



Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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May - June 2022

May Meetings

Membership - May 3 - 8 p.m.

Directors - May 17 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - May 21 - 9 a.m.

June Meetings

Membership - June 7 - 8 p.m.

Directors - June 21 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - June 18 - 9 a.m.

July Meetings

Membership - July 5 - 8 p.m.

Directors - July 19 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - July 16 - 9 a.m.

Lottery Calendars

The new Lottery Calendars (for July - October) are available for pick up. They sell for \$10 each and are packaged in lots of 5 and 10. Because this is **THE Major Fundraiser** for the Club, members are urged to sell as many of these as they can. We sell these Lottery Calendars twice a year to help maintain the Club and keep our dues at a minimum level. The Directors ask that everyone help us help you by selling (or buying) as many of the Lottery calendars as you can.

Each lottery calendar has a 3-digit number which is good for the PA evening 3-digit number and is good for the months of July through October. You can pick them up at the Club at Membership meetings, Director's meetings, or when the Club is holding a scheduled activity like the Monday night pistol shoot or the trap shoots on Wednesdays evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Stubs MUST be turned in before July 1. Please note that winning calendar payments are not retroactive. Prize eligibility begins on the date the stubs are turned in. To be valid, tickets must be either turned in at the Club or the sale must be verified by e-mail (see below) or phone call (to the Club message line at 724-348-7941) by June 30. If you have sold tickets but can't return 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. (All of the Director's e-mails are listed at the end of this newsletter.) Either message will trigger eligibility on the sold tickets.

A big "Thank You" goes to EJ Revitsky for organizing and overseeing the break down and packaging of the July Calendar tickets and the Thursday Night Pistol Team for getting the packages prepared and organized. The work was performed on Thursday, March 24 with the following members participating: Jim Johnson, Bill Kramer, Denny Nill, Tom Plappert, EJ Revitsky, Amy Rusenko, Ray Schuerger, and Foster Walker. (If we missed anyone who was also there, we apologize for missing their name.)

The Directors thank everyone for helping get the calendars ready for pickup!

Thanks to everyone for selling these tickets !

Work Party Help Needed

The next work party will be held on Saturday, May 15. The Directors are asking everyone who can to come out and help. With the poor attendance of the last couple of work parties there are a lot of items that need attended to. So, if you can help at all for any amount of time, please come out and give us a hand. Lunch is provided and any time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated!

Boy Scouts Are Coming to the Club!



The Club is hosting a scout outing on the weekend of June 3-5: Troop 238 will be on the club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on June 3, 4, and 5. As always, for the safety of everyone involved, all ranges will be closed during this event.

All ranges will be closed from 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 3 to noon on Sunday, June 5.

Anyone that would like to come out and assist with this scout outing is asked to please contact Steve Boehm 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 only takes 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 and turn it in to the Club. 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 a box (50) or more of 22lr ammunition for the kids going for their rifle merit badge or a box (25) of 12ga or 20ga shotgun shells (sizes #7-1/2, 8, or 9) for those attempting to garner their shotgun merit badge. That would be a kind and generous thing to do; in the last six years or so, no scout has ever had to pay additional fees for the extra 22lr ammunition required to earn their badge and we would like to extend that courtesy to those now attempting to earn their shotgun merit badge as well, if we can.

As you are aware, ammunition is in short supply again. If you happen to stop in a store that has any 22lr or 20ga 7-1/2, 8, or 9 shot, please let Steve Boehm know with an e-mail to Carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com. We are fortunate enough to have an ample supply of 12ga but would like the kids to use 20ga if we can get enough. Using the 12ga is better than not being able to participate in the shotgun merit badge quest. Donations of ammunition for the scouts are ALWAYS welcome!

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

March Scout Summary

The Scouts of Troop 228 were on the Club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on March 11, 12, and 13. The outing was supposed to be a three-day weekend but turned into a day and a half event because of an unbelievable drop in temperature and last snowfall of the season. The hardy scouts camped out in their tents despite the inclement weather but had some tales to tell afterward. Snow was falling so fast and heavy that it caved in several of their tents. After surviving that ordeal, they had to cancel their attempts at earning their shotgun merit badge because of the blizzard conditions and wind velocity that could have given them frostbite on the face and hands. Despite that setback, 18 of the scouts managed to earn merit badges in Bow & Arrow and 22 Rifle. With the weather only getting worse they packed up and went home Saturday night. They will be back though, this troop has camped out and earned many merit badges over the last six or seven years. They all wanted to thank the club for allowing them this opportunity and to thank our membership for helping out with donations of ammunition to help keep their costs down and their merit badge count up.

2022 Membership Dues

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.

A New Eagle Scout Project at the Club

Zach O'Connor, of Troop 28, and as many scout volunteers as he can muster, will be at the club on Saturday, May 20 - Work Party Day. They will be working on his Eagle Scout project. His project involves extending a pathway from the existing fire pit circle to a new 6-foot diameter flag circle about 20 feet away, The walkway is planned to be about three feet wide but increase from three to four feet wide. When done the scout troops will be able to have a flag-raising ceremony when they come out to the Club. This new project involves adding two additional benches to the fire pit area. The Club is donating some of the material for the walk, flag pole base, and cover material. The scouts will cover all other costs with donations from businesses and individuals.

