

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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September - October 2026

September Meetings

Membership - Sept. 1 - 7 p.m.
Directors - Sept. 15 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - Sept. 19 - 9 a.m.

October Meetings

Membership - Oct. 6 - 7 p.m.
Directors - Oct. 20 - 7 p.m.
Work Party - Oct. 17 - 9 a.m.

November Meetings

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



Scouts Coming for the Weekend

Boy Scout Troops 22 and 28 will be at the Club for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on September 11, 12, and 13. They will arrive about 7:00 pm on Friday, September 11 and leave about noon on Sunday, September 13. They will be pursuing their Shotgun and Rifle merit badges.

For the safety of everyone involved, all ranges will be closed while the scouts are on site.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the weekend, please contact Director Cris Warden or Glenn Woods. If you can donate any .22 or shotgun ammo for their weekend, the Club would be very appreciative. We have always tried to minimize their cost in obtaining their merit badges and having donated ammo goes a long way in reducing their costs.

**AS USUAL, ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED
WHILE THE SCOUTS ARE ON THE PROPERTY!**

Township Range Inspection Completed

Charles Rozzo, Glenn Woods, and Steve Perry have been working to get the Township Triannual Range Inspection completed. We found a qualified independent range inspector, William Chessman, from the Pitcairn/Monroeville sportsmen's club to do the inspection. At the end of August Charles, Glenn, Steve, and the inspector met at the club, reviewed the last inspection report, and walked the ranges informing him of all our safety rules and operation of the ranges. The inspector's report and all of the required paperwork was then turned into South Park Township and during the week of September 7, the South Park Police Department did their inspection.

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 Lottery Calendars Will Be Ready in October

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 is based on the PA lottery 3-digit evening number. The current Summer

Lottery Calendars are good through the end of October (they were for July - October and sold in the Spring). Many members have put a great deal of energy into selling the Summer calendars and the Directors would like to thank everyone for all their efforts.

The new Winter Lottery Calendars, which will be good from January through April 2027, will be ready for members to pick-up in October. We will notify everyone via e-mail when they become available for pick-up. **The Board is again asking each member to purchase, or sell, at least 3 calendars;** if every member did that, the winter 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, 2027 and will be in play every day through April, 2027.

When ready, the calendars can be picked up at the Club anytime there is a meeting or an organized shoot, such as at the membership and director's meetings, from 7 pm to about 8:30 pm; trap shooting events on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 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.

You can also contact any of the Directors and they might be able to help you get them.

The Winter 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, 2026. Members are urged to sell as many as they can because the Lottery Calendar is **THE** major fundraiser for the Club. 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.

Byrna Demonstration

Discover the world of non-lethal personal defense with an upcoming Byrna product demonstration at the club on Sunday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn how these innovative, Byrna kinetic and chemical launchers work, handle the equipment yourself, and get all your questions answered about adding a reliable non-lethal option to your safety toolkit.

The demonstration is open to everyone, so bring a friend and join us on the grounds to explore these modern personal security solutions.

Please RSVP by September 21, to steveperry48@hotmail.com or call 412-779-3409.

Byrna Launchers were developed out of a need for a less lethal, self-defense alternative. The overall goal was to save lives and keep individuals from having to cause irreversible harm while protecting themselves and their loved ones. Byrna users can protect and defend themselves, their families, and their communities without the need for lethal force.

A Byrna gun operates using compressed gas, typically CO2, to propel projectiles, which are usually .68 caliber rounds filled with irritant powders. Byrna guns can shoot projectiles up to 100 feet and fire up to 20 rounds per minute, making them suitable for self-defense situations.

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 12th 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 in mid-November; however, the team likes to get a head start on the season, so they should be starting their practices at the beginning of November.

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 publish their schedule in the next newsletter (November-December) and it will be posted near the indoor range sign-in book and also posted on the Club's web site. During their season, which usually runs from mid-November through early February, they typically use the indoor ranges from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, three or four days a week. **They are not to be harassed by any members!**

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.

If any member has a problem with this arrangement, please come to a membership meeting and express your concern.

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.

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

For those who may have forgotten or never knew, the Upper St. Clair School District does compensate us for the use of the range - these funds have been plowed back into improvements on the ranges.

Hunter Safety Course

The PA Game Commission controls the scheduling and registration for all hunter safety classes. The Club has been trying to schedule a hunter safety course with them for a few years, but, for various reasons, has been unable to do so. We are continuing in our efforts to secure a spot in their scheduling process. When we finally have it scheduled, we will notify the members via e-mail; Facebook; and the Club Calendar and will provide instructions on how to register.

For those who need to take the course, do not wait for us to schedule one.

Work Party Help Needed

The next work party will be held on Saturday, September 19, in addition to the things we try to accomplish going into Winter, there is also a lot of grounds-keeping and other general 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 will be provided and any time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated!

The Directors and the Club really appreciate everyone who can come out and help.

