

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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March - April 2021

March Meetings

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

April Meetings

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

May Meetings

Membership - May 4 - 8 p.m. Directors - May 18 - 8 p.m. Work Party - May 15 - 9 a.m.

Election Results

The annual election of Directors took place at the January 5, 2021 Membership Meeting. There were five candidates on the ballot for the five open positions. The membership elected Steve Boehm, Rob Low, John Papinchak, Steve Perry, and Glen Woods to the Board of Directors. The Director's subsequently elected the following officers of the club:

- President Steve Boehm
- Vice President Scott Karman
- Recording Secretary Wayne Perry
 - Treasurer Ed (E.J.) Revitsky
- Membership Chairman Rob Low



Newly Elected Directors at the January 2021 Membership Meeting - From left: Rob Low, John Papinchak, Steve Boehm, Steve Perry, and Glen Woods

Boy Scouts Are Coming to the Club!

Boy Scout Troop 228 will be on the Club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on March 26, 27, and 28.. All ranges will be closed from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 26 to noon on Sunday, March 28. Extra help might be needed for Troop 228 because of the number of scouts planning on attending. Anyone that would like to come out and assist with the scout outing is asked to please contact Steve Boehm via e-mail at carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com to volunteer and coordinate times with our other volunteers. In addition, anyone volunteering to work with the scouts needs to have a volunteer background check done. The process does not cost you anything and takes only 10 to 15 minutes on line. When you complete the process you can print out the clearance verification sheet yourself. You will have to bring this clearance sheet with you to the event. When you send Steve Boehm wyour e-mail about volunteering, he will send you the link to initiate the process.

If you can't come out and assist, but want to help the Scouts in this endeavor, please consider donating ammunition for the kids going for their rifle and shotgun merit badges; 22lr, 20ga or 12ga shotgun shells (sizes #7 1/2's, 8's, or 9's). Any donation would be a kind and generous offer. For the last several years, no scout has ever had to pay addition fees for the extra 22lr ammunition required to earn their badge and we would like to also extend that courtesy to those attempting to earn their shotgun merit badge as well.

ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED WHILE THE SCOUTS ARE ON THE PROPERTY!

New Trap House/Storage Facility Being Discussed Work has been on going for a few years on trying to get a new trap house/storage facility built to replace the current

Work has been on going for a few years on trying to get a new trap house/storage facility built to replace the current trap house and storage containers on the property. We have been working with a bank and builders on and off trying to determine what we could afford to build and what we needed. We are still in the very preliminary stages of the process.

We are looking at the requirements of the Township and the limits on expenses as far as cost is concerned. As these plans begin to firm up we will keep you informed. This is just a note to let the members know that this is under consideration by the board.

Facebook

Don;t forget to check out the Club's Facebook page. We try to keep current information on that page. You can find it at www.facebook.com/CarrickSportsmensClub/.

Hyperlinks Should Be Active in Newsletter

The links referenced in the newsletter should be active in the PDF of the Newsletter. If you click on them you should be connected directly yo the web page referenced or will open an e-mail form already addressed to that e-mail address. If they are not working, please let me know at parknews@comcast.net. Thanks

Hunter Safety Courses

The Club will not be holding Hunter Safety courses until the state removes the limitations on gatherings. When we do resume the classes we will let you know. They will be set up through the State Game Commission and all registration will be handled on their web site.

The club regret having to do this but it is just not worth all the preparations and work to do a class for the few attendees that would be able to attend.

CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot is currently on hold. The Directors have been trying to develop another type of military shoot to replace the CMP shoot which would allow shooters to use their own AR-15 style rifles. There has not been a lot of interest in this shoot. If there is no interest in this sort of program, the directors will drop this program and will consider it if and when there is some interest. If you would be interested in this sort of shoot, please contact Ron Milanek at 412-833-2493 or Jason Perry at 412-337-9614.

NRA Classes

Denny Nill is working on the schedule of classes for this year. As soon as the schedule is set, we will announce it in the Newsletter and/or via e-mail. The plan is to have a few Basic Pistol courses in the early part of the year and follow-up with a Personal Protection Inside the Home course and a Personal Protection Outside the Home course in the Fall. For information, costs, scheduling, and qualifications for the NRA Classes held at the Club, please contact Steve Boehm via e-mail at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com for information.

Denny has been working on incorporating new ideas into the tactical shoots. Hopefully the classes will not be limited because of the state requirements on gathering.

Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol League has finished their Monday night pistol shoot season and had their annual banquet (pizza). They are now shooting steel silhouettes at 7:30 p.m. on the indoor range. The silhouette shoot will continue through April; or until they will move outside for the Club's summer bowling pin shoot. It depends on the availability of the outdoor range.

The cost to shoot the silhouettes is \$2 per line with the winner of the line getting his money back. The course of fire is 10 shots at each of 3 separate metal targets (chickens, groundhogs, and pigs) for a total of 30 shots per line. Each 10-shot round of shooting is timed at 1 minute.

