

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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July - August 2024

July Meetings

Membership - July 2 - 8 p.m.

Directors - July 16 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - July 20 - 9 a.m.

August Meetings

Membership - Aug. 6 - 8 p.m.

Directors - Aug. 20 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - Aug. 17 - 9 a.m.

September Meetings

Membership - Sept. 3 - 8 p.m.

Directors - Sept. 17 - 7 p.m.

Work Party - Sept. 21 - 9 a.m.

FOAC Seminar on Firearms Laws

In conjunction with the FOAC (Firearms Owners Against Crime) and State Representative Andrew Kuzma, the Club will be holding a FREE seminar on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon) on firearms safety and state gun laws. 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 is an opportunity to learn the facts about the State firearms laws and have your questions answered about Pennsylvania's concealed carry permit laws. The event, which is open to members and nonmembers as well, will feature FOAC President, Jim Stoker, and our state representative, Andrew Kuzma. They will help you expand your knowledge of existing gun laws and answer your questions about safety and responsibly exercising your God-given right to keep and bear arms. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com ASAP.

Lottery Calendars

The Club's current Lottery Calendars (for July - October) is currently underway. Because this is **THE Major Fundraiser** for the club, members were urged to sell as many of these calendars as they could. The Lottery Calendars are sold twice a year; proceeds from these fundraisers help maintain the Club and keep our dues at a minimum level.

A big "Thank You" goes to the Thursday Night Pistol Team for packaging the Calendars and for getting the packages prepared and organized.

The Directors thank everyone for selling these tickets!---

Volunteers Needed for the Audit Committee

The club's annual internal audit will begin in October, 2024 and assistance is needed. The effort is expected to involve a couple hours on a few Saturdays. The goal is to issue a final report to the Board of Directors by their November meeting. Anyone interested to participating would be welcome. There are no absolute qualifications, but financial or audit experience would be helpful. If you are interested, please contact the Audit Team Lead - Christine O'Kain at 412-980-0351 or via e-mail at okain1@verizon.net.

Carry Permit Event

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is holding a License to Carry Event at the South Park Township Community Center on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event is for new and renewal applicants with Allegheny County residency. The Community Center is located at 3675 Brownsville Road (just minutes from the Club). The event will be on a first-come, first-served basis as appointments are not available.

In addition, Project D.U.M.P. will be on-site to accept unused and expired medications.

Applicants need to bring with them their completed application, a valid PA ID or driver's license, and \$20 cash.

The application can be downloaded at <https://sheriffalleghenycounty.com/firearms>.

A person must be 21 years of age or older to apply for a License to Carry Firearms. The license allows individuals to carry a loaded firearm concealed on their body or in a vehicle and is valid for five years unless revoked.

The process includes a criminal background check through the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS).

(Under 18 Pa. C.S. §6109, a sheriff may deny a License to Carry Firearms if they believe a person's character and reputation is such that they would likely act in a manner dangerous to public safety.)

Some reasons to get a concealed carry permit include:

- **Protection:** Having a permit allows you to carry a firearm enabling you to respond quickly to a situation wherever you are.
- **Right:** The Second Amendment of the Constitution gives citizens the right to defend themselves and their property.
- **Crime:** Firearm owners can use their guns to deter crime.
- **Avoiding potential violations:** A permit allows you to carry a loaded firearm. If you are stopped for any reason in going from the club to your home, and the police determine you have a firearm in the same case as your ammunition, you would be in violation of the law which requires that the firearm and ammunition cannot be in the same section of the car. A permit allows you to have the firearm, loaded or not, in the vehicle.

In Pennsylvania, you must be at least 21 years old and have a valid LCF to carry a concealed weapon. Carrying a firearm without a license is a felony if it's concealed on your body or in a vehicle, except in your home or business.

If you're eligible to possess a license but commit no other criminal violation, it's a first-degree misdemeanor. If you're ineligible for a license, the charges are even higher.

Mentored Hunting Program Changed

Continuing its efforts to get more people involved in hunting in the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners recently approved a plan to allow mentors hunting with a mentored youth to accompany up to two additional hunters, be they mentored youth, junior hunters, or mentored adults.

Previously, no additional junior or mentored hunters could accompany a mentor hunting with a mentored youth.

There was a required one-to-one mentor/mentee ratio. That limit has now changed to three.

The requirement that limits mentors and mentored youth to possessing only one sporting arm between them remains. The mentor must carry the sporting arm at all times while moving. Junior hunters and mentored adults may possess their own sporting arms while accompanied by a common mentor. This change will be in place in time for the fall hunting seasons.

Learn more about mentored hunting at www.pgc.pa.gov.

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

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

Monday Night Recreational Pistol League

• Bowling Pin Shoot

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol League is shooting bowling pins on the first Monday of the month on the 25-yard outdoor range.

