Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

Post Office Box 350 South Park, PA, 15129-0350 Phone 724-348-7941 March - April 2018

March Meetings

Membership - Mar. 6 - 8 p.m. Directors - Mar. 20 - 8 p.m. Work Party - Mar. 17 - 9 a.m.

April Meetings

Membership - April 3 - 8 p.m. Directors - April 17 - 8 p.m. Work Party - April 21 - 9 a.m.

May Meetings

Membership - May 1 - 8 p.m. Directors - May 15 - 8 p.m. Work Party - May 19 - 9 a.m.

Election Results The annual election of Directors took place at the January 2, 2018 membership meeting. There were 8 candidates on the ballot for the 5 open positions, Steve Boehm, Paul Joos, Pete Luttrell, Steve Perry, and Jack Stark were elected to the Board of Directors. The Director's subsequently elected the following officers of the club:

• President - Steve Boehm • Vice President - Scott Karman • Recording Secretary - Wayne Perry •

Treasurer - Ed Revitsky • Membership Chairman - Paul Joos •

At the Board of Directors meeting on January 16, the Board appointed Chuck Heisler and Jason Perry as Alternate (Standby) Directors.

Boy Scouts Are Coming to the Club!

The boy scouts will be on the grounds for a weekend merit badge quest and camp out on March 9, 10, and 11. Boy Scout Troop 510 has also scheduled a weekend at the Club for April 13, 14, and 15. The scouts are usually at the Club starting Friday evening and are normally gone by noon on Sunday.

Anyone that would like to come out and assist with the scout outings is asked to please contact Steve Boehm via e-mail at carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com to volunteer and coordinate times with our other volunteers. If you can't come out, but want to help the Scouts in this endeavor, please consider donating a box (50) of 22lr

ammunition for the kids going for their rifle merit badge or a box (25) of 12ga or 20ga shotgun shells (sizes #7 1/2's, 8's, or 9's) for those attempting to garner their shotgun merit badge. That would be a kind and generous offer; in the last five years, no scout has had to pay addition fees for the extra 22lr ammunition required to earn their badge and we would like to also extend that to those attempting to win the shotgun merit badge if we can.

ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED WHILE THE SCOUTS ARE ON THE PROPERTY!

Your 2018 Membership Dues were due by January 31. If your dues were not received by then your membership was terminated. If you would like to reapply for membership, please forward your application to:

Paul Joos, Membership Chairman,

1316 Creedmoor Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226 You will be put on the waiting list and as membership slots open up you will be considered for membership.

- NOTE -

If you are receiving this via US Mail you could have gotten it a week ago if you had signed up to receive it via e-mail. To receive future issues of the newsletter on your e-mail, just send your e-mail address to parknews@comcast.net. Use "CSC Newsletter" in the subject line of the e-mail

Hunter Safety Classes

After not offering Hunter Safety Courses for a few years (due to a Game Commission glitch) the Club is once again offering Hunter Safety Classes. We have scheduled a class for Saturday, March 24 and another in the Fall on Saturday, September 1. The classes are posted on the PA Game Commission web site and you may register there. The classes will be from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to assist our instructors in teaching the course, please contact Steve Boehm for more information at <u>Carrick-</u>

SportsmenClub@gmail.com.

The class is no longer a 2-day event; the "student" covers much of the preliminary material online and gets the hand's-on aspects of the course at the club.



Trap Shooting

The Sunday trap shoot will resume on March 4 (weather permitting). They will shoot from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Wednesday night trap shoot will start on Wednesday, May 2 with shooting from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$3 a line for either shoot.

The Club will be holding a Wednesday trap league again this year. If you are interested in shooting with the League or would like to discuss learning how to shoot trap, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

Photos for Club Database

As a reminder - ALL members are now REQUIRED to have their photograph for the Club database. Members will have to have this done by 2019. Paul and Jan Joos will be available on the following dates to take pictures for the membership records:

March

Membership meeting - March 6 - 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting - March 20 - 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Work Party - March 17 - 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8:30pm

April

Membership meeting April 3 - 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting - April 17 - 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Work Party - April 21 - 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot has been closed for the winter. The resumption of the CMP program, as previously structured, is under review by the Board of Directors. The cost of ammunition has become a concern because the CMP organization has discontinued selling ammunition at low prices.

