Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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November - December 2018

November Meetings

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

December Meetings

Membership - Dec. 4 - 8 p.m. Directors - Dec. 18 - 8 p.m. Work Party - No Work Party

January Meetings

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

Board of Directors Election in January

Five positions on the Board of Directors are up for election in January. The Board is made up of 15 Directors who each serve a three-year term with one-third of the Board (five Directors) being elected every January. There are five Directors up for election in January. If you would like to run for election to the Board and have your name on the ballot, please contact Scott Karman, Nominating Committee Chairman, at karmancontracting@yahoo.com. Nominations for the position of Director will also be taken from the floor at the January meeting; 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 five Directors who are up for re-election are:

• Stew Beck • Scott Karman • Ed (E.J.) Revitsky • Ray Noakes • Wayne Perry •

To vote in the election, an individual must be a member of the club for at least 2 months and must have their current up-to-date membership card and ID.

Lottery Calendar Fund-Raiser

The Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April, are ready for members to pick-up and sell. They are packed in envelopes of 5 or 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 1st and go to the end of April. They can be picked up at the club anytime there is an organized shoot, such as trap shooting on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (weather permitting); the Monday night pistol shoot from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Junior Rifle on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and at our meetings, both membership and directors, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. They make great stocking stuffers and are good for those last minute Christmas gifts. To be valid, all tickets must be either turned in at the Club or verification of sale by e-mail (see below) or phone call (to the Club message line at 724-348-7941) by December 31. If you have sold some and can't get them to the Club before the deadline, you can call and leave your name and a brief message 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 and which tickets were sold. Some e-mail addresses are:

- Steve Boehm carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com Denis Nill denisrn@verizon.net
- Joe Montuoro jpmontuorojr1@verizon.net Ray Noakes rnoakes12@comcast.net The Club sells these Lottery Calendars twice a year. Members are urged to sell as many of these as they can because this is THE major fund-raiser for the Club and has helped keep our dues at minimal levels. These calendar sales help the club keep the yearly dues as low as possible and still manage to finance special projects and general upkeep. Thanks for helping the club with this fund-raiser.

A special thank you to Jan Joos for almost single-handedly preparing all of the calendars for pick up. The thousand calendars had to be randomly sorted, put in envelopes in packets of 5 and 10 with return envelopes, and every number had to be recorded according to its envelope number.

Reminder - Newsletter Going Electronic
Starting with the Jan-Feb 2019 Newsletter, the newsletter will be moving to electronic distribution. It will be prepared for, and distributed, via e-mail. There will be a very limited number of hard copies available at the club. We are urging everyone to get your e-mail address to Wayne Perry at <u>parknews@comcast.net</u> so we can get you on the list to ensure you continue to get it when the switchover is made. The newsletter will continue to be available on our web site after it is distributed.

Remember - starting with the 2019 January-February issue of the newsletter, hard copies of the newsletter will NO longer be mailed to you through the U.S. Post Office.

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USC Rifle Team Using Indoor Range Again

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team will once again be using our indoor range for practice and meets. As you may recall they lost the use of their range at USC High School; this is the fifth year we will be hosting them at the Club.

Through the last four shooting seasons, there have been no complaints from the membership on the team using the **range which is closed to the membership while they are here.** They will be using the range between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 3 or 4 days a week this season.

Their schedule is posted by the indoor range sign-in book. The days on their schedule are Nov. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30; Dec.3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, and 28; Jan. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, and 30; Feb. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

We ask you to adjust your range usage to the days and times they are not shooting; to those members who have to adjust their shooting schedule we trust you will understand.

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League started their season on Monday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. on the indoor range. The League is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights. Their season starts in September and ends in late March. Shooting for 20 weeks, they take a break at the Christmas - New Year holiday season and enjoy a "banquet" at the end of the season. When their season ends they switch over to shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range for a few weeks before moving to the outdoor range for the Club's Summer Bowling Pin Shoot.

The course of fire includes 5 segments - all on regulation NRA targets. 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.

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 of under 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 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. For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team shoots on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and is currently shooting indoors. Their 14-week outdoor season has finished; they finished the outdoor season in 3rd place out of 6 in .22 and 4th place out of 5 in center fire. Tom Plappert was High Sharpshooter in .22 and Reno Baum was High Marksman in .22. They are practicing for their indoor season.

Their indoor season will begin the week of January 13 and run for 14 weeks. They are now practicing on the indoor range. The team competes against teams from other clubs in the area, with

each team shooting at their home club; scores are submitted to, and tallied by, the league scorekeeper.

The team invites anyone who is interested to come out and give it a try. You can not hurt the team as only the best 4 sets of scores are submitted for the competition, but you will be able to shoot as if you were a member of the team.

They shoot both 22 and center fire pistols. You can shoot either or both courses of fire.

For more information, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or Bill Kramer at 412-835-5453.

NRA Classes

For information, costs, scheduling, and qualifications for the NRA Classes being held at the Club, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or via e-mail at denisrn@verizon.net. The classes typically held include • Basic Pistol Course • Personal Protection IN the Home, and • Personal Protection OUTSIDE the Home.

All classes that had been scheduled for this year will be completed by early December; Denny Nill will be working on scheduling the classes for next year and as soon as the schedule is set, we will announce it in the Newsletter.

The last class for this year will be a Basic Class scheduled for December 8.

Carrick Fall Trap League

The Carrick Fall trap league started shooting on Wednesday, September 5; they shoot from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 pm. They shoot for 12-weeks, finishing up at the beginning of December. Shooters can shoot for the league on Sunday afternoon between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. if necessary. The cost is \$6/line. The league allows shooting make-up sessions and shoot ahead sessions.

