



York Rifle Range Newsletter

York Rifle Range

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President's Message - Fall 2023

Well, another year has zoomed by us! We're starting to get the shorter days and cooler (ok, colder...) nights. In the blink of an eye, hunting season will be upon us. Now's the time to dust off those musty old hunting clothes, dig out that rifle (or shotgun) you only seem to take for a walk rather than shoot it, and get out here to the range and get it ready for these seasons!

Lots of things were happening this year and we've been busy trying to keep the range in good shape. The work days were great successes this year and we accomplished quite a bit. As usual the frames on the high power range have been "fixed" (...a never-ending process), the metal targets at the 200 yard range have been well-used and maintained in tip-top shape, several new message boards have been installed at the ranges, the pistol range has been kept tidy and functioning well, our archery range has been getting some use, and the mowing and general up-keep of the facility has been impeccable. I want to thank all those people who have helped during our work days and those who have continuously given of their time and skills to keep our range in the great shape it is.

Politically it looks like we're in for another round of fighting for our rights, even in the midst of this very scary world unrest. Crime is continuing to be on the rise and this administration seems hell-bent on attacking our right to buy and use our firearms for our personal and family protection. Please be vigilant and keep aware of what legislation is being proposed that will affect our rights. We're about to enter into the primary election process and it is our responsibility to stay informed and elect officials that will support and fight for our Second Amendment rights. Do your part and vote!


Next year looks to be another good one for us. We still have a few things left on our "to-do list" of improvements and enhancements. We're also looking forward to the high power and outdoor smallbore competition seasons to start up in the spring. We're currently in the indoor smallbore season and wish our team good luck.

As always, I ask that all members and guest to please be safety minded and obey our rules for the ranges. Mount your targets properly (that means BELOW the red "no-shoot" zones on the high power frames) and clean up all your spent cases and trash. When on the pistol range, remember that the bottoms of the metal target holders ARE NOT TARGETS AND ARE NOT TO BE SHOT AT! Move them out of the way if there's a chance of hitting them. Also, no shotgun or high power AR or AK style pistols are permitted on the pistol range at any time.

Remember: this range belongs to ALL the members, and it is YOUR responsibility to treat it, and the others using it, with respect and commonsense. Safety first, last, and always!

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, thank you for another great year! As members, I urge you to attend our monthly meetings (the second Tuesday of each month). We have a new slate of officers supporting our club and your input and support as members is essential. I wish you good health and a safe and joyous holidays!




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

York Rifle Range 2023 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 2023
- **Directors:**
- Norm Taylor 2022 - 2023
- James Arvin 2022 - 2023
- Devin Pentz 2023 - 2024
- Jeremy Bogdany 2023 - 2024

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 Outgoing President the Outgoing President fills the 5th Director Appointment for a one year term.

The results of this years election:

Officers Elected for 2024

President:

T. Richard Ide

Vice President:

Greg Livingston

Treasurer:

Scott Anderson

Recording Secretary:

Jamie Fusco

Membership Secretary:

Belinda (Belle) Eyster

New Directors for '24/ '25

Gino Gentile

Terry Horn

The 5 members of the Board of Directors will hold a meeting after the first of the year in 2024 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.

Junior Air Rifle Program

As you are reading this article we have just started up our 2023-24 season of Monday evening youth air rifle. Each year we have a small group of dedicated juniors 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.

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 junior air rifle shooting season began in early October 2023 and continues through the end of March 2024. We always welcome new participants during our winter shooting season. 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

Wintertime and snow removal at the club — By Jeff Walters

As I am writing this short article it is a pleasant 70 degrees, the sun is shining, and the trees are slowly changing to their fall colors. Winter seems to be a long way off but in reality the frigid snowy days we be with us in short order. With that in mind I would like to remind our members and their guests of how things work here at the club during the depths of winter.

