Welcome to
YORK COUNTY FISH & GAME
ASSOCIATION Founded in 1935

October 2026 Newsletter

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Special Notices

Feedback Requested

One Idea that was introduced at the September Board of Directors meeting concerned the option to hold organized shoots at the range on alternating Saturdays and Sundays. This idea will be discussed in more detail In January 2027.

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.

Important Alerts

Important Notice for All Ranges

Starting immediately due to the severe drought conditions affecting York County, there is no smoking on the property, except in the designated smoking area which is the Gun Safe Handling Shed.

Also note that the SOPs for the Ranges, Pond & Surrounding Property Rules have been updated to include the following statement in the Firearms General Rules section.
“Fully automatic firearms, bump stocks, and forced reset triggers (FRT) are not allowed on any of the ranges.”

Important Notice for Lodge and Surroundings

Starting immediately, there is **no smoking** on the property.

Other Notices

Reminder: Except for Sunday, all range hours are from 9:00am to dusk. Please observe this important range rule. 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.

Partial To-Do List

1) Extra blocks along roadside of ranges
2) Sound blankets for pistol building
3) Transplant trees on berms
4) Clean up archery area
5) Raise trap/skeet platforms
6) Archery Shooting Stand Roof
7) Well point
8) Fishing lanes to Round Pond

BOD and/or General Meeting Highlights

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.

2026 BRASS CARTRIDGE SCHEDULE

All Sunday events start at noon; other events as noted.			
DATE	**EVENT**	**RANGE**	**PERSON**
10/18/26	100 Yard Bowling Pins (Any Gun)	Rifle	John
10/25/26	No scheduled shoot		
11/1/26	Revolver Plate Shoot	Pistol	Alan
11/8/26	No scheduled shoot		
11/15/26	100 Yard Bowling Pins (Any Gun)	Rifle	Jordan
11/22/26	No scheduled shoot		

11/29/26	Timed Plate Shoot with Magazine Change	Pistol	Toby
12/6/26	No scheduled shoot		
12/13/26	Rimfire 50 Yard Bowling Pins	Rifle	Scott
12/20/26	No scheduled shoot		
12/27/26	Falling Plates (any non-magnum handgun)	Pistol	Alan

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 scheduled on Wednesday evenings starting at 3:00pm.

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.

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. 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

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.

Indoor Shooting Events

See Archery section for scheduled indoor events.

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 is an Eagle Scout event at the Lodge on November 14, 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).

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).

Next New Member Orientation Class is scheduled for November 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

At this time, Black Thistle Defense does not have any scheduled classes.

For more information or to register for a future class, visit www.blackthistledefense.com or email Beth at blackthistledefense@gmail.com

2027 Acton Fair

We are planning on raffling the same type of rifle (a Rossi R-95 Caliber 30-30 Trapper Lever Action Rifle with Case & Accessories) for the 2027 Acton Fair. Tickets will be 1 for $5.00 and 5 for $20.00.

Upcoming Meetings

October General Meeting: October 29, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Lodge.

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

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

November General Meeting: Due to Thanksgiving falling on the last Thursday of the month, the November meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Lodge.

December General Meeting: Due to the timing of the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve holidays, the December General Meeting is being cancelled. All Members are encouraged to attend a Joint BOD and General meeting to be held on December 14, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Club House.

Your humble servants,

The YCFGA Board of Directors