



## August 2025 Newsletter

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### **Special Notices**

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There are currently only 3 slots open – Thursday 9am-noon, Saturday 9am-noon, and Sunday 9am-noon. Note that all volunteers get into the Fair for free. Anyone interested in volunteering to fill an open slot, please contact Judy Gibbs (207-590-2615 or gibbsj@metrocast.net). Below is the 2025 schedule as of June 8, 2025.

Past volunteers will attest that this time spent representing YCFGA is very fun and rewarding. Booth duty time slots are for 3 hours. The open slots are the ones left blank.

| 8/20/2025                                                               |            | 8/21/2025             | 8/22/2025         | 8/23/2025            | 8/24/2025                                                       |
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|                                                                         |            | Bob Young             | George Lamontagne | Lori Gibney          | Judy Gibbs                                                      |
|                                                                         | 6:00-9:00  | Don Morin             | Joan True         | Nick Jenner          | CLOSE UP/TEAR DOWN at 6:00pm - Walter Sullivan & Adam Truesdale |
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## Important Alerts

## **Fishing**

**Round Pond (behind the Lodge) has been stocked and is available for fishing. Please consult the Maine fishing law book. Also, please remember to LEAVE NO TRACE! If you carry it in, be sure to carry it out.**

## **Other Notices**

**Reminder: There is no shooting at the ranges on Sundays before 12:00 noon.**

**The Club and All Ranges, including the Muzzle Loader Range are Open. See individual sections for more information.**

**It is required that members accessing Club property (range and Lodge sides) must display a valid membership ID badge.**

**The Club House Kitchen is open every Sunday from 11:00am to 1:30pm whenever the ranges are open.**

## **Request for Volunteers**

**We are currently looking for a volunteer(s) with experiencing installing Formica countertops. Our Club House kitchen needs a countertop installed to make the kitchen remodel that was started several years ago finally complete. The Club will cover all costs of materials. All we need is a person(s) time to do the installation. Contact Jordan Wessels for more information.**

**We also need volunteers for several outdoor projects, such as installing a metal roof on the Pistol house.**

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### **Building & Grounds**

We are still looking for some help with a few projects around the range.

We need volunteers to help clean the old skeet machine for resale. Please contact (e-mail) Jordan Wessels at [jhwframing@roadrunner.com](mailto:jhwframing@roadrunner.com).

As always we will continue to let members and the public to use our Lodge side property, but with this comes a responsibility to take care of our grounds and use some common sense.

## **Range News**

### **Special Notice**

**Note: The Club requests that people using the ranges to empty trash cans before they get too heavy.**

**There have been several incidences when the gate for the Range has been closed and locked when someone was still on the Range premises. The rules concerning entry and exit of the Range and Lodge grounds are as listed below.**

**Note that the ranges are monitored 24/7.**

- Entry / Exit – Club Grounds
  - The numbers on all the locks must be set to numbers other than the combination upon opening the lock.
  - The main entry gate to the Club – ranges and lodge - shall remain unlocked and opened while the grounds are occupied.
  - The gates must be restrained and secured while open.
  - All gates must be closed and locked upon exiting the property by the last member to leave the property.

**Anyone who may need special accommodations when attending an organized shoot at the Range, the Club members running the shoot will do what is reasonably needed to provide safe modifications to ensure each member has the opportunity to participate.**

Dogs on the range side of our property must be leashed at all times.

Our cameras are up and running 24/7. and have already proven to be very informative. Several incidences caught on camera have been addressed.

Another issue we are dealing with is folks stuffing cardboard backers in the trash barrels. There are wire mesh containers in both ranges for the used backers. Also, the trash barrels don't empty themselves, so when you see one getting full, please find others to help dump the debris in these containers into the dumpster.

Last of all, if you see anything that gives you concern for your safety or the club's safety, please give me (Jordan) a shout or a text.

## **Muzzle Loader Range**

The Muzzle Loader Range is open. If there is any interest, special Sunday shoots can be scheduled.

## **Brass Cartridge**

Brass cartridge shoots are scheduled for every Sunday starting at 12:00 noon. Sunday events consist of Pistol, Plate, Rifle, or Bowling Pin shoots. See website for alternating schedule. There is a \$4.00 fee for members and a \$6.00 fee for non-members.

Our 25 Yard Range and 100 Yard range have target backers that are range specific, and there are posted rules for each. The use of wooden stands is prohibited on the 25 yard / Pistol range. Pistol Range 20"x 20" backers are hung from the overhead cables on the provided lumber.

On the Rifle /100 yard range, use only club provided target stands with 24"x24" backers. Targets should be placed no closer than 50 yards from the bench.

Do NOT place any targets on the range floor or on the frame of the gong.

Stay OFF the Berms.