E-mail Address Request

If you are **NOT** receiving e-mails from the Club, please e-mail us at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com with your membership number so that we can confirm/correct/add your email address to our master list.

Your email will only be used for Club announcements, business, programs, and the newsletter.

THANK YOU!

Junior Shotgun Program

The Jr. Shotgun Program began on Wednesday, June 3. They shot on each Wednesday in June. This program was open to the public for anyone age 12 and up that wanted to learn to shoot trap in a controlled, safe environment with experienced instructors.

The Club provided the use of a shotgun and the necessary eye and ear protection, but the shooters had to provide their own ammunition.

The program ended on June 24 and 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.

Junior Rifle Program

New shooters looking to build a solid foundation in rifle marksmanship can join the upcoming Junior Rifle program at Carrick Sportsmen's Club.

The club offers a welcoming environment for novices of any age to learn proper firearm handling, safety protocols, and basic marksmanship fundamentals under the guidance of experienced instructors. Participants get hands-on experience on the range, focusing on proper stance, sight alignment, and trigger control.

The program begins with an introductory, one-day session on Sunday, November 1. Participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, aiming, and shooting. The cost for this portion is

\$50 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition.

Following the introductory session, the practice portion runs from November 4 to March 24, giving participants the opportunity to practice and develop their skills by shooting every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost for the practice session is also \$50 per shooter, which includes the rifle, safety gear, and ammunition. Shooters must complete the introductory session to participate in the practice segment.

Whether you are picking up a rifle for the very first time or looking to build lasting skills, this program provides the knowledge and confidence needed for safe and enjoyable shooting. Equipment is provided, and coaches work closely with every participant.

To join the program in November, please contact Chris Warden at warden7@me.com or Glenn Woods at gwoods1306@outlook.com.

Membership

As of mid-August, the Club had 263 senior members, 24 associate members, and 14 junior members for a total of 301 members.

New Members

• July

There was 1 new member in July . He was

• **Matthew Consolo**

• August

There were no new members in August.

Monday Night Recreational Pistol League

Shooting with the Monday Night Recreational League starts up again on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm on our indoor range. Members pay \$35 for the full 20-week season, and non-members pay \$45, with drop-in rates available at \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members per night.

We split the season into two 10-week blocks with a holiday break in between, and everyone wraps up the competition with a celebratory pizza party.

The 50-foot indoor range provides a great environment to build consistency and test your accuracy on regulation NRA targets. The course of fire walks through five distinct stages, beginning with slow fire, moving into timed and rapid drills, and finishing with magazine changes and one-handed strings.

Bring your preferred firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition (staying under 1200 feet per second for the indoor range), and your eye and ear protection. A .22 caliber semi-automatic works wonderfully for the pacing, though revolvers with speed loaders fit the time limits just fine.

When spring arrives, the fun continues with indoor metal silhouettes and outdoor bowling pin shoots. Contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com to sign up or ask questions, and join us on the line.

Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. The next scheduled work party is on Saturday, September 10. These all-volunteer work parties are a critical part of the Club's operation. Without constant maintenance and a continuing effort to improve the Club, members would find it more and more difficult to use the Club's facilities. And the Club would have to contract some of the work that needs to be done. That would put the Club in a downward financial spiral.

The Directors ask everyone who can to donate some time to these work parties. 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. Lunch is provided.

• July Work Party

There were 7 members at the July 18 work party. They were: • **Reno Baum** • **Scott Karman** • **Mike Fiorito** • **Rob Low** • **Jeff Mihoces** • **Roni Plappert** and • **Glenn Woods**. They transferred the contents of the Bird Trailer into the newer storage trailer, started the demolition of the old Bird Trailer, and general grounds-keeping.

• August Work Party

There were 10 members at the August 15 work party. They were: • **Reno Baum** • **Reno Baum, Jr.** • **Mike Fiorito** • **Joe DeBranski** • **Scott Karman** • **Jim Lawrence** • **Rob Low** • **Jeff Mihoces** • **Ray Scheurger** and • **Glenn Woods**. They finished the demolition of the old Bird Trailer, repaired storm damage to the road, and grounds-keeping.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team started their outdoor season in mid-May and ended in mid-August; they have finished the 2026 outdoor season should be in 3rd place in both .22 and center fire for the season.

This is a strong placement considering what the team has gone through the past year or so and the fact that both teams ahead of us have 10-15 very experienced shooters every week.

The team has overcome a lot in the past couple of years - shooters have left and 3 of their best shooters passed away. This put the remaining shooters in a position where it just wasn't much fun to come out and compete any more; let alone shoot well. Three new members came out to shoot and have really stabilized their scores and rekindled everyone's interest in competing. Now after a prolonged period of malaise the team looks forward to shooting/competing and enjoy shooting as a team.

