

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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March - April 2022

March Meetings

Membership - Mar. 1 - 8 p.m. Directors - Mar. 15 - 8 p.m. Work Party - Mar. 19 - 9 a.m. April Meetings Membership - Apr. 5 - 8 p.m. Directors - Apr. 19 - 8 p.m.

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

May Meetings

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

Election Results

The annual election of Directors took place at the January 4, 2022 Membership Meeting. There were five candidates on the ballot for the five open positions. The membership elected •

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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

Boy Scouts Will Be at the Club!

The Boy Scouts will be on the Club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on March 11, 12, and 13. All ranges will be closed from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 11 to noon on Sunday, March 13. Extra help might be needed 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 <u>carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com</u> 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 your 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 thing to do. 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!

Empty Chamber Indicators

Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI's) are required on the indoor and outdoor ranges as of March 1. These are the plastic rods that are inserted into the back of the barrel of a pistol or rifle to indicate that the firearm is unloaded and in safe condition.

The Club has them on sale for \$1 each.

Bids for Snow Removal

The Club is interested in contracting for snow removal for next winter. If you are a member of the Club and offer this service we are interested in talking to you to get a quote for snow removal and salting when there is over 2 inches of snow. For detailed information, please contact Scott Karman at karmancontracting@yahoo.com.

Mini Training Expo in South Park

Clover Firearms Training LLC is hosting the Pittsburgh Mini Training Expo in the Home Economics Building in South Park on March 20 at 10:00 a.m. Registration can be found at <u>www.cloverfirearmstrainingllc.com</u>. Nationaly recognized organizations will be in attendance including:

Clover Firearms Training LLC; Hardpoint Training LLC; The Strength To Overcome; The United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA); Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC); and More! The fee is just \$5 for the day.

Throughout the day there will be guest speakers who will be providing essential training in the form of seminars, while also being available for conversations when not teaching. Take the time now to see who and what works best to fit your needs. The schedule is posted on line in the notes section of this course. One entry fee guarantees you entry for the whole day even if you need to leave and return later.

Concealed Carry and Home Defense Fundamentals is a comprehensive course for anyone considering owning or carrying a firearm for self-defense. The course is a complete guide to understanding conflict avoidance and situational awareness; home security and home defense; handgun, shotgun and AR-15 basics; shooting fundamentals; the physiology of violent encounters; the legal aspects of using deadly force (including knowing what to do in the aftermath); and a complete guide on gear, gadgets, and ongoing training.

Please book in advance at <u>www.Cloverfirearmstrainingllc.com</u> (register at the "Breaking News" title or e-mail <u>jhavens.cft@gmail.com</u>.

Renew your License to Carry Event at South Park in June The Allegheny County Sheriff's Department is holding two Firearms License to Carry satellite events this summer.

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Department is holding two Firearms License to Carry satellite events this summer. You will be able to renew your carry permit in South Park (in June) or Elizabeth (in September) The South Park event will take place on Saturday, June 25, at the South Park Community Center at 2575 Brownsville Road from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Elizabeth event will take place on Saturday, September 17 at 1000 Golden Circle in Elizabeth from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is a renewal event and not for new applications. It usually takes under an hour from start to finish and you walk out with your renewed carry permit.

Hunter Safety Courses

The Club has once again scheduled a Hunter Education Class; it is on Saturday, March 26. Gathering time is 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and the class will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. This class is required of all new hunters trying to purchase a hunting license and for anyone wanting to travel to another state and purchase a license to hunt there.

This is a six-hour training class and you must pass a certification exam at the end of the class to complete this program. To prepare for this class, you should read Chapters 1, 4, 5, and 9 located at <u>Today's Hunter & Trapper in PA</u>.

You must be at least 11 years of age to register for this class! We recommend bringing your lunch as there are very limited food locations nearby. The Club does have a pop machine on site.

All adults bringing students to the class are allowed to stay at the club during the class but we ask that you respect the need for quiet while class is in progress.

Registration can be done <u>here</u>. If that doesn't work, go to <u>https://www.pgc.pa.gov/</u>. Click on Education in the top menu bar, then select Hunter-Trapper Education in the drop down menu. Then scroll down to the paragraph for In Person Classes. Click on Register for an in-person Pennsylvania Hunter-Trapper Education Class which will take you to the list of scheduled classes. Scroll through those pages till you get to Mar 26 classes and look for the Carrick Sportsman's Club class. At that point you just have to click Register Now and complete your registration.

