

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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September - October 2020

September Meetings

Membership - Sept. 1 - 8 pm

Directors - Sept. 15 - 7 pm

Work Party - Sept. 19 - 9 am

October Meetings

Membership - Oct. 6 - 8 pm

Directors - Oct. 20 - 7 pm

Work Party - Oct. 17 - 9 am

November Meetings

Membership - Nov. 3 - 8 pm

Directors - Nov. 17 - 7 pm

Work Party - Nov. 21 - 9 am

Scouts On Site this Weekend

Boy Scout Troop 28 will be on the Club grounds this weekend. They will arrive at approximately 6:00 pm on Friday, September 11 and leave somewhere around noon on Sunday, September 13. Volunteers are needed to assist these scouts in qualifying for and acquiring their rifle and shotgun merit badges. If you can come out and help the instructors, please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com or Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com.

You do not have to commit to the entire day, rifle shooting start's no sooner than 9:00 am and shotgun usually starts between 12 noon and 1:00 pm at the latest. Neither one usually takes more than four to five hours at the most.

As always, the ranges will be closed to the general membership during the time the Scouts are on site.

Club Starting New Rifle Shoot

The club is starting a new three-position rifle shoot using .22 rifles on the indoor ranges. It will run concurrently with the junior rifle program and some of the juniors will shoot along with the team. Chris Warden (warden7@me.com) and Tom Dietrich (fishfndr@hotmail.com) are leading this venture with the assistance of Steve Perry (SDPerry48@hotmail.com). If you are interested, please contact one of them for more information. The season will span 15 weeks; the first five matches will be shot at the Club and scores will be tallied by an "official scorekeeper." The location of the remaining 10 shoots will depend on the COVID situation and directives. Matches may continue to be shot at everyone's home range or there may be some traveling where teams attend different clubs to hold the matches. Dues are \$50 for the team; \$12 per individual (ages 21-64 who fire at least 4 matches), \$6.00 per senior (65+), and \$5.00 per junior (younger than 21).

Their first practice is set for Sunday, September 13 about 6:00 pm. If you are interested you can just show up and bring whatever equipment you have (jackets, slings, gloves, spotting scopes, mats, etc), at least 50 rounds of 22 ammo, and your 22 rifle (if you have one). Single shot, bolt action rifles are preferred. You can use a scope, iron sights, or peep sight; however, "red dot" sights are NOT allowed! Even if you don't have a target .22 rifle you can still shoot this event. The Club has worked out loaners for you to use.

If you know you are going to be at the Sunday practice, please let one of the three guys listed about know you will be there.

The course of fire for this new league is

- 10 shots standing
- 5 shots kneeling
- 5 shots sitting (sitting may be shot as kneeling)
- 10 shots prone

The positions may be shot in any order and there is no time limit for the shots. The five best individual total scores count toward the team score. The maximum individual score is 300 (30 shots x 10) and the maximum team score is 1500.

The Schedule for the coming season is (subject to change)

<u>Week/Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location of Shoot</u>
1 - 10/7/20	Murrysville	Home
2 - 10/14/20	Green Valley 2	Home
3 - 10/21/20	Frazier-Simplex	Home
4 - 10/28/20	Allegheny	Home
5 - 11/4/20	Dormont-Mt. Leb	Home
6 - 11/11/20	Murrysville	Home
7 - 11/18/20	Green Valley 2	Home
8 - 12/9/20	Frazier-Simplex	Away*
9 - 12/16/20	Allegheny	Away*
10 - 1/6/21	Dormont-Mt. Leb	Home
11 - 1/13/21	Murrysville	Away*
12 - 1/20/21	Green Valley 2	Away*
13 - 1/27/21	Frazier-Simplex	Home
14 - 2/3/21	Allegheny	Home
15 - 2/10/21	Dormont-Mt. Leb	Away*

* = Possibly travel to opponent's site,

Monday Night Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol League will start their season on September 14 at 7:30 pm on the indoor ranges. Their season is 20 weeks (from September until March). 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 using 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 (on the new indoor range) is 5 shots, change magazine, 5 more shots, all in 45 seconds; and segment 5 (again on the new indoor range) is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots all in 60 seconds - one-handed.

Because of range restrictions on the second range we cannot shoot center fire firearms for this event.

All targets are furnished.

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.

Eagle Project Complete

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, has completed his Eagle Scout Project. Scout Troop 28 will be on the grounds September 11 to 13 to try out the new fire pit and benches in the field behind the trap range. See the photos of the project on Page 7 of this newsletter

Membership

The Club has 321 senior members, 4 junior members, and 20 associate members as of the end of August for a total of 345 members.

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

Range Masters

The club has been working on adding some new range masters to the list. The members that are in line next to become range masters have been called 3 or 4 times and a message has been left to call Steve Perry. If you are one of our members who is awaiting a change to Range master, you MUST return his call! If you do not return the call by Friday, September 11, your name will go to the bottom of the list of those awaiting the move to range master! You can get in touch with Steve Perry at 412-779-3409 or via e-mail at sdperry48@hotmail.com.