A couple of years ago when a team member was lamenting about his poor shooting and getting frustrated, a friend told him to just have fun - that's what it is supposed to be about. Well he is again having fun! And it shows in the results of the season. Next season's scores should be even better.

They shoot on Thursday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and will be moving indoors at the end of September.

The team is urging interested individuals to come up, meet the team, and give this style of shooting a try. Their next official season starts in January but they practice every Thursday evening.

For details on this style of shooting and the course of fire, please e-mail Reno Baum at RBaum2265@gmail.com.

Open Trap Shooting

Sunday afternoons bring open trap shooting to the club grounds, running from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm every other Sunday, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to join these sessions, and membership is not required.

The trap ranges are ready for action with well-maintained fields and fully operational voice-activated systems. Because summer attendance has been low, these sessions run on a tentative schedule, meaning the range opens up whenever shooters show up to participate.

Each 25-bird line costs \$5, and participants can bring

their own shells using shot no larger than 7-1/2, or purchase a box right at the range for \$10. New shooters can even borrow equipment directly from the club to get started.

Reach out to Chris Warden at warden7@me.com for more details, and come on out to break some targets.

Pittsburgh Suburban League

The Pittsburgh Suburban League is currently off for the summer and will start back up in September. This is a Sunday .22 rifle shoot

that competes with clubs from Western PA area.. The League's first match is October 4.

The team shoots on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. from fall through the winter. Club members are welcome to join them for 3-position .22 rifle shooting - they shoot prone, kneeling, and standing (alternate positions are substituted if the shooter can not shoot any of the positions. The team uses single-shot .22 rifles, with/without optics. They are in need of shooters. If you are interested in getting involved with this league, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com or Tom Dietrich at fishfndr@hotmail.com.

FOAC Seminar

Join our featured speaker and expert, Jim Stoker, President of [FOAC-ILLEA](#), for an engaging and informative seminar on Pennsylvania concealed carry laws, the Castle Doctrine, and essential firearms safety. Firearm Owners Against Crime (FOAC) is a non-partisan, non-connected, all-volunteer political action committee organized to empower all gun owners, outdoor enthusiasts, and supporters of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Sections 21 and 25 of the Pennsylvania Constitution with the tools and information necessary to protect freedom from transgression. Formed shortly after the City of Pittsburgh's illegal gun and ammunition ban in 1993 during an active legislative year that included the passage of Act 84 of 1994, the preemption law, and federal measures like the Brady Bill, a group of dedicated advocates realized a more politically active role was necessary to protect our rights, leading [FOAC](#) to become a formal statewide political action committee in early 1994.

This no-cost seminar offers a wonderful opportunity to expand your knowledge of existing gun laws and get your questions answered about freely, safely, and responsibly exercising your right to keep and bear arms.

Co-sponsored by Representative Andrew Kuzma and Carrick Sportsmen's Club, the event is open to everyone at no cost.

- **Date:** Saturday, October 3
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. (running approximately two and a half hours)
- **Location:** Carrick Sportsmen's Club
- **Details:** Lunch will be served.
- **Registration:** Seating is limited, so please register by e-mailing sdperry48@hotmail.com or [Carrick Sportsmen's Club](#).

Loading Supplies for Sale

A member of the club can no longer shoot and has given us his reloading equipment and supplies to sell for him. All items are best offer, call Scott Karman at 412-906-1409.

• **RCBS single stage press, scale, weights, case luber, homemade case tumbler, and media.**

• **RCBS dies**
.40 S&W
.270 WIN
.45 Colt
9mm luger, 9mm sizer
.38
.44 Mag
lube die
.45
.308 Win

• **Powder**
1/2 lb IMR 4198
2-1/4 lb IMR 4320
2 lb Hercules 2400
1/2 lb Hercules #7
1 lb Winchester 1296

• **Bullets**
1300 assorted 9mm FMJ bullets
Approximately 150 .45 bullets
Approximately 100 9mm JHP bullets
Full box .45 185G SWC bullets
Full box .44 200G RNFP bullets
Coffee can of 30.06 competition bullets
19 boxes of 30.06 brass
7 ammo cases of M1 Garand ammo
Approximately 45 rds of 45 LC ammo
Approximately 100 rds .40 S&W ammo

Range Rules Review

Early in the year is a great time for everyone to reacquaint themselves with our policies, procedures, and practices. Please take the time to read these below rules. We would like to point out these particular safety reminders:

- Firearms are to be pointed down range at all times and no handling of any firearm when someone is down range.
- All ranges require the use of eye and ear protection by everyone on the range.
- A maximum of 5 rounds (including in the chamber) may be loaded in a firearm at a single time.
- There is no rapid fire.
- All ranges, except archery, require the use of an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) for each firearm when not being fired.
- When using ANY of the ranges, nothing, except for the targets, is permitted on ANY range beyond the firing line, particularly on the indoor range - except for a chronograph.

