

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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March - April, 2014

March Meetings

Membership Meeting March 4 - 8 pm
Directors Meeting March 18 - 8 pm
Work Party March 22 - 9 am

April Meetings

Membership Meeting April 1 - 8 pm
Directors Meeting April 15 - 8 pm
Work Party April 19 - 9 am

Frank Mihalovich

Frank Mihalovich, Director at the Club, passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2014 as a result of injuries he sustained when his Brentwood home exploded at 4:55 p.m. on Thursday, February 6. Frank suffered severe burns to his hands, back, and head and was transported to Mercy Hospital. Over the 2 weeks he was in the hospital he had two heart attacks and was in an induced coma when he died. Frank Mihalovich will be missed.



At Carrick Sportsmen's Club, Frank Mihalovich will be remembered as more than a longtime member (47 years), instructor, and director, but as a friend. As one of the early pioneers who worked to develop and implement many of the firearm safety programs still being offered today, Frank has had a significant impact on the club through the years.

He was a good man who gave of his time generously. As an instructor, Frank helped numerous scouts earn their merit badges and could always be found working with the many youths attending Hunter Safety classes.

His concern for the club and its members was unmistakable and he made sure our facilities were up-to-date, that fire extinguishers and first aid stations were available, and that fire prevention and safety measures were met. Frank was committed to the Club's youth programs and, as a licensed Federal Firearms dealer, kept these initiatives well supplied with ammunition and equipment - often at his own expense.

Friends were received at the John F. Slater Funeral Home, Inc. on Sunday, February 23 and was buried from St. Sylvester's on Monday, February 24. Donations may be made to Brentwood EMS, 3624 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

The Club extends our deepest sympathies and condolences to Frank's family and friends.

Election Results

The annual election of Directors took place at the January 7, 2014 membership meeting. With 6 candidates on the ballot for the 6 open positions, **Stan Geirlack, Pete Luttrell, Ron Milanek, Joseph Montuoro, Deny Nill and Mike Perry** were unanimously elected to the Board. At the Director's meeting on January 21, 2014, the Directors elected the officers of the club:

- **President - Steve Boehm**
- **Vice President - Scott Karman**
- **Recording Secretary - Wayne Perry**
- **Treasurer - Gerald Kurzawski**
- **Membership Chairman - Paul Joos**

Membership Open

As of the end of February, the Club has 296 Senior members, 14 Junior members, and 20 Associate members for a total of 330 members.

The Club always welcomes new members. If you have any friends or acquaintances who might be interested in joining the Club, bring them up and show them around. They just might like to join and participate in the Club's activities.

Over the past few years the club has steadily increased its membership. In 2013 we had a total of 308 members, Let's set a goal of increasing our membership by an additional 10% this year (over the 330). All of our members can help inform your friends and acquaintances about the Club and introduce them to it. If only 1/6 of our members brought in one new member this year, we could easily reach that 10% goal.

The 2014 Dues Are Past Due

If you haven't paid your 2014 dues, you no longer have access to the Club grounds.

New Members

January - There were 7 new members accepted at the January membership meeting: • Chuck Kerrigan • Daniel Kerrigan • Joseph B. Pantuso Jr. • Case Phillips • Kimberly Phillips • Matthew Ruthedge • Kyrsten Wivagg.

February - There were 9 new members accepted at the February meeting: • Ronald Kotkiewicz • Kenneth Pernock • Joshua Radziukinas • Harry Readshaw • Rich Runski • Douglas Schnepf • Charles Stage • Scott Werteleit • William Wivagg.

Donations

The Club would like to acknowledge and thank the following members for donations they recently made to the Club:

- Dan Horosko - \$15 • Dennis Kronz - \$50 • Joseph Lusnak - \$75
- Michael Perry - \$15 • Robert & Janna Rogers - \$100;
- Evgeniy Shchelchkov - \$15 • Timothy Thirty - \$15
- Jeff Schilling - \$15 • Raymond Woshner - \$15

Hunter Safety Course

The Club is working with the Game Commission on offering Hunter Safety Courses this year but has not yet received approval to do so. If we are able to offer the courses on a regular basis as we have in the past, the Club will need a few more instructors. If you are interested in becoming a certified hunter safety instructor. Please contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.

CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot is closed for the winter and will resume shooting on April 13, weather permitting. They shoot on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10 am on the 100-yard range. The Club encourages shooters who would like to try shooting WWII M-1 rifles to attend one of these shoots and give it a try. The M-1 rifles are provided by the Club and the cost is only \$25 per session - and that includes 64 rounds for 3 targets.

This is a fun activity and should be better attended.

For more information on the CMP shoot, please contact Ron Milanek at 412-833-2493 or rontermite@gmail.com.

NRA Courses

Basic Pistol Course

The Club will be conducting 3 NRA Basic Pistol courses this year. They will be offered on Saturdays, March 8, May 24, and June 28 from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm.

There will be 10 seats available for each class. Participants must be at least 16 years old, a US citizen, and not prohibited from owning a firearm.

The course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for safely owning and operating a handgun.

The course is a minimum of 8 hours and includes classroom and range time where participants learn to shoot revolvers and/or semi-automatic pistols. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest position; and two-handed standing positions; cleaning the pistol; and continued opportunities for skill development. They will receive the NRA Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, take a Basics of Pistol Shooting Student Examination, and receive a course completion certificate.

The course fee is \$60 for Club members and \$75 for non-members. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required. Bring a lunch and non-alcoholic beverage.

