

York-Adams Game & Fish Association  
January 2025



# Membership Newsletter

York-Adams Game & Fish Association  
413 Country Club Road  
Abbottstown, PA 17301

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## STAY IN THE KNOW!

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Check out our Facebook page: [facebook.com/yorkadamsgameandfish](https://facebook.com/yorkadamsgameandfish)

New non-emergency club phone number: 717-619-3128

Email: [contact@yorkadamsgameandfish.com](mailto:contact@yorkadamsgameandfish.com)

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had a busy year at the club in 2024. We kicked the year off with a successful meet & greet/card swap open house at the mother club. The new card entry system was needed as the existing system was out of date. The open house days allowed members to meet the elected officers and captains, and many members paid their annual renewal dues on these days. We were also able to have many positive discussions with members regarding club activities and new ideas, and we learned about members' capabilities in assisting the club with various issues. The open house days were well-received, so we will do the same thing for 2025. Dates will be listed in the newsletter and posted on the club website, calendar, and Facebook. Please consider stopping by to meet the officers and the board and pay your 2025 renewal dues. Kids Fish Day was held on April 13th with a large turnout of children and adults. It was a very windy day, but that did not stop our young anglers from catching a lot of fish. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to the many members

and the Spring Grove High School Fish Club who volunteered to assist. The mother club and trap/skeet buildings were power-washed and painted, presenting a fresh look for the club. This was much needed. New signs and awnings over the doors will be put in place as funding becomes available. There were two successful Project Appleseed rifle clinics this year. Both clinics had great attendance, and we expect to hold the events again in 2025. AR-15 and MD Wear and Carry classes were held at the club. These were good events, but attendance was a little thin. We will hold future classes at the club, so please attend and take advantage of these opportunities. Trap and Skeet introduced a Wildcat clay shooting stand and targets for fun events at the club. Our members built the shooting stand, and it has been successful so far, so please give it a try. Weekly fun shoots are held on Saturdays, with other events being scheduled. Wild swings in the weather have caused havoc for the pond with very wet then very dry

conditions. Pond personnel have been monitoring the situation. Club upgrades continue as we have updated the electric and lighting in the mother club, removed the wooden hatch on the pistol range floor, and replaced it with concrete. Additional work will be completed this year in the mother club building and around the club. Keep an eye out for work details if you wish to help out. Please read the rest of this newsletter to hear from the other officers and captains about what's going on in their areas and upcoming events.

Thanks,  
*Wayne Nickel, President*

## CLUB RENEWAL OPEN HOUSE DATES

Join us at the Mother Club to  
renew your membership:

January 4th/5th • 9AM-12PM

January 9th • 5PM-7PM

February 22nd/23rd • 9AM-12PM

February 27th • 5PM-7PM

March 29th • 9AM-12PM

*Details inside.*

# CLUB NEWS

## TRAP/SKEET

Wild Clays (5-stand) is currently open on Saturdays 9AM to 1PM. This will change once the winter league starts November 2. Updates will be provided later. York-Adams Winter Skeet League starts November 2 and runs for weeks. All practice fields will be closed on the Saturdays of the league. Club Championship is November 3. Pump Gun Classic will be December 1, with the program to be posted at a later date. Central Penn Skeet League will begin the first weekend of January. 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 eight shoots are completed. The schedule will be posted to the website and Facebook. 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. The cost to shoot one round (25 targets) is \$5/members, \$6/non-members, and \$3/juniors. The cost of Wild Clays (5-stand) is \$8 per 25 targets. Cash or check only. Trap/Skeet is open Tues. 5PM-Dark, Wed. & Fri. 12PM-3PM, and Sun. 9AM-12PM.

## INDOOR PISTOL

The William Penn Pistol League is in full swing. The indoor .22LR range is closed for league matches on the following Wednesdays from 4PM-10PM: 11/20, 12/11, 12/18, 1/22/25, 2/5, 2/19, 2/26, 3/26, and 4/2. We will also be hosting the Maryland State Pistol Championship on December 7 & 8. The indoor pistol range will be closed both days. If you have an interest in Precision Pistol (Bullseye) Shooting, please contact the indoor pistol captain.