Our program usually shoots on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. on the 100-yard outdoor range. We were able to offer the shoot using the Club's M-1 rifles and ammunition at a cost of only \$25 per shoot - and that included 64 rounds for 3 targets. The club's supply of M-1 ammunition acquired from the CMP organization is just about exhausted and we can no longer offer the program at a reasonable cost.

The Directors are considering alternates to the M-1 shoot to replace the Sunday CMP shoot and will inform the membership when any new program will be offered.

For more information on the CMP shoot, please contact Ron Milanek at 412-833-2493 or **rontermite@gmail.com**.

Membership

As of the end of February, the Club has 389 Senior members, 12 Junior members, and 20 Associate members for a total of 421 members. The Membership committee removed 69 members for non-payment of dues. They are in the process of reviewing the applications on the waiting list to fill our membership to our maximum allowable numbers.

Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Shoot will finish their Monday night pistol shoots in mid-March with their annual banquet. After that, they will begin shooting steel silhouettes at 7:30 p.m. on the indoor range. The silhouette shoot will continue through April; when they will move outside for the Club's bowling pin shoot.

The cost to shoot the silhouettes is \$2 per line with the winner of the line getting his money back. The course of fire is 10 shots at each of 3 separate metal targets (chickens, groundhogs, and pigs) for a total of 30 shots per line. Each 10-shot round of shooting is timed at 1 minute.

You will need your favorite .22 firearm, 30 rounds of ammunition per line (with a velocity under 1200 fps), and eye and ear protection.

There is no need to sign up for this Monday Night Silhouette Shoot; just come to the Club about 7:15 p.m. and check in. If you have any questions, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

NRA Classes

Basic Course - The Club had scheduled a Basic Pistol class for Saturday, March 3, but only had 1 individual enroll. The minimum number of participants to hold a class is 5 so that Basic Pistol class was rescheduled for Saturday, April 7. It has been posted on the NRA web site. If you would like to take the course or know of anyone interested in it, please go to the NRA web site for more information and to register. The Club has scheduled another Basic Pistol course for Saturday, June 9.

For more information on the Class, please call Denny Nill at 412-531-5890.

Personal Protection Inside the Home - Personal Protection Inside the Home (PPIH) classes have been scheduled for Saturday, September 22 and Saturday, October 27 (if there is enough interest). The prerequisite to this class is an NRA Basic Pistol Course Certificate (or recognized documented equivalent), Winchester/NRA Pistol Qualification, NRA Pistol Qualification Card, Military DD214 w/pistol qualification, or passing a Pre-Course Evaluation (Pass/Fail) which permits waiver of the basic Pistol Course. The PPIH course is an advanced course and you will need to be proficient in the safe handling of the firearm, gun handling skills (loading, unloading, reloading), and marksmanship. If you have taken a Basic Course within the past few years but have not maintained proficiency as described, you will not perform as needed in the PPIH Course. Interested parties should contact Denis Nill via e-mail at <u>denisrn@verizon.net</u>.

Personal Protection Outside the Home - A Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOH) course is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 and Saturday, November 10 (this is a 2-day course). Eligible club members can sign up for the course before it is posted on the NRA web site. For more information on this course and its pre-requisites, please contact Denis Nill via e-mail at <u>denisrn@verizon.net</u>.

Junior Shotgun Program

The Junior Shotgun program should be back in June. This program will be available to anyone who wants to learn to shoot trap, in a controlled, safe environment with experienced instructors, particularly those younger shooters who are new to the shooting sports. The program is for ages 12 and up. Again the program is centered around teaching proper safety and shooting techniques for a shotgun,

It will be held on Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting on June 6 and will run through June. The cost is \$3 per line of 25 birds and \$7 for the shotgun shells. The Club will provide the shotgun and the eye and ear protection.

To sign up for this program, please contact Ray Noakes at 724-348-5633.

Junior Rifle Program

The Club's Junior Rifle Program, for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older), began in October 2017 shooting from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. There are two parts to the program - an introductory course and a practice session. The introductory course teaches rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, target acquisition, and shooting. This is a 4-week course and shoots through the month of October. The cost for this portion of the program is \$40 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

The practice session, which starts at the end of the introductory course in November, offers the shooters an opportunity to improve the shooting skills they learned in the Introductory portion of the program. The sessions are held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. from November through the end of March. The junior rifle program will be ending their shooting session on March 28. There have been 7 - 8 shooters every Wednesday evening. The cost for this portion of the program is also \$40 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

Tactical Shoot

The first tactical shooting session for 2018 will be held on Tuesday, March 27. Notice will (or has been) sent out to eligible participants advising we will need a minimum of 5 shooters to do the course. The time will be 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for eligible non-members.