You will need your favorite .22 firearm, 30 rounds of ammunition per line (with a velocity under 1200 fps), and eye and ear protection.

There is no need to sign up for this Monday Night Silhouette Shoot; just come to the Club about 7:15 p.m. and check in..

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.

January Work Party

There were 7 members who attended the January 18 Work Party. They were Scott Karman, Rob Low, Jim Davis, Ken Kennard, Sr., Ken Kennard, Jr., Steven Quallich, and Ray Schuerger. They did general housekeeping and replaced lights on the indoor range.

February Work Party

There were 9 members who attended the February work party. They were Frank Kunkel, Rob Low, John Papinchak, Steven Quallich, Chris O'Kain, E.J. Revitsky, Jim Davis, Reno Baum, Jr. They cleaned out the lead from the indoor range, redid the celotex, and put up a few baffles at the edges of the impact area on the indoor range.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun program is offered each year in June. Please look for details in next month's newsletter.

2021 Membership

Any member who has not renewed their membership by now has been removed from the club membership rolls and their FOB is deactivated. They no longer have access to Club facilities. After a member has been removed from the club membership rolls they must reapply for membership.

Dues for 2021 are: Senior Member - \$100.00; Restricted Senior Member - \$75.00 (75% of the senior dues); Associate Member - \$20.00; Junior Member - \$5.00; Retired Seniors* - \$50.00 (50% of the senior dues). Initiation Fee - \$50; Initiation Fee (Jr.) - \$15 Lost Access FOB - \$5.00; Damaged or Inoperative FOB - No Charge

(*Retired Seniors are members who are 65 years old or older, retired, on Social Security, and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years. Members who been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years and are on disability from Social Security or other Federal Agency, also qualify as a Retired Senior, regardless of age.)

Junior Rifle Program

Currently, the Junior Rifle Program is shooting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The program, which is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older), will end their season in April. They have been hosting 12 to 17 shooters at each session.

If you are interested in joining this program next Fall or the Junior Shotgun program in the early Summer, please contact Chris Warden at warden 7@me.com.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team shoots on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to about 10:00 p.m. and is currently in week 8 or 9 of their 14-week indoor competitive season which began in January and will end in mid-April. Our 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. As of week 6 there are no standings yet.

The team invites anyone who is interested to come out and give it a try. You will not penalize 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 and could be if you wanted to join.

They shoot both .22 and center fire pistols. You can shoot either or both courses of fire.

If you decide to join the league there is a minor fee to join the league.

Trap Shooting

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 Sunday shoots started on Sunday, March 7 and have been able to shoot each Sunday thanks to the good weather. The Wednesday shoots will start on May 5. Shooters may bring their own ammunition, but shot size may be no larger than 7 1/2. (A larger number denotes a smaller shot size.)

For questions on the Club's open trap shooting, please contact Stew Beck at **stewbeck6@msn.com**.

The Club has two trap leagues - one in the Fall and one in the Spring. If you are interested in the details on the leagues, please contact Stew Beck at **stewbeck6@msn.com**.

Membership

As of the February Directors meeting, the Club had 310 senior members, 4 junior members, and 19 spousal members for a total of 333 members.

New Members

January - There were no new member join the club in January; .

February - There were 12 new members join the club in February. They were: • Casey Bilski, • Cameron Bramer,

- James Bramer, Nathan Bramer, Rhonda Bramer,
- Ryan Bramer, Paul Daniels, Valerie Daniels,
- Corey Fogle, David Holler, Billy Serowik, and
- Michael Serowik.

March - There were 9 new members in March. They were:

- Jim Beck, Susan Beck, Richard Best, Kenneth Chotiner, Jr., Bernard Duncan, Logan Duncan,
- Richard A. Kwiatkowski, Richard T. Kwiatkowski, and
- Daria Palaschak.



Access FOB Trouble?

If you have trouble with your access FOB, call Rob Low at 412-651-6642 or send an e-mail to RMLow@verizon.net.

Donations

The Club would like to thank the following members for their recent donations to the Club:

- Rodney Auria \$50.00
- Chad Berner \$25.00
- Joseph Collura \$25.00
- Jennifer Dresmich \$25.00
- Kenneth Dowd \$25.00
- Jared George \$25.00
- Christopher Grilli \$25.00
- Gerard Hamilton, Jr. \$100.00
- Charles Hertzler \$25.00
- Denise Hertzler \$25.00

- Gerald Hoak, Jr. \$25.00
- Patrick Huber \$25.00
- Robert Kumnik \$25.00
- Jonathan Lashley \$25.00
- John Lesure \$25.00
- Ryan Low \$5.00
- Joseph Lusnak \$25.00
- Leonard Marraccini \$25.00
- John Morgan \$25.00
- John Pankowski \$50.00
- Wayne Perry \$50.00
- Michael Puglin \$25.00
- Nathan Steck \$25.00

USC Rifle Team Season Summary



The 2020-21 Upper St. Clair Rifle Team Picture

Front Row, from left: Andrea Burgos, Paige Tudi, Brandon Hayes, Olivia Noto, Bella Romano, and Jakob Satterfield; Middle Row, from left: John Walsh, Jack Swanson, Kody Dressler, Nick Pantelides, Larissa Hobba, Jossie Jarrett, and Cole Super; Back Row, from left: Jack Loomis, Wolfram Schmidt, Brett Gardner, Lucas Pash, Caleb States, and Carter Wolfe.

