

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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July - August, 2014

July Meetings

Membership Meeting July 1 - 8 pm
Directors Meeting July 15 - 8 pm
Work Party July 19 - 9 am

August Meetings

Membership Meeting August 5 - 8 pm
Directors Meeting August 19 - 8 pm
Work Party August 16 - 9 am

Lottery Calendars

The new Lottery Calendar raffle starts on July 1. Your tickets must be turned in by July 1 to be in play. **Cards turned in after July 1 will not be paid retroactively.** If you have any tickets outstanding, please get them in as soon as possible. You can drop off your stubs and checks at a Membership meeting or at a Director's meeting. You can also drop them off on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons when the Club is open for trap shooting. If that is not convenient, just call the Club phone number (724-348-7941) or send an e-mail to the Club or one of the Directors and leave a message with the envelope number, if all of the tickets have been sold, or the individual ticket numbers that have been sold so that, in case you sold a winning ticket, the winner get his money.

Outdoor Range Baffles Are Being Rebuilt

The work parties for May and June were devoted to reconstructing the baffles on the outdoor 100-yard range. Over time, the baffles have been repaired and reworked as they needed it, but the time has come to replace them. The last two work parties replaced the skip baffle and set the main posts for a new main baffle. When the main baffle is completed, the old one will be torn down.

New Standby Director

With the death of Frank Mihalovich, a position was open on the Board of Directors and Standby Director Pete Luttrell was moved onto the Board to fill Frank's vacated position. That left an opening for a Standby Director.

At the Directors meeting of June 17, Jack Stack was elected by the Directors to fill the open standby Directors position.

Bowling Pin Shoot

The Bowling Pin Shoot is underway on the outdoor range every Monday at 6:00 pm using suspended bowling pins as targets. The cost is \$2 per line and the winner of each line gets 1/2 of the money paid to shoot. You need a center fire pistol with iron sights to compete for the prize money. You can use a red dot sight but you are not eligible to win the money. The course of fire is 25 rounds per line. You will need a center-fire pistol, 25 rounds per line, and eye and ear protection. Each 5-shot round of shooting is timed at 1 minute.

There is no need to pre-register for the Monday Night Bowling Pin Shoot; just come to the Club about 5:45 pm and check in.

They will continue to shoot bowling pins until the end of August.

Range Rules

The Directors have taken on the task of consolidating the range rules so that they are all in one document which will be available to all members. They are being reviewed to ensure that all of our operational procedures are in concurrence with the agreement with South Park Township.

2014 Dues Are Past Due

If you haven't paid your 2014 dues, you no longer have access to the Club facilities.

You can pay your dues at a membership meeting or mail it to: **Paul Joos, 1316 Creedmoor Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.** Make your check payable to the **Carrick Sportsmen's Club.**

If you mail it to Paul, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return your new membership card.

Open Trap Shooting

Sunday Afternoon - The Club shoots trap every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This trap shoot is open to the public. The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$3.00 for everyone. 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.

Wednesday Night - The Club also shoots trap every Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm until mid-November. The cost is the same as the Sunday afternoon trap shoot.

Joe Montuoro offers to teach anyone who would like to learn how to shoot trap. For questions on this open trap shooting and to ask about learning to shoot trap, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

Carrick-Mingo Shootout Trap League

The Carrick-Mingo Trap League is shooting trap on Friday evenings till the end of July. The league shoots at 6:00 pm, alternating between the Carrick and Mingo Club ranges.

If you are interested in participating in the Friday night league, please contact Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897. They are always looking for trap shooters and those who want to learn to shoot trap.

At this point in the season and with only one month to go, there is no dominant team; the teams are so close the lead shifts from week to week.

Jr. Shotgun Program

After a 2-year hiatus while the trap houses were being rebuilt, the Jr. Trap Program is back; it began on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm. However, because of the weather, they have not been able to shoot on the trap range. They will extend their time to get the range shooting in

Hunter Safety Classes

To continue offering Hunter Safety Classes, the Club needs a few more certified hunter safety instructors. We are trying to work out the situation with our local game commissioner, but have been unable to get her and the individuals who would like to be instructors together.

It seems that the Game commission is trying to change how hunter safety classes are offered to new hunters.

We will keep you up to date on the situation as it develops. If you have any questions on the hunter safety program, please contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.

Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These work parties and the Club volunteers are a critical part of Club operation. Without proper 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.

May - There were 16 members who attended the work party on May 17. They were Stew Beck, Steve Boehm, Jim Byerly, John Huemrich, Bailey Karman, Linda Karman, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Pete Luttrell, Joe Montuoro, Denny Nill, Ray Noakes, Dave Pecovish, Jack Stack, Buddy Stepfanic, and Dwight Wiles.

The May work party rebuilt the skip baffle on the 100-yard range.

June - There were 23 members who responded to President Steve Boehm's e-mail to help at the June 21 work party. They were John Allen, Chris Beck, Stew Beck, Steve Boehm, Jim Byerly, Andrew Chongaway, Richard Chongaway, Brian Dorsey & Son, Stan Gierlack, Paul Joos, Linda Karman, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Pete Luttrell, Rhett Mader, Joshua Melvin, Denny Nill, Ray Noakes, Dave Pecovish, Jack Stack, Buddy Stephanic, and Dwight Wiles.

All six 8x8's were hoisted and set in place and all of the 6x6's were bolted to them. Step one of constructing the new baffle is complete. It was a good turn out and the Club sends a BIG Thanks to all who helped.

The next work party is scheduled for July 19. The plan is to continue work on the new baffle on the 100-yard range.