A reminder on the Club procedures; we have had a few members not following our log book and guest rules:

- All members and guests are required to fill in the required information on the range logbook before using each range; and please write legibly. This is a requirement as part of our Consent Decree with South Park Township.
- All guests, on their first visit, must complete a Visitor Information Card and the Range Waiver Form, during their first use of EACH range. Forms are at the sign-in stations. Each guest is to pay a \$5.00 range fee each time. Your guests must be attended at all times. Members are responsible for the actions of their guest and must ensure that their guests are following the range rules.
- 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 privileges and possible termination of your membership.

The Range Rules MUST be Adhered To!

The range rules are attached to this newsletter. As always, if you have any questions, please contact any of the Directors. Or, feel free to join us at the monthly Membership meetings.

Like Us on Facebook



Director Steve Perry maintains 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/>

SELL IT FAST
IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

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

Simply e-mail it to
parknews@comcast.net
Before October 15!

Register to Vote

Are you registered to Vote? Are your family and friends registered?

Fellow gun owners?

In Pennsylvania, we have around a half a million-gun owners that are NOT registered to vote. Yes...

500,000 NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE. This fact frankly hurts.

Many will claim their reason for not registering is so that they don't get selected for jury duty. This alone is a despicable excuse. If YOU ever face a jury, YOU will want liberty-minded folks on the jury. Jury selection is done many ways county to county, and voter rolls are not the only way jurors are selected. These days it is SO EASY to register to vote, it only takes a few moments, and it is free. YOU are reading this article on a phone, tablet, or computer... you can register to vote using the same device.

[Visit the PA Voter registration page by CLICKING HERE.](#)

Deadline Alert: 10/19/2026 is the last day to register before the 11/03/2026 election.

First, please register. And encourage family and friend to do so as well.

Second, please VOTE!

Thank you!

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:00 pm
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Outdoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 pm
- **CSC Rifle Team** - Indoor Range - Sunday
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Trap Range - Sunday afternoon - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm; Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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

Reminder

Club Calendar on the Website

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

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

Control the Bleed Free Class

5.11 Inc is offering a free “Control the Bleed” class on Thursday, September 17, from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm at their facility at 7803 McKnight Road, Suite A, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

In this free class, you will learn how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. Serious arterial bleeding can end a victim’s life in minutes.

In this class, you will learn:

- How to control severe arterial bleeding
- Use commercial tourniquets or improvised methods
- Apply compression bandages
- Pack wounds
- Treat chest injuries

You’ll Get:

- Peace of mind knowing you’re prepared
- Plus, an *exclusive in-class offer*

Some of the content and images shown in this course are graphic in nature and may be disturbing to some participants**

FAQ;s

- *What type of class is this?*

Classes are designed to be a lecture style with some engaging elements to apply practical knowledge in a simple format without being strenuous. They ask that you arrive ready to learn and engage at any level you’re comfortable with, so feel free to bring a pen/notebook if you’d like to take notes. Please take note that there are no shooting or live fire elements in any of the ABR Academy classes.

- *Who can I bring?*

Most topics, unless specifically mentioned, are designed for adults and may contain topics of discussion that can be sensitive for children under the age of 18. Please use your best discretion when considering bringing children and also know that space is very limited, so registration is required.

- *What do I wear?*

Classes are designed to be a lecture style with some engaging elements to apply practical knowledge in a simple format without being strenuous. Given that, feel free to wear whatever you’re comfortable in.

Concealed Carry Permit Recommendation

If you do not already have your license to carry a firearm for PA - the Board of Directors is suggesting you strongly consider obtaining it. As a firearm owner, it affords you protection when transporting your firearm from/to home and to/from the range. This is important in case that you ever need to stop somewhere between your home and the range.

The Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office has great information about the process online at sheriffalleghenycounty.com/firearms/. They make it super easy to obtain your permit!

The Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office Firearms Division is located on the ground floor of the Allegheny County Criminal Courthouse at 436 Grant Street in Downtown Pittsburgh. The office can be accessed through the Forbes Avenue archway of the courthouse. The Sheriff’s Office Firearms Division handles the issuance of licenses to sell firearms and licenses to carry firearms and is typically open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the exception of holiday and satellite events. By state law, the Sheriff has the responsibility to process all applications to carry handguns in Allegheny County and to issue licenses to all those applicants who qualify based on an extensive background investigation done by the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff also licenses all firearms dealers in the county.

They also sponsor several satellite registration events so that you do not have to go downtown to the County Building. Two such events are coming up this fall in Jefferson Hills and South Park:

- *Saturday, September 13, in Jefferson Hills at 925 Old Clairton Road from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
- *Saturday, October 18, in South Park at 2575 Brownsville Road from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Upcoming CSC Classes

The Club is offering several instructional classes over the next few months. Please look them over and come up and maybe learn something new!

