

2027 MEMBERSHIP INFO

It's Time to Pay Your Dues!

Annual Dues have increased to **\$85** for 2027.

Members must pay their renewal fee by our meeting on MONDAY January 4, 2027, 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 4th to be acceptable. Any late renewals will cost **\$160** (\$85 + the standard \$75 initiation fee).

The 2027 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
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**JOHN CHEETHAM
3042 RIDINGS WAY
YORK, PA 17408
717-676-0616 (Call or text)**

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2026 in Review

Why are we raising our dues? Well, 2026 has been a challenging year financially for the club. The Board made the difficult decision to raise dues for the first time since 2023 so we can keep our doors open. You know that tax and utility bills continue to rise, but the driving reason for the dues increase was that our club's insurance bill increased by over \$4,000. I attend PFSC meetings and our fellow York County clubs are seeing similar increases. As you can imagine, in this politically charged climate, all sportsmen's clubs are being targeted for steep increases. We are a niche market because of our pistol, rifle and archery ranges, so we don't have many options. Those ranges are why we exist.

We examined our yearly expenses, and we need the dues increase to be able to keep paying our bills. Yes, it's a steep increase, but we don't spend your money carelessly. We still believe we offer good value for your money. It only costs about 4 boxes of ammo per year to enjoy our club and its facilities.

We also had a major expenditure this summer on repairs to the Caretaker's trailer to keep it livable as the floor needed to be repaired. The trailer's HVAC system also needs to be replaced, and we are reviewing solutions which could involve another \$3-5K to fix. In addition, we continue to plan for other major needs including a new clubhouse roof, parking lot paving and a new tractor.

The good news is that our pistol range was enlarged this Spring ***at no cost*** by Kinsley. We easily saved \$50-100K by their donation. Thanks again to their team! It looks great and I'm sure most of you have had the chance to try it out by now.

The 100-yard target at the rifle range was completely rebuilt last year but we still want to remove some trees alongside the range at some point this winter.

Streambank erosion near the pistol range is still a major concern, but the grant program we applied to is mired in red tape and going nowhere.

Member Participation Is Needed

Our club has a serious lack of participation. I'm not just talking about volunteering for committee and officer positions. Out of over 400 members, we usually only draw 20-25 people for our monthly meetings. Attendance is almost zero when we have work details. We struggle to get things done. You agreed to help when you joined, so get involved!

Almost 75% of the Board is aged 65+. We need new blood, ideas and energy. Members who join today enjoy shooting MSRs, not bolt action or lever guns. Hunters are no longer our core members and range users. Handguns and steel targets rule now. Are we representing your needs & views? Step up and help lead the club into the future! Don't assume that you'll always have a place to gather and shoot.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are normally on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Members are encouraged to attend regularly to keep up to date on club news, events, finances and upcoming legislation.

New Membership

We always need new members! Make it your goal to recruit one new member in 2027. 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 fees are due with the application, which 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.

Return Service Requested



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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

2 - Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
16 - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
25 - Indoor 3D Archery \$10 Turkey Shoot 6-8:00pm

December

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

January

4 - Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm
4 - LAST DAY OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
5 & 7 - Indoor 3D Archery \$10, 6-8:30pm
10 - Block Shoot 1pm \$3
17 - Indoor 3D Archery Shoot 8am-Noon
18 - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
19 & 21 - Indoor 3D Archery 6-8:30pm
24 - Block Shoot 1pm \$3

February

1 - Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
2 & 4 & 7 - Indoor 3D Archery \$10
14 - Block Shoot 1pm \$3
15 - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
16 & 18 - Indoor 3D Archery \$10, 6-8:30pm
21 - Indoor 3D Archery Shoot \$10, 8am-Noon
28 - Block Shoot 1pm \$3

Guest Memberships

Our limited guest membership program ends on September 30 and will resume January 1st, 2027.

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

We are now back to one raffle per month. There is a cash option. Buy tickets at **Dover Tactical** and at our monthly meetings. Sell tickets to support your club!

Do You Need Training?

We are now affiliated with **Dover Tactical**. Contact them for details. Contact the club for info on MD Concealed Carry courses. And Brian Kimball still offers personalized training. Train for safety!

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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