



Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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July - August 2022

July Meetings

Membership - July 5 - 8 p.m.

Directors - July 19 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - July 16 - 9 a.m.

August Meetings

Membership - Aug. 2 - 8 p.m.

Directors - Aug. 16 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - Aug. 20 - 9 a.m.

September Meetings

Membership - Sept. 6 - 8 p.m.

Directors - Sept. 20 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - Sept. 17 - 9 a.m.

EJ Revitsky Passed Away

Edward Joseph "EJ" Revitsky, Jr. treasurer of the Carrick Sportsmen's Club passed away suddenly on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at the age of 66; he was born on January 31, 1956. EJ had three children: Steven Revitsky, Alicia Revitsky Locker, and Katharine Revitsky Carlson and three grandchildren: Bruce, Felix, and Lillian with his fourth grandchild due in August, 2022.

EJ has been treasurer for the Club since September 19, 2017 when the Board of Directors appointed him as the new club treasurer. Gerry Kurzawski, the Club's previous treasurer was in rehab with a broken hip, and was resigning as treasurer. With his background in accounting, EJ had already volunteered to fill in for Gerry. Then, when Gerry resigned, the directors filled the vacant treasurer's position by appointing EJ. During his time as treasurer, EJ had improved the Club's processes with more formal procedures and accounting procedures. EJ was elected to the Board of Directors in January, 2019. He also attended most work parties in the last few years.

EJ was laid to rest on Friday, May 27, 2022. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

The Club's deepest sympathies go to EJ's family.

Directors to Appoint New Treasurer

With the loss of EJ Revitsky as the club's treasurer, the Board of Directors approached the audit committee for volunteers to step in to the treasurer's position. Fortunately, Mrs. Roni Plappert, a member of the audit committee which had reviewed the club's books for 2021, stepped up and volunteered to fill in. She has been gathering all the pertinent information required to assume the treasurer's position and will be officially appointed to that position at the July Board of Directors meeting.

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.**

Lottery Calendars

The club's current Lottery Calendars (for July - October) is underway. Because this is **THE Major Fundraiser** for the club, members have been urged to sell as many of these as they can. The Lottery Calendar are sold twice a year; proceeds from these fundraisers help maintain the Club and keep our dues at a minimum level. 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. (They are still available if you would like to pick up a few more. However, they will not be paid retroactively.) You can pick them up at the Club at the next Membership or Director's meeting, or when the Club is holding a scheduled activity like the Monday night pistol shoot or the Junior Shotgun shoot on Wednesday evening (through July).

Please note that winning calendar payments are not retroactive. Prize eligibility begins on the date the stubs are turned in. To be valid, ticket stubs 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).

If you have sold tickets but can't return them to the Club, 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 the Thursday Night Pistol Team for packaging of the Calendar tickets and for getting the packages prepared and organized.

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

Thanks to everyone for selling these tickets !

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. Scheduling these classes will depend on the availability of our instructors; in addition, the NRA has modified their courses and we are trying to analyze these changes and what they mean to our classes

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 July Membership meeting, the Club had 324 senior members, 5 junior members, and 21 associate members for a total of 350 members.

New Members

June - There were no new members join the Club in June

July - There were two new members join the club in July. They were: **Michael Sewchok** and **Joshua Nirella**.

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/.

Recreational Pistol League

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

The course of fire is 10 shots at each set of metal targets (chickens, groundhogs, and pigs - five metal silhouettes on each target) 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.

Hunter Safety Course

The Club is planning another Hunter Safety Class on Saturday, August 27, 2022. The date has been requested from the PA Game Commission. They will integrate our request into their overall fall schedule for hunter safety classes and will post the date on their web site. Registration will be done on their web site. Our first class after the Covid shutdowns was held in March and was well attended and well received. If you can help out at this event, please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

Board of Directors Resignations

At the beginning of July, several individuals resigned from the Board of Directors. Stew Beck, Ron Milanek, Chuck Heisler, and Joe Montuoro resigned their positions on the Board of Directors and from the programs they ran at the club.

The immediate impact of these resignations is that the trap league is on hiatus until the club can get a volunteer(s) to help run the trap league. If any member is proficient at shooting trap and would like to get involved and help operate the trap league, please contact

Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

The club apologizes for this inconvenience to our trap league shooters and will try to get everything back to normal as soon as we can.