Monday Night Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol Shoot has finished shooting steel silhouettes and has moved to the 50-yard outdoor range for a bowling pin shoot on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to try it. See Page 1 for details on the Bowling Pin shoot.

The League will begin its 20-week season on September 8. The cost to participate is \$30 for Club members. They take a break after 10 weeks (around Thanksgiving) and start their second 10-week session after New Year's Day.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.

Officers and Directors - 2014

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NRA Courses at the Club

Basic Pistol Course

The Club offered its last Basic Pistol course this year on June 28. Another one may be offered in the Fall if there is enough interest.

The course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for safely owning and operating a handgun.

The course is a minimum of 8 hours and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot revolvers and/or semi-automatic pistols. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest position, and two handed standing positions; cleaning the pistol; and continued opportunities for skill development.

PPIH and PPOH Courses

The Club is offering the Personal Protection In the Home

(PPIH) course on Saturday, October 11 and the Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOH) on Saturday, November 1 and Saturday, November 8 (this is a 2-day class). The cost of the PPIH class is \$60 for Club members and \$75 for non-members; the cost for the PPOH course is \$120 for Club members and \$150 for non-members. Shooters must be 21 years old to take these courses. There are prerequisites for each of these courses.

Tactical Shoot

A Tactical shoot has been developed for those who have successfully completed either the PPIH or PPOH courses. The course provides those that passed the courses an opportunity to practice what they learned in the Personal Protection courses. They are held every other month, alternating between Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Contact Denny Nill for details on this shoot.

For further details, on any of these NRA Courses, please contact Denis Nill 412-531-5890.

Metro Police Revolver League

The Metropolitan Police Revolver League is shooting on Thursday evenings on the outdoor range and will continue their outdoor season through August. They are currently in 4th place in .22 competition (out of 5 teams) and 4th place in center-fire (out of 4 teams).

The team is always looking for good pistol shooters - .22 and/or center fire. The team invites anyone who is interested to come out to one of their Thursday night shoots and give it a try. They will explain the shoot and you can actually shoot with them. Your score can not hurt the team. So if you'd like to try it, just show up and shoot with the team.

They shoot their competition in a standing, one-hand (no rest) position at 50 yards. The target is about the size of the bottom of a one-pound coffee can.

This form of competition (often called Bull's-eye) goes back to 1904 and is the granddaddy of all popular handgun competitions in this country. It has been the standard for national and state championships, regional championships, and most outdoor tournaments.

You can shoot .22 and/or center fire and all you need is your favorite .22 caliber or center fire pistol that can hold at least 5 rounds with a barrel length that is practical for target shooting; the gun should have adjustable sights if you are going to use iron sights but red dot sights (not lasers) are also permitted; at least 30 rounds of ammunition for each gun; and eye and ear protection (mandatory). A spotting scope is also very helpful; however, it is not really necessary to participate.

The team usually starts with the .22 match. The first target is a slow-fire target with 10 minutes to shoot 10 rounds. The second target is a timed-fire target and you shoot two five-shot strings, each string fired in 20 seconds. The third target is a rapid-fire target and you shoot two five-shot strings, each string fired in 10 seconds.

After the .22 match they do it all over again but with a center fire pistol.

Both revolvers and semi-automatics are permitted, however, a semi-auto is easier for the timed and rapid fire stages.

For indoor competition, all targets are posted at 50 feet; for

outdoor competition the slow fire target is posted at 50 yards and the timed and rapid fire targets are at 25 yards.

They will be more than glad to introduce you to the sport and tell you all about it. You are welcome to join the team on Thursday evening so you can get a feel for their competition. If you have any questions, call Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or Bill Kramer at 412-835-5453.

CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am on the 100-yard outdoor range. The CMP program encourages shooters who would like to get involved with this group to attend one of their shoots and give it a try. They shoot M-1 rifles which are provided by the Club.

The cost per session is only \$25 and that includes 60 rounds of ammunition for 3 targets.

This is a fun activity for those who enjoy shooting the M-1 type rifles. If you are interested in trying the CMP shoot come out and give it a try. For more information on the CMP, please contact Ron Milanek at 412-833-2493.

Membership Open

The Club has a total of 378 members; 337 senior members, 19 junior members, and 22 associate members as of the end of June.

The Club always welcomes new members. If you have any friends or acquaintances who might be interested in joining the Club and participating in the Club's activities, bring them up and show them around.

New Members

May - There were 2 new members at the May membership meeting. They were Brian Dorsey and Zachary Ziegler.

June - There was 1 new members at the June membership meeting. She was Deborah Cecotti.

Bringing Guests to the Club

When you bring a guest, you must sign in each guest with his full name and each pistol he will be using. In addition the member must sign in with his full name, firearms he will be using, and his range classification (this is on your rangemaster card). This information is required by South Park Township and can be randomly checked

by the South Park Police Department. Shooting without properly signing in is a violation of the Club range rules. The member is responsible for his guest.

Thank You

The Club would like to thank Mark Albert for his donation of \$35.00 to the Club.

Scheduled Shoots

- Monday Night Bowling Pin Shoot - Outdoor Range - Monday Evening 6:00 pm
- Metropolitan Police Revolver League - Outdoor Pistol Range - Thursday Evening - 6:00 pm
- CSC - Mingo Trap Shooting League - Friday Evening - 6:00 pm
- CMP Hi-Power Shoot - 100 Yard Range - 2nd Sunday - 10 am
- Open Trap Shooting - Trap Range Sunday Afternoon - 1-4 pm; Wednesday Evening - 6-9 pm
- Tactical Shoot/Practice Session for PP Courses Call Denny Nill for Details

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All Ranges Are Open and Operational

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