

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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May - June 2024

May Meetings

Membership - May 7 - 8 p.m.

Directors - May 21 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - May - Canceled.

June Meetings

Membership - June 4 - 8 p.m.

Directors - June 18 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - June 15 - 9 a.m.

July Meetings

Membership - July 2 - 8 p.m.

Directors - July 16 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - July 20 - 9 a.m.

FOAC Presentation on Concealed Carry

The Club is holding a FREE seminar (on Saturday, May 18 from 9 am to noon) to learn the facts and have your questions answered about Pennsylvania's concealed carry permit laws, and other valuable information regarding firearms safety and state gun laws. The event, which is open to members and nonmembers, will feature FOAC President Jim Stoker and our state representative, Andrew Kuzma. Article 1, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution clearly states that "the right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be questioned." This no-cost seminar offers the dual opportunity for firearm owners to expand their knowledge of existing gun laws and to get their questions answered about safety and responsibly exercising your God-given right to keep and bear arms.

Seating is limited so we ask that you RSVP to Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com.

Lottery Calendars

The Lottery Calendars for the July - October 2024 lottery fundraiser are available for pick-up. On March 28, Club Treasurer Roni Plappert and the Metro Pistol Revolver League Team assembled the lottery calendars into packets of 5 and 10. Roni had mixed up the calendars, regrouped them in random number order, and prepared them for assembling the packets. She placed each packet of tickets (5 or 10) with the envelopes (the large manila envelope and the white return envelope). By the time the members of the Pistol Team arrived at the range all they needed to do was record the ticket numbers on the envelopes, then record each envelope on the ticket log along with their respective calendar lottery numbers and insert the packets into the large envelope. Accurately recording all this information in 3 separate places while assembling the packets requires a great deal of time. The Pistol Team members who helped were Reno Baum, Joe Defazio, Jim Johnson, and Denny Nill. Thanks to everyone for helping get this important fund raiser prepared for the club members.

The directors again urge everyone to sell as many Lottery Calendars as you can because this is a major fundraiser for the club. We are striving to reach the point where we sell all of the tickets for each calendar lottery fundraiser.

Each lottery calendar has a 3-digit number which is good for the PA evening 3-digit number and is good for the months of July through October. You can pick them up at the Club at Membership meetings, Director's meetings, or when the Club is holding a scheduled activity like the Monday night pistol shoot or the trap shoots on Wednesdays evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Stubs MUST be returned before July 1. Please note that winning calendar payments are not retroactive. Prize eligibility begins on the date the stubs are turned in. To be valid for payment, tickets must be either turned in at the Club or the sale must be verified by e-mail (see below) or phone call (to the Club message line at 724-348-7941) by June 30. If you have sold tickets but can't return the stubs to the Club before the deadline, you can call and leave your name and a brief message that envelope number "X" was sold or that tickets "a, b, and c" were sold. You can also send an e-mail to any of the Club Directors stating the envelope number and which tickets were sold.

(All of the Director's e-mails are listed at the end of this newsletter.) Either message will trigger eligibility on the sold tickets.

Club Negotiating Payment for Mineral Rights

The Club was approached by EQT with an offer of a one-time payment for future royalties on the gas being taken from under the property. The offer would be a lump sum for all future extraction as opposed to the standing agreement with EQT for monthly royalties. The offer came with an document that was several pages long describing the agreement. The Directors thought it was in our best interest to have the agreement reviewed by a lawyer and we are currently exploring our options on this. Nothing has been settled as to the lump-sum payment from EQT.

Work Party Canceled

The work party scheduled for Saturday, May 18, has been canceled because the Club is hosting the FOAC and State Representative Andrew Kuzma for their 2nd Amendment Seminar (see Page 1).

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program has completed its season. All the rifles have been cleaned and are stored until October when they will start another junior program.

