

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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July - August, 2010

Club Certified Instructors

For an instructor to be certified in the Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOTH) Course the NRA requires the instructor take the PPOTH Course as a student, successfully pass the live firing exercises and course written test, and then participate in assisting teaching the course to a class. This all needs approved by an NRA Training Counselor.

Stew Beck, Steve Boehm, Joe Montuoro, and Denis Nill successfully passed the PPOTH Course earlier this year in March.

On June 11 and 12 Steve Boehm, Joe Montuoro, and Denis Nill assisted Greg Kesden (NRA Training Counselor) in conducting the PPOTH Course for Instructors Linda Karman and Clete Schirra who successfully passed the live firing and written test. Certification for Steve, Joe, and Denny is in process, the necessary paperwork submitted by Greg to

the NRA. Linda, Clete, and Stew will need to participate in the teaching requirement to obtain certification. Hopefully this will be accomplished in October of this year when the club is scheduling a PPOTH Course for October 2 and 9. (This is a 2-day course).

There are other club members who have expressed a desire to become certified instructors and instructors in this particular course but due to scheduling conflicts were unable to participate in the sessions conducted to date.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Certified NRA Instructor please contact Denny Nill (412-531-5890) and he will work with Greg Kesden to try and set up the necessary training and certification requirements. Also, please indicate the discipline, pistol, rifle, shotgun etc. for which you would like to be certified.

July Meetings

- Membership Meeting July 6 - 8 pm
- Directors Meeting July 20 - 8 pm
- Work Party July 17 - 9 am

August Meetings

- Membership Meeting August 3 - 8 pm
- Directors Meeting August 17 - 8 pm
- Work Party August 21 - 9 am

Scheduled Shoots

- Metropolitan Police Revolver League - Outdoor Pistol Range - Thursday Evening - 6 pm
- CSC - Mingo Trap Shooting League - Friday Evening - 6 pm
- CMP Hi-Power Shoot - 100 Yard Range - 2nd Sunday - 10 am
- Open Trap Shooting - Trap Range - Sunday Afternoon - 1-4 pm; Wednesday Evening - 6-9 pm

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

Newsletter e-mail: parknews@comcast.net

Club e-mail: csc.1908@verizon.net

Web Page: www.carricksportsmen.com

Meeting Notice

TIME SENSITIVE

Lottery Calendars

Time really flies. It's almost July already and the new Lottery Calendar raffle starts on July 1. The tickets must be turned in by July 1 to be in play. Cards turned in after July 1 will not be paid retroactively. If you have any tickets please get them in as soon as possible. You can drop off your stubs and checks at the Membership meeting or at a Director's meeting. You can also drop them off when the club is open for trap shoots - Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

If that is not convenient just call the club phone number (724-348-7941) and leave a message with the envelope number and numbers of the sold tickets.

Help the Club

To minimize the operating costs and keep membership dues as low as possible, the Club depends on its members for maintenance and upkeep. From time to time the Club needs the professional expertise that members might have.

Currently we have a need for electrical, plumbing, and HVAC expertise. The work is usually done during the work parties on the 3rd Saturday of the month, but can be done at almost any time. If you have this type of expertise, and are willing to pitch in to help maintain the club, please contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.

2010 Dues are PAST DUE!

If you haven't paid your dues, you no longer have access to the club grounds.

You can pay your dues at a membership meeting or mail it to: **Paul Joos, 1316 Creedmoor Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.** Make your check payable to the Carrick Sportsmen's Club. If you mail it to Paul, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return your new membership card.

Committee Help Needed

There are 16 operating committees in the Club organization and each has a chairperson in charge of that committee. The Club is trying to establish a back-up for each chairperson to provide committee continuity and act as chairman when the chairman is out of town or otherwise unable to attend meetings, work parties, functions, etc. Some Committees have co-chairs; some don't - **we need volunteers!**

The standing committees and their chairmen are: **Nominating** - Scott Karman; **Budget and Finance** - Gerard Kurzawski; **By-Laws** - Empty; **Membership** - Paul Joos and Janet Joos; **Legislative** - Roger Kronze and Dan Campbell; **Junior Programs** - Jim Warden and Ray Noakes; **Newsletter** - Wayne Perry; **CMP** - Steve Boehm and Ron Milanek; **Entertainment/Fundraising** - Gerard Kurzawski; **Trap** - Joe Montuoro and Stew Beck; **Allegheny County Sportsmen League** - Empty; **Building & Grounds** - Scott Karman; **Hunter Safety** - Steve Boehm, Gerry Roche, and Jeff Ayres; **Recreational Pistol Program** - Steve Boehm; **Range Master/Archery Program** - Jim Warden; **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Denis Nill and Bill Kramer.

