

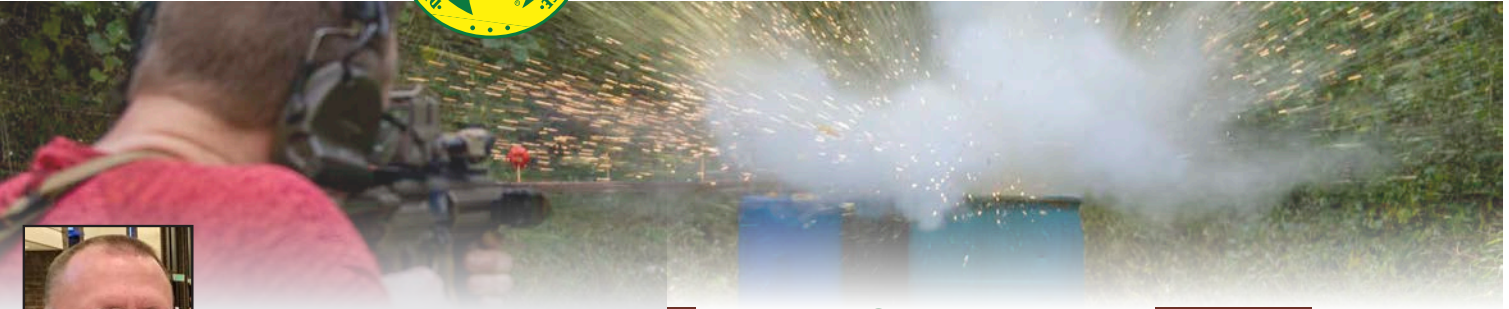
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

When you hear "hunter" do you think "conservationist"? You should! Hunters and anglers have led the cause of conservation for more than a century. It's largely due to the efforts of hunters, that the Wood Duck, Wild Turkey, and White Tail Deer were saved from near extinction around the turn of the last century.

In the 1930s, leaders in the hunting community and firearms industry encouraged Congress to impose an excise tax on the sale of sporting goods to be used to support wildlife restoration. The Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act was passed in 1937 and amended several times in the intervening years. It collects an 11% excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition, and archery equipment, and a 10% excise tax on handguns, handgun ammunition and sport fishing equipment. So even recreational shooters contribute to P-R through firearm and ammunition purchases.

Taxes collected through P-R go directly into a special fund managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, a bureau within the U.S. Department of the Interior. Each year the funds are distributed among the states and territories of the US for use in wildlife restoration, and firearms education, P-R provided the state meets requirements for expenditure of state funds for the same cause.

In May 2022 total P-R disbursements topped \$15 Billion since its inception. In 2022, USFWS distributed \$1.5 Billion in total annual funding of which Pennsylvania received \$41 Million. Is there another conservation organization that can match that level of contribution?

The Senate amended version Fiscal Code Bill HB 1300, which diverted \$150 Million of Game Commission Funds to the Clean Streams Fund, was returned to the house. The PA House further amended the bill to remove that provision and voted 121 to 82 to pass the bill on Wednesday, October 4. Now HB 1300 (without Game Fund diversion) goes back to the PA Senate.

The Senate is expected to return for a voting session Monday, October 16, when HB 1300 is eligible for a vote. In the meantime, please email your state Senator urging them to protect Pennsylvania's hunting heritage and support the House removal of the Game Fund diversion which will ensure that we qualify for annual Pittman-Robertson Funds disbursement from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

You can find more information on the Sportsmen's Alliance website: <https://sportsmensalliance.org/news/pennsylvania-house-democrats-remove-game-fund-raid/>

The Sportsmen's Alliance also has a Take Action link to send a message to your PA State Senator: <https://www.voteroice.net/sportsmen/Campaigns/108111/Respond>

-Greg Senft [info@yorkiwla.org](mailto:info@yorkiwla.org)

## IWLA CALENDAR

SEE WEBSITE FOR ALL UP TO DATE EVENTS & TIMING:  
<http://www.yorkiwla.org/calendar.html>

If you have business with the Board, please email Justin Hartman at [hartmanart@hotmail.com](mailto:hartmanart@hotmail.com)

Visit our website or blog spot for more info:  
[www.yorkiwla.org/calendar.html](http://www.yorkiwla.org/calendar.html) or <https://yorkpistol.blogspot.com>



## PHEASANT

The chapter 67 pheasant release program purchased 70 day old pheasant chicks from Macfarlane Pheasants of Wisconsin and they arrived by mail on June 7. The chicks are a strain of a Manchurian pheasant that they sell. The strain is thought to have better survival characteristics. The chicks were raised in the surrogate enclosure that provides food, water, heat and shelter for 5 weeks until they were released. Weather was cooperative as it did not rain for the entire week after the release which is an important factor in survival until their feathers can develop protective oils to withstand rain. Keep observant around the grounds and let us know if you encounter any this year.

## MEMBERSHIP

The renewal notices have been mailed. If you haven't received yours by November 15th email us at [info@yorkiwla.org](mailto:info@yorkiwla.org) and let us know. Don't forget to pay your dues before the end of the year. If we haven't received them before 1/1/2024 you will have to pay a late fee and your gate key card will be disabled until we have processed your payment and have an opportunity to turn it back on and this could take several weeks.

