help out Our Club by Jim Jensen

We are looking for Members to step up and become more involved in the Club and the operation.
Can you HELP?

- Looking for New Team Members to join the Building and Grounds Committee.
- Also looking for a New Membership Secretary.

After many years of dedicated service to the York Rifle Range, and appreciated so much more than can ever be put to words in this Newsletter, George Himmelright Jr. is stepping down as the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. We need **YOU** to become part of this Committee so that the upkeep of the range continues and the Range stays a great place to sharpen your shooting skills and a Safe Place to do so.

GEORGE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE to the York Rifle Range as the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee.

On that note, We are also looking for a New Membership Secretary to replace the current Membership Secretary, **I have been helping the Club since 2009 and it is time for me to step down and let a new person assume the duties of Membership Secretary for the York Rifle Range. If you would like to step up to become the New Membership Secretary you should stop up to the Range for the Monthly Meetings that are held the second Tuesday every month and start at 7:30pm. I will be available to assist you and show you all that you need to do over the course of the year.**

TO learn how to become part of the Building and Grounds Committee, or Membership Secretary, stop up to the Monthly Club meeting held the Second Tuesday every month and begins at 7:30am.



High Power by Fred Haag

2023 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*

<https://competitions.nra.org/media/8913/2023-high-power-rifle-rules.pdf>

<https://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>

The posted 2023 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 23; May 28; June 25; July 23; August 27; September 24. The CMP Garand (GSM) Match Dates (30 rounds) are slated April 23 and October 7 (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 fired at 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/calendar/high-power-match-schedule/> or you have any questions about the High Power Team you may contact: Fred Haag at haagfred@gmail.com

Fred Haag
High-power Committee

York Rifle Range Officers New Email addresses

Need to contact one of the Officers of the York Rifle Range?

We have created New email addresses for you to contact them with Club related Questions or Requests

President - yrpresident@yahoo.com

Vice-President - yvicepresident@yahoo.com

Treasurer - yrtreasurer@yahoo.com

Recording Secretary - yorkriflerecsec@yahoo.com

Membership Secretary - yrmembership@yahoo.com (this one is not new)

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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 should arrive with the person 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. **Due to scheduling conflicts, after the APRIL New Member meeting, we will be postponing these meetings and resume them beginning again in July and August this year.**

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 to attend. The email invitation will be sent to the email supplied on the waiting list application that was submitted. It is up to them to contact the current member sponsoring them to arrange attendance to this meeting. The Sponsor must attend the meeting with them as the Prospective member is still a guest and is not allowed on range property without a member. They need to arrive with their sponsor so 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 various regulations and Rules of Conduct while using any of the ranges.

Each year we have a limited number of **Senior** memberships available due to a number of different reasons. There are also an unlimited number of Junior memberships available each year. To fill these memberships, both Senior and Junior, there is a process required for an applicant to be presented to the membership for a vote. The procedures and requirements for sponsoring new members 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 and 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** and the person 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 to attend, with required information and instructions. The person requesting membership is required to contact their sponsor and arrange attendance of both to the pre-membership meeting.

1. **Reply to the email by the date listed to confirm attendance to the meeting.** Failure to reply and confirm attendance by the date listed will result in the removal of the person from the waiting list and the next name on the waiting list being invited.
2. **Bring CASH or Check for initial payment,** amount will be listed in the email invitation.
3. 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 cannot accept that report for Memberships.
4. The New Membership meeting is NOT a meeting for debate where prospective new members can object to any of the rules being covered. It is a meeting to inform the Prospective new member 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.



Important Information when Paying your Yearly Dues by Jim Jensen

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

1. Mail your payment to the Club's P.O. Box. *see mailing address on front or back cover.
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 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 receive your membership card will be in the Fall Newsletter.
5. Stop up to the Range and deposit your payment in the lockbox located on the wall by the freezer.

At the time of this newsletter we plan to continue to collect dues by the 5 options above but we may limit or eliminate, options 3 and 4 as needed to keep safe.

*** When mailing your payment to the club's PO Box, absolutely DO NOT send it in any form that requires a Signature of Receipt! I have a day job and I do not get to the Post Office during the day when it is open and I will absolutely not make a special trip to stand in line at the Post Office to pick up dues payments. If you decide to send your payment that requires a signature it will eventually get returned to you after the amount of time that the post office holds it. It is up to you to get your payment in on time so it is RECEIVED before that payment deadline of December 31st. Dropping it off at any post office is not considered "Received" IT MUST BE delivered and be IN the club's PO box or in the Lockbox that is inside the clubhouse, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31st.**

Whatever form of payment you choose, whether cash, check or money order, you should place it in a sealed envelope. Please DO NOT staple your payment to the form. Also, include the name or names of all the people 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 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, (if they are a member).

Having said all of the above, it is time for the club to get a New Membership Secretary. I have been helping the club since 2009 and it is time for me to step down and let a new person assume the duties of Membership Secretary for the York Rifle Range. If you would like to step up to become the New Membership Secretary you should stop up to the Range for the monthly meetings that are held the second Tuesday every month and start at 7:30pm. As you may or may not be aware, The Membership Secretary position is a position that gets elected each year, as are all of the Club's Officers and Directors. Club elections are held at the October monthly meeting and nominations for a person to be placed on the October ballot are made at the September meeting. I will assist the New Membership Secretary for the next year for questions or concerns they might have once they are in the position.

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Saturday April 8, 2023 8:30am—Noon

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Question about the club?
Questions about membership?
Email: YRMembership@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor in Chief: - Jim Jensen

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Club's Website
www.yorkriflemen.org

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Continued damage to 50 yard Outdoor Target Frame by Dick Ide

We obviously have an individual (or a few) that do not understand the proper way to place and 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. There is also extensive damage to the other number boards. **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 when caught, the person or persons involved will be removed from the range and will be required to attend a hearing with the Officers and Board of Directors and may lose their membership. We