Once you register, if you later find that you cannot attend, please go back to the website and unregister.

CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot is not being done. If you are interested in an AR-15 shoot to replace the CMP program 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. There have been changes in the NRA courses and Denny is working with the instructors to set up the courses. The plan is to have a few Basic Pistol courses followed by a Personal Protection Inside the Home course and a Personal Protection Outside the Home course in the Fall. As soon as the schedule is set, we will announce it in the Newsletter and/or via e-mail.

Denny has also been working on developing new tactical shoots.

Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol League will be finishing their season in early March and will hold their annual banquet (pizza). They will then move to 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.

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.

Range Rule Violations

It has come to the attention of the Board that members of the club have not been following our range rules. This includes loading more than 5 rounds at a time on the indoor and outdoor ranges. This is a safety issue and also is part of our federal consent agreement with South Park Township. Also, lights are being left on and doors are being left open on the ranges when the shooters leave. It is the responsibility of every club member to make sure everything is secure and cleaned up before leaving the grounds. All of the ranges and shooting positions are on camera and also on video tape. Everything you do on a range can be reviewed. If these range rule violations continue, members who are not complying will be identified and will be warned of the violations once and, if the behavior continues, will risk losing their Rangemaster status and possible termination of their membership. The Range Rules MUST be Adhered To! If you need a copy of the Range Rules, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com

2022 Membership

Any member who has not renewed their membership by now has been removed from the club membership rolls and their FOB has been 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 2022 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.)

Trap Shooting Starts March 6

The trap range reopens Sunday, March 6 for Sunday shooting. Hours on Sunday are from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening shoots will begin April 3, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Each round of trap is 25 birds and you will need shells that are size 7 1/2, 8, or 9 shot. The current cost for a round is \$4.00 plus ammo. Ammo is available at the trap range for \$10.00 a box of 25. League rounds are \$6.00 (the extra \$2.00 goes to supplies for the party and prize money).

Anyone interested in learning to shoot trap, please contact Stew Beck via e-mail at <u>stewbeck6@msn.com</u> or by phone at 412-983-5892.

The 2022 trap leagues will start earlier and end before we get too involved in hunting seasons, time change, etc. The Spring League will start on April 3, run for 12 weeks, and shoot until June 22. The Fall League sill start on August 3, run for 12 weeks, and shoot until October 19.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team shoots on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to about 10:00 p.m. Their 14-week indoor competitive season 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 4, they are in 5th place (out of 6) in .22 and 4th place (out of 5) in center fire.

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 team, there is a small fee to join the league.

For more information on the league, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or Jim Johnson at 412-833-3582.

Junior Shotgun Program

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

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 13 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 warden7@me.com.

Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League Note



On Wednesday, February 16, the league's newest team, Carrick Sportsmen's, broke the 1200 mark again in a 1462-1207 match with Allegheny.

Nate Pavolko fired a 297 to lead Allegheny; Dan Campbell checked in with a 293, Darrvl Guthrie 291 with 92 standing and 100 kneeling, junior Colby Pecorello 291 with 92 standing and 99

Dani Joos

kneeling, and René Baldwin continued her streak of 290+ scores with another 290.

Carrick junior John Walsh also kept his current 290 streak alive, leading his team with a 290; Paige Tudi 261, Tom Dietrich 221, Dani Joos 218, and Carrick's newest shooter Logan Wells fired a 50-5x prone in his first ever PSRL match to finish with 217.

Carrick junior Dani Joos fired her highest kneeling score ever that night with an 88; her previous high was a 77 the week before.

Membership

As of the February Directors meeting (February 15), the Club had 303 senior members, 4 junior members, and 20 spousal members for a total of 327 members.

New Members

January

There were no new members in January.

February

There were 9 new members join the Club in February. They were: Christopher Baux, Joe DeBranski, Susan Goga, Wayne Goga, Daniel Nill, Thomas Purcell, Thomas Scheidler, William Tomlinson, and Michael Zerkle.

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 9 members who attended the January 15 work party. They were Jeff Davis, Jim Davis, Michael Fiorito, Scott Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Tom Plappert, E.J. Revitsky, and Ray Schuerger. They were performed tractor maintenance and replaced the celotex on the indoor range.

February Work Party

There were 8 members who attended the February work party. They were Steve Boehm, Chuck Heisler, Scott Karman, Jim Lawrence, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, E.J. Revitsky, and Ray Schuerger. They worked on tractor maintenance and general housekeeping.

