Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

Post Office Box 350 South Park, PA, 15129-0350

January - February 2017

January Meetings Membership - Jan. 3 - 8 p.m. Directors - Jan. 17 - 8 p.m.

Work Party - Jan. 21 - 9 a.m.

February Meetings Membership - Feb. 7 - 8 p.m. Directors - Feb. 21 - 8 p.m. Work Party - Feb. 18 - 9 a.m.

March Meetings Membership - Mar. 7 - 8 p.m. Directors - Mar. 21 - 8 p.m. Work Party - Mar. 18 - 9 a.m.

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Board of Directors Election in January

Five positions on the Board of Directors are up for election at the January membership meeting. The Board is made up of 15 Directors who each serve a three-year term and one-third of the Board (five Directors) is elected every January. The five Directors who are up for election 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 to accept the position if elected. 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.

2017 Membership Dues

Your 2017 dues are due NOW! The dues for the 2017 calendar year are \$85 for senior members (see dues structure below). You can pay your dues at the January 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 selfaddressed, stamped envelope to return your new membership card; this helps defray costs to the Club.

Dues Structure

Retired Seniors* - \$42.50 Juniors - \$5.00 Seniors - \$85.00; Associate - \$20.00 Lost Access FOB - \$5.00 Damaged or Inoperative FOB: No Charge *Retired Seniors must be 65 years old or older and must have been a member of the Club for at least the previous 10 consecutive years. Any member who has been in the Club for at least 10 consecutive years and is on disability

from social security, or any other Federal Agency, is also eligible for the retired senior membership.

Lottery Calendars The Lottery Calendars should be turned in by December 31. They can be turned in on Monday nights to

Joe Montuoro, at the January membership meeting, or at any other scheduled shoot at the Club.

Please note that the Lottery Calendar starts on January 1. If a ticket is not identified to the Club as being "Sold" by then and the number hits, there will be no payout!

To avoid this problem, you can call the Club message line at 724-348-7941 and leave your name and a brief message stating 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. Directors e-mail addresses can be found on our web site under "Contacts." The Club sells these Lottery Calendars twice a year. Members are urged to sell as many as they can because this is the major fund-raiser for the Club and helps maintain the Club facilities and keep dues at minimal levels. Although we raised the dues two years ago year (\$5 to pay for the access FOB's), we have avoided raising them for many years and hopefully, if we continue these successful calendar fund-raisers, perhaps we can avoid raising the dues for many more years.

Message from the President

Heading into 2017, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped in the operation of the Club this year - whether it was as part of a work party, selling the lottery calendars, attending meetings to stay current with club affairs, or just being a safe and responsible member. A huge "Thank You" goes to those that go out of their way to sell our Lotto Calendars. We really appreciate the effort you put forth in this semi-annual fund-raiser. Continued Club improvements depend on the success of these fund-raisers.

I'm proud to say that there have been no significant complaints from the community about the Club since April 2012. Thank you for that! With the new construction on Ridge Road, it is even more important that the Club remains a good neighbor for South Park. To do so, all of our members need to adhere to the Club rules and times dealing the outdoor ranges.

Our membership has grown all year and we are closing in on 500 members as the year ends. I would like to thank the members who have brought in new members. The Club has always been open to new members; they not only bring in additional revenue, they bring in new ideas helping to keep the club fresh and more enjoyable.

For myself and all the Club Directors, we wish you all a Joyous Holiday Season: Merry Christmas (belated), Happy Hanukkah (belated), and a Very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year! Steve Boehm, President

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League is half way through their season and will resume shooting on Monday, January 9 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 runs from September to May.

When their season ends some time in May, 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 recreational pistol league 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 - all in 45 seconds; segment 5 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots all in 60 seconds - one-handed.

Because of the time constraints, a semi-automatic pistol is recommended. You will need your favorite firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition (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. Also, 22 caliber pistols are recommended because of the cost of 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 <u>CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com</u>.

Membership

As of the December Membership meeting, the Club had 440 senior members, 20 junior members, and 16 associate members for a total of 476 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.