Typically we try to make the driveway as well as the parking areas passable, but not necessarily perfect. There will be areas of ice and snow left behind after we hit the area with the tractor and its 72" snowblower, but with care a member can access the club without too much trouble, just drive and walk with care while on club grounds. I would also ask that you refrain from visiting the club 24 hours after a snow storm. It is a 10x harder to remove snow from the driveway and the parking areas if the snow has been compacted by multiple vehicles accessing the club property. It is not fun when I have pull vehicles out with a chain or I have to play "chicken" with a car or truck on the driveway while I am trying to clear the area with the tractor & snowblower. While I do not mind clearing the snow and it can be somewhat fun using the giant snowblower I am freezing my butt off while doing the job. So the faster I can get the job done the faster I can get warmed up in front of the fireplace or drink some hot chocolate. If I have to pull people out or work harder due to compacted snow it turns a two hour job into an all day ordeal. So in short, have a heart, stay home and wait a day so we can clear the snow as quickly and efficiently as possible.



Small-bore

Hey Gang,

The summer prone season is in the books and it's time to move indoors for the three position season. The team did not take the championship, but Coach Jeff Walters finished second in the any sight night matches. Great job Jeff.

This year we will shoot postal matches for the first half of the indoor season. A postal match is when two competing teams shoot at their home ranges and report the scores for record. The second half of the season will be the usual travel and shoot matches.

This venue was adopted to hopefully increase participation with our younger shooters. Young people are busy with sports and school activities, and it's hard for them to travel, so hopefully, it will be easier for them to shoot at their home ranges. Smallbore is a great discipline, but for it to survive, we need young people participating.

Until next year, be safe.

Greg Livingston

Vice President / Chairman Small-bore committee

HIGH POWER RIFLE at the YORK RIFLE RANGE

Upcoming 2024 Season York Riflemen CMP Approved High Power Program

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2024 High Power season. High Power Rifle competition at York is offered in the form of 200-yard reduced CMP stationed matches. Almost everyone uses AR15 based rifles chambered in .223/5.56mm (either the service rifle or match rifle configuration) for the 80 shot CMP Matches. 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.

NRA rules <https://competitions.nra.org/competition-resources/rule-books/>

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

The proposed 2024 York High Power Rifle schedule for CMP sanctioned 80 rnd. matches and CMP M1 Garand matches will follow years past (4th Sunday from April through September). The CMP John C. Garand Match Dates (30 rounds) are slated for the 4th Sunday in April and first Saturday in October 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 finalized dates and approved match Schedule* will be posted early 2024 at 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

***consult for updates in the near future**

Indoor Range access Certification Class

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 reprogrammed. We have already held more than 30 Indoor Range Certification classes and there are 464 current members that have attended. We will be holding only ONE class this year.

Date of the Indoor Range Certification class is **SUNDAY November 12th 2023 at 2:00pm**

The Class starts at 2:00pm

You can sign up for the class on the sheet in the clubhouse OR online at SignupGenius you do not have to sign up at both places. If you supplied the club with an email address you were sent an invitation to sign up on line. If we do not have an email address for you you can use this link to access the Sign up on line at SignupGenius.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BABA92AA4F49-45663300-york>

If you would be interested in running an Indoor Class stop up to the Range and talk with one of the Officers to get more details before or after one of the Club meetings.



Members transitioning to next level for 2024

9 - Juniors transitioning to Senior Membership

Beginning on January 1st 2024, 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 \$30.00 and are due every year on or before December 31st**. You will be issued an access card that opens the Main gate and clubhouse door that will become active on January 1, 2024. The Access card does not get replaced each year. You will have to attend an Indoor Range Certification class after you become a Senior Member to have you access card programmed to open the Indoor Range door.

Trinity	N.	Bogdany	Katelyn	N.	Harro	Deona	V.	Houseman
Ethan	J.	Euclide	Madeleine	G.	Hendell	Maria	A.	Rossetti
Owen	C.	Grim	Kolby	A.	Hess	Emily	J.	Winemiller

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

35 - Seniors transitioning to Life Membership

Beginning on January 1st 2024, 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, Clubhouse door and Indoor Range door if you completed the Indoor Range Certification, does not get replaced each year. You have been issued a Life Member membership card this year and it was mailed to you early October. 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.