- **Rifle & Shotgun Cleaning Class** - Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm
- **Developing a Personal & Home Protection Plan** - Saturday, September 26 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- **Selecting a Handgun** - Wednesday, September 30 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- **Handgun Cleaning Class** - Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 pm

All classes will be taught by John Papinchak, USCCA-certified instructor

Details

Handgun and Rifle Cleaning Classes. Registration is required. There is no cost for our members. Guests are welcome at a \$15 charge each. Please bring your firearm (no ammunition) and cleaning supplies, if you have them.

Developing a Personal & Home Protection Plan Class. The course will start at 1:00 pm and will last approximately 2-1/2 hours. The fee for the course is \$25 for members and \$40 for guests (cash or check at the class). Please bring a writing implement, notebook, snack/beverage (if you wish), and any questions that you hope to have addressed.

Selecting a Handgun Class. Registration is required. There is no cost for our members. Guests are welcome at a \$15 charge each. The course will start at 7:00 pm and will last approximately 2 hours. Please bring a writing implement, notebook, snack/beverage (if you wish), and any questions that you hope to have addressed.

Registration

Please register for any class by sending your name and membership to Carrick Sportsmen's Club carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com. or, call 412-559-5738 and leaving a voice message with your name, member number, and e-mail address.

Payment

Cash is acceptable (preferably exact amount) or a check payable to Carrick Sportsmen's Club. Please bring that with you to class.

We hope to see you at a class! Please invite your family and friends!

Open Range Dates

Several open range dates are scheduled at the club over the coming months, and many of these programs are free for members. Check out the upcoming schedule and plan to join us.

- **Rifle Range Open Hours:** Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- **Outdoor Pistol Range Open Hours:** Wednesday, October 14 from 6:30 p.m. to dusk
- **Rifle Range Open Hours:** Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Keep an eye on the club Google calendar, your e-mail, and the newsletter for any updates.

For the open range dates, bring your firearm, ammunition, empty chamber indicator, and eye and ear protection. A rangemaster will be present, so members of all classes are welcome to head down, sign the logbook, hang targets, and shoot.

We hope to see you at the club soon. Reach out to the board at carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com if you have questions or want to share feedback on other activities you would like to see.

Officers and Directors - 2026

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Reno Baum 2029

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Carrick Sportsmen's Club

Safety & Range Rules & Procedures

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1. General Safety Rules

- **SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY.** Every time you handle a firearm, you must follow these core rules.
- **ALWAYS:**
 - *Treat All Firearms as If They Are Loaded.*
 - *Never Point the Firearm at Anything You Do Not Intend to Destroy. ALWAYS keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.*
 - *Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger and Outside the Trigger Guard Until Your Sights Are on the Target and You Have Made the Decision to Shoot.*
 - *Know Your Target and Understand What Is Beyond It. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.*
- Improperly following any of the rules in this document is subject to disciplinary hearing, reprimand, suspension, or dismissal from the Club by the Board of Directors, as described in our Club By-Laws.

2. Emergency Medical Procedures

- In the event of any emergency, call a CEASE FIRE, make all firearms safe and benched.
 - **Call 911 IMMEDIATELY**
 - **Provide Club Location:** Carrick Sportsmen's Club, 3301 South Park Road, South Park Township, PA 15129
 - **GPS** Latitude: 40.2841011 and Longitude: -79.9803439 [40°17'02.8"N 79°58'49.2"W]
 - **State that there has been a TRAINING ACCIDENT and to please send EMS, and**
 - Exact location of the injured on the property.
 - Condition & number of injured or ill.
 - What happened and any hazard for EMS personnel.
 - First Aid provided so far.
 - Your name and the phone number from which you are calling.
 - Wait for further instructions.
 - Get the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) or Stop the Bleed kit from the Clubhouse.
 - Located on the back wall by the chalkboard and double doors exit.
 - Return to the injured and continue care until EMS arrive.
 - Provide care only within your level of training.
 - Move the injured ONLY if life is endangered in that location.
 - Press the PANIC button next to the Stop the Bleed/AED on the wall in the Clubhouse, to automatically open the Club gate for EMS. *[Until that button is installed – coming soon, send someone to open the Club gate for EMS and to direct them to the injured location.]*
 - Assist EMS as instructed.
 - Collect the names and phone numbers of all witnesses.
 - Notify a member of the Board of Directors.

