

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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July - August 2019

July Meetings

Membership - July 2 - 8 p.m.
Directors - July 16 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - July 20 - 9 a.m.

August Meetings

Membership - Aug. 6 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Aug. 20 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - Aug. 17 - 9 a.m.

Sept. Meetings

Membership - Sept. 3 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Sept. 17 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - Sept. 21 - 9 a.m.

25/50-Yard Outside Pistol Range Closed Until Further Notice!

At the June work party the rebuild of the outdoor 25/50-yard pistol range began. The overhead weather protection at the shooting positions was completely disassembled. Unfortunately, after removing the weather protection, the grounds were pretty torn up and as a result the range has been closed for general shooting until further notice. There are too many location stakes to trip over and the holes from removing the upright supports created many tripping hazards. We were able to maintain the integrity of the shooting baffles so the range is still safe to shoot from; however, it is just not safe enough to walk around if you're not completely aware of these obstacles. This situation could change as a result of the next work party (July 20) and the range may have to be completely shut down depending on conditions after that work party. Information on the progress of the range rebuild will be sent out as the situation changes.

A "Closed" sign has been put up at the entrance to the range and the range entrance gate has been set so that it no longer allows access. The Club is very sorry for this inconvenience but it is absolutely necessary while the range is being repaired. Once the project is completed, the range should be good for another 30 years.

Again, the only range affected by this closure is the outdoor 25/50-yard pistol range; it is closed to the general membership until further notice. The Monday Night Bowling Pin Shoot and the Thursday Night Metropolitan Police Revolver League can still shoot their scheduled programs, at least for now, because they both have Range Masters and Range Safety Officers to run these shoots.

July's work party may change that too; it depends on how much help shows up and how much work can be accomplished. We will keep you informed!



Lottery Calendars

The new Lottery Calendars are still available for sale. They sell for \$10 each and are packaged in lots of 5 and 10. Members are urged to sell as many of these as they can; this is THE major fundraiser for the Club. We sell these Lottery Calendars twice a year to help maintain the Club and keep our dues at its current level. The Directors ask that everyone help us help you by selling as many of the Lottery calendars as you can. Each lottery calendar has a 3-digit number which is good for the PA evening 3-digit number and is good for the months of July through October. You can pick up the calendars at the Club at the Membership meetings, Director's meetings, or when the Club is holding an activity like the Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon trap shoots. Please note that calendar payments are not retroactive. Prize eligibility begins on the date the stubs are turned in.

Bowling Pin Shoot

The Bowling Pin Shoot is underway on the outdoor range on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. They shoot at suspended bowling pins on the 50-yard outdoor range. The cost is \$2 per line and the winner of each line gets 1/2 of the money collected. You need a center fire pistol with iron sights to compete for the prize money. You can use a red dot sight but you will not be eligible to win the money. The course of fire is five 1-minute, 5-shot lines for a total of 25 rounds per match. You will need a center-fire pistol, 25 rounds of ammunition per line, and eye and ear protection.

There is no need to pre-register for this shoot; just come to the Club about 5:45 p.m. and check in. This shoot will continue until the end of August.

Hunter Safety Classes

There is a Hunter Safety class scheduled for Saturday, August 31. If you would like to attend this class, please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com or you can register for the class on the State Game Commission web site. The course registration forms should be showing up on the Game Commission web site in a few weeks.

Membership

The Club has a total of 383 members; 357 senior members, 22 associate members, and 4 junior members.

Membership is open and applications are being accepted; but currently is limited to the class of Membership. Currently we have reached our limit on the number of RangeMasters and are asking members who don't use the outdoor ranges to relinquish their Range Master rating for someone who wants to use the outdoor ranges.

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. As the weather has warmed up, the work parties will have more outside maintenance to do around the property along with repairs to the outdoor ranges.

The July work party is scheduled for July 20 at 9:00 a.m. Their focus will be the rebuilding of the outdoor 25/50-yard pistol range.