Facebook

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

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.
- 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)

• CMP Shoot - Discontinued

Donations

The Club would like to thank the following members for their recent donations to the Club: Susan Beck, Chad Berner Kathleen Bernhardt, Jonathan Bilski, Rhonda Bramer, Dennis Costello, Paul Daniels, Raul Evangelista, Alan Frisch, George Frisch, Robert Gregory, Christopher Grilli, Ellen Halloran, Gerard Hamilton, Jr., Ronald Hand, Ronald Hand, Jr., Daniel Horosko, David Kohl, Jonathan Lashley, Leonard Marraccini, William Miller, Gary Pachel, Edward Parzyck, Wayne Perry, Aaron Pratt, Joseph Reichard, James Stein, William Stewart, Gerald Teramae, Richard Thomas, Robert Voskamp, and James Wehner.

Trophy on Display

The Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League tropphy is on diaplay at the Club. It recognizes individuals who shoot a perfect score. The trophy circulates through all of the member teams. Carrick has it for this year! It is on the table at the front of the meeting room in the Clubhouse.



Bayonets For Sale

If you are interested in purchasing the following bayonets and knife, please contact Steve Perry at <u>sdperry48@hotmail.com</u> to make an offer. We believe these are all WWII items.





Club Selling Its Garands and Carbines

The Club no longer offers the CMP shoot on Sunday mornings. The program offered members the opportunity to shoot the Club's WWII Garands and Carbines in a competitive shoot. The course of fire required 50 rounds of ammunition. Because the Club had a large supply of ammunition which had been acquired from the CMP Program at a very reasonable cost, we used to charge just \$25 for the use of the rifle and the ammunition for the shoot. However, things have changed. We can no longer obtain ammunition from the CMP program and can not offer this reduced cost to shoot. Current ammunition costs (if you can find it) would drive the cost of the Sunday morning shoot to close to \$100. This is not something we want to get into. The Club has nine (9) garands and two (2) carbines which are not being usedand will most likely not be used again. Two (2) of the Garands are non-functional and will not shoot w/o a major rebuild - they are basically "wall hangers." Rather then just store them indefinitely, the Directors have decided to sell them to our members. The sale will be executed via a raffle. Everyone interested in purchasing one of the rifles will have their name put in a "hat." Names will be drawn

from the hat to offer the right to purchase one of the rifles. Each person whose name is drawn will then have the opportunity to select which of the rifles they would like to purchase. (The purchase price is being determined.) The potential purchaser can decide at that time not to purchase any of the rifles and the name of another buyer

will be selected out of the hat. This process will continue until all of the rifles are sold. The plan is to present the process at the January meeting and have everyone interested let Steve Boehm know of their interest. Then the sale would take place at the April membership meeting. All potential purchasers would have to be in attendance. The club will make arrangements for an FFL to transfer the rifles if necessary; however, the transfer costs would be paid by the buyer.

USC Rifle Team Season Summary



Front Row, kneeling, from left: Logan Wells, Coach Tom Dietrich, Assistant Coach Brian Hayes, and Larissa Hobba; Middle Row, standing, from left: Jack Swanson, John Walsh, Jakob Satterfield, Molly Walsh, Erin Shehab, and Brandon Hayes;Back Row, standing, from left: Wolfram Schmidt, Carter Wolfe, Brett Gardner, Jack Loomis, Josie Jarrett, and Chris Welch.

As their season ended, the Upper St. Clair rifle team found themselves tied for second place in their Section as they moved on to the WPIAL Championships.

The WPIAL Team Championships, which was the largest playoff field in WPIAL Rifle history. were held on February 8 at Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsman's Club and the kids were awesome. In the end, they missed out on going to state competition by 1 point. The team finished in a tie with Bethel and Lebo at 796 but lost out on the x-count tiebreaker and finished in 6th place. Coach Tom Deitrich could not be more proud of the way this team competed this year. The kids could always shoot good scores but they have learned how to win. That is a difficult skill sometimes but they are finally understanding it.

Special recognition goes to Jack Loomis with his perfect 100-10x - 1 of only 3 shot during the team competition.

The team also got 100's from Brett Gardner and a trio of freshmen; Erin Shehab, Logan Wells, and Molly Walsh.

The defending champion, Hempfield Rifle Team, fired 100's (prone) across the board to edge Butler for the WPIAL championship 800-64x to 800-59x. All ten shooters on the Hempfield roster fired 100's en route to taking their sixth WPIAL title.