3. Operational Safety

- **Impairment:** Never use alcohol, prescription drugs, over the counter medications, and other substances that impair mental or physical functions before or while handling or shooting firearms.
 - Alcohol is forbidden on club grounds, except during approved Club non-shooting social events.
- **Moving Firearms:** When moving firearms between the clubhouse, racks, or firing line, they must be unloaded, safe (ECI inserted), or boxed.
- **Eye & Ear Protection:** These are mandatory for everyone on or near the firing line.
 - Standard prescription eyeglasses are **not** considered adequate safety glasses for shooting because they lack the necessary impact resistance, side protection, and materials to withstand flying debris or hot brass.
 - Proper shooting eye protection must meet ANSI Z87.1 (or Z87+) standards for high-velocity impacts.
- **Maximum Loading:** A maximum of five rounds may be loaded in each firearm (chamber and magazine combined) at one time.
- **Smoking** is prohibited on and in all ranges. This is an especially hazardous when loading and shooting muzzleloaders.
- Beverages and food are not permitted on or in ANY range. All smoking, beverages, and eating must be done outside, in the Clubhouse or other designated areas.
- **Shooting Position:** All firing must be from the range's bench position only (unless a special club event).
- **Range Supervision:**
 - **The Range Master (RM)** is in charge. Refusal to obey RM commands is grounds for suspension or dismissal.
 - **Shooters must follow ALL range commands.**
 - **Cease Fire:** If a "Cease Fire" is called, stop shooting immediately, unload, bench your firearm, and step back behind the line. Do not touch firearms during a Cease Fire.
- **Personal Carry Firearms (CCW)** are encouraged on all Club grounds and ranges.
 - Carry firearms must always remain holstered, on your person, and may be securely carried downrange.
 - **If you wish to shoot your carry firearm:** You must notify the line ("I am unholstering"), ensure others stand back, unload the firearm at the bench pointing downrange, insert an ECI, and reduce the magazine to five rounds before starting your session.

4. Club Rules

- **Identification:** You must always display your Membership Card and Range Classification Card on your person while on the Club grounds.
- **Operating Hours:**
 - The indoor (pistol/22) range opens at 8:00 AM and closes at 11:00PM.
 - Outdoor rifle and pistol ranges open at 10:00 AM. Shooting must end according to the PA Game Commission Hunting Hours table (or dusk).
 - Archery and crossbow range hours are Sunrise to Sunset.
- **Range Logbooks:** You, and all members and EACH guest(s) in your party, **MUST** sign in and out of every range you use, each time.
 - Legibly enter each member or guest's name, club member number (or G for guest), date, time, range classification, and caliber(s) used.
 - This is a requirement of South Park Township Ordinance 528 and part of our Federal Decree agreement for operating within the Township.
- There is NO Hunting or Trapping on Club Grounds.
- **Member Classifications:**
 - **Class B (New Members):** Cannot shoot alone. Must be supervised by a Range Master (RM) or Class A member until orientation is complete, and they receive their membership card and fob.
 - **Class A:** Approved to shoot solo on the Indoor Range.
 - **Range Master (RM):** Required presence for all outdoor shooting.
- **Prohibited Items on ALL ranges**
 - No armor-piercing, tracer or M885 "green tip" ammunition.
 - No "Blackout firing".
 - No exploding targets or ordinances.
 - No targets resembling real human faces (silhouette/zombie targets are okay if they have no human faces).
 - No rapid fire. All shooting must be controlled.
 - No crossline firing (i.e., shooting from position x attempting to hit target on position y).
- **Clean Up:** You must pick up your brass, remove paper targets, and dispose of trash before leaving.
- **Closing:** The last member leaving must turn off lights, lock the clubhouse, and ensure the automatic gate closes (wait approx. 30 seconds).

5. Guest Privileges and Procedures

- **Responsibility:** You are 100% responsible for your guest's safety and rule compliance. You must supervise them directly.
 - **Training:** Guests with no experience must be instructed on the Indoor Range Rules & Procedures before using any outdoor ranges.
 - You must review these Safety and Range Rules with your guests prior to using any range.
- **Eligibility:** Only an RM or Class A member may bring up to **three (3)** guests.
 - If more than two guests are shooting, the member cannot shoot and must only supervise.
 - **Class B Members:** May not bring guests to shoot.
- **Fees & Sign-In:** Guests must complete a Guest Record card and the CSC Waiver Form for each visit. No exceptions.
 - **A Guest Record card and CSC Waiver Form must now be completed by each guest for every range visit.**
 - Each guest must also sign the logbook for each range to be used, clearly spelling their names, indicating G for guest, date, time, and caliber(s) used.
 - The guest range fee must be paid each time a guest uses a range.
 - This is a requirement of South Park Township Ordinance 528 and part of our Federal Decree agreement for operating within the Township.

6. Indoor Range (50-Foot)

- **Authorized Firearms:**

- Handguns: .22 rimfire up to .45 caliber.
- Ammunition must have a Maximum velocity of 1200 fps
- Rifles: ONLY .22 rimfire only (short, long, long rifle).

- **Prohibited:**

- Magnum loads (.22 Mag, .357 Mag, .44 Mag), .17 caliber, centerfire rifles, shotgun rounds, bottle-necked pistol rounds (such as 5.7x28mm or 7.62x25mm), and black powder handguns.
- All carbines, modern sporting rifles, and modern sporting pistols, regardless of barrel length or caliber.
- Any ammunition with a maximum velocity of greater than 1200 fps.
- This velocity limit is in place to ensure safety by preventing projectiles from damaging backstops, baffles, or exiting the facility. High-velocity rounds can penetrate steel plates, shatter target hangers, or cause ricochets, posing danger to shooters and destroying range infrastructure. This limit protects against excessive damage and liability.