If you are interested in joining the league, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

Open Trap Shooting

The Club holds open trap shooting on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. These shooting sessions are open to the public. The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$5.00. 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. For questions on the Club's open trap shooting, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

2019 Dues Due in December or January

Senior Member - \$90.00; Associate Member - \$20.00; Junior Member - \$5.00; Retired Seniors* - \$45.00. Initiation Fee - \$50; Lost Access FOB - \$5.00; Damaged or Inoperative FOB - No Charge

(*Retired Seniors are members who are 65 years old, on Social Security, retired, and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years.)

Paying your 2019 dues by Sunday, January 6, 2019 will ensure your continued access to the Club for 2019. Any member not paying his 2019 dues by then is subject to having their club access FOB deactivated. Payment may be made at the membership or Director's meetings or you can mail it directly to:

Paul V. Joos at 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.

If you are interested in trying trap shooting, but have never done it before or need to improve your skills, Joe Montuoro, Trap Range Master and NRA instructor, is willing to teach you how to do it. Just call him at 412-833-0897 to make arrangements.

The trap ranges have been entirely refurbished over the last few years with new bunkers and new or rebuilt trap machines and both trap ranges now have voice-activated bird launching systems. The ranges are operating very well and offer the members and the shooting community very functional ranges to enjoy the sport of Trap Shooting.

Junior Rifle Program
The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) began on Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm. They shoot till 9:00 p.m. because this is a school night for the juniors. There are two parts to the program - an introductory course where participants learn rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, aiming, and shooting. This is a 4-week course and ended October 24. 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 second part of the program is the practice session. Starting at the end of the introductory course, shooters can continue to improve their shooting skills in these practice sessions which are held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. through the end of March. The cost for the practice session is \$45 and again includes the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection. The juniors are encouraged to bring their homework for times when they will be waiting to get on the range.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Jim Warden at 412-480-2212 or Ray Noakes at 724-348-5633.

Junior Shotgun Program
The Club's Junior Shotgun program will be offered again next

year in June.

CMP Shoot Alternate

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Hi-Power Shoot has been discontinued, and we are working on an AR-15 Shoot to replace the CMP Shoot. If you are interested in participating in this shoot or would like to get involved in helping run the program, please contact Jason Perry at <u>iperry450@gmail.com</u>. We need to determine member's interest in this shoot if we are to move forward with it.

Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These work parties (made up of all Club volunteers) 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 give 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.

• September Work Party - The September work party was held on September 15. The nine volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Eric Croushure, Eric Draper, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Jan Joos, Paul Joos, E.J. Revitsky, and Ray Schuerger.

They coated the range roof, worked on the FOB system for the 50 yard range, painted doors, cut down trees, and replaced the trap range light.

• October Work Party - The October Work Party was held on October 20. The 11 volunteers at this work party were: Steve Boehm, Eric Draper, Chuck Heisler, Jan Joos, Paul Joos, Scott Karman, Robert Lowe, Pete Luttrell, Joe Montutro, Denny Nill and Ray Shuerger.

They fixed the target holder on the 100 yd range, repaired the trap range sound baffle cables, replaced the celotex on the indoor range, worked on the FOB system on the 50 yard range, repaired the street light, repaired the archery range cable, and worked on preparing the lottery calendars.

Hunter Safety Course

The Club has scheduled two hunter safety courses for 2019. One for March and the second one in September. The courses will be posted on the State Game Commission web site.

If you can assist with the class, or if you are interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Steve Boehm at Carrick-SportsmenClub@gmail.com.

Membership

The Club has 404 senior members, 12 junior members, and 21 associate members as of the end of October for a total of 437 members.

The Membership Committee has 9 applications for membership.

Scheduled Shoots

- Monday Night Recreational Pistol League Indoor Range -Monday at 7:30 p.m.
- Metropolitan Police Revolver League Indoor Range -Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- CSC Fall Trap League Trap Range Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- Jr. Rifle Program Indoor Range Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Open Trap Shooting Trap Range Sunday at 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
- USC Rifle Team Indoor Range Starting Nov 19 Approx. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. till Feb 14

Photos

Photos of each member are now required for the club database. You MUST have your photo in the database to be a member of the club in 2019. Photos will be taken at the club for the database as follows:

- Tuesday, November 6 from 7-9 pm
- Wednesday, November 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm
- Saturday, November 17 from 9 am-2 pm
- Tuesday, November 20 from 7-9 pm
- Tuesday, December 4 from 7-9 pm
- Wednesday, December 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 am-2 pm
- Tuesday, December 18 from 7-9 pm
- Sunday, January 6 from 12pm -3pm (photos and renewals)
- Tuesday, January 8 from 7- 9pm (photos and renewals)

Access FOB Trouble?

If you have trouble with your access FOB, call Paul Joos at 412-344-9387 or send an e-mail to pjcscclub@yerizon.net

REMINDER

The next newsletter will be **NOT** be mailed to you. It will be distributed by e-mail. Get your e-mail address to parknews@comcast.net to ensure receipt of the Carrick Sportsmen's Club newsletter.

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

Newsletter e-mail: parknews@comcast.net

Web Page: www.carricksportsmen.org

Club e-mail: csc.1908@verizon.net or CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com

The Board of Directors Wish All Members and Their Families a Very Happy Holiday Season from Thanksgiving All the Way Through the New Year.