Work Parties

Work Parties are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to 4:00 (or 5:00) pm to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These work parties (Club volunteers) are a critical part of Club 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 at the Club 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. Lunch is provided. Recent work parties (when we've had them) have been dedicated to getting the outdoor pistol range refurbished. We had hoped to get it back open for general use this Fall. However, with the reduced number of work party volunteers and the shortage of treated lumber, the range will most likely not reopen this year. A late spring reopening is more realistic.

Work Parties have been decreasing over the past few months and we assume that this is the result of the COVID-19 situation and that when this unique event is turned around, work party attendance will once again increase. Without these work parties, the Directors will have to consider some other method of getting the maintenance done around the facilities.

July Work Party

There were nine volunteers at the July 18, 2020 work party. They were:

• Bob Buddick, • S J Booz, • Jim Lawrence, • Joe Montuoro, • Ron Morris, • Chris Okain, • Tom Plappert, • EJ Revitsky, and • Ray Schuerger.

They set new baffle posts on the outdoor pistol range and did general groundskeeping.

August Work Party

There were nine volunteers at the August 15, 2020 work party. They were:

• Steve Boehm, • Susan Coville Coor, • Jan Joos, • Paul Joos, • Scott Karman, • Joe Montuoro, • Tom Plappert, • EJ Revitsky, and • Ray Schuerger.

They worked on the baffles on the outdoor pistol range and helped with the Eagle Project fire pit.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) will commence on Wednesday, October 7 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 1 through October 28. 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 or Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Outdoor Pistol Range

We were not successful in getting the outdoor pistol range back open in time for the 2020 season. Many things hampered it's completion but none more than the COVID-19 problem. That caused us to miss the first two work parties of the season, it also resulted in fewer than normal numbers of volunteers needed to do the work. It also caused material shortages which finally doomed our efforts to complete the remodeled range this season. Hopefully, things will improve in 2021 and we will be able to complete this effort and reopen the range to the general membership.

Election in November

The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 3. There will be national seats as well as state seats up for election including the President of the United States.

As is their normal practice FOAC (Firearms Owners Against Crime) had investigated the candidates from all around the state and has recommendations for voters based on the candidates stand on firearms. If you are interested in their endorsed and not endorsed candidates, please visit their web site at foac-pac.org and click on "Voters Guide" in the selection bar across the top of their home page. This takes you to the county selection page - from there it is intuitive.

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 started shooting on Wednesday, September 2 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.

Girl Scouts

After discussing the topic at the September membership meeting, a girl scout troop might be at the club for a weekend camp out, shooting merit badge quest on a weekend this Fall. No one had any objections to the girl scouts using the grounds the same way the boy scouts had done for years. In fact, everyone thought it would be good to do.

The girl scouts would most likely be camping outside and only pursuing their rifle merit badge because most of them would not be able to handle a shotgun's weight or recoil. If the camp out has to be held inside there may be COVID restrictions placed upon the number of attendees. No date has been set for this event as of yet. If and when the girls will be on site, we will notify the membership and ask for volunteers to help the shooters obtain their merit badges.

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Monday - Indoor Range - 7:30 pm
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Outdoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 pm
- **Junior Rifle Program** - Starts Oct. 7 - Wednesdays indoor range - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Lottery Calendar Fund-Raiser

The Lottery Calendars, which will be good from January through April, will soon be ready for members to pick-up and sell. They will be packaged 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 the calendars are 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 6 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 from 8 pm to 10 pm; 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

MPRL

The Club's Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL) team completed their 14-week outdoor season in August. The Carrick team finished 4th out of 6 teams in .22 caliber and 5th out of 6 in Center Fire.

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 or via e-mail at dennisrn@verizon.net.

Junior Shotgun Program

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

CMP Shoot Alternate

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot has been discontinued (because of the high cost of ammunition), and 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.

Hunter Safety Class

There is no news on holding classes, at least until the County's/State's COVID restrictions are lifted.

NRA Classes

There are NO NRA courses scheduled at this time. As they are developed, we will notify you via e-mail, this 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 dennisrn@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.

Janitor Position Available

The Club is looking for a part-time janitor to do basic janitorial work at the club. This is an ideal position for someone who is retired and wants to keep busy and at the same time make a few extra bucks. If you are interested, please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

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 seventh 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 except for 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 from 3:00 pm to 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 harms others; it is the mindset of the deranged individuals that use it in such a horrendously vile manner. 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 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 our youth.

Officers and Directors - 2020

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New Membership Director

Director Rob Low is currently transitioning into the Club's new Membership Director. If someone would like to assist Bob in his new duties please contact him at rmlow@verizon.net.

Bowling Pin Shoot

The Bowling Pin Shoot on the outdoor range has ended for the season. They are moving inside for the Monday Night Recreational Pistol League which will start on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 pm. (See information on Page 2.)

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



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Eagle Scout Firepit Project

