

# Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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## November - December 2023

### November Meetings

Membership - Nov. 7 - 8 pm

Directors - Nov. 21 - 7 pm

Work Party - Nov. 18 - 9 am

### December Meetings

Membership - Dec. 5 - 8 pm

Directors - Dec. 19 - 7 pm

Work Party - No Work Party

### January Meetings

Membership - Jan. 2 - 8 pm

Directors - Jan. 16 - 7 pm

Work Party - Jan. 20 - 9 am

## Board of Directors Election in January

Per the revision to the By-laws in December 2022, the Board is made up of 12 directors who each serve a three-year term with one-third of the Board (four directors) being elected every January. Four seats on the Board of Directors are up for election in 2024. The election will be held at the January membership meeting on January 2, 2024. The current Directors who are up for election are: Steve Boehm, Steve Perry, Glenn Woods, and John Papinchak; they have all decided to run for election again.

If you would like to run for election to the Board and have your name placed on the ballot, please contact Scott Karman, Nominating Committee Chairman, at [karmancontracting@yahoo.com](mailto:karmancontracting@yahoo.com). Nominations for the position of Director will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting; however, the nominee must be present and must agree, if elected, to accept the position. The only criteria for holding office is that the individual must have been a member of the club for at least 1 year.

**To vote in the 2024 election, you must be a member of the club for at least 2 months and must have your current membership card with you when voting.**

## Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

**These make great stocking stuffers and are good for those last-minute Christmas gifts.**

The new Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April 2024, are ready for members to pick-up and sell. The Board is asking each member to purchase/sell 3 tickets. If all members would do that, this would be the best fundraiser we've ever had. They are packaged in envelopes of 5 and 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. The numbers are valid on January 1st and are good through April. The calendars can be picked up at the Club anytime there is an organized shoot or meeting, such as trap shooting on Sundays and Wednesdays (weather permitting); the Monday Night Recreational Pistol Shoot; the Junior Rifle program on Wednesday evenings; the MPRL shoot on Thursday; and at the membership and directors meetings.

All tickets and money must be turned in to the Club or verification of sale must be made by e-mail by December 31.

There is a slot in the door to the storage room for you to deposit the sold tickets and money. The Club sells these Lottery Calendars twice a year. Members are urged to sell as many as they can because this is THE major fundraiser for the Club and has helped keep our dues at minimal levels. These calendar sales help the club keep the yearly dues as low as possible and still manage to finance special projects and general upkeep.

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

***Thanks for helping the club with this fundraiser.***

# Club Offering Beginner Firearms Class for Women

The Club is offering a beginner firearms class for women only on Saturday, December 2 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm We know that firearms can be frightening and intimidating for some women, so we are inviting women to attend the class where they can learn safety awareness, proper handling techniques, how handguns work, and how to safely protect themselves. The course, which will be taught by Amy Hess, a certified woman instructor, will cover safe firearm handling, range etiquette, basic handgun fundamentals, and protection layering.



Amy is an NRA Certified Basic Pistol Instructor and Certified Range Safety Officer since 2017; she is an NRA “Refuse to be a Victim” Certified Instructor since 2021; a NSSF First Shots Facilitator/Instructor; a USCCA Certified Concealed Carry and Home Defense Instructor since 2021; and a 2022 graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy. This class is perfect for beginners or those who need a refresher of basic firearms skills. If you know a woman who has never shot before but is interested in the class, please have them contact

Amy at [ShamrockSafetyPGH@gmail.com](mailto:ShamrockSafetyPGH@gmail.com).

If they do not have a firearm, the club will have .22 pistols available to use along with eye and ear protection. Our goal is to introduce women to firearms and the concept of self-protection in a safe, controlled, non-intimidating environment.

The fee for the class is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members (The class fee can be mailed to the club or paid via Venmo @carrick-sportsmen).

**The Class is limited to 10 Participants, so register early.**



## USC Rifle Team Shooting Schedule

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team will once again be using our indoor ranges for practices and meets. As you may recall, they lost the use of their range at USC High School about 9 years ago and we have been hosting them at the Club since then. Through the last eight shooting seasons, there have been no major complaints from the membership on the team using the ranges which are closed to the membership while the team is on site. They will be using the range between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm this season. Their schedule is presented below and will be posted by the indoor range sign-in book. We ask you to adjust your range usage to the days and times they are not shooting. We trust those of you that have to adjust your shooting schedule will understand. We need to do everything we can to promote the shooting sports to the younger generation.

As a reminder to new members and those who may have forgotten, the Upper St. Clair School District does compensate us for the use of the range. The money that they provide has been used to update and maintain the new .22 indoor range.

### USC Shooting Schedule

**November 2023:** 17, 20, 27, 28, 29, and 30

**December 2023:** 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29

**January 2024:** 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, and 31

**February 2024:** 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 29

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

# 2024 Dues Are Due Now!

At their meeting in September, the Board of Directors voted to keep the dues the same as last year.

The dues are as follows:

**Senior Member (RaangeMaster Class) - \$110.00; Restricted Senior Member - \$82.50 (75% of the senior dues); Associate Member - \$22.00; Junior Member - \$5.00; Retired Seniors\* - \$55.00 (50% of the senior dues). Initiation fees and other fees remain unchanged.**

**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, on Social Security, retired, and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years.)*

Paying your 2024 dues by Sunday, January 14, 2024 will ensure your continued access to the Club for 2024. Any member not paying his 2024 dues by then will have their club access FOB deactivated. Payment may be made at the membership or Director's meetings or you can mail it directly to:

**Rob Low, 417 Pearce Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.**

*If you are sending you dues by mail, do NOT send cash. Make checks payable to Carrick Sportsmen's Club. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of your 2024 membership card."*

## Membership

As of November 7, the Club has 320 senior members, 8 junior members, and 26 associate members for a total of 354 members. Membership applications are currently being accepted; however, new members will have limited access to the club ranges. This is reflected in the dues structure as restricted senior members dues are at 75% or the regular senior members dues.