• May Work Party

The May work party was held on Saturday, May 18. There were 10 members who participated; Steve Boehm, Jared George, Chuck Heisler Scott Karman, Jim Lawrence, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Ray Noakes, Steve Quallich, and Ray Schuerger.

They did grounds keeping and tractor maintenance.

• June Work Party

The June Work Party was held on Saturday, June 15. There were 11 members who attended and accomplished a lot of work: Steve Boehm, Jan Joos, Paul Joos, Chuck Heisler, Tyler Karman, Scott Karman, Rob Low, Deny Nill, Ray Noakes, EJ Revitsky, and Ray Schuerger.

They removed the canopy over the outdoor 25-yard pistol range, moved the baffles on that range, and cut grass.

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol league shoots on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. They will be starting their season on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. They will shoot for 20 weeks; 10 weeks from September till the holidays, then another 10 weeks after the New Year holiday. They have a “banquet” at the end of the season. The cost for the season is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. You can also participate on a night-by-night basis at a cost of \$3 per night for members (\$4 for non-members).

To sign up, contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program ended at the end of May and will resume in October.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Jr. Trap started on Wednesday, June 5 and ran till the end of June (June 25), shooting on Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 per line. The program is designed for those who would like to learn to shoot trap in a controlled, safe environment with experienced instructors and is for ages 12 and up. The Club provided the shotgun and the eye and ear protection. There were 4 shooters for the program this year.

For information on this program or the Junior Rifle Program which will begin in October, please contact Jason Perry at jperry450@gmail.com.

Open Trap Shooting

- Sunday Afternoon Trap Shooting is open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is \$4.00. 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.

- Wednesday Night Trap Shooting is also open to the public from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. until mid-November. The cost is the same as the Sunday afternoon trap shoot.

For questions on this 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 are operating well and offer the members and the shooting community very functional ranges to enjoy the sport of Trap Shooting.



CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot as been discontinued. However, the club is considering alternate shoots to replace the CMP Shoot. If you have any suggestions for this please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

NRA Courses

The Club offers various NRA Courses throughout the year. These include Basic Pistol classes, Personal Protection in the Home (PPIH), and Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOH) courses. No courses are scheduled at this time but when they are, we will notify the club members.

Basic Pistol Course

The Basic Pistol Class that was scheduled for Saturday, June 29 had to be canceled for lack of participation. When these classes are scheduled we will let you know.

Personal Protection Inside the Home

The prerequisite to this class is an NRA Basic Pistol Course Certificate (or recognized documented equivalent), Winchester/NRA Pistol Qualification, NRA Pistol Qualification Card, Military DD214 w/pistol qualification or passing a Pre-Course Evaluation (Pass/Fail) which permits waiver of the basic Pistol Course. PPIH is an advanced course and you will need to be proficient in the safe handling of the firearm, gun handling skills (loading, unloading, reloading), and marksmanship. If you have taken a Basic Course within the past few years and have not maintained proficiency as described you will not perform as needed in the PPIH Course. Interested parties should contact Denis Nill via e-mail at denisrn@verizon.net.

Personal Protection Outside the Home

This is a two-day class and both sessions must be attended to complete the course. The PPIH Course is a prerequisite for this course. Interested parties should contact Denis Nill via e-mail at denisrn@verizon.net.

Tactical Shoots

Tactical shooting practice sessions are usually scheduled on a Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and on a Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. These tactical sessions are open to those members who have successfully completed either of the Club's personal protection classes. Please contact Denny Nill at denisrn@verizon.net concerning these shoots.

Thanks

Thanks to Pat Cox, Michael Fiorito, Chuck Heisler, John Huemrich, Pete Luttrell, Glenn Mattes, and John Nort for their time and efforts who helped Stew Beck pick up two pallets of birds and stack them in the bird trailer.

