



# Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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## March - April 2023

### March Meetings

Membership - Mar. 7 - 8 p.m.  
Directors - Mar. 21 - 7 p.m.  
Work Party - Mar. 18 - 9 a.m.

### April Meetings\*

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

### May Meetings

Membership - May 2 - 8 p.m.  
Directors - May 16 - 7 p.m.  
Work Party - May 20 - 9 a.m.

*\* Our newly elected State Representative, Andrew Kuzma, will be at the April 4 membership meeting to introduce himself and discuss issues with our members. We are asking everyone to make an effort to attend this meeting and meet State Representative Kuzma and listen to his comments.*

## Election Results

The annual election of Directors took place at the January 3, 2023 Membership Meeting. There were three candidates on the ballot for the three open positions. The membership unanimously re-elected

**• Denny Nill • Jason Perry • Chris Warden •**

to the Board of Directors. The Director's subsequently elected the following officers of the club:

- **President - Steve Boehm** • **Vice President - Scott Karman**
- **Secretary - John Papenchak** • **Treasurer - Roni Plappert**
- **Membership Chairman - Rob Low**

## Boy Scouts Visited the Club!



The Boy Scouts were on the Club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on March 10 and 11. They arrived Friday evening about 6:30 p.m.; they left on Saturday evening after dinner. Sunday was not impacted. All ranges were closed from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 10 through Saturday, March 11.

There were 21 scouts attending and seven or eight scouts earned their shotgun merit badges, two scouts earned their rifle merit badges, and four or five scouts partial completed their merit badge requirements.

**ALL RANGES WERE CLOSED WHILE THE SCOUTS WERE ON THE PROPERTY!**

## New Eagle Scout Project at the Club

A new Eagle Scout project is being planned for the Club. Scout Dylan John will be working on the fire pit/flag area to finish landscaping the area. He plans on finishing the walkway from the fire pit to the flag pole and completing the landscaping with new shrubbery and mulching. Work will begin as soon as weather permits.

## *Volunteers Needed for the Audit Committee*

The Club is seeking volunteers for the Audit Committee to assist with our annual internal audit process.

If you have any experience in accounting, we are asking that you consider joining the Audit Committee. Once a year the committee preforms an audit on the club's finances and procedures, and then prepares a report for the Board of Directors. If you would be interested in serving and assisting the club in this endeavor, please contact

Deny Nill at [denisrn@verizon.net](mailto:denisrn@verizon.net) or Roni Plappert at [plappert18@verizon.net](mailto:plappert18@verizon.net)

## **Renew Your "License to Carry" Event in June at South Park**

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Department is holding several Firearms License to Carry satellite events this summer. You will be able to renew your carry permit locally in Jefferson Hills (in April), South Park (in June), or Glassport (in July).

The Jefferson Hills event will take place on Saturday, April 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 950 Old Clairton Road; the South Park event will take place on Saturday, June 3, at the South Park Community Center at 2575 Brownsville Road from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and the Glassport event will take place on Saturday, July 15 at 544 Monongahela Avenue in Glassport 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 away with your renewed carry permit. In addition to the three local locations, the County Sheriff's office will be doing these once a month, through the summer. For information on the remainder of the renewal afternoons, please see their web site at [https://www.sheriffalleghenycounty.com/firearms\\_satellite.html](https://www.sheriffalleghenycounty.com/firearms_satellite.html)

## **Hunter Safety Courses**

The Club has once again scheduled a Hunter Education Class; it is on Saturday, March 25. Gathering time is 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the class will start promptly at 9:00 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 [Today's Hunter & Trapper in PA.](#)

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 [here](#). If that doesn't work, go to <https://www.pgc.pa.gov/>. 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. Put in the zip code 15129 and it will take you directly to the event at 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.

## **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 in need of NRA instructors. We would like 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. However, we need NRA instructors to handle the classes. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Denny Nill at [denisrn@verizon.net](mailto:denisrn@verizon.net). As soon we can arrange for the classes, we will announce it in the Newsletter and/or via e-mail.

## **Trap Shooting Continues**

The trap range has been open for Sunday shooting all through the winter thanks to the mild winter we have been experiencing. Hours on Sunday are from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening shoots will begin April 5, 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 end of season party and prize money).

Anyone interested in learning to shoot trap, please contact Joe DeFazio via e-mail at [truck189engine277@gmail.com](mailto:truck189engine277@gmail.com).

The Club would like to start a Spring trap league. We have had a Spring and Fall league which would shoot for a period of 12 weeks. If you are interested in joining either of these leagues, please contact Joe DeFazio via e-mail at [truck189engine277@gmail.com](mailto:truck189engine277@gmail.com).

## **Junior Shotgun Program**

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

# *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](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com)

## *2023 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 2023 are:

**Senior Member (Rangemaster 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 Fee - \$50; Initiation Fee (Assoc.) - \$15;**

**Lost Access FOB - \$5.00; 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.) 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.)

## **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 15 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](mailto:warden7@me.com).

