

# Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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### September - October 2023

#### **September Meetings**

Membership - Sept. 5 - 8 p.m. Directors - Sept. 19 - 7 p.m. Work Party - Sept. 16 - 9 a.m.

#### **October Meetings**

Membership - Oct. 3 - 8 p.m. Directors - Oct. 17 - 7 p.m. Work Party - Oct. 21 - 9 a.m.

#### **November Meetings**

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

# Troop 28 Is Coming to the Club!

The Club is scheduled to host a scout outing on the weekend of September 15-17:

Troop 28 will be on the club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on
September 15, 16, and 17. 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 15 to noon on Sunday, September 17.

Anyone that would like to come out and assist with this scout outing is asked to please contact Steve Boehm at <a href="mailto:carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com">carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com</a> 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 and on file with the club. If you have not already done so and have your paperwork on file, 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 that 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 need to acquire your clearances.

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 (preferred) 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; for many years, 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.

We have an ample supply of 12ga but would like the kids to use 20ga if we can get enough ammunition. 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!

# New Lottery Calendars Are Ready for Pickup

The Club's Lottery Calendar is sold twice a year (Spring and Fall) to help maintain the Club and keep our dues at the current level. It uses the PA lottery evening 3-digit number to determine a daily winner. The current Summer Lottery Calendars are good through the end of October (they were for July - October and sold during the Spring). More of these calendars were sold than usual (we sold 799 of them) thanks to our members and the Directors would like to thank everyone for their efforts in selling them.

The members put a great effort in selling the Summer calendars.

The new Winter Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April 2024, are now 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 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. They start on January 1, 2024 and will be in play every day through April, 2024. The calendars can be picked up at the Club anytime there is a meeting or 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 team shoot 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, 2023. 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.

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The next work party will be held on Saturday, September 16. We are still working on the roofing soffit and fascia in preparation of having a new roof installed on the main club house. This work has to be done as soon as possible, if we are to get the new roof installed before winter. In addition, at this time of year, there is a lot of grounds-keeping and other maintenance that needs to be done. 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 would be greatly appreciated!

The Directors are asking everyone who can to come out and help.

# Recreational Pistol League Started on September 11

The Recreational Pistol League started their 20-week season on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. on the indoor range. They shoot for 10 weeks and then take a break at the Christmas - New Year holiday. 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 considerations 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 <a href="mail.com">sdperry48@hot-mail.com</a> or Steve Boehm at <a href="mail.com">CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CarrickSportsmensClub/">www.facebook.com/CarrickSportsmensClub/</a>.

#### **Open 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 all members and the general public.

The cost is \$ 3.00 per line and shotgun shells are \$10.00 per box (You can use your own shells, but the Shot Size can be no larger than 71/2. (A larger number denotes a smaller shot size.)

For questions on the Club's open trap shooting, please contact Joe DeFazio at <a href="mailto:truck189engine277@gmail.com">truck189engine277@gmail.com</a>

The Club is offering trap specials for September and October -

# September Special!

- On September Sundays, trap will be BOGO
- Buy 1 Line and Get 1 Line FREE
- September Wednesday shoots will feature the "Mystery Bird" - if you break the Mystery Bird, your line is free!

# October Special!

- October Sunday Trap shoots will feature the "Mystery Bird" - if you break the Mystery Bird, your line is free!
- October Wednesday Trap shoot will be our BOGO Special - Buy 1 Line and Get 1 Line Free

Individuals who would like to try the sport of Trap Shooting but do not have the necessary equipment, the Club will supply needed equipment at no addition charge (except for shotgun shells). Participants can bring their own shotgun shells (shot no larger than 71/2) or shells can be purchased at the Club at a cost of \$10.00 per box.

#### Calendar Prep Thank You

On Thursday, August 31, the Club's MPRL Pistol Team again assisted Club Treasurer Roni Plappert in preparing the January – April 2024 Calendar Ticket packets. Roni had the calendars prepared and ready for the team to start the breakdown and inserting the calendars into envelopes of 5 and 10 tickets. This is no small task considering there are 1000 calendars which must be randomly sorted, inserted into the envelopes (of 5 or 10) and recorded, along with preparing the payment envelopes (with the associated bookkeeping to ensure smooth tracking of the calendars). Team members who participated were Steve Boehm, Joe DeFazio, Jim Johnson, Bill Kramer, Denny Nill, Roni Plappert, Tom Plappert, Amy Rusencko, and Ray Schuerger.

The Directors offer a very appreciative THANK YOU to Roni and the Club's Pistol Team for working on this major fundraiser for the club.

# Outdoor Pistol Range Hours for Class A & B Members

The Club is having Outdoor Pistol Range Hours for Class A & B members on Wednesday, September 20 from 7:00 p.m. until dusk. There will also be Outdoor Rifle Range hours on Sundays, September 24 and October 8 from 12 noon - 4:00 pm.

