

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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November - December 2016

November Meetings

Membership - Nov. 1 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Nov. 15 - 8 p.m.
Work Party - Nov. 19 - 9 a.m.

December Meetings

Membership - Dec. 6 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Dec. 20 - 8 p.m.
Work Party - No Work Party

January Meetings

Membership - Jan. 3 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Jan. 17 - 8 p.m.
Work Party - Jan. 21 - 9 a.m.

Board of Directors Election in January

Five positions on the Board of Directors are up for election in January. The Board is made up of 15 Directors who each serve a three-year term with one-third of the Board (five Directors) being elected every January. The five Directors who are up for election in January have agreed to run for another 3-year term and will be on the ballot. If you would like to run for election to the Board and have your name on the ballot, please contact Scott Karman, Nominating Committee Chairman, at karmancontracting@yahoo.com. Nominations for the position of Director will also be taken from the floor; however, the nominee must be present and must agree, if elected, to accept the position. The only criteria for holding office is that the individual must have been a member of the club for at least 1 year. The five Directors who are up for re-election are: **Stan Geirlack, Ron Milanek, Joe Montuoro, Denny Nill, and Mike Perry.**
To vote in the election, an individual must be a member of the club for at least 2 months.

Lottery Calendar Fund Raiser

The Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April, are ready for members to pick-up and sell. They are packed in 5 or 10 calendars per envelope. The cost of each calendar is \$10; each calendar contains a 3-digit number. The winning number is determined by the 3-digit evening PA Lottery number. They start on January 1st and go to the end of April. They can be picked up at the club anytime there is an organized shoot, such as trap shooting on Sundays from 1 to 4 pm and on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm (weather permitting); the Monday night pistol shoot from 7:30 to 9 pm; Junior Rifle on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm; and at our meetings, both membership and directors, from 8 to 10 pm. They make great stocking stuffers and are good for those last minute Christmas gifts. To be valid, all tickets must be either turned in at the Club or proof of sale by e-mail (see below) or phone call (to the Club message line at 724-348-7941) by the 31st of December. If you have sold some and can't get them into the Club before the deadline, you can call and leave your name and a brief message that envelope number "X" was sold or that tickets "a, b, and c" were sold. You can also send an e-mail to any of the Club Directors stating the envelope number or which tickets were sold. Some e-mail addresses are:

- Steve Boehm - carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com
- Jimmy Warden - jimwarden@hotmail.com • Denis Nill - denisrn@verizon.net
- Joe Montuoro - jpmontuorojr1@verizon.net • Ray Noakes - rnoakes12@comcast.com

The Club sells these Lottery Calendars twice a year. Members are urged to sell as many of these as they can because this is THE major fund-raiser for the Club and has helped keep our dues at minimal levels. These calendar sales help the club keep the yearly dues as low as possible and still manage to finance special projects and general upkeep. Thanks for your consideration in helping the club with this fund raiser.

Notice - The baffles on the indoor range continue to be shot and deformed. The Director's are looking into a solution to what could become an extremely dangerous condition. The Baffles will need to be repaired - this is not an inexpensive process. Shooters need to follow the range requirements for the ammunition they are using. Members found to violate these rules will be removed from the club. Also be sure you know where your bullets are going if you are using the 27-foot line.

USC Rifle Team Using Indoor Range Again

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team will once again be using our indoor range for practice and meets. As you may recall they lost the use of the range at their high school and this is the third year we will be hosting them at the Club.

After the last two shooting seasons, there were no complaints from the membership on their using the range which is closed to the membership while they are here. Similar to last year they will be using the range between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm one or two days a week with the rare occasion of three days a week when they host a scheduled meet.

We will post the schedule by the sign-in book for the indoor range as soon as it's finalized. If any of our members have to adjust their shooting schedule we trust you will understand. We hope you can adjust your range usage to the days they are not shooting.

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League started their season on Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. on the indoor range. The League is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights. Their season starts in September and ends some time in May. Shooting for 20 weeks, they take a break at the Christmas - New Year holidays and enjoy a "banquet" at the end of the season. When their season ends they switch over to shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range for a few weeks before moving to the outdoor range for the Club's Summer Bowling Pin Shoot.