## **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 6, they are in 3rd place (out of 7) in .22 and 5th place (out of 6) 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.

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.

## Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol League will be finishing their season in early March. At that time they move to shooting steel silhouettes at 7:30 p.m. on the indoor range. The silhouette shoot will continue as long as shooters want to continue.

There is a \$2 per line fee to shoot the silhouettes with the winner of the line getting his \$2 returned.

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.

## Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League (PSRL)

The League's final shoot was Sunday, March 5

On February 26, Albion improved to .500 (7-7) just one match behind Akron (8-6) with a 1461-1284 win over Carrick (3-11).

Nate Pavolko led Albion with 296, Colby Pecorella 294, Larry Pavolko 293, Dan Campbell 291, and Darryl Guthrie was the anchorman with 287.

John Walsh was back for Carrick with 289, Erin Shehab 268, Ben Waldron fired his second highest score of the season with 256, Cole Super shot a new PSRL personal record of 242, and Caleb States had 229, just beating out coach Tom Dietrich.

## Membership

As of February 14, the February Directors meeting, the Club had 297 senior members, 8 junior members, and 24 spousal members for a total of 329 members.

## New Members

### • January

There were no new members join the Club in January.

### • February

There were 13 new members join the Club in February. They were: • **Harry Beatty • Deborah Bigenho • Gilbert Bigenho • Peter Gurske • David Lyle • John Lynn • George Matthews • Christina Medvan • Douglas Moore Jr. • Joshua Reichel • Gregory Spicer • Eric Ziolkowski and • Robert Ziolkowski.**

## Donations

We'd like to thank the following members for the additional donations they made during the membership drive:

- **Rodney Auria • Christopher Baux • Harry Beatty • Brian Buehl • Keith Cecotti • Dennis Costello**

- **Robert Dietz • Robert Duke • Aaron Evangelista • Alan Frisch • Jackie Hess • Thomas Hickman • Daniel Horosko • John Lynn • Scott Miller • William Moorhouse • John Morgan • Gary Pachel • John Pankowski • Wayne Perry • Aaron Pratt • Joseph Reichard • Raymond Schuerger • James Stein • Ryan Stewart • William Tomlinson • Robert Veith • Christopher Warden • Richard Weaver • Donald Weis Jr • Glenn Woods.**

## 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 eight members who attended the January 21st work party. They were • **Reno Baum • Steve Boehm • Joe DeFazio • Scott Karman • Jim Lawrence • Rob Low • Jeff Mihoces and • Ray Schuerger.** They worked on clearing the fence line, installed ballistic fabric on the indoor range backstop, snaked out a clogged sewer line, repaired a water heater gas leak, and installed new cameras around the grounds.

## February Work Party

There were eight members who attended the February 18th work party. They were: • **Joe DeFazio • Scott Karman • Rob Low • Jeff Mihoces • Chris O'Kain • Roni Plappert • Tom Plappert and • Ray Schuerger.** They Started painting the indoor range, patched the indoor range ceiling, installed the alarm on the AED box, and installed a "Stop the Bleed" kit. Chris and Roni worked on cleaning up and organizing the club's financial records.

## Work Party Reminder

**The ranges are closed during work parties. Please pay attention to the work party signs at the club; when the Work Party signs are up the ranges are closed!**

## Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:30 p.m. - They are currently shooting metal silhouettes.
- **Junior Rifle Program** - Indoor Range- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- **CMP Shoot** - Discontinued
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Indoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- **CSC Trap League** - Starts ??? Check with Joe DeFazio

## New Roof Project

We are requesting that members try to attend the work parties through the year. There are a lot of pending projects this year and more than the normal amount of help will be needed to accomplish all we plan to do.

One such project is a New roof on the clubhouse. The clubhouse roof has been evaluated and it needs to be replaced to prevent damage and extend the life of the clubhouse. We plan to contract with a roofing company to install the new roof, but to keep the cost down, we will be doing some of the prep work for the new roof. **We are asking anyone who has some remodeling/roofing experience to volunteer to help with this major project. If you can help out with this project, please contact Scott Karman at [karmancontracting@yahoo.com](mailto:karmancontracting@yahoo.com) and let him know when you might be available.** Doing some of the work ourselves, helps keep the overall cost down and lets us maintain the club facilities without sending us into a poor financial situation for necessary things like this new roof.

## ECI Reminder

Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI's) have been required on the indoor and outdoor ranges since March 1, 2022. 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.

## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/CarrickSportsmensClub/).

## Dunhams Discount Program

**for Club Members** Through the work of Director John Papinchak members of the Club can now get a 10% discount at Dunhams - please see the program flyer at the end of the newsletter. Please note that some exceptions apply.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Springfield 9mm Hellcat

Springfield Hellcat 9mm Black Micro Compact Pistol, 6" overall length, never fired. Includes holster - \$550 - negotiable. Contact Larry at [arrigotaxman@verizon.net](mailto:arrigotaxman@verizon.net) or 412-926-6181.



### 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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