Hunter Safety Course

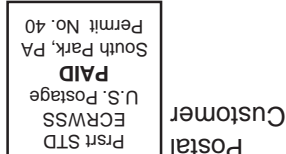
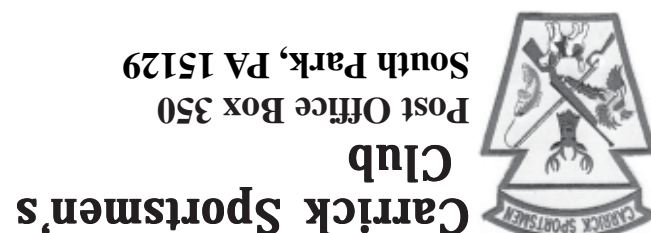
The Fall Hunter Safety Course is scheduled for September 17 and 18. To register, individuals must go the PA Game Commission web site for the times and sign up forms.

New Members

The Club has 211 Senior members, 8 junior members, and 8 associated members as of the end of May. The Club welcomed 9 new members in May and June.

May: John Kovac, Justin Matera, Shannon Morrow, Bradley Pearce, Jeffrey Schilling, and John Tusai.

June: James Byerly, Sean Demas, and William Miller.



Club Training - NRA Courses

The Club will be offering the following courses over the next few months. To sign up for any of these courses, please contact Denis Nill at 412-531-5890 or Greg Kesden at 412-818-7813.

First Steps Pistol Course

If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking the NRA First Steps Pistol course, contact the Club at 724-348-5354, or via e-mail at csc.1908@verizon.net. The cost of the course is \$15 per participant. Participants need not be members of the Club.

Basic Pistol Shooting

This 8-hour course is scheduled for Saturday July 31, 2010 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. There are no prerequisites. The cost is \$100 for non-Club members or \$85 for Club members.

Basic Personal Protection in the Home

This 8-hour course is scheduled for Saturday September 4, 2010 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Participants in this course must be experienced shooters, be able to show the mastery of the basic skills of safe gun handling, shooting groups, zeroing the firearm, and cleaning the firearm. The cost is \$100 for non-Club members or \$85 for Club members.

Basic/Advanced Personal Protection Outside the Home

This 14-hour course is scheduled for Saturday October 2 and Saturday October 9 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each day.

Participants must be experienced shooters, be able to show the mastery of the basic skills of safe gun handling, drawing and re-holstering a firearm, shooting groups, zeroing the firearm, and cleaning the firearm. They must

also have taken the Personal Protection in the Home Course, or equivalent, or pass a pre-course assessment test. The cost is \$200 for non-Club member or \$170 for Club members.

To take the course, the following items are required:

- **Handgun**

A handgun that is practical to carry concealed.

- **Holster or Holster Purse**

A holster or holster purse designed for concealed carry and the handgun you will use in the class. It must be one that will permit presentation of the firearm from the strong side only and must be concealment style hip/belt type.

No exclusively competition style holsters or holster purses are permitted.

The holster or holster purse must provide secure retention and be designed to prevent the trigger finger from entering the gun's trigger guard when the gun is holstered.

- **Ammunition**

Ammunition can be lead or jacketed, under 1200 fps, and no +P or +P+ is allowed.

A minimum of 206 rounds will be required but participants are urged to bring extra ammunition. The Basic Course requires a minimum of 94 rounds and the Advanced Course requires a minimum of 112 rounds. Participants will be taking both courses.

- **Speed Loaders/Magazines**

Speed loaders and magazines are required along with speed loader or magazine pouches (pouches are optional if carrying the speed loader or magazine in your pocket/purse).

- **Clothing**

Concealed carry clothing such as a jacket, sport coat, or vest is required.

- **Miscellaneous**

Knee pads (if you need them).

Eye and ear protection.

Handgun owner's manual.

Open Trap Shooting

Wednesday Night Trap Shooting is in full swing but has been spotty because of the weather. Shooting is from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm every Wednesday until mid-September. Wednesday Night Trap shooting is open to the public.

