

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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September - October 2019

September Meetings

Membership - Sept. 3 - 8 pm

Directors - Sept. 17 - 7 pm

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

October Meetings

Membership - Oct. 1 - 8 pm

Directors - Oct. 15 - 7 pm

Work Party - Oct. 19 - 9 a.m.

November Meetings

Membership - Nov. 5 - 8 pm

Directors - Nov. 19 - 7 pm

Work Party - Nov. 16 - 9 a.m.

Club Members Honored

At the September 3rd Membership Meeting, Wildlife Conservation Officer (WCO) Chris Bergman presented Club President Steve Boehm and Gim Yee each a plaque recognizing their

“10 Years of Service to Pennsylvania’s Hunter/Trapper Education Program.”

Steve was present to accept; however, Gim was not in attendance.

Steve will make sure Gim receives his award.

Congratulations to Steve and Gim on this recognition by the state of Pennsylvania.

Lottery Calendar Fund-Raiser

The Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April, will soon be ready for members to pick-up and sell. They will be packed in envelopes of 5 or 10 calendars. The cost of each calendar is \$10 and each calendar contains one 3-digit number. The winning number is determined by the 3-digit evening PA Lottery number. They start on January 1st and are good through April. When ready, they can be picked up at the club anytime there is an organized shoot, such as trap shooting on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm and on Wednesdays from 7 pm to 9 pm (weather permitting); the Monday night pistol shoot from 7:30 to 9 pm; Junior Rifle on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm; and at our meetings, both membership (8 pm to 10 p.m) and directors, from 7 pm to 9 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 verification of sale by e-mail (see below) or phone call (to the Club message line at 724-348-7941) by December 31. If you have sold some and can't get them to 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 and which tickets were sold.

(E-mail addresses are shown on the last page of this newsletter.)

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 helping the club with this fund-raiser.

Members will be notified when the calendars are ready for pick-up

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League will be starting their season on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 pm on the indoor range. They take a break at the Christmas - New Year holiday period and enjoy a "banquet" at the end of their season. After their 20-week season ends (some time in March) the league shoots metal silhouettes on the indoor range for a few weeks before the Club's Summer Bowling Pin Shoot starts in late May/early June. The league is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights. The course of fire includes 5 segments - all on regulation NRA targets. The first segment is two lines of slow fire (each at 5 shots in 2 minutes); the second segment is two lines of timed-fire (each at 5 shots in 20 seconds); the next phase is two lines of rapid fire (each at 5 shots in 10 seconds). Segment 4 is 5 shots, change magazine, 5 more shots, all in 45 seconds; and segment 5 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots all in 60 seconds - one-handed. 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. Because of the time constraints, a semi-automatic pistol is recommended. However, those with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the course of fire. A 22 caliber pistol is recommended because of the cost of ammunition. 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; \$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.

Legislative Alert

At the September 3rd membership meeting, Rodger Kronz of the FOAC said that the state politicians will be meeting September 23 and 24 to discuss / vote on gun control and other issues. According to Rodger the anti-gunners will be out in force and pro-gunners need to respond in kind. He suggests calling, writing, and or e-mailing your state representatives and senators to express your support for enforcing current gun laws and not just making new feel good laws that will accomplish nothing to solve the problem of mass shootings.

MPRL

The Club's Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL) team completed their 14-week outdoor season on August 15. Although our 50-yard range was not available the Dormont-Mt. Lebanon club (DML), another club competing in the MPRL, offered their range for us to use on Monday evenings when they shoot their matches. The Carrick team finished 4th out of 6 teams in .22 caliber and 4th out of 5 in Center Fire.

Congratulations to Amy Rusenko who earned first place in Expert Class .22 caliber and second place in Center Fire. Jim Johnson also finished in the top five in .22 caliber Expert Class.

Thanks again to all the team members who participated this outdoor season. The team and the Club thank DML for allowing us to use their range while ours is unavailable.

The team is currently practicing on Thursday evenings in preparation for their coming indoor season.

This is a good time to come out and get introduced to Bulls-Eye shooting (also known as Conventional or Precision Pistol). The Club's 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.

If you are interested, come out and give it a try. They shoot both 22 and center fire pistols and you can shoot either or both courses of fire.