## ARCHERY

Indoor league will start January 8 and continue on Wednesdays at 7PM. Information can be found on the sign-up sheet in the Archery Range, and on Facebook. As of now, this will be the only shoot we will have.

## FISH POND

We started the season by signing a contract for pond management with Aquatic Environmental Consultants Inc. Sign-off occurs at the beginning of each calendar year. After that, paperwork was submitted for trout stocking to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. A permit from the PAFBC is required each year to stock any species of fish into the club pond. The picnic tables were stained with wood preservative, and President Wayne Nickel made several new benches to place around the pond. April 13th was our annual Kids Fish Day, with approximately 275 children and adults attending. Anthony Miller and students from the Spring Grove High School Fishing Club helped on Kids Fish Day and throughout the school year, building and placing eight catfish spawning boxes into the pond. Turtle trapping started in July and ended on the last day of October. Nineteen red-bellied and seven snapping turtles were caught by Pastor Jeff Reaver and Jonah Martin. November will be the time for trout stocking for club members, with fish measuring 12-17 inches, sourced from Laurel Mill Trout Farm.

## OUTDOOR PISTOL

Things at the pistol range have gone well, and the range is getting plenty of use. We will continue to repair the stands as they wear out and perform general maintenance. We are experimenting with new backing material to see if the stands can last longer.

## RIFLE

Many changes have been happening at the rifle range. We are experimenting with new backing materials for the 100-yard range targets and have replaced the rest of the old wooden target stands with steel stands. We've made multiple repairs to the steel plates and will be purchasing new plates and steel targets this year. We renewed the hay bale with a wrapped bale to make it last longer. Two Project Appleseed Rifle Clinics were held and went very well. Additional clinics are being scheduled for 2025. One tentative date is the weekend of October 4 and 5, with another in September.

# CAPTAINS

## OUTDOOR PISTOL

Jason Sprenkle 717-521-8427

## ARCHERY

Marvin Shaffer 717-968-1206

## FISH POND

Dave Schofield 443-754-0329

## TRAP/SKEET

Bobby Eisenhart 717-873-5063

## INDOOR PISTOL

Mike Harter 717-891-6561

## RIFLE

Samuel Sprenkle 717-688-8561

# LEADERSHIP

Wayne Nickel, President  
Derek Walters, Vice President  
Rick Saxon, Treasurer  
Amanda Rivera, Recording Secretary  
Sherrie Nelson, Financial Secretary

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Craig Baker  
Derrick King  
Mike Sawmiller  
Eric Sprenkle

# CONTACT

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 (messages checked weekly). For a faster reply, email contact@yorkadamsgameand-fish.com (emails checked daily).** 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. Annual elections for volunteer officer and board positions occur every April. Please consider running for a position in 2025. Refer to the club website for position descriptions or email the club for additional information.

# 2025 RENEWAL DEADLINES & POLICIES

YAGFA had more than 700 members in good standing at the end of 2024. The renewal period for 2025 will start January 1, 2025, and end on April 1, 2025. If you'd like to renew your membership, dues are due by April 1, 2024. The club will not accept membership renewals after the general membership/election meeting on the first Thursday in April. If a member chooses to continue membership after that date, please submit a membership application with appropriate fees to re-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 or drop it off in the club mailbox. Cash or check in-person renewals will be accepted at the General Club Meeting (1st Thursday of each month) or during Club Renewal Open House Dates\*. Online renewal is available on our website. 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.

*\*CLUB RENEWAL OPEN HOUSE DATES: JAN 4th & 5th (9am-12pm), JAN 9th (5-7pm), FEB 22nd & 23rd (9am-12pm), FEB 27th (5-7pm), & MAR 29th (9am-12pm).*



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Form and payment can be mailed to  
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413 Country Club Road,  
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Checks payable to  
York-Adams Game &  
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