The course of fire is 5 relays per line with 5 shots per relay for a total of 25 rounds per line. There are two shooters on the line at a time, The goal is to shoot the suspended bowling pins and make them swing on the target holder. This is a shoot for center fire pistols.

To participate in the shoot, just show up at 6:00 pm; the shoot will start no later than 6:30 pm. The cost is \$2 per line; half of the fee goes to the club and half goes to the top shooter for that line.

In the event of rain the group will move to the indoor range and shoot metal silhouettes,

For more information, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com.

• Recreational Pistol League Started on September 9

The Recreational Pistol League will be starting their regular 20-week season on Monday, September 9 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 will swing over to shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range, and perhaps a few nights of shooting bowling pins on the outdoor 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, ammu-

munition 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 sdperry48@hotmail.com.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program will begin in October.

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 shot trap on Wednesdays through the month of June. The program was 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 was \$5 per line of 25 birds. The

Club provided the use of a shotgun and the necessary eye and ear protection, but the shooters provided their own ammunition (shot no larger than 7-1/2).

The Club will be doing the program again next summer, so if you would be 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 trying to start a Junior shotgun league.

Basic Pistol Class

The Club is trying to schedule another beginner firearms class but has a lot of preliminary work yet to accomplish. When we are ready to resume our training classes we will let you know.

Hunter Safety Course

The Club was able to coordinate with the state Game Commission about holding a Hunter Safety Course for the Spring. We are trying again to get on their list for a Fall class.

Membership

As of July 16, the July Director's meeting, the Club had 302 senior members, 11 junior members, and 23 spousal members for a total of 336 members.

New Members

- **May** - There were two new members join the club in May. They were Alan Leek and Jelani Williams.
- **June** - There were five new members join the club in June. They were Philip Cook, Samantha Misurda, Scott Shehab, Renee Skoff, and Thomas Skoff.
- **July** - There were two new members join the club in July. They were Gary Brenner and Matthew Madaras

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.

• June Work Party

There were 5 members at the June 15 work party. They were: Jeff DeBranski, Scott Karman, Nick Lamago, Rob Low, and Jeff Mihoces.

They put a second coat of paint on the overhang and did general groundskeeping.

• July Work Party

There were 7 members at the July 20 work party. They were: Joe DeBranski, Joe DeFazio, Scott Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Chris O'Kain, Ray Schuerger.

They built 5 new target butts for the 25yd range, repaired the indoor range backstop and general housekeeping and groundskeeping.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Boy Scouts Coming to the Club!**



The Boy Scouts 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!

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team is currently shooting their 14-week outdoor season. They shoot on the outdoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. 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.

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.

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. 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 fall, 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.

First Aid References for the Club

As you are aware there is an AED installed at the Club and want to share 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 you read this information and that it will help you if you ever need to use it which we hope never happens. However, it is better to be informed, educated, and prepared than not.

Club Planning to Sell Hoagies

The Club is planning to sell hoagies as a fundraiser! We are working with Glad's Deli "Home of the 6-Meat Hoagie" in Glassport (<https://gladsdelipgh.com>).

The hoagies are about a foot long and there are several options and prices.

- 3-meat Italian \$12 (Ham, Capicola, Salami)
- Turkey and cheese \$12
- Ham and cheese \$12
- 6-meat Italian \$16 (ham, capicola, salami, sandwich pepperoni, mortadella, prosciutto, and choice of cheese, provolone, or American cheese)

All hoagies include choice of cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion.

When the details are worked out and the sale begins, we will send out a blanket e-mails and post it on our Facebook page and post it on the Calendar.

The Directors thank you in advance for your support of the Club. When they are available we ask that you order a few hoagies to help support the club's programs.

Club Rifle Team

The Club's Rifle Team which is part of the Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League will be starting their practice sessions soon. 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 scorekeeper. 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 September and matches will start on October 9 and run through April. Their schedule is included on Page 7. At the end of the year they will have a banquet with an awards presentation.

If you have any questions about the program, or 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 sdperry48@hotmail.com or Tom Dietrich at fishfndr@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
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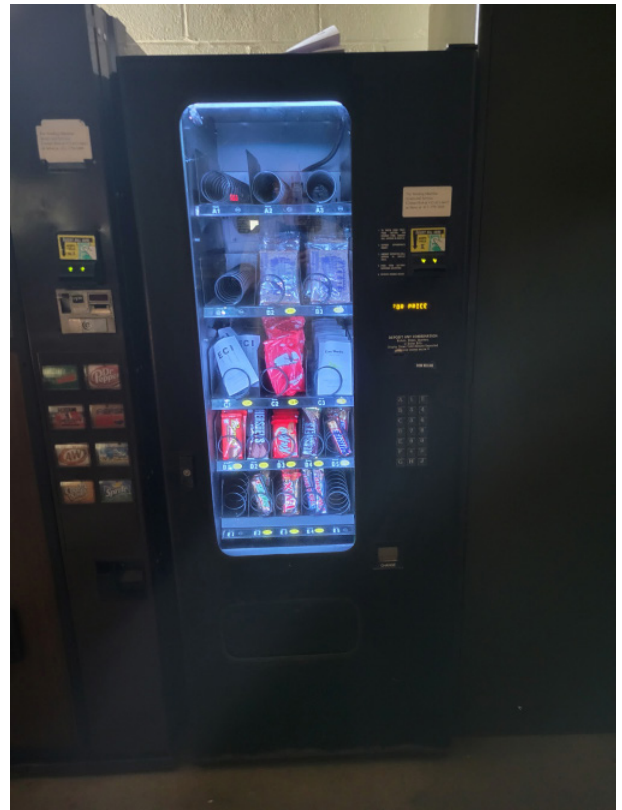
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New Vending Machines in the Meeting Room