- **Protocol:**

- Complete the range logbook entries, and if applicable, guest information and waiver forms.
- Turn on the “Range in Use” light, located over the range logbook to indicate that the range is in use.
- **Maximum Loading:** A maximum of five rounds may be loaded in the firearm (chamber and magazine) at one time.
- Shoot from the bench only (unless a special club event), and with the bench(es) behind or on the firing line
- Targets must be hung so shots do not hit the floor, ceiling baffles, or target carriers.
 - Use the appropriate sitting or standing target holders.
- Turn on exhaust fans to move air downrange.
- When finished, turn off lights/fans, set the thermostat to 60°F, and do not force the timer to zero.

7. 100-Yard Rifle Range

- **Requirement:** An RM classified member must be present to use this range.
- **Authorized Firearms:** Centerfire rifles, muzzleloaders, handguns, and shotguns (slugs only).
- **Protocol:**
 - Collect the Logbook and Flag from the kitchen before shooting.
 - Place the flag in the orange holder on the tree behind the range.
 - Turn the lights on in the range to indicate that the range is in use.
 - **Max 5 rounds** loaded (Exception: M1 Garand may load 8).
 - Break-open shotguns may be closed only when in the rack.
 - All shooting must be done from the covered bench positions.
 - Muzzle must protrude through the firing port.
 - Paper targets only. Place them on the 100-yard mesh or 50-yard holders.

8. 50-Yard Outdoor Pistol Range

- **Requirement:** An RM classified member must be present to use this range.
- **Authorized Firearms:**
 - Any handgun.
 - .22 rimfire rifles.
 - Pistol-caliber carbines (centerfire pistol cartridges only).
 - **Prohibited:** Centerfire rifle cartridges (e.g., .223/5.56, .308) regardless of the firearm platform.
- **Protocol:**
 - Collect the Logbook and Flag from the kitchen before shooting.
 - Place the flag in the orange holder on the right side of the range gate in the orange painted holder
 - **Max 5 rounds** loaded.
 - Paper targets only. Mount them on the 25 or 50-yard holders so shots do not hit the wood frames.

9. Trap Range

- **Requirement:** An RM classified member must be present to use this range.
- **Authorized Firearms:** Shotguns using shot size #7-1/2, #8, or #9 only.
- **Prohibited:** Shot larger than #7-1/2.
- **Protocol:**
 - Collect the Trap Logbook and Flag from the kitchen before shooting.
 - Sign in the Logbook.
 - **Open Actions:** Actions must always be open unless it is your turn to shoot.
 - Firearms must be unloaded with actions open, magazines removed, and an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) inserted.
 - Break-open firearms may be closed only when in the rack.
 - **Loading:** Load only one shell, and only when you are on the shooting station and it is your turn.
 - **Movement:** When moving between stations, the firearm must be unloaded, action open, and pointed safely.
 - **Shotgun Patterning:** Must be completed on the trap field under another RM supervision using only shot size #7-1/2, #8, or #9.

10. Archery Range

- **Authorized Equipment:**
 - Field tips only (no broadheads).
 - Longbows and recurve bows.
- **Prohibited: NO CROSSBOWS** on the archery range.
- **Protocol:**
 - Each member must sign the logbook in the drawer located to the right of the indoor range door, and complete all entries in the log, ensuring that all entries are clear, legible, and accurate.
 - The logbook remains in the drawer while you are on the Archery Range.
 - The code for the type of bow being used must be entered under the Caliber as follows: LB=Long Bow, R=Recurve.
 - Take the flag from the drawer and place it on the Archery backstop.
 - Never dry fire any bow.
 - Shoot only from the yardage markers.
 - Do not sky-draw (sight above the backstop).
 - Inspect bows and arrows for cracks and any damage before shooting.

11. Crossbow Range

- **Location:** The area to the right of the 50-Yard outdoor range.
- **Requirement:** You must coordinate with the 50-Yard Range Master for safety when going downrange.
- **Authorized Equipment:**
- **Protocol:** Field tips only (no broadheads).
 - Collect the 50-Yard Logbook and Flag from the kitchen before shooting.
 - Sign in the Logbook.
 - Place the flag in the orange holder on the right side of the range gate in the orange painted holder.
 - The code for the type of bow being used must be entered under the Caliber as follows: LB=Long Bow, R=Recurve or C=Crossbow.
 - You must bring your own target butt or holder.
 - Never dry fire a crossbow.
 - Do not sky-aim (sight above your target).
 - Inspect crossbow and bolts for cracks and any damage before shooting.