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 July 16 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.

May Work Party

There were 10 members who attended the May 21 work party. They were **Steve Boehm, Joe DeFazio, Jim Johnson, Scott Karmen, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Ron Morris, Chris O'Kain, Tom Plappert, and Ray Schuerger**. They finished the wiring on the 25/50-yard outdoor range and installed cameras on the range, worked on the drainage at the 25/50-year outdoor range, repaired the driveway, worked on the backstop on the indoor range, cleared part of the fence line, and grounds keeping.

June Work Party

There were seven members who attended the June 18 work party. They were **Joe DeBranski, Joe DeFazio, Scott Karmen, Jim Lawrence, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, and Tom Plappert**. They worked on the 25/50-yard outdoor range gate, cleaned out the backstop and replaced the celotex on the indoor range, continued clearing the fence line, and grounds keeping.

Work Party Help Needed

The next work party will be held on Saturday, July 16. 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!

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program completed its season. All the rifles were cleaned and are stored until next October when the 2023 Junior Rifle Program will start again.

If you are interested in joining the Junior Rifle 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 introductory session of the program is \$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, the practice portion of the program will run to the end of March. In this portion of the program participants practice and develop the skills they acquired in the introductory session. They will shoot every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the indoor range.

The cost of the practice session is \$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.

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New Club Secretary

Wayne Perry has stepped down as Club Secretary and John Papinchek has assumed the duties of Club Secretary. Because of commitments to Steel Center Career and Technical Center in Jefferson, Wayne has not been able to attend most membership meetings for the past few years.

John Papinchek has graciously offered to take over as club secretary; this will ensure consistency in recording the minutes of our meetings.

Wayne will remain on the Board of Directors and will continue to do the club's bi-monthly newsletter.

Lead Available

As a result of cleaning the backstop area on the indoor range, there are several 5-gallon buckets of lead available. If you are interested in acquiring some lead, please contact Scott Karman at karmancontracting@yahoo.com.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Junior Trap Program began on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m.; they shot each Wednesday in June and have ended their season.

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 eye and ear protection, but the shooters have to provide their own ammunition (shot no larger than 7-1/2). If you are interested in participating in this program next year, please check with Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Trap Shooting

The trap league is temporarily on hiatus because of the recent resignations from the board. However, the trap ranges are open on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for general trap shooting. All members and the general public are welcome to come up and try trap shooting.

The club is looking for volunteers to help run the trap program. If any member is proficient at shooting trap and would like to help in this area, please contact Steve Boehm at Car-rickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The Club team is currently in their outdoor season; they are in week 8 of their 16-week season. As of match 4 they are 3rd out of 4 teams in .22 and 4th out of 4 teams in center fire. There are times through the season when the team does not have enough shooters for a full team submission and suffer in the standings. They are asking any member who would like to try this competition, to come out and give it a try. You will not hurt the team at all as only the four highest scores are submitted to the league.

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

The 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 four 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.

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:30 p.m.
- **Junior Shotgun Program** - Indoor Range- Their season has been completed.
- **CSC Trap League** - On Hiatus
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Outdoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 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 for the background check.

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.

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 Wayne Perry know at parknews@comcast.net. Thanks

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.*

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

Eagle Scout Project Completed

Zach O'Connor, of Troop 28, has been at the club working on his Eagle Scout Project; he has extended a pathway from the existing fire pit circle to a new 6-foot diameter flag circle about 20 feet away, The walkway is about three feet wide. This new arrangement will give the scout troops the ability to have a flag-raising ceremony when they come out to the Club. As part of the project Zach added two additional benches to the fire pit area. The Club donated some of the material for the walk, flag pole base, and cover material. The scouts covered all other costs as part of the Eagle Project. Members are urged to visit the fire pit and see the efforts of this Eagle Project next time you are at the club.

Pictures of the finished project and the progress are below.



Gravel delivered at the start of the project.



Zach O'Connor and friend locate the center of the flag circle.



The initial dig from the firepit to the flag circle.



The new fire pit area.



The new flag circle area.



The new walk from fire pit to flag circle.



Finished project.

Officers and Directors - 2022

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