



Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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September - October 2022

September Meetings

Membership - Sept. 6 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Sept. 20 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - Sept. 17 - 9 a.m.

October Meetings

Membership - Oct. 4 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Oct. 18 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - Oct. 15 - 9 a.m.

November Meetings

Membership - Nov. 1 - 8 p.m.
Directors - Nov. 15 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - Nov. 19 - 9 a.m.

Director Appointments

At their meeting on July 19, 2022, the Board of Directors made the following appointments:

- Roni Plappert was appointed to the position of Treasurer. She replaces EJ Revitsky who passed away.
- John Papinchak was appointed to the position of Secretary. He replaces Wayne Perry who stepped down from that position.
- John Papinchak was appointed to the position of Range Monitor. John replaces Chuck Heisler who resigned from the board.
- Joe DeFazio was appointed to the Board. He replaces Stew Beck who resigned from the Board. Joe will run the Trap Program.

Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

The summer Lottery Calendars are good through the end of October. They use the PA evening 3-digit number. These Lottery Calendars are sold twice a year to help maintain the Club and keep our dues at the current level. More of these calendars were sold than usual and the Directors would like to thank everyone for their efforts in selling them. The members put out a great effort in selling the Summer calendars.

The new Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April 2023, are ready for members to pick-up. The Board is again asking each member to purchase, or sell, at least 3 calendars; if every member would do that, this calendar would be a sell-out. They are 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 1, 2023 and are good through April, 2023. The calendars can be picked up on or after September 6 at the Club any-time there is an organized shoot, such as at our meetings, both membership, from 8 pm to 9:30 pm, and directors, from 7 pm to 9 pm; trap shooting events on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm and on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 9 pm (weather permitting); the Monday Night Recreational Pistol Shoot from 7 to 8:30 pm; the Junior Rifle program (beginning in November) on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm; and the Thursday MPRL tam shoots from 6 pm to about 9 pm.

These calendars make great stocking stuffers and are good for those last minute Christmas gifts. All tickets must be turned in to the Club or verification of sale must be made by e-mail by December 31. Members are urged to sell as many as they can because the Lottery Calendar is THE major fundraiser for the Club and has helped keep our dues at current levels. The calendar sale helps the club keep the yearly dues as low as possible and still manage to finance special projects, and do general maintenance.

Again the Board of Directors is asking EVERY Club member to buy/sell at least 3 calendars.

Thanks for helping the club with this fundraiser.

Boy Scouts Are Coming to the Club!

Troop 28 will be on the club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on September 9 - 11. 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, September 9 to noon on Sunday, September 11.



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!

Open Trap Shooting

The Club is continuing the regular open trap shoots on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

- **Sunday Afternoon Trap - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday Night Trap - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00**

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The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is usually \$4.00 but we are offering a special rate through the months of September and October - the fee will be \$3 for a 25-bird line of trap. And on the third Sunday of each month we are having a "Buy 1 Line get 1 Line FREE" special! This is the time to try trap shooting if you ever wanted to do it.

Shooters can bring their own shotgun shells (shot no larger than 7 1/2) or they can buy shotgun shells for \$8.00 a box at the range.

For questions on this open trap shooting, please contact Joe Defazio at truck189engine277@gmail.com.

If you are interested in trying trap shooting, but have never done it before, or need to improve your skills, Joe DeFazio, Trap Range Master, is willing to help you learn how to do it. Contact him at truck189engine277@gmail.com to make arrangements.

The trap ranges are operating well and offer the members and the shooting community very functional ranges to enjoy the sport of Trap Shooting.

.22 cal TAC Shoot

The Club was trying to organize and hold a .22 cal TAC shoot on the 50-yd outdoor range. It is on hold until next year; time ran out before we could get everything set up.

Thomas B. Huwalt Passed Away

Member Thomas B. Huwalt, age 75, of West Mifflin, passed away on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

Tom was born in Duquesne on March 18, 1947, he was the son of the late Thomas B. Huwalt Sr. and late Helen (Smocer) Huwalt. He is the beloved husband of 53 years to Georgean (Perhac) Huwalt; father of Scott (Erin) Huwalt of South Park and Amy (late Edward) Wilson of Port Vue; grandfather of Maura, Zachary, and Daniel Huwalt, Ayla, and Avery Wilson.

He was a former welder with U.S. Steel - Duquesne Works for 19 years, a retired Stationary Engineer for Allegheny County at the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. He was a master of tinkering, loved fishing, trap shooting, and camping in Erie.