The Junior Rifle Program is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older). There are two parts to the Junior Rifle program - an introductory, one-day session which should be held in early October - where participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, aiming, and shooting. The cost for this portion of the program is tentatively \$50 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition. The cost may be adjusted if ammunition prices continue to escalate.

Following the introductory session is the practice portion of the program which runs to the end of March where the participants practice and develop the skills they acquired in the introductory session. They shoot every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The cost of the practice session is tentatively \$50 per shooter and, like the introductory session, includes use of the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition. The cost may be adjusted if ammunition prices continue to escalate.

Note - shooters have to complete the introductory session to participate in the practice session.

If you are interested in joining this program in October please contact Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Jr. Trap program will begin on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. They will shoot each Wednesday in June. This program is open to the public for anyone age 12 and up that would like to learn to shoot trap in a controlled, safe environment with experienced instructors. The cost is \$5 per line of 25 birds. The Club will provide the use of a shotgun and the necessary eye and ear protection, but the shooters will have to provide their own ammunition (shot no larger than 7-1/2). If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact either Chris Warden at warden7@me.com or Glenn Woods at gwoods1306@outlook.com

If there is enough interest, there are thoughts of starting a Junior shotgun league.

Basic Pistol Class

The Club is trying to schedule another beginner firearms class for women and men. The class will be designed for beginners and those who need a refresher in basic firearms skills. As soon as the class can be structured and properly staffed we will advertise it to the club members and the public.

The Club understands that firearms can be frightening and intimidating for some people, so the class will cover safety awareness, proper handling techniques, how handguns work, and self protection.

The fee for the class should be about \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members

Hunter Safety Course

The Club has not been able to communicate with the state Game Commission about holding a Hunter Safety Course. Therefore, we are passing on the Spring sessions and will try again to get on their list for the Fall classes.

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

2023 Memberships Have Expired!

*If you have not submitted your 2024 dues you have been taken off of the membership rolls and you no longer have access to Club facilities. You will have to go through the application process to regain your membership. 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.*

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 maintain clearances on file at the club. This can be done on line and as a volunteer, there is no charge to do this. Click [here](#) to read the requirements for the clearances and click [here](#) for the forms to submit for your clearances; be sure to check the Volunteer box



Carrick Sportsmen Club hosted our second “Beginner’s Introduction to Firearms” class for women on Saturday, March 30. It was a great day on the range as the ladies had the opportunity to apply the knowledge they learned in class and work on their pistol handling skills!

Membership

As of April 16, the April Director’s meeting, the Club had 292 senior members, 11 junior members, and 22 spousal members for a total of 325 members.

New Members

There were no new members inducted into the Club in April.

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 and you don’t have to be here all day, any time you can contribute 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.

March Work Party

There were 12 members at the March 16 work party. They were: Reno Baum, Joe DeBranski, Joe DeFazio, Mike Gajski, Zack Gajski, Linda Karman, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Rob Low, Ron Morris, Ray Schuerger, and Glenn Woods. They rebuilt the right side of the range roof overhang.

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.**

New Drone Policy

After a few months of research and discussion, the Board of Directors has voted to NOT allow the use of drones at the Club, unless that use is specifically approved by the Board and then the drone operator needs to have all the required licenses and insurance.

April Work Party

Three work parties were called in April to finish the work on the roof overhang in preparation for Prescott Roofing to come and re-roof the entire club house including the indoor ranges. **April 6**

There were two members who worked the April 6 work party. They were Scott Karman and Rob Low.

April 13

There were 4 members who worked the April 13 work party. They were Scott Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoes, and Glenn Woods. They worked on finishing the roof overhang.

April 20

There were five members who worked the April 20 work party. They were Joe DeBranski, Scott Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoes, and Ray Schuerger. They continued on the roof Overhang project and grounds keeping.

Thank You

The Club's Director of Building and Grounds, Scott Karman, and the all of members who came out and worked on the roof overhand starting at the end of January, did a yeoman's job and finished that project before the roofers got here. They are due a well-deserved "Thank You!"

