

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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September - October, 2015

September Meetings

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

October Meetings

Membership Meeting October 6 - 8 pm
Directors Meeting October 20 - 8 pm
Work Party October 17- 9 am

New Indoor Range Being Completed!

Efforts have been on-going to get the new indoor .22 range completed. The steel in the range is adequate for .22 but not larger calibers.

The new pistol range will be used for .22 caliber supervised shoots only! It will not be available for general member use until a better security system is installed and the Club can figure out who is not adhering to the range rules. Currently there appear to be members who feel they do not have to follow the range rules. All members are asked to ensure the compliance with range rules. If you see someone

doing something they shouldn't, please remind them of the rules and if they persist, report them to one of the Directors.

The plan is to finish it as much as possible on the next work party so that it is available to the Upper St. Clair rifle team. Once the new range is completed the rifle team will shoot in there thus freeing up the old indoor range for club use. When finished there will be a separate access door for that range from the outside to minimize the impact that the team has on the general membership.

Boy Scouts Returning

Boy Scout Troops 28 and 323 will be camping out on the Club ground on the weekends of September 11-13 and September 25-27. They will be working on their shooting merit badges while at the club.

As usual the ranges will be closed while they are here. The ranges will be closed from approximately 6:00 pm on Friday and reopen at approximately noon on Sunday.

Members who would like to help out on these weekends are asked to contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net

Club Helping Sponsor Gun Bash

The Club is sponsoring the IBEW Local 29 Gun Bash! It is being held on Saturday, September 26 at the Ross Township Community Center from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The \$25 ticket includes food, beer, and soft drinks. For tickets, please call Paul Joos at **412-344-9387** or via e-mail at pjcsclub@verizon.net

Ranges Closed

Ranges will be closed the weekends of September 11-13 and 25 - 27 while the boy scouts are on the grounds!

**REMEMBER, YOU MUST NOW HAVE YOUR
FOB To ACCESS THE INDOOR RANGE.**

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.

Members are needed to participate in these work parties. There is a lot of work required to maintain the club let alone make any improvements. The work parties enable us to keep the club as a nice facility . . . and improvements help us all in using the club. This work can not be always purchased because of the limited funds available to the Club.

We are asking everyone to commit to making at least 2 work parties through the year.

The Directors can not stress how important this effort is. Unless the ranges are maintained properly and in a timely manner, we run the risk of having to close a range until it can be brought back up to safety standards.

We try to keep the dues and fees down so that they are affordable to all our members, but this does require us to do as much of the maintenance and upkeep of the club as we can. In the past 3 years these work parties have reconstructed the trap houses, rebuild the driveway, taken down the trees at the entrance to the driveway, and rebuilt the baffles on the 100-yard range. There are plans to build a new retaining wall at the house on the 100-yard range, lay a new "floor" at the outdoor pistol range, rebuild the roof at the outdoor pistol range, and update the club's security system. This is in addition to doing all of the grounds-keeping efforts of keeping the grass cut, weeds trimmed, trees removal, roofs fixed, lights replaced, indoor range repaired and updated, painting - inside and outside - maintenance of safety signs, and replacement of doors.

As you can see the Club really does need your help on these work parties. Younger members are encouraged to attend the work parties - no experience is necessary!

Plans for the work party on Saturday, September 19 include finishing the back wall on the new indoor range, finishing the bed on the new range, rebuilding the 2nd wall on the rifle range, and continuing work on the shooting area on the outdoor pistol range. The new roof for the outdoor pistol range will be addressed in the spring.

July - There were seven members at the July 18th Work Party. They were: Bob Foster, Scott Karman, Pete Luttrell, Joe Montuoro, Ray Noakes, Jack Stark, and E.J. Revitsky. They set the beams for the 100 yard range retaining wall, fixed the 100-yard house roof and gutter, and replaced the cel-o-tex on the indoor range.