Jeffrey	L.	Bailey	W. D.		Hamm	Ronald	E.	Newcomer
Greg	E.	Baublitz	Philip	J.	Hassinger	Frank	M.	Peters
Jay	A.	Baugher	Bradley	D.	Heilman	James	B.	Pittenger
Bernie	A.	Bladies	Carl	L.	Hosier	William	H.	Ramage, II
Danny	J.	Culp	Terri	L.	Hughes	Robert	G.	Rawhouser
David	A.	Detter	Rick	W.	Jones	Doreen	Y.	Smith
Cheryl	A.	Ebaugh	Randall	J.	Klahold	Robert	C.	Smith
William	J.	Fitzpatrick	Carl	E.	Knaub	Jack	R.	Steininger, Jr.
Daniel	A.	Frysingher	Ticia	A.	Lambert	James	O.	Strayer, II
D. Martin		Gladfelter	Stewart	R.	Langley	George	J.	Swartz, Jr
Charles	T.	Haas	Tom	B.	Macintosh	Terry	L.	Witmer
			Scott	A.	Munchel	Gerald	L.	Yost

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

If you have been to the range this past year you may have noticed the New Range sign at the Gate.

The purpose of the sign is to let you know the current status of the ranges.

When the sign is displayed as "OPEN" that range is open for use.

When the sign is displayed as "CLOSED" that range is closed for any number of reasons.

For SAFETY reasons, when the CLOSED sign is displayed absolutely no one is allowed to shoot on that range.

No one, not me not the President or any Club Officer or Director can override the sign and say it is ok to use any range when it is displayed as CLOSED.

The sign can only be changed to OPEN by an authorized person.





Membership Renewals for 2023 are now being accepted!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023 NO GRACE PERIOD!

1. This form can **ONLY** be used for **RENEWING** a Membership. If you are an active member renewing for 2024 you can use this form. This form is not required to submit your dues but it is help if any of your information has changed over the last year. **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. (listed below)
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 you must 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

Membership Dues for 2024

Senior dues - \$30.00
 Junior dues- \$10.00
 Life Member - No Dues required

Dues are accepted between October 1 and December 31 for the following membership year.

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

No Family or Group memberships available with the York Rifle Range.

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

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

Name: _____ Member # _____ Member Level: _____
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Payment Options for your Yearly Membership Dues

The NEWest OPTION IS putting your payment in the lockbox located inside the clubhouse. If you have been inside the Clubhouse in the last couple of years you may have noticed the Lockbox installed on the wall by the freezer. 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. We are looking into the possibility of setting up EFT payments but it will not be available for this year.

It is suggested that you do NOT use this box for submitting waiting list applications and have the applicant follow the instruction on the back of the form. Emailing the form allows the Membership Secretary to capture the actual email address and eliminates email spelling errors.

!!Security Access Card!!

If you get a replacement access card because you previously reported one as lost, The “LOST” card gets deactivated and will not work at any of the range access points. It does not matter now many times that you swipe it. Also, if you have not completed the Indoor Range Certification course your card will not open the Indoor Range door.

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

Support your "Right to keep and
bear arms"
Join the NRA

Club's Website
www.yorkriflemen.org



It's time to pay your 2024 Membership dues, see page 5 for details



Running of the deer / Public Sight-In dates set for 2023

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 12th and November 19th** from 8am to sunset. **Don't miss it!**

The Running Deer Team is also looking for some members to volunteer to assist with this event. If you can lend your time one or both days or just even for a few hours, it would be very much appreciated.

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.

We're will have the concession

food available, too. Lot's of good food that isn't turkey as you will be getting plenty if that in a couple weeks. If you haven't participated in the past, maybe consider it this year.

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 moving 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 wonder-

ing, 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 2024 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 Club apparel in limited sizes and qtys that you can purchase either of these days or come to a monthly club meeting.

