

# Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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## January - February 2025

### January Meetings

Membership - Jan. 7 - 8 pm  
Directors - Jan. 21 - 7 pm  
Work Party - Jan. 18 - 9 am

### February Meetings

Membership - Feb. 4 - 8 pm  
Directors - Feb. 18 - 7 pm  
Work Party - Feb. 15 - 9 am

### March Meetings

Membership - Mar. 4 - 8 pm  
Directors - Mar. 18 - 7 pm  
Work Party - Mar. 15 - 9 am

## Board of Directors Election on January 7

Four seats on the Board of Directors are up for election at the Membership meeting on January 7. The Board is made up of 12 Directors who each serve a three-year term with one-third of the Board (four Directors) being elected every January. The Directors who are up for election in January have agreed to run for another 3-year term and will be on the ballot. In addition two members have been nominated for the Board - they are Mike Fiorto and Mike Gajski. If you would like to run for election to the Board and have your name placed on the ballot, please contact Scott Karman, Nominating Committee Chairman, at [karmancontracting@yahoo.com](mailto:karmancontracting@yahoo.com). Nominations for the position of Director will also be taken from the floor on the night of the election; however, the nominee must be present and must agree, if elected, to accept the position. The only criteria for holding office is that the individual must have been a member of the club for at least 1 year. The candidates for Director this year are:

- Mike Fiorto • Mike Gajski • Scott Karmen •
- Wayne Perry • Roni Plappert •



**ELECTION DAY**

## 2025 Dues Are Due Now!

**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.)*

Paying your 2025 dues by Wednesday, January 15, 2025 will ensure your continued access to the Club for 2025. Any member not paying his 2025 dues by then will have their club access FOB deactivated.

Payment may be made at the membership meeting or you can mail it directly to:

**Rob Low, 417 Pearce Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.**

***If you are sending you dues by mail, do NOT send cash.***

***Make checks payable to Carrick Sportsmen's Club.***

***You must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your 2025 membership card.***

# Range Rules Reminder

The beginning of a new year 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 any 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 there is to be **no handling of any firearm** when someone is down range. Also, remember to turn off the lights and close the doors/gates 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 is on tape.** 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 possibly your club 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)

## Venmo Interruption

Venmo recently changed the way they identify accounts which created an issue with the Club accepting payments. We had to adjust our account. If any of you had trouble making payments for your dues, we apologize, but we tried to correct the problem as quickly as we could. If you have used Venmo to pay your dues previously, do not use the address you used before.

Our new Venmo address is **@CarrickSportsmen**. If you start typing Carrick Sportsmen, it should automatically populate the name.

Sometimes Venmo asks for the last 4 digits of the phone number associated with the account - They are **6066**.

For the explanation of the payment, please include only your membership number. If you add additional information, Venmo thinks the club is selling you something and will sometimes charge a service fee.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Roni Plappert at [plappert18@verizon.net](mailto:plappert18@verizon.net).

## Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League (PSRL)

The CSC PSRL team shoots on Sunday evenings on the indoor range starting about 5:00 p.m. They are cur-



rently off for the holidays and will resume shooting on January 5 and continue through early March. They are looking for new members to shoot on the team.

The league shoots 3-position small-bore rifle. All matches are 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 same team with the top 5 scores for the night counting as the team score. Currently, they are shooting on Sunday evenings starting at 5:00 pm They use .22LR bolt-action rifles with non-magnifying scopes (red-dots) 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 are used as the team's score for the match each week.

There are 7 teams participating from as far away as Akron and Erie. The matches generally run through March with a couple of weeks break in December. At the end of the year they have a banquet with an awards presentation. If you think you might be interested in shooting with 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](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com) or Tom Dietrich at [fishfndr@hotmail.com](mailto:fishfndr@hotmail.com). Give it a try, your score will not hurt the team as only the top 5 scores are submitted.

# Lottery Calendar

Most of the new Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April 2025, were sold.

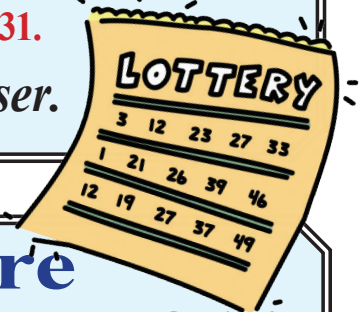
This was not quite as good as last year when all of the calendars were sold.

The Board had asked each member to purchase (and/or sell) 3 tickets and it appears not everyone did that.

Each calendar contains one 3-digit number and costs \$10. The winning number is determined by the 3-digit evening PA Lottery number. They are valid on January 1st and are good through April.

**All tickets had to be returned to the Club by December 31.**

*Thanks for helping the club with this fundraiser.*



## Lottery Calendars Were to be Turned In By December 31

Outstanding Lottery Calendars should have been turned in by December 31. If you still have any in your possession, please turn them in at the January membership meeting. **Please note that the Lottery Calendar started on January 1. If a ticket was not identified to the Club as being “Sold” by December 31 and the number hits, there will be no payout! Tickets will be “in play” ONLY when the Club is notified that the calendar has been sold.**

To avoid any possible problems, you can call the Club message line at 724-348-7941 and leave your name and a brief message stating 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 or which tickets were sold. Directors’ e-mail addresses can be found on our web site under “Contacts” and at the end of this newsletter.

## Classes

The Club is trying to schedule a Basic Pistol class. Our goal was to offer a Basic Pistol course as soon as possible. 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 class will be disseminated to all members via the newsletter, e-mail, and/or the web site.