• November - There were 3 candidates for membership at the November membership meeting: Jon P. Comis, Brian C Kirk, and Loren Sederburg, Jr. They were approved with no comment.

• **December** - There were 16 candidates for membership at the December membership meeting: Stephen Boytim, Al Cardoanione, Antoinette Dallmas, Corey Drebot, Steven Evanovich, Frank Frankert, Alan Frisch, George Frisch, William Gunn, John Lanatovick, Robert Low, Christine O'Kain, Anthony Palmieri, Carmen Sabatini, Robert Snee, and Harrison Tinney. 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 <u>denisrn@verizon.net</u>. The classes typically held include • Basic Pistol Course • Personal Protection **IN** the Home, and • Personal Protection **OUTSIDE** the Home.

All 2016 scheduled classes have been completed; Denny Nill is working on scheduling classes for next year and as soon as the schedule is set, we will announce it in the Newsletter and/or via e-mail.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) began on the October 5. They shoot till 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. There are two parts to the program - an introductory course and a practice session. The introductory course teaches rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, aiming, and shooting. This is a 4-week course and shoots through the month of October The cost for this portion of the program is \$40 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

The practice session, which starts at the end of the introductory course in November, enables the shooters to improve their shooting skills. The sessions are held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. from November through the end of March. The cost for the practice session is \$45 and again includes the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

Because this is a school night for the kids, 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.

Safety 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 and 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.

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 a concerted 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 participate in these work parties. 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. Lunch is provided.

• November Work Party - The November work party was held on November 19. The 13 volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Jon Comis, Eric Croushore, Eric Draper, Brian Forsyth, Chuck Heisler, Paul Joos, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Pete Luttrell, Ray Schuerger, Jack Stark, and Glenn Woods.

They worked on the installation of the new surveillance cameras, the new indoor range, the target retrieval system, and electrical modifications.

• **December Work Party** - There was no work party scheduled in December.

CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot is shut down for the winter and will resume when weather permits. 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.

Trap Shooting

Trap shooting is closed for the winter.

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 shoots 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 Club has two trap teams - an internal league which shoots in the Fall and a team that competes against the Mingo Sportsman's Club in the Spring. If you are interested in the details on the leagues, please contact Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

Junior Shotgun Program

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

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 indoor season will begin the week of January 15. The team will be using the indoor range on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m..

The team competes against teams from other clubs in the area, with each team shooting at their home range. Their 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.

Hunter Safety Courses

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. When we get final approval to hold our Hunter Safety classes we will need a pool of volunteers willing to assist with these classes, and hopefully a few members to become new 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 <u>CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com</u>. You don't need to be an instructor to assist with the class - there are a lot of administrative tasks that need to be done at each class and the more hands there are, the easier it is to hold the classes.

Becoming a Hunter Education Instructor is really very easy to do. For information on what is involved, please contact Steve Boehm via e-mail for details on the process.

Thank You

A special "Thank You" to Tom Stephenson, Glenn Woods, Ray Noakes, Jan Joos, and Steve Boehm for their assistance in installing the new camera system.

The Club also wished to acknowledge and thank the following members for their recent donations: Daniel Horosko - \$15.00 and David Kohl - \$15.00.

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.
- CSC Trap League Season is Over
- CMP Shoot 100 Yard Range Off for the Winter
- Open Trap Shooting Trap Range Closed for the Winter!
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League -** Indoor Range -Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

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The Upper St. Clair (USC) High School rifle team is once again 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. There were no complaints from the membership on the ranges being closed for their use during the last two shooting seasons. Similar to last year they will be using the range between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. one or two days a week with the rare occasion of three days a week when they host a scheduled meet. While they are here they have exclusive use of the range!

Their schedule is posted by the sign-in book for the indoor range.

We thank all of you who have adjusted your schedule to accommodate the team.

Access FOB Trouble?

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

Club Bulletin Boards

Notices placed on the Club Bulletin Boards must have a "Posted" date on them - the date the item was placed on the board. **Those with no date will be removed.** 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

Newsletter e-mail: parknews@comcast.net

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Happy New Year!



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