

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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March - April 2024

March Meetings

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

April Meetings

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

May Meetings

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

Election Results



The annual election of Directors took place at the January 2, 2024 Membership Meeting. There were four candidates on the ballot for the four open positions. The membership unanimously re-elected (from left):

• **Steve Boehm** • **Steve Perry** • **John Papinchak** • **Glenn Woods** •

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 Papinchak • **Treasurer** - Roni Plappert
- **Membership Chairman** - Rob Low

Lottery Calendar All Sold Out

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the members for their effort in selling ALL of the lottery calendars for the January-April Lottery Calendar sale. This is the first time in all the years we have been doing this fundraiser that we have sold ALL of the tickets! The members really stepped up for this project.

Thanks to everyone from the Directors!

NEW BRASS POLICY

A new brass policy has been implemented by the Board. At their meeting on February 20, the Board voted to adopt a new brass policy. It is as follows:

All brass, once fired, is considered "lost brass." You may collect your own brass that is on or behind the firing line only when firing has ceased, and all firearms have been made safe. Brass from other shooters and all brass that falls on in front of the firing line may be collected only when the range is all clear for shooters to proceed in front of the firing line.

Brass that is disposed into the CSC brass collection receptacles becomes the property of the club. The brass is sold for scrap. The proceeds from the sale of the brass will be applied to the Club's general fund.

Hunter Safety Course

The Club is trying to hold another hunter safety course soon. We are trying to schedule it with the PA Game Commission, but have been unable to do it so far. The Game Commission controls the registration for the class.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun program will be offered again in June, 2024. For more information and to become involved in this program, please contact Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program is ending on March 20 and the indoor range will be open on Wednesdays after that.

The Junior Rifle Program is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older). It is held in the fall and runs the winter. There are two parts to the program - the introductory session and a practice session. The introductory session usually meets on a Sunday and covers 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 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.

The cost for the program includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

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

Membership

As of February 14, the February Directors meeting, the Club had 280 senior members, 10 junior members, and 20 spousal members for a total of 310 members.

New Members

• January

There were no new members in January.

• February

There were nine new members join the Club in February. They were: • Mark Anderson • Paula Belejchak • Elizabeth Cummings • Harry Gaughan • Judith Gori • Robert Hughes • Jeffery Wagner • Pamela Wagner • and Richard Wolk.

• March

There were five new members join the Club in March. They were: • James Bassano • Michael Gajski • Zack Gajski • Melissa Papinchak • and Gary Schwartz.

Donations

The Club would like to thank the following members who have recently made donation along with the annual dues payment:

• Brian Buehl • Richard Chongaway • Phillip Dzubinski Jr. • Arthur Flickinger • William Findle • Alan Frisch • Daniel Horosko • Thomas Jones • Ronald Morris • Gary Pachel • John Pankowski • Wayne Perry • Roni Plappert • Aaron Pratt • Michael Strum • Robert Veith • Donald Weis Jr.

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:30 pm
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Indoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 pm

- **CSC Rifle Team** - Indoor Range - Sunday at 5:00 pm
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Trap Range - Sunday afternoon - Wednesday Evening - Resumes on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00 pm

2024 Dues Are Past Due!

If you have not submitted your 2024 dues by now you have been taken off of the membership rolls and you no longer have access to Club facilities. If you have any questions concerning your membership, please contact **Rob Low** at rmlow@verizon.net
His address is 417 Pearce Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

2024 Membership Dues

**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;
Damaged or Inoperative FOB - No Charge**

*(*Retired Seniors are members who are 65 years old and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years. This also includes members who are on disability from social security, or any other Federal Agency, and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years.)*

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team is currently in week 9 of their 14-week indoor season; they are shooting on the indoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Their indoor season began the week of January 14.

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 scorekeeper.

They are currently in 3rd place out of 7 teams in .22 and 4th out of 6 teams in center fire.

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 for the League, but 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.

Open Trap Shooting

Trap shooting is off through the winter, but will be resuming on April 3, weather permitting. The Club holds open trap shoots 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 trap sessions are open to the public. For more information on the trap shooting program, please contact Joe DeFazio at truck189engine277@gmail.com.

The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$4.00. 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.

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.

January Work Party

There were 5 members at the January 20 work party. They were Tom Plappert, Rob Low, Scott Karman, Ray Schuerger, Warren DelRas. They cleaned the indoor range backstop and ran conduit for a new indoor range panel.

A special work party was called on January 27 to work on getting the soffit and fascia on the roof prepared for the installation of the new roof. There were 5 members who responded to the short notice request. They were Tom Plappert, Rob Low, Scott Karman, Ray Schuerger, and Tim Thiry.