Sunday Afternoon Trap Shooting runs all year from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm every Sunday. This is also open to the public.

The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$3.00 for adults, and \$2.50 for junior members. Shooters can bring their own shotgun shells (shot no larger than 7 1/2) or they can buy shotgun shells at \$8.00 a box at the range.

For questions on this open trap shooting, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

Metro Police Revolver League

The indoor matches have been completed and, of the 6 teams in the league, the Club came in 5th place for .22 caliber and 4th place in center fire.

Congratulations to Jim Johnson for his high score in center fire and congratulations to all participants of the Indoor League for completing the season under some very adverse conditions.

The Outdoor season for the Metropolitan Police Revolver League began the week of May 23 and will continue through August 22, 2010. If you are interested in shooting the Outdoor season or for the next Indoor season which begins in January, please contact: Denis Nill at 412-531-5890 or Bill Kramer at 412-835-5453.

Jr. Trap Program

The Club's Jr. Trap Program for students (ages 12 and up) finished at the end of June. There were 5 participants in the program this year.

Jr. Rifle Program

The Jr. Rifle Program will start its basic four-week introductory Wednesday evening course on October 6 and end on November 3. The cost is \$30 for the four weeks with all ammunition, rifles, and loan of eye and ear protection included.

At the conclusion of the introductory course, the participants can continue shooting on Wednesdays until April for an additional \$30 fee which includes all ammunition, rifles, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

If you are interested, please contact Jim Warden at 412-480-2212 or Ray Noakes at 724-348-5633.

Civilian Marksmanship Program

The CMP Hi-Power Shoot is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10 am. The CMP program is looking for shooters so if you would like to get involved with this group just attend one of the shoots and give it a try. They shoot M-1 rifles which are provided by the Club.

Donations

The Club would like to recognize Jon Tietz for his donation of \$25.00 to the Club, along with his membership renewal.

Monday Night Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Shoot has finished their Monday night Steel Silhouette Shoots for the summer and will resume its recreational shooting on September 13 at 7:30 pm on the indoor 50-ft range.

The cost for the 20-week season is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Persons that can't commit to the entire 20-week period can pay as they go, \$3 per night for members and \$4 per night for non-members. You will need your favorite firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition - .22 or center fire with a velocity under 1200 fps, and eye and ear protection. The shoot does have a timed and rapid fire segment so a semi-automatic pistol is recommended; however, those with revolvers and speed loaders will have time to complete the lines. To sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.

Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These work parties (Club volunteers) are a critical part of Club operation. Without proper maintenance and an effort to improve the Club, members would find it more and more difficult to use the Club's facilities. The Directors ask everyone who can to donate some time to these work parties. Lunch is provided.

May Work Party - The people who attended the May work party were: Mark Anania, Steve Boehm, Bob Foster, Bill Kramer, Larry Lagazza, Ron Milanek, Joe Montuoro, Dennis Nill, Ray Noakes and his daughter and son in law, and Glenn Woods.

They scraped the trap parking lot, cut trees, cut weeds, cut grass, cleaned out the indoor archery range, repaired rifle range target holders, patched the celotex in the indoor pistol range, and leveled the bird trailer. Good job by all!!!

June Work Party - The people who attended the June work party were: Mark Anania, Steve Boehm, Jim Byerly, Joe Montuoro, and Denny Nill.

They weed-wacked the entire property and worked on the Kubota: they sharpened the blades, replaced the tie rod ends and adjusted the breaks. In addition they installed the finish mower deck on the Ferguson tractor. (All on a very HOT day.) Thanks to one and all.

Carrick-Mingo Shootout League

The Club team in the Carrick-Mingo Shootout League is in a tight 2nd place - just a point or so behind the Mingo team.

The league shoots on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm alternating between the Carrick and Mingo ranges.

Last year the Club's team won the league championship and has the trophy on display at the clubhouse.

Member Alerts

Members can be alerted promptly to problems at the club (such as a gate malfunction during hot weather) and other things that might affect the availability of the ranges (such as boy scout outings or special events that shut down the ranges) if they have e-mail. If you have an e-mail address the officers can send you information on important items such as listed above as soon as they know about it and possibly save members a wasted trip to the range or perhaps give you the solution to a gate malfunction. Please send you e-mail to Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.