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## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Our monthly scheduled club work parties are on the club calendar on our website [www.yorkiwa.org](http://www.yorkiwa.org) but we also have been running many supplemental work details recently. We have been sending out emails, but we also announce them on our Facebook page "[York IWLA Buildings and Grounds](#)." Check it out and follow it. There are also a lot of pictures of the ongoing clubhouse ground floor renovation.

Our next monthly scheduled work party is **Saturday, 10/21 at 9:00 am**. Chainsaws, hedge trimmers, loppers and other outdoor tools will likely be the most used items. Trucks and trailers are always useful. We may also do some painting and pressure washing. Dress accordingly.

We also have monthly scheduled work parties on **Saturday 11/11 at 9:00, and Saturday, December 9th at 3:00 pm**. Chainsaws, hedge trimmers, loppers and other outdoor tools will likely be the most used items. Trucks and trailers are always useful. We may also do some painting and pressure washing. Dress accordingly. We also have a monthly scheduled work parties on Saturday, December 9th at 3:00 pm also. Remember all ranges are closed for the duration of monthly scheduled work parties.

The winners of the \$25 gift cards for the September work party attendees were Russ Casteel, Mike Ent, Howard Thompson and Rob Morrow. Thanks for all your help. It's your club and we really need you to do your part to take care of it.

INFORMATION FOR  
**NOVEMBER**  
 NEWSLETTER IS DUE  
**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8**

# JUNIORS PROGRAM

We had to delay our Limestone Springs to October 1st and had beautiful weather. The kids caught over 30 pounds of delicious trout.

Now that it is getting dark out at meetings we will be doing some indoor activities and projects. We are also going to start thinking about the Christmas party and our annual Juniors auction. Every year the Juniors will wrap gifts and auction them off at the Christmas party to raise funds for future Juniors activities. If you would like to make a gift donation please let me know. *Sarah Chenoweth*  
**717-841-5136 [juniors@yorkiwa.org](mailto:juniors@yorkiwa.org)**



## GREEN TREE PLASTICS ABC PROMISE PARTNERSHIP

Board member Kevin Myers is heading a bottle cap collection effort, here at York IWLA. Working with Central York High School's Earth Savers initiative, these caps will be made into colorful park benches. Almost any plastic cap can be used, as long as they are clean. These are generally the caps that are unacceptable for main stream recycling. Look for drop boxes at and in the clubhouse, and at various events.

### TYPES OF CAPS THAT WE ACCEPT CAPS MUST BE CLEAN & DRY

Detergent Caps with white gasket and label removed



Toothpaste Tube & Ointment Tube Caps



Milk Jug Caps



Flip-top caps (ie: Ketchup, Mustard, Creamer tops)



Medicine Bottle Caps with any cardboard inserts removed



Hair Spray, Paint & Deodorant Caps



Drink Bottle Caps



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# PISTOL COMMITTEE

The pistol committee activities for 2023 are being added to the club calendar on the chapter website regularly. Most of our programs will begin in March.

Members and non-members are welcome at any of our events. Please see our committee page on the website and check our facebook pages for the latest updates.

If you have questions about any of the matches at our club, or would like to get involved with the pistol committee please email us at [yorksignup@gmail.com](mailto:yorksignup@gmail.com)



## MULTIGUN

Thank you to the 42 shooters that came out to compete at the September Multigun Match even in the rain. Congratulations to our 1st place winners: G. Boop-Tac Ops, N. Webb-2gun/PCC, J. Davis -2gun/Rifle, R. Franco-3gun Open.

Depending on weather Multi-gun match is scheduled on **Sunday November 12th**. Check your emails, practiscore and our facebook page. Matches are every 2nd Sunday of the Month weather permitting. Setup every 2nd Saturday morning at 8am.

Check out our new facebook [York IWLA Multigun](#) for match updates, photos and more, Please follow or friend us to receive announcements and general info. Call or email Chris Webb if you have any questions. 717-668-2325.

## MONDAY NIGHT TRAP

**Last night for trap is October 30** Will reopen in April. If you have any questions see me at the trap range Monday evening 6-9pm or email [TRAPDIR@YORKIWLA.ORG](mailto:TRAPDIR@YORKIWLA.ORG) -Jon



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## SHOOTING SPORTS

### FUNSHOOTS

Thank you to all the shooters that came out in September it was a total Pumpkin blast!! Next month we are on **Saturday November 4th a regular Funshoot at 8am and a Night shoot at 5pm.**



Find us on Facebook page, search for [York IWLA FunShooters](#) and follow or like us for announcements and news and results. We will be using Practiscore for signup (search for YORK to find all of our activities), but as always, if you are not on Facebook, or Practiscore, just show up, we will never turn anyone away. Looking forward to "food of the month", silly accuracy games and PUMPKINS!!!! See you on the range. - Gary



### USPSA

Thank you for a great 2023 season, Matches will resume weather permitting in March 2024.

*THANK YOU TOM SYMONDS & DEREK BOWERSOX  
FOR ALL THE GREAT PHOTOS!*