February Work Party

The February work party was canceled because of the weather.

The new Summer Lottery Calendars will be available for sale starting in April!

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League has been shooting on Monday evenings since September with approximately 20 shooters on average. The League is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights. They finished their season and are now shooting steel silhouettes on the indoor range at 7:00 pm.

The silhouettes are metal targets that resemble rabbits, groundhogs, and pigs. Each round is timed and consists of 10 shots at each target (2 lines of 5 rounds each). There are a total of 30 shots per round.

If you would like to try shooting these silhouettes, just come to the club no later than 6:45 pm and sign in. The cost is \$2.00 per round and the winner of the round gets his money back.

You will need your favorite firearm, 30 rounds of ammunition (remember on the indoor range ammunition must have a muzzle velocity not greater than 1200 feet per second), and eye and ear protection. For questions on the silhouette shoot, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com.

The Guest Fee is \$5.00.

**When you bring a guest to shoot,
please remember that the guest fee is now
\$5.00 per guest.**

Woman's Only Basic Pistol Class

The Club is holding another beginner firearms class for women only on Saturday, March 30 from 10:00 am till about 2:00 pm. The course will be taught by Amy Hess, a certified instructor and will cover safe firearm handling, range etiquette, basic handgun fundamentals, and protection layering. Amy is an NRA Certified Basic Pistol Instructor, a Certified Range Safety Officer, an NRA "Refuse to be a Victim" Certified Instructor, an NSSF First Shots Facilitator/Instructor, a USCCA Certified Concealed Carry and Home Defense Instructor, and a 2022 graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy.

This class is designed for beginners and those who need a refresher in basic firearms skills. At the moment the March 30 class is full; However, if you know a woman who might be interested in the class, please have her contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com. The class is limited to 10 to 12 participants, and has a waiting list for future classes.

The Club understands that firearms can be frightening and intimidating for some women, so we are inviting women to attend this class where they can learn safety awareness, proper handling techniques, how handguns work, and how to safely protect themselves. These classes are designed to introduce women to firearms and the concept of self-protection in a safe, controlled, non-intimidating environment.

If they do not have a firearm, the club will have .22 pistols available to use along with eye and ear protection.

The fee for the class is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members

Range Rules Reminder

With the coming of the new year, it is a good time to remind all club members that they **MUST** adhere to the range rules when shooting at the club facilities.

This includes using ECI's (empty chamber indicators), and loading no more than 5 rounds at a time on the indoor and outdoor ranges. This is a safety issue and is also part of the Club's federal consent agreement with South Park Township.

A few other rules that the club imposes are: firearms are to be pointed down range at all times and no handling of any firearm when someone is down range. Also, remember to turn off the lights and close the doors on the ranges when you 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 video tape. Everything you do on a range can be reviewed. If the Directors discover that you are not in compliance with the range rules, you will be notified of the violations once and, if the behavior continues, you risk losing your Rangemaster status and possible termination of your membership.

The Range Rules **MUST be Adhered To!**

If you need a copy of the Range Rules, please contact Steve Perry at

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USC Rifle Team



The 2023-24 Upper Saint Clair High School Rifle Team

Going into the 2023-24 season the team knew it was going to be a challenge. The team lost 6 seniors to graduation, all were mainstays in the varsity lineup the entire season. The majority of this year's team, although talented, had 2 years, or less, of experience coming into the season. The team struggled early on with producing top scores in matches and went several matches without recording a 100. Eventually the team started to gel and string together some good scores but fell short in many section matches by just a couple of points.

Seniors Sebastian Disipio, Larissa Hobba, and Brandon Hayes each finished the season strong; peaking in the last 2 weeks and contributing high 90's to the score sheet on multiple occasions. Larissa and Brandon both completed their 4th year on the team; Sebastian completed his 2nd year. They will all be missed for their leadership, commitment, and personalities along with their shooting abilities.

Next season looks bright as the team will have 9 juniors returning for their senior season. Four (4) of them have already been producing 100's for the team before the end of this season with Ari Madaras and Andrew Cianflone stepping up to add their names to the list this season. Add to that some talented freshmen and sophomores that stepped up this season and USC will be looking to make a run at a section title and beyond in the 2024-25 season.

Again, the team thanks the Club for the use of the range - they appreciate it very much and hope to bring home a trophy or two in the near future.

Club Calendar on Our Website

Secretary John Papinchak has been maintaining a 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. Check it frequently to be to stay up to date on events that might interest you.

Like Us on Facebook



Thanks to Director Jason Perry for his work on maintaining the Club's Facebook page. He posts current information on the page for those of you who use 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/>

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All Ranges Are Open and Operational

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