He proudly served his country in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. There was no visitation; services were held on Friday, September 30, 2022, at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies followed by Military Honors.

Tom was a member of the Club for 4 years and will be missed by his friends at the Club.

Club Rifle Team

The club is looking for members to join the Club Rifle Team which is part of the Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League this fall. The league shoots 3-position small-bore rifle. All matches this season will be postal, i.e., each team shoots at their home range and the scores are tallied centrally). Adults and juniors shoot together on the team with the top 5 scores for the night counting as the team score. Currently, we will be shooting on Sunday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m.; but they may start earlier depending on participation. They use .22LR bolt-action rifles with non-enlarging scopes or open sights. If you don't have a bolt-action rifle you can use one of the club's. The course of fire consists of 30 shots, 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, and 10 shots kneeling, with no time limit. The top 5 scores count toward the match each week.

This year there are at least 8 teams participating from as far away as Akron and Erie (we think). Practices will begin in mid-September and matches will start in mid-October. The matches generally run through March with a couple of weeks break in December. The schedule has not been finalized yet. At the end of the year they will have a banquet with an awards presentation.

If you think you might be interested in being part of The team and participating in the league, or even if you'd just like to try it, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com or Tom Dietrich at fishfndr@hotmail.com.

Club Accepting Payments Via Venmo

The Club recently successfully tried using Venmo as an online method for paying dues, It worked as expected so we will be using it to accept payments as of now.

The Carrick Sportsmen's Club has a Venmo account. It is linked to the Club's checking account. Members with the Venmo app on their smartphone can pay their dues with Venmo. Members and non-members can pay for Trap Shooting with Venmo. The Club's username is @Carrick-Sportsmen.

Members can pay their dues online now and if the club can devise a system to do so, even buy lottery calendars on line.

The user has to download the Venmo app to their phone or device and create an account. If the user doesn't link it to a bank account, the money will stay in the Venmo account but there are fees associated with this.

Please be patient with us. We are new to the process and will be learning more the more we do. Things might, and probably will, change over time. Currently, the club has a personal account but may have to change over to a Business account.

If you have any questions, please contact Roni Pappert at 412-780-6066.



Like Us on Facebook

Thanks to the work of Director Jason Perry, the Club has a Facebook page. He posts current information on the page for those of you who like Facebook. The Directors ask everyone who is on Facebook to look up the page and "Like" it. It is at <https://www.facebook.com/carricksportsmensclub/>

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 ninth year we will be hosting them at the Club. There have been no significant 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 November 15; however, their coach Tom Dietrich usually likes 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. 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 would 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 bother anyone. All members should stop shooting when they know the range door leading to the meeting room is going to be opened.

When their actual season starts, 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. 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 mid-November through early February. Their schedule will be posted 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 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 support the shooting sports at the high school level.

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 or 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 men and ladies 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.

THE CLUB IS PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SPARE SOME RANGE TIME FOR OUR YOUTH.

Scheduled Events

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Monday - Indoor Range - 7:00 p.m. **Resumes on September 12**
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Thursday - Outdoor Range (Weather permitting) and then indoors - at 6:00 p.m.
- **Junior Rifle Program** - Wednesday - Indoor Range 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Resumes November 2
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to the public

Junior Rifle Program Starting in Late October

The Junior Rifle Program, which is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older), will be starting in late October. There are two parts to the program - an introductory session and a practice session. The introductory session is a one-day course and will meet on Sunday, October 30. Participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, target acquisition, and shooting.

The second part of the program is the practice session. After the introductory session, shooters will meet to shoot the rifles, and improve their shooting skills under the direction of experienced instructors. These practice sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., starting on November 2 and continue through the end of March. The shoot ends at 9:00 p.m. 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.

The total cost for the program is \$80 and includes the use of the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition. The fee can be paid in two separate installments.

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

Note - shooters must complete the introductory course to move into the practice session.

Range Rule Violations

It has come to the Board of Directors attention that members of the club have not been following the range rules. This includes use of the empty chamber indicators (ECI's) on the indoor and outdoor ranges. **This is a safety issue: ECI's are to be used by all members while using the club facilities** 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 Followed!**

If you need a copy of the Range Rules, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com

**All Ranges Are
Open and
Operational!**

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

Club Inventory

As a result of their 2022 audit, the Audit Committee recommended that the club conduct and document an inventory of club assets. This is a necessary and common practice for any organization possessing physical assets. In the event of a fire or other destructive event, an inventory is usually required by the insurance company.