Safety Before Fashion - Proper Attire for the Ranges

As a reminder and for everyone's safety, shooters are reminded that flip-flops, open-toed shoes, low cut shirts, blouses, etc. should not be worn when shooting. This should prevent a hot cartridge from being ejected and landing on the top of your foot or toe or even down the front or back of your shirt/blouse.

Please Be Aware of this potential problem!

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The final results for the MPRL 2019 indoor season are in; the Club's team finished 2nd in .22 and 3rd in center fire. Lee Schlernitzauer was the League .22 High Sharpshooter. Amy Rusenko and Jim Johnson finished in the top 10 of each caliber, Amy missing High .22 Expert by 1 point.

Their outdoor season started the week of May 12 and will continue through mid-August. They shoot on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m., and are currently about half-way through their 14-week outdoor season. As of week No. 5 the team is in 3rd place in .22 (out of 6) and 3rd place in center fire (out of 5).

The team is always looking for good pistol shooters: .22 and center fire. The team invites anyone who is interested to come out to one of their Thursday night shoots and give it a try. Their competition can be described as trying to shoot the bottom of a spray painted one-pound coffee can 50 yards downrange with your favorite pistol in one hand, standing up with no rest.

Bull's-eye goes back to the 1941 and is the granddaddy of all popular handgun competition in this country. It has been the standard for national and state championships, regional championships, and most outdoor tournaments.

If this sounds interesting and challenging, come out and give it a try. The team shoots on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

All you need is a .22 caliber or center fire pistol that can hold

at least 5 rounds with a barrel length that is practical for target shooting; the gun should have adjustable sights if you are going to use iron sights but red dot sights (not lasers) are also permitted; at least 30 rounds of ammunition for each gun; and eye and ear protection (mandatory). A spotting scope is also very helpful; however, it is not really needed to participate.

You can shoot both .22 and center fire or just either.

The team usually starts with the .22 match. The first target is a slow fire target and you have 10 minutes to shoot 10 rounds. The second target is a timed fire target and you shoot two five-shot strings, each string to be fired in a time of 20 seconds. The third target is a rapid fire target and you shoot two five-shot strings, each string fired in a time of 10 seconds. After the .22 match they do it all over again but with a center fire firearm.

Both revolvers and semi-autos are permitted, however, a semi-auto is easier for the timed and rapid fire stages.

For indoor competition, all targets are posted at 50 feet; for outdoor competition the slow fire target is posted at 50 yards and the timed and rapid fire targets at 25 yards.

They will be more than glad to introduce you to the sport and tell you all about it. You are welcome to join the team in the live firing of each stage so you can get a feel for what they do.

For more information, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890.

Attention - All Members

The Directors have been reviewing the videos of the ranges and have noticed that many members are not observing the range rules on the indoor range. Range violations include loaded firearms on the benches and people handling firearms when someone is forward of the firing line; lack of supervision of guests; evidence of .22 magnum use on the range; and shooters not adhering to the 5-round rule.

The violations seem to be associated more with our older members rather than our newer/younger members. Shooters must follow the range rules while using the Club facilities! Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by the Board. Everyone should have a copy of the range rules. If you don't have a set, please contact one of the Directors to get a copy.

A Historical Look at National Match Ranges

By Joe B. Roberts Jr.

For practical purposes, NRA national championships of the last century and a quarter have been held at one of three ranges, but there have been exceptions.