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

CMP Shot Alternate

Because the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot has been discontinued (because of the high cost of ammunition), we have been considering an AR-15 Shoot to replace the CMP Shoot. If you are interested in participating in this shoot or would like to get involved in helping run the program, please contact Jason Perry at jperry450@gmail.com. **We need to determine member's interest in this shoot if we are to move forward with it.**

Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun program will be offered again next year in June.

Hunter Safety

A Hunter Safety Class was conducted at the Club on Saturday, August 31. Thirteen (13) participants successfully completed the course.

NRA Classes

No NRA courses are scheduled at this time.. As they are developed, we will notify you via e-mail, the newsletter and our web site.

For information, costs, times, and qualifications for the NRA Classes being held by the Club (when scheduled), please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or via e-mail at denisrn@verizon.net.

The Club typically holds classes throughout the year including the Basic Pistol Course, Personal Protection **INSIDE** the Home, and Personal Protection **OUTSIDE** the Home.

Membership

The Club has 360 senior members, 4 junior members, and 22 associate members as of the end of August for a total of 386 members.

Membership applications are being accepted. New members will have limited access to the club ranges.

Bowling Pin Shoot

The Monday Night Bowling Pin Shoot has been curtailed because of the repair to the outdoor pistol range.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) will commence on Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm. (The shoot ends at 9:00 pm because Wednesdays are school nights for the juniors. The juniors are encouraged to bring their homework for times when they will be waiting to get into the range.)

There are two parts to the program - an introductory course and a practice session.

The introductory course is a 4-week course and will meet from October 2 through October 30. Participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, aiming, and shooting; The cost for this portion of the program is \$40 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition.

The second part of the program is the practice session.

At the end of the introductory course, shooters can continue to practice and improve the shooting skills they learned in the introductory course. These practice sessions are also held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, through the end of March. The cost for the practice session is \$45 and again includes the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition.

Note - shooters must complete all 4 weeks of the introductory course to continue onto the practice session.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Jason Perry at jperry450@gmail.com.

Work Parties

The focus of the last few months has been repairing the structure at the outdoor pistol range. The shooting line tables and structure are in the process of being repaired. Thanks to the efforts of many of our members we are well on the way to having it done.

This project required having work parties every weekend in July and August to get the work done. Volunteers worked on July 20, 21, and 27 and August 3, 10, 17, and 24. The Club owes a huge debt of gratitude to the volunteers that spent their summer weekends getting the outdoor pistol range refurbished. Without their efforts there is no way to estimate how long this range would have been shut down.

• July Work Parties

July 20 and July 21 - The 14 volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Chuck Heisler, Paul Joos, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Ray Noakes, Christine O'Kain, Tom Plappert, Steven Quallich, E.J. Revitsky, Ray Schuerger, and Brian Vallor. They dug footers for the outdoor pistol range, set posts for the pistol range, and groundskeeping.

July 27 - The 10 volunteers who continued the efforts on the outdoor range that day were: Steve Boehm, Chuck Heisler, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Rob Low, Tom Plappert, Steven Quallich, E.J. Revitsky, Ray Schuerger, and Tim Thiry.

• August Work Parties -

August 3 - The 7 volunteers at this work party were: Reno Baum, Steve Boehm, Tom Dietrich, Chuck Heisler, Scott Karman, Ray Noakes, and Steven Quallich. They poured footers for the posts on the outdoor pistol range.

August 10 - The 9 volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Chuck Heisler, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Pete Luttrell, Ray Noakes, Steven Quallich, Tom Reed, and Ray Schuerger. They set the replacement beams for the shooting line on the outdoor range!

August 17 - The 10 volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Jan Joos, Paul Joos, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Rob Low, Tom Plappert, Steven Quallich, E.J. Revitsky, and Ray Schuerger. They set the trusses for the renovated roof on the range shooting line.

August 24 - The 5 volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Scott Karman, Rob Low, Ray Schuerger, and Reno Baum. They installed the fiberglass roofing.

Generally work parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to 4:00 (to 5:00) pm to do maintenance and improvements at the Club. These work parties (which are all Club volunteers) are a critical part of the Club's operation. Without constant maintenance and a continuing effort to upgrade and 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. You don't have to be here all day; any time you can spare for 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. And lunch is provided.



NRA Fundraiser

At the September 3rd membership meeting, Gene Reynolds brought to everyone's attention that the NRA is having a Friends of the NRA Fundraising Banquet in Monongahela on Saturday, September 14. If you are interested in attending, please call Johnson's Sporting Goods at 724-225-9616 for more information.

