

## February 2026 Newsletter

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### Special Notices

#### **ELECTIONS OF CLUB OFFICER POSITION RESULTS**

The following Club elected officer positions were voted on and approved at the January 29, 2026 Annual Meeting.

**President - Walter Sullivan**

**Vice President - Jordan Wessels**

**Secretary - Beth Matthews Peterson**

**Treasurer - Alan Gibney**

**Sargent-at-Arms - Judy Gibbs**

## **Kids' Fishing Derby**

**The Annual Kids' Ice Fishing Derby was held on February 8 from 7:00am to 12:00 noon and was a great success. There were a total of 15 kids who participated in the derby, and 5 participants received prizes. Of the 15 fish caught, only 1 was blue gill that measured 6 ¼ inches. Four of the winners caught trout – 1<sup>st</sup> place was 13 ¾ inches and 2<sup>nd</sup> place was 11 ¾ inches.**

**Thank you to all the members who made this annual event a success.**

## **March 26, 2026 Pot Luck**

**The Club is planning on honoring all our Past-Presidents at a March 26, 2026 Pot Luck dinner starting a 6:00pm at the Lodge. As typical for our pot luck dinners, members can bring their favorite entrée (stews, meat ball, sandwiches), salads, chips, soda, desserts, or any other tasty treat for the dinner. Please plan ahead, so you can join us at this special event to honor the dedicated people who served as a Club President.**

**Note that there will be a special raffle of a 22 Rifle at this event.**

## **TIME TO RENEW YOUR 2026 MEMBERSHIP!!!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Per YCFGA By-Laws, the grace period for paying the 2026 membership renewal dues ended on **January 31st. Gate pass-codes changed effective February 1, 2026, so you'll need your new pass-code sticker to enter the ranges - so RENEW TODAY! Anyone renewing their membership after February 1, 2026 must include the Reinstatement Fee with their form.**

**If you wish to continue to be a member of our Club, forms are available on our website:**

**<https://ycfga.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023-YCFGA-Membership-Renewal-Form.pdf> and in the Lodge and Clubhouse. See the Membership section for additional information.**

### **Feedback Requested**

The Board of Directors is interested in any ideas that our members may have on how to increase participation at our scheduled shoots on all our ranges (Trap/Skeet, Brass Cartridge, Muzzle Loader, Archery). An example of an idea is to replace our sign with an electronic one with easy to change messages about upcoming events (all types, including the Annual Kids' Fishing Derby. If you have any ideas, please post them on our website or send via e-mail to Walter Sullivan at [blkpowder@hotmail.com](mailto:blkpowder@hotmail.com).

## **Important Alerts**

### **Winter Time Gate Lock Procedure**

During the winter months, the gate locks can freeze if any moisture gets on or into the lock mechanism. The Club needs everyone to use the gate locks to ensure the rubber guards are placed over the locks. If you are trying to reclose the lock unsuccessfully, set the lock to the current pass code, close the lock, and then spin the numbers to ensure proper locking.

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

**BOD and/or General Meeting Highlights**

**As mentioned in the August Newsletter, the Board of Directors has initiated a program to incentivize our members to volunteer for the many projects at the Ranges and the Lodge that remain on the “To-Do” list.**

**In lieu of making volunteering mandatory for all members, the Board is setting up a Raffle for a Muzzle Loader Flintlock. For every event that a member volunteers for, the member will receive one raffle ticket. There is no limit to how many tickets a member can get in a year. (Note that Board members will only receive 1 ticket per year). The raffle will take place in October 2026.**

**Note that raffle tickets will be issued to all volunteers each time they volunteer. This includes those who volunteer in the kitchen and for the Sunday shoots.**

### **Building & Grounds**

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

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.

**THE 2026 BRASS CARTRIDGE SCHEDULE will be available soon**

### **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 Wednesday Skeet and/or Trap shoots are not scheduled during the winter months and will resume this coming spring 2026.

### **Archery**

Indoor Archery shoots at the Lodge are scheduled for alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays – stating with the first Tuesday of the month - in the evening 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. Beth Peterson has been in contact with a person who will write the grant for us for a minimal charge. The current plan is to have the grant application ready to be submitted this Spring.

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**

See the special notice section of this newsletter for information concerning the 2026 Kids' Fishing Derby on Round Pond.

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**

### **Indoor Air Rifle Shoots**

**Starting on Wednesday, February 4 & 18, 2026, there are bimonthly indoor air rifle shoots at the Lodge. Shoots will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month through May. Examples of shoots after February are March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, and May 6 & 20.**

## **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 was one weekend scouting event held on January 16-18, 2026.

There is also a 2 day scouting event scheduled for February 28 – March 1, 2026

We also 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-YCFGA-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: YCFGA). Upon renewal, you will be sent your 2026 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 YCFGA, 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 YCFGA.

**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 March 8, 2026 at 10:00am in the Club House.**

Note that the gate combinations have been changed as of February 1, 2026.

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**

### **Training Classes**

## **Women's Self Defense Workshop**

Black Thistle Defense will be holding a Self-Defense Workshop for Women at the lodge on Saturday April 18th.

This workshop will involve practical skills and techniques for everyday self-protection and is designed to provide Women with a well-rounded set of skills to help identify, deter, prevent and physically protect themselves from an attacker.

For more information or to register visit  
[www.blackthistledefense.com](http://www.blackthistledefense.com) or email Beth at  
[blackthistledefense@gmail.com](mailto:blackthistledefense@gmail.com)

### **2026 Acton Fair**

Plans are already in progress for the 2026 Acton Fair and Rifle Raffle – schedule to be announced. We have already purchased the raffle item – a Rossi R-95 Caliber 30-30 Trapper Lever Action Rifle with Case & Accessories (ammo, ear & eye protection). Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 and 5 for \$20.00. We will have tickets available at the March Pot Luck.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

February General Meeting: February 26, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Lodge

Next Board of Directors Meetings: March 9, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Club House.

Up-coming New Member Orientation: March 8, 2026 at 10:00am.

March General Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner: March 26, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Lodge.

Your humble servants,

The YCFGA Board of Directors