The course of fire includes 5 segments - all on regulation NRA targets. The first segment is two lines of slow fire (5 shots in 2 minutes); the second segment is two lines of timed-fire (5 shots in 20 seconds); the next phase is two lines of rapid fire (5 shots in 10 seconds). Segment 4 is two lines of timed-fire (5 shots, change magazine, 5 more shots in 45 seconds; segment 5 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots - one-handed - in 60 seconds.

Because of the time constraints, a semi-automatic pistol is recommended. You will need your favorite firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition (remember on the indoor range ammunition must have a muzzle velocity of under 1200 feet per second), and eye and ear protection. Those with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the course of fire. 22 caliber pistols are recommended because of the cost on ammunition now.

The cost for the 20-week season is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Shooters that can't commit to the entire 20-week season can pay on a per-night basis - at \$3 per night for members and \$4 per night for non-members. For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

Membership

The Club has 437 senior members, 18 junior members, and 20 associate members as of the end of October for a total of 475 members.

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

• **September**- There were 3 candidates for membership at the September membership meeting: Michael Lebetz, Nicholas Loris, and Lucas Sudduth. They were approved with no comment.

• **October** - There were 6 candidates for membership at the October membership meeting: Wayne Bruschi, Alfonso Constantini, Michael Dorrance, Phillip Dzubinski, Thomas Klingenfuss, and Troy Prince. They were approved with no comment.

NRA Classes

For information, costs, scheduling, and qualifications for the NRA Classes being held at the Club, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or via e-mail at denisrn@verizon.net. The classes typically held include • Basic Pistol Course • Personal Protection **IN** the Home, and • Personal Protection **OUTSIDE** the Home.

All classes that had been scheduled for this year are now complete; Denny Nill will be working on scheduling the classes for next year and as soon as the schedule is set, we will announce it in the Newsletter.

• Tactical Shoots

There is one tactical shoot scheduled for the remainder of the year - Tuesday, November 22 (from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.). To be eligible to participate in this tactical shoot, you must have successfully completed the PPIH and/or PPOH Course conducted at the Club or an NRA PPIH / PPOH Course at another club. You will be required to provide the original Course Completion Certificates.

Please note that if you have not been shooting on a regular basis and have not maintained your safety, gun handling, and marksmanship skills you will need to brush up on your shooting before you can participate in the tactical shoots.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) began on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm. They shoot till 9:00 pm because this is a school night for the juniors. There are two parts to the program - an introductory course where participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, aiming, and shooting. This is a 4-week course and will go from October 5 through October 26. The cost for this portion of the program was \$40 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

The second part of the program is the practice session. Starting in November, at the end of the introductory course, shooters can continue to improve their shooting skills in these practice sessions which are held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm through the end of March. The cost for the practice session was \$45 and again includes the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection. The juniors are encouraged to bring their homework for times when they will be waiting to get on the range.

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

2017 Dues Due in December or January

The Club Dues for 2017 will remain the same as for 2016. The dues structure for the Club is:

Senior Member - \$85.00; Associate Member - \$20.00; Junior Member - \$5.00; Retired Seniors* - \$42.50. Initiation Fee - \$40; Lost Access FOB - \$5.00; Damaged or Inoperative FOB - No Charge

*(*Retired Seniors are members who are 65 years old, on Social Security, retired, and have been a member of the club for 10 consecutive years.)*

Paying your 2017 dues by Sunday, January 8, 2017 will ensure your continued access to the Club for 2017. Any member not paying his 2017 dues by then is subject to having their club access FOB deactivated.

Payment may be made at the membership or Director's meetings or you can mail it directly to:

Paul V. Joos at 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.

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 the Club's operation. Without constant 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. You don't have to be here all day, any time you can give to this effort is greatly appreciated by the Directors and highly valued to the Club. No special skills are required; there is always a lot of maintenance required just on the grounds in the form of trimming, cutting grass, and general clean-up.