NRA Classes

The Club is working on a 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. We are trying to hold a few Basic Pistol courses and follow-up with a Personal Protection Inside the Home course and a Personal Protection Outside the Home course afterwards. It all depends on the availability of our instructors,

Information, costs, scheduling, and qualifications for the NRA Classes held at the Club will be disseminated once a schedule has been established.

Membership

As of the April Membership meeting, the Club had 321 senior members, 4 junior members, and 21 spousal members for a total of 346 members.

New Members

March - There were seven new members join the Club in March. They were **Defries Bradley, Kevin Faes, Theresa Findle, William Findle, Jimmy Kline, William Patterson, and Charles Winterhalter,**

April - There were four new members join the club in April. They were: **Thomas Hickman, Stephen Mancini, Joshua Vojtecky, and Seth Yockey.**

May - There were two new members join the club in May. They were: **George Culhane and Ryan Culhane.**

Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Pistol League has finished its season and is now shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range. The number of shooters has dwindled due to the cost of ammunition. The Monday Night Bowling Pin shoot is up in the air.

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, ground-hogs, 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 normally no need to sign up for this Monday Night Silhouette Shoot; just come to the Club about 7:15 p.m. and

club check in. Because of the cost and availability of ammunition, there have not been many shooters participating in this shoot.

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 www.facebook.com/CarrickSportsmensClub/.

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.

The next work party is scheduled for May 21 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; we have lots of grounds keeping work to be done - grass cutting, trimming, clean-up.

Please come out and help maintain the club. Lunch is provided.

March Work Party

There were 6 members who attended the March 19 Work Party. They were **Steve Boehm, Chuck Heisler, Scott Karmen, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Tom Plappert, and EJ Revitsky.** They ran wire down to the 25-yard range, grounds keeping, and general housekeeping.

April Work Party

There were 6 members who attended the April 16 work party. They were **Scott Karmen, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Tom Plappert, EJ Revitsky, and Ray Schuerger.** They did electrical work on 25-yard range, grounds keeping, took out a tree, and general housekeeping

Election Day

Tuesday, May 17 is Primary Election Day. We urge everyone to get out and vote. If you would like to see your candidate's rating as far as the 2nd amendment is concerned you can go to the FOAC web site at foac-pac.org/ and click on "Voters Guide" in the upper menu bar. They interview candidates to evaluate their stance on the 2nd amendment with a recommendation on who to vote for.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program has completed its season. All the rifles have been cleaned and are stored until October when they will start a new program.

If you are interested in joining this program in October, please contact Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

The Junior Rifle Program is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older). There are two parts to the Junior Rifle program - an introductory, one-day session which should be held in early October - where participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, aiming, and shooting. The cost for this portion of the program is tentatively \$50 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition. The cost may be adjusted if ammunition prices continue to escalate.

Following the introductory session is the practice portion of the program which runs to the end of March where the participants practice and develop the skills they acquired in the introductory session. They shoot every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The cost of the practice session is tentatively \$50 per shooter and, like the introductory session, includes use of the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition. The cost may be adjusted if ammunition prices continue to escalate.

Note - shooters have to complete the introductory session to participate in the practice session.

If you are interested in joining this program in October please contact Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Jr. Trap program will begin on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m.; they will shoot each Wednesday in June. This program is open to the public for anyone age 12 and up that would like to learn to shoot trap in a controlled, safe environment with experienced instructors. The cost is \$5 per line of 25 birds. The Club will provide use of a shotgun and the eye and ear protection, but the shooters will have to provide their own ammunition (shot no larger than 7-1/2). If you are interested in participating in this program, please check with Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The Club team placed last in the standings for their indoor season. There were times through the season when the team did not have enough shooters for a full team and suffered in the standings.

They shoot on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. to about

10:00 p.m. and have been practicing for their Summer competition which began the week of May 15.

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.

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.

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 minimal 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 in March and have been able to shoot each Sunday thanks to the reasonably good weather. The Wednesday shoots started on May 4. 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.

Trap House Refrigerator



The trap house now has a fully functional refrigerator thanks to the generous donation from Tony Mineo. Thanks to Don Wolff for coordinating the donation, Chuck Heisler for the use of his truck, and Thom Beck and Jeremy Carter for providing the much needed muscle.

The Club thanks everyone who worked to get this done.

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:30 p.m. t
- **Junior Rifle Program** - Indoor Range- Their season has been completed.
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Outdoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- **CSC Trap League** - Started May 4 - Trap range 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Background Checks Are Due Once Again

For instructors and members who are involved with the youth programs, we are required to have a state background check and clearance on file at the club. This can be done on line and as a volunteer, there is no charge to do this.

Click [here](#) to read the requirements for the clearances and click [here](#) for the forms to submit for your clearances; be sure to check the Volunteer box

Hunter Safety Course

The Club held our first Hunter Safety Class in several years because of COVID and the changes that the state made in the Hunter Safety program. Our class was held on March 26 and we had 23 attendees.

Thanks to everyone who helped out as instructors and assistants. Without you the Club would not be able to do these classes as efficiently as we do.

Hopefully we can begin our normal routine of sponsoring these classes two time a year! The pictures below are from the March class.



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 to 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

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