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 matches. As you may recall they lost the use of their range at USC High School a few years ago; this will be the sixth year we will be hosting them at the Club. There have been no complaints from the membership on the team's use of the range which is closed to the membership while they are here.

The school program does not start until some time in mid November, however their coach Tom Dietrich would like to get a jump on practice if possible. This in no way will curtail members from using the indoor range if they wish during the days the team will be there for this extra practice. However, when the actual program starts up the team will have exclusive rights to both indoor ranges. We will notify everyone about that before their season starts; a schedule will be posted near the sign-in book, in the newsletter, and on the web site.

For this extra practice time, the team will only use the new range. The only disruption to members would be if someone happens to be on the old range when they come out of the new range. Tom, and possibly two team members, will have to enter the old range and pass through to the new one. That will be the only disruption save a possible bathroom break every now and then. Should they have to pass through the old range while anyone is there, they will have their eye and ear protection on so there would be no need to stop your shooting. However, if you wish to be courteous and stop shooting till they passed through that would be appreciated and in no way should be a bother to anyone. All members should stop shooting when they know the range door leading to the meeting room is going to be opened.

During the shooting season they typically use the range 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm three or four days a week. The season usually runs from late November through early February. Their schedule will be posted by the indoor range sign-in book as soon as we receive it and will be distributed to everyone via the newsletter and our web site. When the USC Rifle team starts their season in mid to late November both indoor ranges will be exclusively for the team or teams engaged in the practice or competition. They are not to be harassed by any members! If anyone objects to this arrangement you can come to a membership meeting and ask to be heard. We trust that those of you who have to adjust your shooting schedule will understand and help us continue to support the shooting sports at the high school level.

A bit of background for those of you who are unfamiliar with how they came to be using the range.

When the Club first learned of the plight of the USC team we talked to their coach about the possibility of their being able to use our range. He checked out the range and said it would be acceptable to the school. We then informed him we would get back to him after putting this idea before the membership. We checked the sign-in sheets and found out the time slot they would need was only used four times in the prior year. Steve Boehm personally talked or communicated with all four of those members and none of them were opposed to letting the kids use the range. They all felt, as the Board felt, that the kids would benefit from the program and we would benefit by their exposure to the shooting sports.

However, since then a couple of members have complained and Steve is embarrassed by their actions and reasoning. Everyone he has spoken to at the club meetings on the subject was happy we could help these kids stay in the program. Rifle competition teaches many things to those that engage in it. Respect, responsibility for one's actions, discipline, and more than anything else safety in the handling of a firearm. They learn there is more to shooting than they see and hear on National or local TV news channels or movies and video games. High school students engaging in rifle competition at the scholastic level know first hand that a rifle by itself will not and can not harm anyone. It is not the rifle that harm others; it is the mindset of the deranged individuals that use it in such a horrendously vile manor. We need to introduce more young people to the shooting sports so that they can show by example to non shooters that shooting is a safe sport and that firearms in themselves pose no threat to mankind.

Because of the nature of the sport these young ladies and gentlemen are taught you need to be focused on safety, to have respect for life, and listen to those in authority when they are trying to teach the fundamentals of life, the moral code that life is precious and can be taken all too easily so safety is paramount when dealing with firearms. To help accomplish this, we need educate all that we can about safe gun handling and that starts with our youth. The Club is proud to be able to spare some range time for youth.

Scheduled Shoots

- Monday Night Recreational Pistol League - starts Monday, September 9 at 7:30 pm
- Junior Rifle Program - Indoor Range- Starts Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm
- Metropolitan Police Revolver League - Indoor Range - Thursday Evening - 6:00 pm
- CSC Internal Trap League - Wednesday Evening - 6:00 pm
- Open Trap Shooting - Trap Range - Sunday Afternoon - 1:00 pm; Wednesday Evening - 6:00 pm

• **Tactical Shoot (Practice Session for Personal Protection Courses) - Contact Denny Nill for Details!**

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

The Outdoor Pistol Range is Closed! The Other Ranges Are Open and Operational

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Open Trap Shooting

The Club holds open trap shooting on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. These shooting sessions are open to the public. 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. 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 ranges are operating very well and offer the members and the shooting community very functional ranges to enjoy the sport of trap shooting.

Carrick Fall Trap League

The Carrick Fall Trap League will start shooting on Wednesday, September 4 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. They will 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 \$6/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.

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