- **September Work Party** - The September work party was held on September 17. The volunteers at this work party were: Paul Joos, Chuck Heisler, Scott Huwalt, Scott Karman, Joe Montuoro, Ray Schuerger, and Jack Stark. They worked on the installation of the new surveillance cameras, replaced the celotex ion the indoor range, repaired the 100-yard range doors, and yard work (grass and grounds keeping).

- **October Work Party** - The October Work Party was held on October 15. The volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Brian Forsyth, Dale Gilbert, Scott Karman, Pete Luttrell, Joe Montuoro, and Jack Stark. They continued work on the new indoor range and did grounds keeping.

Open Trap Shooting

The Club holds open trap shooting on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. These shooting sessions are open to the public. The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$3.00. 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 the Club's open trap shooting, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

If you are interested in trying trap shooting, but have never done it before or need to improve your skills, Joe Montuoro, Trap Range Master and NRA instructor, is willing to teach you how to do it. Just call him at 412-833-0897 to make arrangements.

The trap ranges have been entirely refurbished over the last few years with new bunkers and new or rebuilt trap machines and both trap ranges now have voice-activated bird launching systems. The ranges are operating very well and offer the members and the shooting community very functional ranges to enjoy the sport of Trap Shooting.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun program has concluded. It will be offered again next year in June. The Club recently purchased 4 new shotguns for the program which will be available to the program next year.

Carrick-Mingo Shootout

The Carrick Trap Team won the annual Spring Carrick-Mingo Shootout by over 100 birds this year - for the second year in the row.

Carrick Internal Trap League

The Carrick internal trap league started shooting on Wednesday, September 7; they shoot from 6:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm. They shoot for 12-weeks, finishing up at the beginning of December. Shooters can shoot for the league on Sunday afternoon between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm if necessary. The cost is \$5/line. The league allows shooting make-up sessions and shoot ahead sessions.

If you are interested in joining the league, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team shoots on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and is currently shooting indoors. Their 14-week season is finished, and as of Week 13 they are holding 3rd place in .22 but 4th place in center fire. Their indoor season is underway.

The team competes against teams from other clubs in the area, with each team shooting at their home club; scores are submitted to, and tallied by, the league scorekeeper.

The team invites anyone who is interested to come out and give it a try. You can not hurt the team as only the best 4 sets of scores are submitted for the competition, but you will be able to shoot as if you were a member of the team.

They shoot both 22 and center fire pistols. You can shoot either or both courses of fire.

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

CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot has ended for the year. They shoot on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. on the 100-yard outdoor range. For more information on the CMP shoot, please contact Ron Milanek at 412-833-2493.

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:30 p.m.
- **Junior Rifle Program** - Indoor Range- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Indoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- **CSC Internal Trap League** - Trap Range - Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- **CMP Hi-Power Shoot** - 100 Yard Range - Off for the Winter
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Trap Range - Sunday at 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Hunter Safety Course

The Club is working to re-establish our hunter safety program with the PA Game Commission. So far the Commission has re-certified our instructors which is a good start to re-establishing our hunter Safety Courses. When we get final approval to hold our Hunter Safety classes again we will have to set dates, develop a pool of club members willing to assist with these classes, and hopefully find a few members who would like to become hunter safety instructors. Anyone who thinks they may be able to assist with these classes or become an instructor is asked

to contact Steve Boehm ASAP at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

Becoming a Hunter Education Instructor is really very easy to do. To look into the process just go to the PA Game Commission web site and click on either "Hunt and Trap" or "Education" at the top of their page; this will give you a drop down menu. Select "Hunter-Trapper Education" from that menu and the scroll down to "Becoming an Instructor." To learn what is involved. Contact Steve Boehm via e-mail for details on the process.

Access FOB Trouble?

If you have trouble with your access FOB, call Paul Joos at 412-344-9387 or send an e-mail to pjcsclub@verizon.net

Club Bulletin Boards

Beginning immediately, notices placed on the Club Bulletin Boards must have a "Posted" date on them - the date the item was placed on the board. Those w/o any date will be removed and items will be allowed to stay on the board for 3 months at which time they will be removed with no notice to the posting party.

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

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

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Happy Holidays to Everyone from the Directors of the Carrick Sportsman's Club