To be eligible for the shoot, you must have successfully competed one of the Personal Protection classes (PPIH or PPOH).

Tactical shoots are also scheduled for Tuesday, June 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and Tuesday, November 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

For more information on this tactical shoot, please contact Denis Nill via e-mail at <u>denisrn@verizon.net</u>.

Work Parties

Work parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These work parties (Club volunteers) are a critical part of Club operation. Without continual maintenance and an on-going 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.

January Work Party - The January work party was held on January 20. A partial list of the members who helped at this work party includes Steve Boehm, Jim Davis, Bethany Dragich, Jan Joos, Paul Joos, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Pete Luttrell, Joe Montuoro, Ray Noakes, Tony Palmiere, Robert (Lee) Schlernitzaue, Heather Schulte, Bob Senay, and Rita Senay. *(Our apologies to those who helped but are not recognized here, the chalk board was erased before I was able to copy the list.)* They cleaned up the lead buildup from the indoor range backstop sand pit, replaced the celotex, installed new target hanging cables, began stripping the paint from the baffles on the indoor range, refilled the salt bins, built a security enclosure around the phone and Internet equipment, and cleaned the kitchen area (this is an on-going project.

February Work Party - The February work party was held on February 17. The 10 members who helped at this work party were Steve Boehm, Jim Davis, Chuck Heisler, Jan Joos, Paul Joos, Scott Karman, Robert Low, Joe Montuoro, Ray Noakes, and Ray Schuerger. They finished stripping the baffles in the indoor range; reinstalled the air baffle for the new furnace; did general housekeeping; replaced the lights in the kitchen, men's room, and the ladies room; patched the celotex on the indoor range; repaired the target holders on the rifle range.

MRPL

The Carrick Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL) Pistol Team is in their indoor season. They shoot on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and are currently in second place (out of 7 teams) in .22 and in second place (out of 6 teams) in center fire. For more information, please contact Denis Nill at 412-531-5890 or Bill Kramer at 412-835-5453.

Thank You!

The Club would like to thank the following members who made donations to the club.

- David Kiggins \$10 for the Scouting Program
- Evgenly Shchelchkov \$15
- Ray & Amy Russell \$25

Other Organizations

The Club has renewed its membership in the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League.

New Furnace

The Club has installed a new high-efficiency furnace for the indoor ranges. It will heat the ranges quicker than the old furnace and will be more efficient to operate. When you are shooting and need to turn up the thermostat, it is imperative that you follow the directions near the thermostat.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Revitsky reports that the total monetary assets of the Club are \$58,364.58 as of February 20, 2018. The Board is working on producing an operating budget so that we will be able to project our expenses better and prepare for capital improvements.

Officers and Directors - 2018 OFFICERS

Pres. - Steve Boehm - <u>CarrickSportsmenClub@</u> gmail.com

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Scheduled Shoots

- *Monday Night Recreational Pistol League* (Silhouette Shoot) Indoor Range Monday at 7:30 p.m.
- Junior Rifle Program Indoor Range- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- *Metropolitan Police Revolver League Indoor Range Thursday at 6:00 p.m.*
- Carrick Spring Trap League Season will start on May 7!
- CMP Shoot To be Determined
- **Open Trap Shooting** Trap Range Sunday Afternoon started on March 3 (weather permitting) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays starts on May 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

USC Rifle Team Thank You

Jason Powell, head coach of the Upper St. Clair (USC) School District Rifle Team sent the Club a Thank You letter signed by all the members of the USC team. The text is as follows (unedited):

"Dear Carrick Sportsmen's Club,

On behalf of the Upper St. Clair Rifle team, we would like to thank you for once again allowing us to use your facility. The team is growing every year this year we had 15 students on the team. From the beginning the season the students were determined to improve and they did. The scores that we had this year were highest we have had in years. We have 5 students graduating this year but talking to students at school many students want to try out next year. None of this would be possible without you.

I personally want to thank each and every member for allowing us to share the range with you. I love seeing today's youth so motivated for this sport this is something they can do for the rest of their lives.

Thanks

Jason Powell

Head Rifle Coach"

A copy of the letter which was signed by all the members of the Rifle Team is posted near the indoor range sign in book.

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

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