The Club has acquired two new vending machines. We had to replace the old beverage vending machine because the coin mechanism was beyond repair. The new beverage machine should be working fine now and there is a wide selection of soft drinks for your drinking pleasure.

We have also installed a second vending machine to dispense (sell) things that you might find handy at the range, including a selection of candy, microwave popcorn, ECI's, eye and ear protection.



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/carricksports-mensclub>.



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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.



PITTSBURGH & SUBURBAN RIFLE LEAGUE

2024 - 2025 SEASON SCHEDULE



<p>Round 1 - 10/9/24</p> <p>Irwin Clairton Akron Zips Allegheny Clymer</p>	<p>Round 7 - 11/20/24</p> <p>Murrysville Frazier-Simplex Allegheny Clymer Dormont-Mt. Leb</p>	<p>Round 13 - 1/29/25</p> <p>Clairton Irwin Dormont-Mt. Leb Clymer Murrysville</p>	<p>Round 19 - 3/12/25</p> <p>Clymer Clairton Green Valley 2 Allegheny Murrysville</p>
<p>Round 2 - 10/16/24</p> <p>Green Valley 2 Akron Zips Oil City Allegheny Frazier-Simplex</p>	<p>Round 8 - 12/11/24</p> <p>Akron Zips Carrick Oil City Dormont-Mt. Leb Irwin</p>	<p>Round 14 - 2/5/25</p> <p>Allegheny Murrysville Akron Zips Oil City Carrick</p>	<p>Round 20 - 3/19/25</p> <p>Akron Zips Irwin Clairton Dormont-Mt. Leb Allegheny</p>
<p>Round 3 - 10/23/24</p> <p>Green Valley 2 Clymer Dormont-Mt. Leb Clairton Frazier-Simplex</p>	<p>Round 9 - 12/18/24</p> <p>Green Valley 2 Carrick Frazier-Simplex Murrysville Oil City</p>	<p>Round 15 - 2/12/25</p> <p>Frazier-Simplex Oil City Clymer Clairton Green Valley 2</p>	<p>Round 21 - 3/26/25</p> <p>Murrysville Carrick Frazier-Simplex Irwin Allegheny</p>
<p>Round 4 - 10/30/24</p> <p>Irwin Akron Zips Carrick Allegheny Murrysville</p>	<p>Round 10 - 1/8/25</p> <p>Oil City Dormont-Mt. Leb Clymer Clairton Akron Zips</p>	<p>Round 16 - 2/19/25</p> <p>Akron Zips Murrysville Dormont-Mt. Leb Carrick Irwin</p>	<p>Round 22 - 4/2/25</p> <p>Oil City Frazier-Simplex Clymer Dormont-Mt. Leb Akron Zips</p>
<p>Round 5 - 11/6/24</p> <p>Clairton Allegheny Frazier-Simplex Green Valley 2 Clymer</p>	<p>Round 11 - 1/15/25</p> <p>Carrick Green Valley 2 Clairton Irwin Murrysville</p>	<p>Round 17 - 2/26/25</p> <p>Allegheny Frazier-Simplex Clymer Clairton Green Valley 2</p>	<p>Playoffs - Semi Finals - 4/9/25</p> <p>Fourth Seed Third Seed</p>
<p>Round 6 - 11/13/24</p> <p>Carrick Oil City Dormont-Mt. Leb Murrysville Irwin</p>	<p>Round 12 - 1/22/25</p> <p>Oil City Dormont-Mt. Leb Carrick Frazier-Simplex Green Valley 2</p>	<p>Round 18 - 3/5/25</p> <p>Carrick Akron Zips Irwin Oil City Green Valley 2</p>	<p>League Championship - 4/16/25</p>

Meetings

Fall 9/4/2024
Spring 4/23/2024

Open Dates

Thanksgiving 11/27/2024
Deer Season 12/4/2024

Open Dates

Christmas 12/25/2024
New Years 1/1/2025

Banquet