See 2025 Brass Cartridge Sunday Shoots Schedule Below.

| 2025 RIFLE/PISTOL SHOOT SCHEDULE                            |        |                                                    |        |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| ALL SUNDAY EVENTS START AT NOON, OTHER EVENTS AS NOTED      |        |                                                    |        |        |
| SKEET & TRAP OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON (weather permitting) |        |                                                    |        |        |
| Date                                                        | Day    | Event                                              | Range  | Who    |
| NO SHOTS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY                              |        |                                                    |        |        |
| NO SHOTS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY                             |        |                                                    |        |        |
| 3/2/2025                                                    | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | Toby   |
| 3/9/2025                                                    | Sunday | Rimfire 50 Yard Bowling Pins                       | Rifle  | Jordan |
| 3/16/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | John   |
| 3/23/2025                                                   | Sunday | Revolver Plate Shoot                               | Pistol | Toby   |
| 3/30/2025                                                   | Sunday | NO SHOTS SCHEDULED FOR EASTER                      |        |        |
| 4/6/2025                                                    | Sunday | 100 Yard Bowling Pins (any gun)                    | Rifle  | Alan   |
| 4/13/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any rimfire non-magnum handgun)    | Pistol | Toby   |
| 4/20/2025                                                   | Sunday | Timed Plate Shoot with Magazine Change             | Pistol | John   |
| 4/27/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any centerfire non-magnum handgun) | Pistol | Scott  |
| 5/4/2025                                                    | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | Alan   |
| 5/11/2025                                                   | Sunday | NO SHOTS SCHEDULED FOR MOTHER'S DAY                |        |        |
| 5/18/2025                                                   | Sunday | Rimfire 50 Yard Bowling Pins                       | Rifle  | Toby   |
| 5/25/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | Alan   |
| 6/1/2025                                                    | Sunday | Revolver Plate Shoot                               | Pistol | Toby   |
| 6/8/2025                                                    | Sunday | 100 Yard Bowling Pins (any gun)                    | Rifle  | Jordan |
| 6/15/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any centerfire non-magnum handgun) | Pistol | Toby   |
| 6/22/2025                                                   | Sunday | Two Gun Shoot - .22 Rifle and any Handgun          | Rifle  | John   |
| 6/29/2025                                                   | Sunday | Timed Plate Shoot with Magazine Change             | Pistol | Alan   |
| 7/6/2025                                                    | Sunday | NO SHOTS SCHEDULED - 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND           |        |        |
| 7/13/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any centerfire non-magnum handgun) | Pistol | Toby   |
| 7/20/2025                                                   | Sunday | Two Gun Shoot - .22 Rifle and any Handgun          | Rifle  | John   |
| 7/27/2025                                                   | Sunday | Revolver Plate Shoot                               | Pistol | Toby   |
| 8/3/2025                                                    | Sunday | 100 Yard Bowling Pins (any gun)                    | Rifle  | Jordan |
| 8/10/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | Scott  |
| 8/17/2025                                                   | Sunday | Rimfire 50 Yard Bowling Pins                       | Rifle  | Alan   |
| 8/24/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | Toby   |
| 8/31/2025                                                   | Sunday | Scored Target Rifle Shoot                          | Rifle  | Jordan |
| 9/7/2025                                                    | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | John   |
| 9/14/2025                                                   | Sunday | 100 Yard Bowling Pins (any gun)                    | Rifle  | Alan   |
| 9/21/2025                                                   | Sunday | Revolver Plate Shoot                               | Pistol | Scott  |
| 9/28/2025                                                   | Sunday | 100 Yard Bowling Pins (any gun)                    | Rifle  | Jordan |
| 10/5/2025                                                   | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | Toby   |
| 10/12/2025                                                  | Sunday | 100 Yard Bowling Pins (any gun)                    | Rifle  | Alan   |
| 10/19/2025                                                  | Sunday | Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)            | Pistol | Toby   |
| 10/26/2025                                                  | Sunday | 100 Yard Bowling Pins (any gun)                    | Rifle  | Jordan |
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## **Trap / Skeet**

Trap shoots are scheduled for every Sunday starting at 12:00 noon. Skeet shoots are scheduled for every Sunday starting at 1:00pm. . Both shoots will occur providing there are personnel to run the event and members that want to participate and weather permitting. Size 9 target loads for Skeet and 7.5-9 for Trap. There is a \$4.00 fee for members and a \$6.00 fee for non-members. If we have 5 shooters for Trap, we place a white bird in the machine, and if you shoot the white bird on your turn, you win a coin for a free round or lunch.

Please note that Skeet shoots are also schedule for every Wednesday afternoon starting at 4:00pm until further notice.