## Hunter Safety Course

The Club trying to schedule a hunter safety course this spring. It will be scheduled through the PA Game Commission web site. The Game Commission generally



controls the scheduling and registration for the class, but, if you want to register directly with the Club once the class is scheduled, please contact Steve Boehm at [CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com](mailto:CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com).

## Junior Shotgun Program

The Club’s Junior Shotgun program will be offered again in June, 2025. For more information and to become involved in this program, please contact Chris Warden at [warden7@me.com](mailto:warden7@me.com).

## Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program was off for the holidays and will resume shooting on January 8. The Program is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older); it began on Sunday, October 30 with the introductory session. They are in the second part of the program which is the practice session. Shooters now meet to 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 and will continue through the end of March. The cost for the practice session of the program is \$90 per shooter and 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](mailto:warden7@me.com).

## RENAMING THE HALL

**The Board of Directors is considering renaming the meeting room this year. It is now designated as the Bob Cronworth Hall and the directors are open to suggestions for new names for the hall. Please forward your recommendation and rationale for the new name to any of the Directors.**

### Membership

As of December 17 Director's Meeting, the Club had 99 senior members, 5 junior members, and 4 associate members for a total of 108 members signed up for the 2025 year. Membership applications are currently being accepted; however, new members will have limited access to the club ranges.

### New Members

There was one new member join the Club in November. She was • **Danielle Manson**.

### Metro Police Revolver League

#### (MPRL)

The MPRL team is currently practicing for their 14-week indoor season on the indoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Their indoor season will begin 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 score-keeper.

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. You can shoot either or both courses of fire. If you decide to join the league there is a minimal fee to join the league.

For the indoor season the league is combining our club and the Washington Sportsmen's club into one team because both teams are having trouble getting enough shooters out for the teams; it will be known as the Washington/Carrick Team.

For more information, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or via e-mail at [denisrn@verizon.net](mailto:denisrn@verizon.net).

**The Board of Directors Wishes All  
Members and Their Families a  
Very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous  
New Year!**



# USC Rifle Team Shooting Schedule

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team is once again using our indoor ranges for practices and meets. They have been using our range for their practices and matches for about 10 years now - ever since they lost the use of the range at their high school. Since they have been here, there have been no major complaints from the membership about the team using the indoor ranges which are closed to the membership while the team is on site. They are using the ranges usually between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. They started shooting in November and the remainder of their shooting schedule is presented below. The entire schedule is posted by the indoor

range sign-in book. The Directors thank you for adjusting your range usage to the days and times they are not shooting. We trust those of you that have had to adjust your shooting schedule understand our desire to help the rifle team. We need to do everything we can to promote the shooting sports to the younger generation.

As a reminder to new members and those who may have forgotten, the Upper St. Clair School District does compensate us for the use of the range. The money that they provide has been used to update and maintain the .22 indoor ranges.

## USC Shooting Schedule

**January 2025:** 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, and 31

**February 2025:** 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

## Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 6.
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Indoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 pm
- **Jr. Rifle Program** - Indoor Range - Wednesday at 7:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 8
- **CSC Rifle Team** - Indoor Range - Sunday at 5:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 5
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Trap Range - Sunday afternoon -
- **Wednesday Evening** - Off for the winter.
- **USC Rifle Team** - Indoor Range - Approx. 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm till March (See above).

## Open Trap Shooting

The Club shoots trap 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. **Wednesday night trap shooting is off till spring and good weather and Sunday trap shooting will be held as long as shooters elect to participate.**

For more information on the trap shooting program, please contact Chris Warden at [warden7@me.com](mailto:warden7@me.com).

The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$3.00. 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.

### • November

There were 4 members who volunteered for the November 16 work party. They were: Joe DeBranski, Scott Karman, Rob Low, and Jeff Mihoces, They installed the new gas line to the indoor ranges and grounds-keeping

### • December

There was no work party scheduled for December.

The next work party is scheduled for Saturday, January 18.

## Reminder 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.

## Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League has been shooting on Monday evenings since September 9 with approximately 18 shooters. They finished the first half of their season in December and were shooting steel silhouettes during their holiday brake.

The second half of their season will begin on January 6; they will shoot another 10 weeks until mid-March and enjoy a "banquet" at the end of the season. When their season ends, they will switch over to shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range and perhaps start up the bowling pin shoot again.

Their normal course of fire includes 5 segments. The first segment is two lines of slow fire (each line is 5 shots in 2 minutes); the second segment is two lines of timed-fire (each line is 5 shots in 20 seconds); the next phase is two lines of rapid fire (each line is 5 shots in 10 seconds). Segment 4 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots in 45 seconds; and segment 5 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots - **one-handed** - in 60 seconds. All shooting is done on the old indoor range.

## 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](mailto:rmlow@verizon.net)*

# **SELL IT FAST**

## **IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!**

**YOUR CLASSIFIED AD COULD BE  
HERE IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!**

Simply e-mail it to  
[parknews@comcast.net](mailto:parknews@comcast.net)  
Before February 22!

Because of the time constraints, a semi-automatic pistol is recommended. You will need your favorite firearm, 50 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. Those with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the course of fire. 22 caliber pistols are recommended because of the current cost of ammunition.

The cost for the entire 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 - at \$3 per night for members and \$4 per night for non-members. If you sign up at the mid-season break, the cost for the second half is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Perry at [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com).

## **REMINDER**

### **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.**

# **All Ranges Are Open and Operational**

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