

2025 MEMBERSHIP INFO

It's Time to Pay Your Dues!

Annual Dues are still \$70 for 2025. The one-time, new member initiation fee remains at \$75 for 2025.

Members must pay their renewal fee by our meeting on MONDAY January 6, 2025, 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 6th to be acceptable.

The 2025 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
717-676-0616 (Call or text)**

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2024 in Review

As we near the end of 2024 we are again looking for a new Caretaker for the property. Bill is leaving us at the end of September, so we'd like to get someone hired ASAP. Contact any Board member if you know of any possible candidates. Better yet, bring them to a meeting so they can see the place!

Membership and income have held steady, but inflation hit us hard again. In addition, our tax bill was higher than expected, but our new tax-exempt status should benefit us moving forward. We need all members to actively participate in our fund-raising activities to hold dues at the current rate.

Our property needed no major repairs for the year, but we've made some minor electrical upgrades to the clubhouse. In addition, we received a generous donation of time & materials from Adams Electric Coop as they recently installed poles (wiring to follow ASAP) so that we can have electricity at the rifle range. Thank you AEC! The Board continues to plan for other needs including a new clubhouse roof, lawnmower & tractor.

Several bridges and stairways around the property still need to be repaired, so tread carefully. We will need help at those work details! 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 again this year but remember this is a 3-5-year process due to government funding procedures.

Rifle Range Updates

We decided to add a few more blocks to maintain equal height along the length of the wall. They will be added when we find someone to haul them for us. The 25yd target butt was refurbished during the summer. The 100yd target butt will be next.

Remember that cameras have been installed throughout the property, including on the ranges.

Rifle & Pistol Range Incidents

I am happy to announce that incidents of unchecked rapid fire and shooting before & after legal shooting hours has been reduced. Remember to control your muzzle so target butt roofs on the rifle range don't get shredded! The Board takes gun safety incidents & neighbor relationships seriously. 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 2025. 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.

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, 2025.

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 club members receive a discounted rate. For prices, availability and information call Rental Chairman Dan O'Connell at 717 817-0090. Check the website & clubhouse calendars for rental schedule.

Monthly Gun Raffle

Lonnie & Christie Beck are running our monthly gun raffle. Prizes vary each month. There is always a cash option. Buy tickets at **BND Treasure Chest** in Wellsville or **Iron Rock Armory** (Manchester) and at our monthly meetings. Buy tix & support your club!

Concerned About Rules Changes?

Make it your goal to attend several meetings in 2025. 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 website. We still 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.

November

- 4 - Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
- 18 - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- 27 - Indoor 3D Archery Turkey Shoot 6-8:00pm

December

- 9 - Monthly Meeting 7:30pm (2nd Monday!)
- 16 - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- 31 - Indoor 3D Arch. Family Party/Shoot 6-10pm

January

- 6 - Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 - LAST DAY OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**
- 7 & 9 - Indoor 3D Archery 6-8:30pm
- 12 - Block Shoot 1pm
- 19 - Indoor 3D Archery Shoot 8am-Noon
- 20 - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- 21 & 23 - Indoor 3D Archery 6-8:30pm
- 26 - Block Shoot 1pm

February

- 3 - Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
- 4 & 6 - Indoor 3D Archery 6-8:30pm
- 9 - Block Shoot 1pm
- 16 - Indoor 3D Archery Shoot 8am-Noon
- 17 - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 & 20 - Indoor 3D Archery 6-8:30pm
- 23 - Block Shoot 1pm

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