## **Archery**

Indoor Archery shoots at the Lodge are scheduled for the first Tuesday and third Thursday evening of the month from 6:30-8:00pm. There is a \$4.00 fee for members and a \$6.00 fee for non-members. **Anyone who cannot attend a weekday shoot, please contact Rick Rousseau.**

The Club has an opportunity to get a grant to upgrade our Archery range and grounds (around Round Pond) to be handicap accessible. Rick Rousseau has volunteered to assist writing the grant. Anyone interested in assisting Rick should contact Rick or Jordan.

Although we have an Archery Chairperson – Rick Rousseau, we still need a co-chair for Archery. Anyone interested in being an Archery co-chair or the upcoming Archery events can contact Rick at [stealthcat1024@gmail.com](mailto:stealthcat1024@gmail.com). Note that chairs and co-chairs that attend at least 50% of general and board of directors meetings get free membership for the following year.

## **Fishing**

The pond has been stocked and is available for fishing. Please consult the Maine fishing law book. Also, please remember to LEAVE NO TRACE! If you carry it in, be sure to carry it out.

Anyone who has fishing equipment in good condition that he/she would like to donate – for kids – please drop off these items at the Range Club House.

Dan Bastarache would like to form a well-staffed committee and is asking for anyone interested to contact him at [dpbastarache@gmail.com](mailto:dpbastarache@gmail.com).

## **Indoor Shooting Events**

See the Archery Section for information for Indoor archery shooting events.

**Starting on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, there are bimonthly indoor air rifle shoots at the Lodge. Shoots will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. May shoots are scheduled for May 1 and 15. June shoots are scheduled for June 5 and 19.**

## **Entertainment**

Entertainment Committee Chair person is Joan True. We also still need a co-chair for the Entertainment Committee. Note that chairs and co-chairs that attend at least 50% of general and board of directors meetings get free membership for the following year.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help in the kitchen on Sundays on a rotating basis. We are in need of additional volunteers. This volunteer work requires about 3 hours per shift. The Committee has put together a revolving schedule for the current volunteers which is posted on the Club web site.

**Special Notice: In order to keep the kitchen open for every Sunday shoot, more volunteers are needed.**

The kitchen offers a limited menu of burgers, hot dogs, egg & cheese on an English muffin plus coffee, tea or soda. Note that menu prices have been moderately increased as of January 1, 2025.

## **Lodge / Rental**

There are no scheduled events for August at this time. We do have a confirmed rental (Wedding/Reception) for October **2026**.

## **Membership**

**Special Notice: Effective immediately, Bill Mroz is tending his resignation as the chair of the Membership Committee. Note that chairs and co-chairs that attend at least 50% of general and board of directors meetings get free membership for the following year.**

**Anyone interested in assuming this position, please contact Bill at [zormb42@gmail.com](mailto:zormb42@gmail.com)).**

Membership renewal forms are available on our website: <https://ycfga.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023-YCFGGA-Membership-Renewal-Form.pdf>. Completed Renewal Forms can be mailed or hand delivered to Bill Mroz (Membership Chairman) at any of the monthly general meetings.

All renewing members are requested to return a completed renewal form, purpose being to ensure our records are accurate with: name, address, phone, and especially email address.

**\*\*\*\*\* Lifetime Members are excluded from filling out a Renewal Form *unless* you have changes.**

Acceptable payment can be made via cash, check, and money order (made out to: YCFGGA). Upon renewal, you will be sent your 2025 sticker with a new lock combination to immediately affix to your Badge/ID. It will arrive in a small white envelope with a return address from YCFGGA, generally a couple weeks after receiving your renewal form.

Additionally, this year we are pleased to continue offering an electronic payment option via **VENMO**! For VENMO users, look for "**York County Fish & Game Assn**" in the **Business** section of Venmo and follow regular payment steps to send your renewal payment to YCFGGA.

**NOTE: For those using VENMO, you will still need to complete and send in a completed renewal form.**

Mail completed renewal forms to:

***York County Fish & Game Association ATTN: RENEWAL  
600 Goodwins Mills Rd  
Lyman, ME 04002***

***\*\*\* If you have already submitted your renewal, "Thank you"!***

Until further notice, questions can be directed to Membership Chairman Bill Mroz ([zormb42@gmail.com](mailto:zormb42@gmail.com)).

Next New Member Orientation Classes are schedule for September 14, 2025 at 10:00am in the Club House.

**Note that the gate lock combination has been changed as of February 1, 2025.**

Also note that Bill will be mailing the New Gate Code for Year 2026 to all Life Members, Past Presidents, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. The gate code will come in a small envelope with our YCF&G address printed on it.

## **Legislation**

### **By-Laws or SOP Changes**

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## Upcoming Meetings

August General Meeting: August 28, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Next Board of Directors Meetings: September 8, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Club House.

Up-coming New Member Orientation: September 14, 2025 at 10:00am at the Club House.

September General Meeting: September 25, 2025.

Your humble servants,

The YCFGA Board of Directors