This is an opportunity for Class A & B members to come out and shoot on the outdoor pistol and rifle ranges.

There will be a Rangemaster present on those designated days so that Class A & B members can sign in and shoot on the outdoor range. To shoot, each member will need to supply their own firearm, ammunition, targets, ECI's, and eye & ear protection. Also, please remember to have your Club membership card available and visible. These are open range hours and not an organized shoot.

Please Note - We are not extending this opportunity to guests, the range will be open to CSC members only. We hope to see some of you on these dates.

# **Junior Rifle Program Starting** in Late October

The Junior Rifle Program, which is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older), will be starting on Sunday, October 29. 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 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday, October 29. 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 1 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 <a href="warden7@me.com">warden7@me.com</a>.

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

#### **Hunter Safety Class**

The Club was trying to schedule a Hunter Safety Class for the Fall. However, because of a few communications problems with the Pa Game Commission, we were not able to schedule one for the Fall. We hope to be able to schedule on for the Spring, and when we have a firm date, we will notify everyone.

#### **NRA Classes**

Currently the Club NRA classes are on hold. The NRA has modified their courses and we are trying to incorporate these changes into our classes.

Our goal was to hold a few Basic Pistol courses and try to follow-up with a Personal Protection Inside the Home course and a Personal Protection Outside the Home course afterwards. The Club has been working on these classes but for various reasons, a schedule has not been set yet. Preparing and scheduling these classes depends on the availability of instructors and their competency in the new class information.

As soon as it is available, information, costs, scheduling, and qualifications for the NRA Classes at the Club will be disseminated to all members via the newsletter, e-mail, and/or the web site.

#### **Reminder on Guest Fees**

The directors have noticed that members have been bringing guests to shoot and not paying the guest fee. One reason members give for this is that the person resides in the same household (they are a family member) and the member thought they didn't need to pay the guest fee. The guest fee (\$5) applies to everyone who is not a member; it the person is not a member of the club (either a junior or associate member) then the member has to pay the guest fee for that person. Remember - - If they are not a member, you must pay the guest fee. That is one reason why the Club has the Associate and Junior membership classes. This eliminates the need to pay the guest fee for bringing your spouse, son, or daughter shooting with you.

#### Membership

As of the August Directors meeting, the Club had 320 senior members, 8 junior members, and 26 associate members for a total of 354 members.

#### **New Members**

**July** - There were 2 new members join the Club in July. They were: **Neil McElhone and Charles Rozzo.** 

**August** - There were no new members join the club in August.

**September** - There was one new members join the club in September. He was **Mark Cooke**.

# Upper St. Clair Rifle Team Using Indoor Range Again

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team will once again be using our indoor ranges for practice and matches. As you may recall they lost their range at USC High School several years ago; this will be the 10th year that they will be using the Club as their home range. Over time, there have been no problems with the team's use of the ranges.

Their season starts Friday, November 17; however, the team likes to get a jump start on the season, they will start their practices at the beginning of November. This, in no way, should curtail members from using the indoor range if they wish during the days the team will be there for this extra practice. For these extra practice days, 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 the kids come out of the new range. Tom, their coach, and possibly two team members, might have to pass through the old range 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, it would be the courteous thing to do if you stopped shooting till they passed through. Remember, all shooters should stop shooting when they know the range door leading to the meeting room is going to be opened. 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. We will notify everyone about their schedule before their season starts and their schedule will be posted near the indoor range sign-in book, in the newsletter, and on the web site. During their season, which usually runs from mid-November through early February, they typically use the range from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, three or four days a week. They are not to be harassed by any members! If any member has a problem with this arrangement, please can come to a membership meeting and express your concern. We trust that those of you who have to adjust your shooting schedule will understand and help us continue supporting the shooting sports at the high school level. Rifle competition teaches many things to those that are engaged 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 the news, movies, and video games. These high school students learn 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 deranged individuals that use it improperly. As a club, we need to introduce more young people to the shooting sports so that they can show non-shooters by example that shooting is a safe sport and that firearms in themselves pose no threat to anyone. Because of the nature of the sport, these young men and ladies are taught to focus on safety, to have respect for life, and listen to those in authority. Safety is paramount when dealing with firearms particularly when teaching the fundamentals of life, the moral code that life is precious, and can be taken all too easily. To help accomplish this, we need educate all that we can.

#### **Scheduled Shoots**

The Club is proud to be able to spare some range time for the youth of our communities.

- Monday Night Recreational Pistol League Monday Indoor Range - 7:00 p.m. Resumed on September 12
- Metropolitan Police Revolver League Thursday Indoor Range 6:00 p.m.
- Junior Rifle Program Wednesday indoor Range 7:00
- p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Resumes November 1
- 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!

