

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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July - August 2020

July Meetings

Membership - July 7, 8 pm Directors - July 21, 7 pm Work Party - July 18, 9 am August Meetings Membership - Aug, 4 - 8 p.m. Directors - Aug. 18 - 7 p.m. Work Party - Aug 15 - 9 a.m.

September Meetings

Membership - Sept. 1 - 8 p.m. Directors - Sept. 15 - 7 p.m. Work Party - Sept. 19 - 9 a.m.

Club Meetings/Activities Slowly Resuming

We have resumed most of the club activities with wearing face coverings and limiting participation to 25 members at any given function. Please try to adhere to these restrictions.

Club Rifle Team?

CSC is considering forming a team to shoot with the Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League in the fall. Steve Perry has been working with the Dormont - Mt. Lebanon Club for several months on this possibility. The league is a 3P/4P league with teams from several of the clubs in the area. Adults and juniors shoot together on the teams with the top 5 scores for the night counting toward the team score. Matches start in the fall and generally take place on every other Wednesday night (twice a month or so). The course of fire is 10 shots each in three shooting positions - standing, kneeling, and prone. Officially, it's 5 shots kneeling and 5 sitting but you are allowed to shoot all 10 kneeling if you want. Rifles are 22's and can use scopes or open sights. The league allows "shoot-ahead's" so the kids won't have to stay out late.

If you think you might be interested in being part of a team and participating in the league, please contact Steve Perry at <u>sdperry48@hotmail.com</u>. He is acquiring more information on the league and can answer your questions.

Eagle Scout Project at CSC

John Walsh, a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 65, a member of the Upper St. Clair Rifle Team, and a member of the CSC, presented his idea for an Eagle Scout Project he would like to do at the Club. Under the guidance of Steve Boehm, he proposes building a firepit with two benches for seating near the archery range in the area where the Scouts set up their weekend camps. He hopes to complete it by late July or early August depending on how quickly the necessary funds are raised. He is looking into discounts from hardware and DIY stores and is approaching Evey's Hardware in Bethel Park, Lowe's, and Home Depot. The discounts will help but won't cover the entire cost of the project; he will still need donations to get

his Eagle project over the finish line.

He has placed a project poster in the Club House; it is to the right of the indoor pistol range sign-in table. It includes donation envelopes for those of you who would like to donate to the project. Please place your donation in one of the envelopes and drop it in the "Guest Fees" box. If you would like to write a check instead of coming to the club to make a donation, please make your check payable to John Walsh and mail it to him at **340 Carmell Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241.**





Like Us on Facebook

Thanks to the work of Director Jason Perry, the Club has a Facebook page. He posts current information on the page for those of you who like Facebook. The Directors ask everyone who is on Facebook to look up the page and "Like" it. It is at <u>https://www.facebook.com/carricksportsmensclub/</u>

Triennial Inspection

In accordance with the consent decree with South Park Township, the Club is inspected every three years by the Township to ensure we are operating per the agreement and the facilities are up to safety standards. We just had an inspection on July 2, 2020. Sgt. Henrich of the South Park Police Department conducted the inspection with President Steve Boehm. Sgt Henrich was pleased with the amount of work we have done in the past three years. He fully understands that we have been unable to hold our monthly work parties because of the State mandates on gatherings and some repairs have not been done (e.g., fencing and signs). and is willing to accept photos of the work as it gets completed.

Trap is Back! Open Trap Shooting

• Sunday Afternoon Trap - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

• Wednesday Night Trap - 6:00 p.m. to 9:p.m.

We are shooting trap on Wednesdays and Sundays while complying with the recently modified rules for gatherings social distancing, masks, and participation limited to no more than 25.

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 for 8.00 a box at the range.

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.

Spring Trap League

Because COVID-19 delayed the start of the Spring Trap League, the League is still shooting. The last official shoot is August 5. They will resume next May.

Carrick Fall Trap League

The Carrick Fall Trap League will start shooting on Wednesday, September 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 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 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. 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.

Membership

As of July, the Club had 320 senior members, 3 junior members, and 19 spousal members for a total of 342 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 Range Masters 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.