If you bring your own firearm, the following ammunition restrictions apply; velocity must be less than 1200 fps, no +P, +P+, Magnum, or .17 or 5.7x28 cartridges permitted.

If you do not have your own firearm, the Club will provide .22 caliber pistols and ammunition for you to use in addition to eye and ear protection.

For further details, deposit information, and directions to the Club, please contact Denis Nill at 412-531-5890 or Steve Boehm at 412-571-2376. Final registration is done on the NRA web site.

PPIH and PPOH Courses

The Club will be conducting two NRA Personal Protection courses this year; a Personal Protection In the Home (PPIH) course and a Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOH) course.

• An NRA **Personal Protection In the Home (PPIH)** course has been scheduled for Saturday, October 11. The class size is limited to 10 participants. The cost of the PPIH class is \$60 for Club members and \$75 for non-members.

You must be at least 21 years old, a US citizen, and not prohibited from firearm ownership. There are other prerequisites to this class - please contact Denis Nill at 412-531-5890 to discuss these requirements.

• An NRA **Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOH)** course has been scheduled for Saturday, November 1 and Saturday, November 8 (this is a two-day course). This class is limited to 8 participants with the same age, citizenship, and firearms ownership requirement as the PPIH course.

The cost for the PPOH course is \$120 for Club members and \$150 for non-members.

There are also prerequisites to this class - please contact Denis Nill at 412-531-5890 to discuss the requirements.

PPIH and PPOH Practice

• Personal Protection Exercise Practice Sessions (PPEPS or Tactical) shoots have been scheduled for Saturday mornings from 8:00 am till noon and Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm till 10:30 pm on the following dates: **Saturday, April 5; Tuesday, June 10; Saturday, August 9; Tuesday, September 30; and Saturday, December 6.**

Practice sessions are for individuals who have have competed either the PPIH or PPOH course and have been maintaining their marksmanship and gun handling skills.

To participate in the tactical shoots, please contact Denis Nill at 412-531-5890.

Open Trap Shooting

Sunday Afternoon Trap Shooting has been closed for the winter but will resume on Sunday, March 2 (weather permitting). Open to the public, it will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm every Sunday. 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.

Wednesday Night Trap Shooting will start on May 7. They shoot from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm every Wednesday until the end of November. The Wednesday Night Trap shoot is open to the public also - at the same cost as the Sunday shoots.

Carrick-Mingo Shootout League

The Carrick-Mingo Shootout Trap League will start in May. The league shoots on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm alternating between the Carrick and Mingo ranges.

If you are interested in shooting with the Club Team this year, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897. The Sunday and Wednesday shoots are perfect for practicing for the league.

Metro Police Revolver League

The Carrick MPRL Pistol Team is now competing on Thursday nights for their Indoor Season. At the end of their 3rd week **the team is in 3rd place in .22 and tied for 2nd place in center fire.**

If you are interested in shooting with the team they ask that you come out and give it a try. All shooting is done at the Club, scores are submitted to and tallied by the league scorekeeper.

For more information, please contact Denis Nill at 412-531-5890 or Bill Kramer at 412-835-5453.

Jr. Rifle Program

The Jr. Rifle Program is shooting on Wednesday evenings and will continue shooting until April.

We will be offering a Junior shotgun program this summer.

If you are interested in the Club's Junior programs, please contact Jim Warden at 412-480-2212 or Ray Noakes at 724-348-5633.

Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These work parties and the 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

Officers and Directors - 2014

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Club's facilities. The Directors ask everyone who can to donate some time to these work parties. Lunch is provided.

January - The work party consisted of nine members: Steve Boehm, Jim Davis, John Humerich, Pete Luttrell, Linda Karman, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Joe Montuoro, and Ray Noakes. They removed the safe and built shelving in its place; replaced the celotex on the indoor range, and painted the computer closet trim.

February - The work party consisted of three members: Scott Karman, Pete Luttrell, and Joe Montuoro. They patched the celotex on the indoor range, patched the indoor range ceiling with plywood, and repaired the screens on the indoor range.

Monday Night Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Shoot will finish their Monday night pistol shoots on March 10 and will begin shooting steel silhouettes at 7:30 pm on the indoor 50-ft range. The silhouette shoot will continue through May.

The cost for the silhouettes is \$2 per line with the winner of the line getting his money back. The course is 10 shots at each of 3 separate metal targets (chickens, groundhogs, and pigs) for a total of 30 shots per line.

You will need your favorite 22 calibre firearm, 30 rounds of ammunition per line (with a velocity under 1200 fps), and eye and ear protection. Each 5-shot round of shooting is timed at 1 minute.

There is no need to sign up for the Monday Night Silhouette Shoot; just come to the Club about 7:15 and check in. If you have any questions, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

**The March work party
has been rescheduled
from March 15
to March 22**

**Boy Scout Troop 238 will be
working on their merit badges at
the Club on April 11 through 13.
All ranges will be closed while
the scouts are on the grounds!**

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League - Indoor Range - Monday Evening - 7:30 pm**
- **Junior Rifle Program - Indoor Range - Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm**
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League - Indoor Pistol Range - Thursday Evening - 6 pm**
- **CMP Hi-Power Shoot - 100 Yard Range - 2nd Sunday - 10 am (closed for the winter)**
- **Open Trap Shooting - Trap Range Sunday Afternoon - 1-4 pm (Starts March 3) Wednesday Evening - 6 pm (closed for the winter)**

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

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.

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Meeting Notice**

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