#### **Rangemaster Waiting List**

The names of members who wish to become rangemasters are on a waiting list; new members who express such a desire are added to the bottom of the list and move up as new rangemasters are approved. As rangemaster openings become available and a Rangemaster Orientation Class is being offered, members on the waiting list are contacted via e-mail or phone in the order in which they appear on the list. Recently, attempts to contact members for the class have been going unacknowledged and there is no way to tell if the particular member is still interested in becoming a rangemaster. In the past, the names on the waiting list have maintained their relative position on the waiting list. However, contacted members who do not respond will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list. If there is some reason you can not make the class, and you let us know, your name will not be moved, otherwise you will be put at the bottom of the list. It is just not fair to hold a spot on the list if you are not courteous enough to let us know if you're still interested.

Please contact Steve Perry at 412-779-3409 or e-mail him at <u>sdperry48@hotmail.com</u> if you have been contacted for a class and have not responded.

#### 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 by a league score-keeper. Adults and juniors shoot together on the team with the top 5 scores for the night counting as the team score. Currently, they will be shooting on Sunday evenings starting at 5:00 p.m. They use .22LR bolt-action rifles with non-magnifying 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 will be at least 8 teams participating from as far away as Akron and Erie. Practices will begin in Sunday, September 24 and matches will start in mid-October. The matches generally run through March with a couple of weeks break in December. Their schedule is included on Page 7. 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 <a href="mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com">sdperry48@hotmail.com</a>.

com or Tom Dietrich at <a href="mailto:fishfndr@hotmail.com">fishfndr@hotmail.com</a>.

# **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 <a href="mailto:parknews@comcast.net">parknews@comcast.net</a>.

Thanks!

#### **Range Rule Violations**

In monitoring the range cameras, the Board of Directors have seen instances where the range rules are not being followed. 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 that all of the range rules are followed and that 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 following the rules 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.

Also, per the range rules, only paper targets may be used on ALL RANGES. Members can not use any sort of objects as targets - only paper targets may be used.

The Range Rules MUST be Followed!

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

# **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 <u>here</u> to <u>read the</u> requirements for the clearances and click <u>here</u> for the forms to submit for your clearances; be sure to check the "Volunteer" box.



# PITTSBURGH & SUBURBAN RIFLE LEAGUE



# 323 - 2024 SEASON SCHEDULE

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### Triennial Inspection Completed Successfully

The Club's triennial South Park Township inspection has been completed and a report should be forthcoming.

#### **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.

The next work party is scheduled for September 16 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; we will be working on the soffit and fascia in preparation for having a new roof put on the clubhouse. Please come out and help maintain the club. Lunch is provided.

#### **July Work Party**

There were eight members who volunteered for the July 15 work party. They were • Joe DeFazio, • Scott Karmen, • Rob Low, • Jeff Mihoces, • Chris O'Kain, • Tom Plappert, • Glenn Woods, and • Ray Schuerger. They continued work on the roof soffit and fascia, cleared the fence line, and general grounds keeping.

#### **August Work Party**

There were eight members who volunteered for the August 19 work party. They were • Joe DeBranski, • Joe DeFazio, • Scott Karmen, • Rob Low, • Jeff Mihoces, • Tom Plappert, • Glenn Woods, and • Ray Schuerger. They continued work on the roof overhang, did work on the fence line, and general grounds keeping.

## Buy CSC Branded Items The Club has established a web-

The Club has established a website where members can go to and buy various Carrick Sportsmen's Club ems from Sweatshirts to T-shirts and Cups and Banners. All you have to do is click on the link below and you will be taken to the order form. Details on the items, colors, costs, and shipping are explained on the site. Please check back frequently, as we will be adding items



periodically. The Club will get a percentage of each sale. Click the link to see the new items!

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# **Metro Police Revolver League** (MPRL)

The Club team has completed their 14-week outdoor season; as of match 10 they were 3rd out of 7 teams in .22 and 4th out of 5 teams in center fire. There were times through the season when the team did not have enough shooters for a full team submission and is suffering 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 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.

They are currently shooting 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. If you decide to join the league there is a minimal fee to join the league.

#### **CPR and AED Information**

We are sharing information that may help you to one day save a life. Please review these free resources on CPR and AED use, as well as Stop the Bleed.

https://www.aedcpr.com/cpr-aed-certification-training/ https://www.stopthebleed.org/

We hope that this will be informative to you, and that you never need to use this information. However, it is better to be informed, educated, and prepared than not.



#### Reminder

#### Club Calendar on the Website

The Club has a Google Calendar available on our website at <a href="http://carricksportsmen.org/">http://carricksportsmen.org/</a>, 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.

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