## New Members September

Only one new member joined the Club in September. He was : • **Mark Cooke.**

## October

There were three new members join the Club in October; they were: • **Paul Bronder, • Jackson Rusinko, and • Jeffery Rusinko,**

## November

There were five new members join the Club in November; they were: • **Joseph Champion, • Adam Robb, • Timothy Robb, • Gage Stalder, and • Steven Stalder.**

## Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League

The CSC team for the Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League shoots on Sunday evenings on the indoor range starting about 5:00 p.m. They are shooting from now through March 12. To learn more about the team please contact Steve Perry at [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com)

## Hunter Safety Course

The Club is planning to hold a hunter safety course in March, 2024 This will be scheduled through the PA Game Commission.

## Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) began on Sunday, October 29 with the introductory session. There are two parts to the program - an introductory session and a practice



session. The introductory session which met on Sunday, October 29 covered rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, target acquisition, and shooting. The cost of this session was \$30.

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 from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm., starting on November 1 and continuing through the end of March. Because this is a school night for the juniors, they are encouraged to bring their homework for times when they will be waiting to get into the range.

The cost for the practice session of the program is \$90 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection. This is a total of \$120 for the complete program.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Chris Warden at [warden7@me.com](mailto:warden7@me.com).

## Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun program will be offered again next year in June.

## Scheduled Events

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Monday - Indoor Range - 7:00 pm
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Thursday - Indoor Range at 6:00 pm
- **Junior Rifle Program** - Wednesday - Indoor Range 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Open to the public
- **Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League** - Sunday - Indoor Range 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League has been shooting on Monday evenings since September 11 with approximately 13 shooters. The League is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights.



Their season runs from September to late March. Shooting for 20 weeks at 7:30 pm, they take a break for the Christmas - New Year holiday season and enjoy a “banquet” at the end of the season. When their season ends, they switch over to shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range.

The course of fire includes 5 segments. The first segment is two lines of slow fire (each line is 5 shots in 2 minutes); the second segment is two lines of timed-fire (each line is 5 shots in 20 seconds); the next phase is two lines of rapid fire (each line is 5 shots in 10 seconds). Segment 4 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots in 45 seconds; and segment 5 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots - one-handed - in 60 seconds. All shooting is done on the old indoor range.

Because of the time constraints, a semi-automatic pistol is recommended. 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. Those with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the course of fire. 22 caliber pistols are recommended because of the current cost of ammunition.

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 - at \$3 per night for members and \$4 per night for non-members. If you sign up at the mid-season break, the cost for the second half would be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Perry - [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com).

### Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These all-volunteer work parties are a critical part of the Club's operation. Without constant maintenance and an 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. You don't have to be here all day, any time you can donate 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.

#### • September Work Party

The September work party was held on September 16. There were 10 members who attended the work party. They were: • Greg Allen • Joe DeBranski • Joe DeFazio • Scott Karman • Rob Low • Jeff Mihoces • Tom Plappert • Jerry Priano • Ray Schuerger and • Glen Woods. They worked on the roof overhang and general grounds-keeping.

#### • October Work Party

The October work party was held on October 21. There were seven members who attended the work party. They were: • Joe DeBranski • Joe DeFazio • Scott Karman • Rob Low • Ron Paul • Ray Schuerger and • Glenn Woods. They worked on the roof overhang, replaced the backstop fabric on the indoor range, and finished the clubhouse light replacement project.

### Open Trap Shooting

The Club holds open trap shoots on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. These shooting sessions are open to the public. The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$3.00. Shooters can bring their own shotgun shells (shot no larger than 7 1/2) or they can buy shotgun shells at \$8.00 a box at the range. For questions on the Club's open trap shooting, please contact Joe DeFazio at [truck189engine277@gmail.com](mailto:truck189engine277@gmail.com). The number of shooters has been increasing over the past month.

## Club Calendar on Our Website

Secretary Johny Papinchek has been maintaining Google Calendar on our website at <http://carricksportsmen.org/>. It can be found under the Events tab. The calendar is constantly updated to keep members aware of events as they come up. So check it frequently to be aware of events that might interest you.

### Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team recently completed their 14-week outdoor season and finished in 3rd place out of seven teams in .22 caliber and 4th out of 5 teams in center fire. They are currently practicing for their indoor season on the indoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Their indoor season will begin the 2nd or 3rd week of January and shoot for 14 weeks.

Jim Johnson won the HI Score award for .22 caliber and Amy Rusenko earned the Center Fire Hi Sharpshooter award.

The team competes against teams from other clubs in the area, with each team shooting at their home club; scores are submitted to, and tallied by, the league score-keeper.

The team invites anyone, who is interested, to come out and give it a try. You'll get a feel for the shooting regime and meet the members of the team. You can shoot with the team but your scores will not count until you actually join the team.

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

For more information, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or via e-mail at [denisrn@verizon.net](mailto:denisrn@verizon.net)

### 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](mailto:RMLow@verizon.net)*

## All Ranges Are Open and Operational!



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ISSUE!!!**

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Before December 20!



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## Officers and Directors - 2023

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**The Board of Directors Wish All Members and Your Families a Very Happy Holiday Season from Thanksgiving Through the New Year!**

