

York-Adams Game & Fish Association
413 Country Club Road
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New non-emergency club phone number: 717-619-3128

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a busy year at the club with improvements all around. We finished the outdoor pistol range and targets, and installed the new pole building with new electrical service. We also made upgrades to the mother club, including electrical, sewage, A/C and heating. We planted 140 white pine trees along the property line beyond the skeet fields, and green giant thujas along the hill on the outdoor pistol range. There were also upgrades to the rifle range, and we added new benches and tables around the club. The captains maintained the ranges by making minor improvements to equipment and to the ranges themselves. Many thanks to everyone who assisted in these endeavors to make our club better.

Kids Fish Day was a huge success with more than 150 child participants. The eagles and ospreys returned to participate as well. There was a boy scout flyfishing event with Trout Unlimited at the pond that went very well and they look forward to returning next year. Scouts were able to obtain merit badges. There were two Project Appleseed events that went well, and we are already planning those events again for 2024.

We are looking at more upgrades to the club this year, including mother club refurbishment, building painting or siding, five stand for trap/skeet fields, pond updates, indoor pistol range updates, and planting more trees and shrubbery around the club.

These are still challenging times for this club as we negotiate record inflation, financial uncertainty that is affecting our members as a whole and our new neighbors on the other side of the trap/skeet fields. Your elected officers and captains are doing our best to meet member wants and concerns, required maintenance and updates while monitoring available funding.

Election season is coming soon so if you are interested in running for an office or captain's position, look into what is required and if you have the time to commit. The club works best when the members are involved. Thanks again to the members who are in elected positions, run events and help out around the club.

Wayne Nickel, President

IMPORTANT: MEMBER CARD SWAP

The new gate and door access system will be activated on January 6, 2024. Gates will be scheduled "open" from 6:30AM to 9PM on January 6th and 7th. All 2023 YAGF Members In Good Standing (dues paid for 2023 and have a current access card) can stop by the mother club (ground level) on January 6th and 7th from 9AM to 12PM, or January 11th from 5PM to 7PM to swap their current access card for a new access card.

CLUB NEWS

TRAP/SKEET

Central Penn Skeet League will begin January 13th & 14th, with the first shoot being held at the club. This is a 100-bird shoot between 4 clubs: Carlisle, Cocalico, North American (Hagerstown, MD) and York & Adams. There are eight shoots, with each club holding two shoots. A banquet is held after all shoots are completed. The schedule will be posted to the website and Facebook.

We will be having a Spring Trap League beginning late April and running for 6 to 8 weeks.

The fun shoots between York & Adams and Nu-Ox will resume in the spring. Dates and details TBD.

New shooters of any level are always welcome. If you would like to learn more about shooting Trap and Skeet, please contact the trap/skeet captain. Cost to shoot one round (25 targets) is \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members and \$3 for juniors. Cash or check only.

INDOOR PISTOL

The William Penn Pistol League is in full swing. The indoor .22LR range is closed for league matches on the following Wednesdays at 4PM: 1/3, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/28, 3/6 and 3/13. We will be hosting the Indoor NRA Precision Pistol Championship. The range will be closed 2/29 thru 3/3. If you have interest in Precision Pistol (Bullseye) Shooting, please contact the indoor pistol captain.

FISH POND

Kids Fish Day will be held Saturday, April 13th from 7:30AM to 12PM. Children must be 15 or under to fish. No fishing license needed. This is a free event but donations are welcome. Prizes will be awarded and food will be available for purchase in the indoor archery range.

Please recycle your live Christmas trees at the club. They will be used for fish habitat. Place near the fire pit. We will be having another Family Fish Night this summer. Date TBD. When you pay your dues, please consider donating to Kids Fish Day.

OUTDOOR PISTOL

There have been some changes to the outdoor pistol range. We've added new benches, replaced the wooden target stands with steel stands and added a storage box with general supplies.

We also planted trees along the top of the berms that will fill in as they grow, and added another layer of gravel to the parking area.

The Project Appleseed Pistol Clinic went very well. We're planning another in 2024.

ARCHERY

Marvin Shaffer is the club's new Archery Captain. The Penn Dutch Invitational is happening February 2nd through February 4th. Times TBD. Public welcome. We cleaned up downed trees on the outdoor ranges from the storms, and there was very little target damage.

RIFLE

Many changes have been happening at the rifle range. We've rebuilt the 100-yard range targets and replaced the old wooden target stands with steel stands. We've also cleaned up and made repairs to the storage building, added new security cameras and added a storage box with general supplies.

The Project Appleseed Rifle Clinic went very well. We're planning another in 2024.

2024 RENEWAL DEADLINES & POLICIES

YAGF had more than 700 members in good standing at the end of 2023. The renewal period for 2024 will start **January 1, 2024 and end on April 1, 2024.** If you'd like to renew your membership, dues must be paid no later than **April 1, 2024.** If payment is made after that date, **you must reapply to join the club.** For your convenience, a renewal application can be found in this newsletter. Simply fill it out and mail it with your enclosed check.

Dues should be sent in with the renewal application or at least a paper with the member's name and contact information to ensure the dues are credited correctly. Please consider using a check or cash. PayPal is a convenient option but adds service fees for the club and the member. Donations for Kids Fish Day and the General Fund at the time of renewal are greatly appreciated and go directly toward supporting events and improving the club.

LEADERSHIP

Contact captains for information about specific areas of the club. Please allow adequate time for a response as all captains are volunteers. For membership, call 717-619-3128. If your matter is not a concern for a captain and is not an emergency, then please address the matter at the club meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

OUTDOOR PISTOL

Captain Jason Sprenkle
717-521-8427

ARCHERY

Captain Marvin Shaffer
717-968-1206

FISH POND

Captain Dave Schofield
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TRAP/SKEET

Captain Bobby Eisenhart
717-873-5063

INDOOR PISTOL

Captain Mike Harter
717-891-6561

RIFLE

Captain Wyatt Baker
717-680-3413

LEADERSHIP

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CONTACT

Please note that the best way to contact the club is via email at contact@yorkadamsgameand-fish.com. Phone messages are checked weekly but email is checked everyday.

SPECIAL HOURS

Trap/Skeet is open Tues. 5PM-Dark, Wed. & Fri. 12PM-3PM, and Sun. 9AM-12PM. Indoor Archery Range is closed every Thurs. 5:30PM-9PM. Indoor Pistol Range is closed Mon. 5:30PM-7:30PM.

YORK-ADAMS GAME & FISH ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you for renewing your membership. Membership payments are due no later than April 1st. This date does not change, regardless of which month you joined the club. The cost of a Household Membership is \$130 and a Senior Membership is \$85. Those who do not pay by the April 1st deadline must reapply to join the club. You will not receive new membership cards in the mail. Replacement proxy cards are \$20.

Name _____ DOB _____

Membership Type (circle) Household Senior Proxy Card #(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Has any of the above information changed since last year's renewal (circle) Yes No

I would like to donate \$ _____ toward the Kids Fish Day.

I would like to donate \$ _____ toward the Club's ongoing projects.

Membership Fee \$ _____

Donation/Proxy Card \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check Number _____

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