12. Muzzle-loading Firearms

- **Locations:** Muzzle-loading handguns, rifles, and shotguns may be fired only on the three outdoor firing ranges (50-yard, 100-yard, and trap).
- **Requirement:** The range rules for each range also apply.
- **Protocol:**
 - Muzzle-loading firearms must be loaded at the loading table behind the firing line, while pointing them in a safe direction.
 - Powder is not permitted at the firing line. Only black powder, pyrodex, or similar powder may be used.
 - Dipping powder from an open container is prohibited.
 - Black powder firearms will be considered in a safe condition for approaching the firing line when they are uncapped or the flash pan is open and free of powder, and the hammer down.
 - Cap and prime muzzle-loading firearms only on the firing line.
 - Loading is not to be done until after the command, "Load" has been given.
 - Priming is not to be done until after the command, "Commence Firing" has been given.
 - Never shoot near or over a loading bench or over or near a can of powder.
 - Flintlocks must have the pan empty, the frizzen open, and hammer down before anyone goes down range.
 - Cap and ball revolvers may not be elevated after each firing to remove the used cap.
 - Shooters should allow at least 3 minutes before reloading after a shot to eliminate danger from any remaining sparks.
 - In the event of a hang-fire, keep the muzzle pointed down range for at least one minute.
 - All firearms must be fully unloaded, by firing down range, before leaving the range.
 - Ramrods will be used to check that the firearm is not loaded.

13. Range Commands

On the range it is especially important to listen to the RM for commands to stay safe. Often, shooters loudly repeat, down the line, the commands—cease fire, range is cold, down range and range is hot. This ensures that everyone hears the commands. Shooting is fun and one of the safest sports to engage in. It is up to everyone to make sure that it stays that way.

- **Range is Cold:** Firearms must be unloaded with actions open, magazines removed, and an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) inserted. Bench your firearm and step back behind the line. All shooters need to wait for further instructions from the RM.
- **Cease Fire:** If a "Cease Fire" is called, stop shooting immediately, unload, bench your firearm, and step back behind the line. Do not touch firearms during a Cease Fire.
 - This is the only command that can be called by *anyone, anywhere* and at *any time*. If anyone, RM, other shooters or even a spectator, sees something unsafe or that could become a hazard, they can call a "cease fire." At that point, the RM can decide what follow-up instructions are needed.
- **Stop:** When a "Stop" is called, *freeze!* Do not move.
 - Do not unload your firearm to make it safe. Do not turn around to find the person who called "Cease Fire." Just freeze and stop what you are doing. Await further instruction from the RM.
- **Down Range:** The command "down range" is called to let all shooters and spectators know that one or more people are going down range in the shooting lanes. This command can be called for individuals to retrieve or put up new targets.
 - It is important for everyone to be vigilant during this time. If anyone approaches the shooting benches or handles firearms during this time, anyone seeing this should immediately let others, including the RM, know.
- **Shooters to the Firing Line:** instructs shooters to move to the designated shooting stations, preparing for a "hot" range. Upon this command, firearms may be uncased, handled, and loaded, and pointed downrange. Only authorized personnel should be on the line, and all safety gear (eye and ear protection) must be in place.
- **Range is Hot:** The command "range is hot" means that all shooters can begin firing. After the command "range is hot" is called, the only command that can follow is "cease fire." This means that if any safety violation or hazard occurs after the shooting has started, then a "cease fire" must be called. As stated before, the RM or anyone else can call the "cease fire."
- **Load and Make Ready:** Instructs shooters to safely insert a magazine, chamber a round, and prepare the firearm for a course of fire. The procedure involves, under direction, engaging the safety, checking equipment, and assuming a ready stance, ensuring the muzzle remains in a safe direction.
- **Ready on the Right:** The command "ready on the right" is called before the shooters are told to start shooting. When this command is called, the RM looks down the right side of the shooting line to make sure everyone is ready. At this point, any shooter on the right side of the shooting line that is not ready to resume shooting should let the RM know.

- **Ready on the Left:** The command “ready on the left” is called before the shooters are told to start shooting. When this command is called, the RM looks down the left side of the shooting line to make sure everyone is ready. At this point, any shooter on the left side of the shooting line that is not ready to resume shooting should let the RM know.
- **Ready on the Firing Line:** The command “ready on the firing line” is called after all shooters on the right and left side of the firing line acknowledge they are ready to start shooting. This command is the last check that everyone is ready to start shooting before the shooters are told to commence firing. When this command is called, the RM looks down both the right and the left side of the shooting line to make sure everyone is ready. At this point, any shooter on the shooting line that is not ready to resume shooting should let the RM know.
- **Commence Fire:** Signals that shooters may begin firing at authorized targets. This command follows the "range is hot" notification, permitting authorized, immediate engagement. It is the final directive in a firing sequence.
- **Unload and Show Clear:** Shooters should remove their magazine, rack the slide/action to eject any chambered round, lock the action open, visually inspect the chamber and magazine well to confirm it is clear, and insert an ECI.