Shortly after its founding in 1871, the NRA began work on the “Creedmoor Range.” The range at Creedmoor (now a part of the Borough of Queens) was built on land owned by the NRA with financial aid from the state of New York, “pick and shovel” help from the U.S. Army Engineers at Fort Totten, and a promise by the Long Island Railroad to provide service. The range was originally intended as a marksmanship training ground for all New York militia organizations. Use of Creedmoor for NRA championships got underway in 1874 when a rifle team made up of NRA members invited the Irish National Team to travel to the United States for an international competition. From then until the late 1880’s, when the NRA lost its control over Creedmoor, NRA championships were fired there. Through the 1880’s and 90’s, interest in marksmanship dwindled and the NRA went into a period of inactivity. The Spanish-American War in 1898 rekindled the flames. A resurgent NRA re-instituted its match program, both national and international, beginning in 1899. Having lost Creedmoor, however, NRA moved its competitive operation to Sea Girt, New Jersey, and to ranges operated by the New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Association. NRA national championships were held at Sea Girt until 1907 when, combined with matches sponsored by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP) - “The National Matches” - they were moved to Camp Perry, Ohio.

The National Matches (the National Trophy Individual and Team Rifle and Pistol Matches, the President’s Rifle and Pistol Matches, and the National Trophy Infantry Team Rifle Match) and NRA’s championships have been at Camp Perry ever since, except:

- Between 1914 and 1920, War Department training schemes and U.S. involvement in World War I combined to keep the National Matches generally out of Ohio. In 1914, the War Department, in an attempt to increase training efficiency and encourage greater participation, scheduled four sets of “Divisional Matches.” These matches, held at Sea Girt, at the state military camp near Jacksonville, Florida, at Fort Riley, Kansas, and near Portland, Oregon, were disastrous in terms of attendance. Jacksonville and Sea Girt drew good crowds but the others did not.

- In 1915, the National Matches were scheduled for firing at Florida’s Black Point Military Reservation, eight miles outside Jacksonville. Jacksonville hosted the 1916 National Matches, too.

- No matches were held in 1917, but Camp Perry did host the contests for 1918, and contemporary reports note that attendance was extraordinarily high.

- In 1919, the U.S. Navy offered its newly constructed ranges at Caldwell, New Jersey for use as a site for the National Matches and for NRA’s championships. In 1920, and from that year until World War II interrupted the schedule, Camp Perry was the location for the National Matches. After World War II, the scenario was much like that of the 1914-1920 era.

- Between 1941, when smallbore and pistol championships (but no high power championships and no National Matches) were held at Camp Perry, and 1953, when the full National Match schedule returned to the Ohio site, NRA held championships in a variety of locations. NRA smallbore and pistol championships were shot at Camp Perry in 1946 and 1947, and at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Virginia, in 1948. In 1949, smallbore matches were held at Camp Dodge, outside Des Moines, Iowa, and the pistol championships were fired at Fort Sheridan, Ill. There were no matches during 1950 the Korean Conflict interfered.

- In 1951, smallbore and pistol championships were held near San Francisco and the first high power rifle championships since 1940 were fired at Camp Matthews, north of San Diego. In 1952, pistol and smallbore matches were shot in Jacksonville, Florida, and a high power championship was conducted at Fort Benning, Georgia.

- In 1953, the National Matches returned to Camp Perry, Ohio. Since then, though the long range matches were shot elsewhere immediately following the cut-off of funds in 1968, NRA’s National Championships and the National Matches have been held at Camp Perry.

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League - Indoor Range - Monday Evening - Off till September**
- **Monday Night Bowling Pin Shoot (Outdoors) - 6:00 p.m.**
- **CMP Hi-Power Shoot - 100 Yard Range - Discontinued**
- **Open Trap Shooting - Trap Range - Sunday Afternoon - 1:00-4:00 pm; Wednesday Evening - 6:00-9:00 pm**
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League - Outdoor 50-yd Range - Thursday Evening - 6:00 p.m.**

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

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Classifieds

Reloading Press

Dillon 550 with base extension and 2 complete tool heads (one for 38/357 and one for 40/10 mm, plus other accessories - Asking \$700

Pistols

Smith and Wesson Model 610 in stainless 10mm, 7 3/4" barrel; - Make offer

Ruger Mark II with wood grips and scope - Asking \$200

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The 25/50-Yard Outside Pistol Range Is Closed - All Other Ranges Are Open and Operational

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