The Upper St. Clair (USC) Rifle Team has finished their season with a record of 3-7. It is not the record they had hoped for but they did improve from last year. In addition, several team members competed at the WPIAL and the State Championships this year. They even fielded a team for the Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League (SRL) championship.

The team lost an entire month of practice in December because of the COVID shutdown and that really hurt their scoring at the start of the season. However, by the end of the season they were shooting all-time high scores for USC. On February 9, they shot a 799-50x and lost to Waynesburg on x-count tiebreaker (800 is a perfect score in a match). While it was heartbreaking to shoot so well and lose, Coach Tom Dietrich always tells the kids that if they shoot scores like that and lose, he would be the happiest losing coach they've ever seen. Unlike many other

sports, there is no way to influence the other team's score and if they put up a great score to win, good for them. The 799-50x was the highest score anyone can remember in USC high school history.

At the end of the season, the team sent five shooters (with the highest match averages) to the WPIAL Individual Championships at Dormont-Mount Lebanon. Each of them finished the season with an average of over 99! They were:

- Bella Romano Senior
- Paige Tudi Senior
- Jack Loomis Junior
- John Walsh Sophomore
- Carter Wolfe Sophomore

In WPIAL Championship matches, they shoot 2 targets each with 10 bulls with a maximum of 10 points per bull for a total possible score of 200 for both targets. The USC shooters finished as follows:

- 16th Bella Romano 200-14x
- 20th Paige Tudi 200-11x
- 40th Jack Lookis 199-13x
- 69th John Walsh 197-10x
- 71st Carter Wolfe 196-11x

Bella Romano moved on to the State Championship at

Fraizer-Simplex in Washington. The results have not been finalized yet but she put in a good performance and appears to have finished in 26th place.

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The team also sent a 4-person team to the PA State HS 3 Position Championships for the first time ever. The WPIAL league shoots prone only (laying on the ground) but several of the team participated in the Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League (SRL) at the club this year and learned 4-position shooting. The SRL match finished up on Sunday, March 7 and the final results are not compiled yet.

In the team standings the USC team is currently in 9th place. The shooters that participated in the SRL championship are:

• Andrea Burgos, • Jakob Satterfield, • Paige Tudi. and • John Walsh

The USC Rifle Team had a total of 19 shooters on the team this year. That was down 1 from last year but that was intentional. The coaches decided that because of safety and the need to socially distance and still give them enough practice time, they reduced the number on the team and unfortunately had to cut a number of kids that came out. It is hoped they all come back next year and that everything returns to normal. If so, I expect next year for our numbers to go up again.

Although the state 3P championships were their last match yesterday, the team has been invited to participate in another 3-Position event in about a month, and a couple of the team members might shoot at Camp Perry over the summer., Anything done there would just be one-offs and not part of the USC program.

Scoring

The WPIAL shoots the same target that the Jr program shoots. For matches each shooter shoots 1 target for a maximum possible score of 100. Each team designates 10 shooters for varsity before that match starts and the top 8 scores are used for a maximum score of 800. The X-count is used as a tiebreaker. So that second number in a score is the x-count of either the individual shooter or the whole team. An "x" is shot where the bullet is fully within the innermost 10 ring and does not touch the 9 ring at all. A perfect individual target would be 100-10x (happens a few times a year) and a perfect team score would be 800-80x (which never happens). Even when teams shoot an 800 (which does happen frequently), the x-counts are generally in the 50's-60's.



Bella Romano with her Medal from the WPIAL Championships

Note from the Team

The USC Rifle Team left the following note on the blackboard on the back walll of the clubhouse (between the pop machine and the door to the indoor range.

"Thanks Carrick -

We had a agreat season! Set new scoring record wit a 798-52X then broke that with a 799-50X the next week. WPIAL medaliset and 2 in the top 20 and had a state qualifier. Sent team to PA State 3P Championship for 1st time.

See you in the Fall! USC"

Scheduled Shoots

- Monday Night Recreational Pistol League Indoor Range Monday at 7:30 p.m. they are shooting silhouettes now.
- Junior Rifle Program Indoor Range- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- CMP Shoot Discontinued

- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** Indoor Range Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- CSC Trap League Starts May 5
- Open Trap Shooting Sundays from 1:00 p.m. 4:00; Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Starts May 5)

All Ranges, Except the Outdoor Pistol Range, Are Open and Operational

Officers and Directors - 2021

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