The first phase of the inventory was conducted on Saturday, August 13. All items were tagged or serial numbers recorded as needed. Consumable items such as paint, lubricants, and cleaning solvents were not tagged but will be documented in a phase two review and, along with items in phase one (safes, tables, chairs etc.), will be photographed.

The participants in performing this tedious task were: • **Steve Boehm • Joe DeFazio • Rob Low • Denny Nill • Christine O’Kain • John Papinchak • Roni Plappert • Chris Warden • and Glen Woods.** The Club thanks everyone involved and appreciate your efforts on getting the Club on a sound accounting footing.

Recreational Pistol League Starting on September 12

The Recreational Pistol League will start their season on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. on the indoor range. This is a 20-week season. They shoot for 10 weeks and then take a break at the Christmas - New Year holiday period. They resume in early January for another 10 week period and enjoy a “banquet” at the end of the season. After their 20-week season ends (some time in March) the league shoots metal silhouettes on the indoor range. 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 on 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 is 5 shots, change magazine, 5 more shots, all in 45 seconds; and segment 5 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots all in 60 seconds - one-handed. 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 and the cost of ammunition, a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol is recommended. However, those with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the course of fire.

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 Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com or Steve Boehm at carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com.

Metropolitan Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team finished their outdoor season. There were 6 clubs competing this season. Currently our team is in 4th place in .22 and last place in center fire.

They shoot every Thursday night from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - either on the outdoor range (summer and early fall). They are currently shooting outdoors practicing for their indoor season and will move to the indoor range soon as the sun is setting earlier each day.

If you would like to try shooting with the team, you are always welcome to come out and give it a try. You can not hurt the team as only the top four scores are used.

For more information, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or denisrn@verizon.net

Hunter Safety Course

The Club had a successful Hunter Safety Course on Saturday, August 27. We had a good turn out for the course.

The Club is planning another hunter safety course in the Spring. This too will have to be scheduled through the PA Game Commission.

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Membership

As of mid-August, the Club had 336 senior members, 5 Junior Members, 24 associate members for a total of 364 members. Membership is open and applications are being accepted; but currently is limited to the class of Membership. Currently we have reached our limit on the number of Range Masters and are asking members who don't use the outdoor ranges to relinquish their Range Master rating for someone who wants to use the outdoor ranges.

New Members

There were no new members admitted into the Club in the month of July.

August

There were 13 new members join the Club at the August Membership Meeting. They were: • **Bernard Collins**, • **Lori Collins**, • **Christopher Curran**, • **Anthony George**, • **Jeffery Hindmarch**, • **John Hindmarch**, • **Lawrence Kemmet**, • **Natalie Miller**, • **Scott Miller**, • **Marilyn Moorhouse**, • **William Moorhouse**, • **Kevin Reffert**, and • **Scott Wertman**,

Work Parties

The next Work Party is September 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with lunch provided. Even if you can only devote a few hours to this effort, please come to the Club and help. No special skills are required, and tasks can be anywhere from general house keeping, to weed wacking, to painting, to construction. There are a lot of things that need to be done before the weather turns bad.

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 Club operation. Without proper 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 donate some time to these work parties. Lunch is provided. We always have house keeping and grounds keeping work to be done.

June Work Party

There were 7 members at the June 18 work party. They were: Joe Debranski, Joe DeFazio, Scott Karman, Jim Lawrence, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, and Tom Plappert. They worked on the 25/50-yard outdoor range gate, cleaned out the back stop on the indoor range, replaced the cel-o-tex in the indoor range, cleared part of the fence line, and grounds-keeping.

July Work Party

There were 10 members at the July 16 work party. They were: Reno Baum, Paul Daniels, Joe Debranski, Joe DeFazio, Scott Karman, Ken Lobaugh, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Ron Morris, and Ray Schuerger. They cleaned up all of the old equipment and scrap and hauled away, cleared part of the fence line, and grounds-keeping.

August Work Party

There were 6 members at the July 16 work party. They were: . Joe Debranski, Joe DeFazio, Scott Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, and Ray Schuerger. They cleaned out the storage trailer, repaired 4 target stands for the 25/50 yd outdoor range, grounds-keeping, and continued clearing the fence line.

Officers and Directors - 2022

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