Pictures of the work effort are included on Page 5.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team ended their 14-week indoor season and as of Week 11 they were 3rd out of 7 teams in .22 and 4th out of 6 teams in center fire. They are continuing to shoot on the indoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and will be moving to the outdoor range as soon as weather permits where they will be practicing for their outdoor competitive season, which starts the week of May 19.

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 in shooting with the team 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Boy Scouts Coming to the Club!

The Boy Scout Troop 238 will be on the Club grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on September 13- 15. The scouts should arrive about 7:00 pm on Friday, September 13 and leave about noon on Sunday, September 15.

They will be pursuing their Shotgun and Rifle merit badges.



**AS USUAL, ALL RANGES
WILL BE CLOSED**

WHILE THE SCOUTS ARE ON THE PROPERTY!

Last Work Party Working on the Roof Overhang



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 the public. The Sunday shoots started in March and have been able to shoot most Sundays thanks to the reasonably good weather. The Wednesday shoots started in April. Shooters may bring their own ammunition, but shot size may be no larger than 7-1/2. (A larger number denotes a smaller shot size.)

For questions on the Club's open trap shooting, or if you are interested in a joining a trap league for the summer, 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.

Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Pistol League has finished its season and is now shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range. The number of shooters has leveled off at about 8 - 10 each Monday.

The cost to shoot the silhouettes is \$2 per line with the winner of the line getting his money back. You will need your favorite .22 firearm, 30 rounds of ammunition per line (with a velocity no greater than 1200 fps), and eye and ear protection.

There is normally no need to sign up for this Monday Night Silhouette Shoot; just come to the Club about 7:15 p.m. and check in.

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

For questions on the silhouette shoot, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com.

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

Having 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

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

sdperry48@hotmail.com



**“A hero is someone who has given
his or her life to something
bigger than oneself.”**

- Joseph Campbell

Remembering Our Nation's Heroes on
Memorial Day

**Memorial Day is May 27 - Take time from your
holiday activities to reflect on the meaning
of the holiday!**

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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

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Before JUNE 26!

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.

In Memoriam

John “Jack” Reid

Jack Reid, age 64, of Baldwin, PA passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Jack was a long-time member of the Carrick sportsman;s Club.

As a young man, Jack became an Eagle Scout and went on to attend Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), where he earned a degree in Public Policy. Later he became a technical trainer with his own company. He adventured by taking sailing and flying lessons.

Jack believed in volunteering and did so at both Phipps Conservatory and his church. Throughout his life Jack was an enthusiastic member of various organizations, including his CMU fraternity, the Carnegie Chapter of Delta Upsilon, Toastmasters, the Allegheny HYP Club, and the Greater South Hills Lodge No. 684 Freemasons.

His friends and family will remember Jack as intelligent, wise, witty, and kind. A great reader and lover of music: Chopin, Queen, and the Beach Boys. A gentle man with refined tastes and a rock-n-roll soul.

He is survived by his partner Becky Carpenter.

Jack’s life was celebrated by his family and friends at a memorial service held at Hamilton Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 13.

William “Bill” Dimmock

William “Bill” Dimmock, age 96, of Bethel Park passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2024, after a brief illness in Clearwater, Florida. He was a member of the Club for many, many years.

Bill grew up during the great depression, attended Dormont High School, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force. After his time in the service he worked as a reposessor and became a founding partner of Adjustment Service, Inc. He also owned and maintained several investment properties. Bill was an avid gun collector and marksman, and a highly-skilled amateur machinist/gunsmith. He enjoyed international travel, and also relished simple pleasures like a good book, a nice meal, and time with family and friends. His favorite place was his winter home in Clearwater, where he enjoyed the nice weather and community for the last 22 years.

He is survived by his beloved wife Patricia , two sons Daniel (wife Lorraine Gallick) and William (wife Pauline), three grandchildren Jarred, Emily, and Hannah.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 18, at Paul Henney in Bethel Park.

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