There were three perfect targets fired in the team championship: Amanda Hardman of Hempfield, Jack Loomis of Upper St. Clair, and Caleb Osborne of Armstrong, all firing 100-10x. Here are some of the scores from the championship:

Lydia Dunn (PSRL Alumna from the former Irwin team) Hempfield – 100-9x

Brett Gardner (Carrick) Upper St. Clair - 100-8x Owen Chaffin (Frazier-Simplex) Bethel Park – 100-8x J. T. Westwood (Dormont-Mt. Lebanon) Mt. Lebanon – 100-6x

Molly Walsh (Carrick) Upper St. Clair – 100-3x Riley Dunn (Frazier-Simplex) McGuffey – 99-8x John Walsh (Carrick) Upper St. Clair – 99-7x Jakob Satterfield (Carrick) Upper St. Clair – 99-5x With nine teams in the playoffs the final WPIAL results were:

Hempfield – 800-64x Butler – 800-59x Trinity – 797-53x Bethel Park – 796-57x Mt. Lebanon – 796-52x **Upper St. Clair – 796-48x** Waynesburg Central – 795-46x Armstrong – 793-53x McGuffey – 793-47x

Hempfield, Butler, Trinity, and Bethel Park all qualified to go to the PIAA Prone Championship on February 14-15 at Dormont-Mt. Lebanon.

The individual championships were at Dormont-Mt. Lebanon on Thursday, February 10. At the individual championship event Jack Loomis placed 9th with a 200-16x and advanced to state championships.

Logan Wells fired a 200-10x for 23rd place, just missing out on advancing to states (an outstanding job for his first year on the team).

Congratulations to PSRL shooters Lydia Dunn and Riley Dunn (no relation). Lydia (Hempfield), of the former Irwin team in the PSRL placed SECOND in the PIAA Individual Championships with a 413.6 on the USA50 target, Orion metric scoring! Riley (McGuffey) of Frazier-Simplex, placed seventh with 406.2.

Other WPIAL shooters placing in the top 10 include Hayleigh Gorog (Butler) placed third with 409.5, Gracie Ruff-



Lydia Dunn, Hempfield Area High School,placed second in the PIAA Prone Championship with 413.6

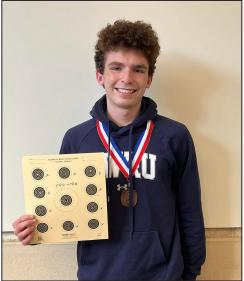
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Riley Dunn, McGuffey High School, placed seventh in the PIAA Prone Championship with 406.2

ner (Armstrong) placed ninth with 405.4, and Sierra Allison (Trinity) placed tenth with 404.6. Griffin Lake, of Emmaus High School near Allentown PA, was the PIAA prone champion with 415.1.

In the team competition, Butler High School, who placed second in the WPIALs, also placed second in the state behind Emmaus High School, just missing the top spot by 4.4 points (1018.7 – 1014.3.) Butler's top five included Isaac Wisniewski 207.1, Luke Frazier 204.0, Brianna Bell 203.2, Alexander Cottington 200.0 (102.5 on target 2) and Hayleigh Gorog 200.0 (99.9).

Trinity placed fifth with 1013.6, Hempfield sixth with 1010.5 and Bethel Park seventh with 1003.8.



Jack Loomis Advanced to State Championships

USC Awarded Sportsmenship Award

The Upper St. Clare Rifle Team was one of 5 teams that were awarded the WPIAL Sportsmenship Award for the 2021-22 season. The five teams that won the award were Derry, Hampton, Laurel, Moon, and Upper St. Clair.

The selection process was based on the fall, winter, and spring seasons of the 2020-21 school year. Schools were eligible to be nominated through either a self-assessment, by another school, or by an officials' chapter. The WPIAL Sportsmanship Award Committee then met to discuss the nominees, with a maximum of five schools eligible to be honored for their good sportsmanship.

Winning schools are bestowed with a "SPORTSMANSHIP: The Only Missing Piece is You" 4×6 banner, a PIAA Board of Directors resolution acknowledging their selection, and a distinctive paperweight with the miniature banner embedded

All Ranges are Open and Operational

inside. The schools will be recognized during the WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit, which will be held at the Heinz History Center and Sports Museum in November.

Rifle League 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.

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

Officers and Directors - 2022

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