New Members

May - No new members were brought into the Club in May. **June** - There was only one new member accepted to the Club in June. He is **John Sciullo**.

FOAC Report

At the July 7 membership meeting Rodger Kronz of FOAC reminded everyone of the importance of being registered to vote and paying attention to the issues involved in the election. He warned that people were nervous about the recent lawlessness and have begun buying more firearms. The gun manufacturers are having a tough time keeping up with orders. He recommends that everyone visit the FOAC web site for the latest information on firearms legislation in Harrisburg. They offer all sorts of material on what is happening in Harrisburg on all things related to firearms. They lobby our legislators on pending bills and try to be instrumental in passing or not passing these bills into law. Please take a look at their site to be an informed member of the responsible firearms community.

Lottery Calendars in Play

The summer Lottery Calendars (July - October) are currently playing the PA evening 3-digit number. Because this is a major fundraiser for the Club, members were urged to sell as many of these as they could. Even though the calendars are in play, there are still some available and if you'd like to purchase any, please contact any of the directors to arrange to buy a few. They are packaged in lots of 5 and 10 and cost \$10 each. These Lottery Calendars are sold twice a year to help maintain the Club and keep our dues at its current level.



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 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 donate some time to these work parties. Lunch is provided. Recent work parties (when we've had them) have been dedicated to getting the outdoor pistol range refurbished. We need at least one more work party to get it back open for general use. In addition, we need about 80 feet of fencing repaired or replaced along with signage on the fences and there is always grounds keeping work to be done.

The July work party is scheduled for July 18 at 9:00 a.m. Their focus will be finishing the outdoor 25/50-yard pistol range.

May Work Party

There were nine members at the May 16 work party; they were: Steve Boehm, Bob Buddick, Chuck Heisler, Scott Karman, Jim Lawrence, Joe Montuoro, Tom Plappert, Jim Walsh, and Molly Walsh.

June Work Party

There were 12 members at the June 20 work Party; they were: Steve Boehm, Steve Bowman, Bob Buddick, Chuck Heisler, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Joe Montuoro, John Papinchak, E.J. Revitsky, Ray Schuerger, Jim Walsh, and John Walsh.

Junior Rifle Program

We should be able to hold the Junior Rifle Program this fall. Our plan is to proceed as if there will be no problem. The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) will commence on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.. (The shoot ends at 9:00 p.m. 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 sessions to the program - an introductory session and a practice session.

The introductory session is a 4-week course and will meet from October 7 through October 28. Participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, target acquisition, 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 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., 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 <u>jperry450@gmail.com_or Chris warden at war-</u>den7@me.com.

Scheduled Events

- Monday Night Bowling Pin Shoot Monday Outdoor Range 6:00 p.m.
- Metropolitan Police Revolver League Outdoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- Hunter Safety Class August 29

- Junior Rifle Program Starts Oct. 7 indoor range Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Open Trap Shooting** Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Officers and Directors - 2020

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Outdoor Pistol Range

Although we have resumed the Monday Night Bowling Pin Shoot and the Thursday Night MPRL League on the Outdoor Pistol Range (thanks to the efforts of the May 16 and June 20 Work Parties), the range is still not up to safety standards that will allow us to reopen the range to the general membership. If we get a good turnout at the next work party (July 18) we might be able to open the range to general use.

Hunter Safety Course

All ranges will be closed during class hours.

Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team started their outdoor season on May 19 and is in week 8 of their 14-week season with social distancing, masks, and participation limits on the range. There are only 6 clubs competing this season. They shoot on the outdoor pistol range on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

At the end of week 5, they were in 4th place in .22 and 6th place in center fire. They lost their top center fire shooter his season and need help in the center fire area.

If you would like to try shooting with the team, you are always welcome to come out and give it a try. You can not hurt the team as only the top five scores are used.

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

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.

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League will be starting their season on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. 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 <u>CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com</u>

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>pjcscclub@verizon.net</u>

All Ranges Except the Outdoor Pistol Range Are Open and Operational

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