2024 MEMBERSHIP INFO

It's Time to Pay Your Dues!

Annual Dues are still \$70 for 2024. The one-time, new member initiation fee remains at \$75 for 2024.

Members must pay their renewal fee by our meeting on TUESDAY January 2nd to remain in good standing. Those who do not renew by that January meeting *must pay the initiation fee again*. Note to procrastinators - mail must be postmarked by January 2nd to be acceptable.

The 2024 door code will be printed on your new card.

Help us save on postage costs. Include a stamp! Fill out the form below and send it along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

JOHN CHEETHAM 3042 RIDINGS WAY YORK, PA 17408 717-792-9138

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2023 in Review

At this point Covid is pretty much just a bad memory. We're back to normal as far as club activities and rentals. Please come out and support the club. Get caught up on old friendships and make new friends. Note that we now have two marked handicap parking spots. Be respectful and only park there with the proper signage or tags.

Membership and income have held steady, but inflation hit us hard again. In addition, our tax bill was much higher than expected. As a result of that we changed tax preparers and were approved for a new tax-exempt status which will benefit us moving forward. Our large repair project for the year was a replacement of our A/C system which died in July. Minor electrical upgrades related to the project are still ongoing. The Board continues to plan for other needs including a new lawnmower & tractor.

The only significant property damage was the destruction of the small pavilion on the Bunny Field during a late summer windstorm. Several bridges and stairways around the property still need to be repaired, so tread carefully. The Gorge bridge has not been rebuilt and the Board has no current plans to replace it due to cost & access reasons.

Streambank erosion near the pistol range is still a major concern. We were not approved for grant money this year but remember this is a 3–5-year process due to government funding procedures. We're still hopeful that we will get a grant, but they need to fund the other projects that were in the pipeline before us.

Rifle Range Updates

Work continued throughout the year on the rifle range block wall. All necessary blocks have been purchased and the final layer will be added as time, machinery & circumstances permit. Thanks to all who made donations for this project.

Cameras have been installed throughout the property, including on the ranges. Please follow all club rules, especially regarding safety.

Rapid Fire on the Ranges

The Board continues to receive complaints from neighbors regarding rapid fire on our ranges AND shooting before and after legal shooting hours. The Board MUST take gun safety incidents & neighbor relationships seriously. We try to address those situations during monthly meetings and on our FB page. Members should regularly attend our meetings to stay abreast of these types of situations. It fosters a better understanding of how & why we set policies.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. However, if the first Monday falls on either a holiday (such as Labor Day, New Years) or the first Monday of (rifle) deer season, the meeting is the next day. All members are encouraged to attend regularly to keep up to date on news & events.

New Membership

We always need new members! Make it your goal to recruit one new member in 2024. Pass this newsletter along to friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

New members must attend one monthly meeting, and a short orientation session, for their membership to be approved. The orientation sessions take place right after the monthly meeting. We can make exceptions to that policy for members who work the off shifts. All membership applications MUST BE LEGIBLE and be printed and signed with payment attached. Applications can be printed from our website, but we also usually keep copies in the clubhouse. Look in the top cabinet to the left of the kitchen sink.

ATTENTION

When on club property you MUST carry your membership card. You must also follow all club rules & regulations. If you do not have your membership card, you will be asked to leave the property. If you are caught in violation of other rules, disciplinary action will be enforced by the Board of Directors.

Guest Memberships

Our limited guest membership program closed for the year on October 1st and will resume January 1st, 2024.

Hunting Season is Here!

Do not park at the rifle range when hunting on club grounds. Display your club membership card if asked. Please respect our neighbors. Obey safety zone signage. Be aware of muzzle direction and what's beyond your target. Review clubhouse map for property lines. Do not hunt on neighboring property. No guests – member hunting only!

Tree Stand Policy

Club policy prohibits blinds or stands to be left up overnight. Same day carry-in and carry-out only! Any tree stands or blinds left behind will be removed and will become club property. The owner may also be subject to a fine as determined by the Board.

CLUB RENTAL

The Clubhouse is available for rent by members and non-members alike, so spread the word! We host parties, receptions, reunions & other events. All members receive a discounted rate. For prices, availability, and information call our new Rental Chairman Dan O'Connell at 717 817-0090. Thanks for volunteering Dan!

Monthly Gun Raffle

We have volunteers to run the monthly gun raffle! Thank you to Lonnie & Christie Beck. Tickets are available at their business, **BND Treasure Chest** 1061 Zeigler Rd Wellsville Pa 17365 and at our monthly meetings. Buy tix & support your club!

Concerned About Rules Changes?

Make it your goal to attend several meetings in 2024. Keep up on club news, needs & activities. We *need* your input at meetings when discussing club issues. Make your voice heard! Don't cry about changes if you don't participate in the process and speak out. It's your club. Own it! Make it what you want!

Social Media

Join our **Facebook** page for current news. Let us know what you want to see on our new website, which is currently down & being overhauled. We need a webmaster. Please volunteer to help!

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Indoor Archery

Stay in shooting shape all year with Indoor Archery. Come out and shoot from November through March, on every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. INDOOR 3D ARCHERY (evening shoots) will be held Tuesday & Thursday on the first & third weeks of January thru March. \$5 for 20 targets, 6-8:30pm. All are welcome.

Block Shoots

Competition returns on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January & February. Start time is 1:00pm. Help is needed! Call Greg Hivner at 717-880-0625 for info.

NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES

November

- 6 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
- 20 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- 22 Indoor 3D Archery Turkey Shoot 6-8:00pm

December

- 4 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- 31 Indoor 3D Arch. Family Party/Shoot Check FB

January

- 2 Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm (TUESDAY)
- 2 LAST DAY OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
- 4 Indoor 3D Archery 6-8:30pm
- 14 Block Shoot 1pm
- 15 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- **16 & 18** Indoor **3D** Archery 6-8:30pm
- 21 Indoor 3D Archery Shoot 8am-Noon
- 28 Block Shoot 1pm

February

- **5** Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
- **6 &8** Indoor **3D** Archery 6-8:30pm
- 11 Block Shoot 1pm
- 18 Indoor 3D Archery Shoot 8am-Noon
- 19 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- **20 & 22** Indoor **3D** Archery 6-8:30pm
- 25 Block Shoot 1pm



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