August - There were six members at the August 15th Work Party. They were: John Huemrich, Bill Kamienik, Pete Luttrell, Joe Montuoro, Tom Plappert, and Jack Stark. They set the ties for the retaining wall at the 100 yard range house wall, worked on the shooting area on the 50-yard outdoor pistol range, and did grounds keeping (weeded, trimmed, policed the area).

Open Trap Shooting

The Club's Trap ranges are scheduled for open trap shooting twice a week: Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. The range is open to the public and anyone can come out and shoot trap. If you are interested in trying trap shooting, but have never done it before or need to improve your technique, 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 in the last three years: both trap bunkers have been re-built; one new trap machine was purchased; the second trap machine was rebuilt by the manufacturer last year; and both trap ranges now have voice-activated bird launching systems. The ranges are operating as good as they ever have and offer the members and the shooting community very functional ranges to enjoy the sport of Trap Shooting.

Sunday Afternoon Trap Shooting, open to the public, is from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm every Sunday afternoon - year round, except for January and February - depending on the weather. The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is \$3.00. Shooters can bring their own shotgun shells (shot no larger than 7 1/2) or they can buy shotgun shells at \$8.00 a box at the range.

Wednesday Night Trap Shooting, open to the public, is from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm every Wednesday evening until mid-November. The cost is the same as the Sunday afternoon trap shoot.

For questions on this open trap shooting, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897.

Carrick Internal Trap League

The Club's internal trap league will start their 12-week season on Wednesday, September 2. The cost is \$5 per line. Teams are made up when they have the final roster of shooters for the season. Many people are expected to be shooting. We will have cash prizes for everyone, the top team gets the most and so on.

If you are interested in shooting in the Club League this year, please call Joe Montuoro at 412-833-0897 or sign up at the trap house.

Carrick-Mingo Shootout League

The Carrick team won the Carrick-Mingo Shootout this year beating the Mingo by 150 birds over the entire year. The trophy will reside in our Clubhouse for this year.

Jr. Rifle Program

The Club is again offering the Jr. Rifle program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) on Wednesday evenings from October 7 through April on the indoor range at 7:00 pm.

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 goes from October 7 through October 28. The cost for this portion of the program is \$35 per shooter and includes the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

The second part of the program is the practice session. At the end of the introductory course, shooters can continue to improve their shooting skills in the practice session where they shoot every Wednesday, through the end of March. The cost for the practice session is \$40 and includes the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection.

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

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The Carrick MPRL Pistol Team has completed their 14-week outdoor summer season, and are currently practicing on Thursday evenings on the Club's outdoor pistol range at 6:00 pm. All shooting is done at the Club, scores are submitted 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.

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

Monday Night Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol Shoot will begin its 20-week season on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 pm on the indoor range. The League is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights. They take a break at the Christmas - New Year holidays and enjoy a banquet at the end of the season, then switch over to a silhouette shoot after their season ends. The cost to participate is \$30 for Club members and \$40 for non-members. People that can't commit to the entire 20-week period can pay as they go - at \$3 per night (members) and \$4 per night (non-members).

They take a break after 10 weeks (somewhere around Thanksgiving) and start their second 10-week session after New Year's Day.

You will need your favorite firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition - .22 or center fire with a velocity under 1200 fps, and eye and ear protection. There is a timed fire segment (5 shots in 20 seconds) and a rapid fire segment (5 shots in 10 seconds) - a semi-automatic pistol is recommended. Those

with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the lines.

For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (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 to gain proficiency with hi-powered military style rifles. They shoot M-1 rifles which are provided by the Club and the cost per session is only \$25 and that includes 60 rounds of ammunition for 3 targets. (Because of the cost of ammunition, the Directors are not sure how long this price will hold.)

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 shoot, please contact Ron Milanek at 412-833-2493.

Membership Open

As of mid-August, the Club has 368 senior members, 24 associate members, and 19 junior members for a total of 411 members.

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

July - There were eight applicants for membership at the July membership meeting. They were all approved as members: • Tanya Burnsworth • Giovanni Capotosto • L Tracey Capotosto • Denise Hertzler • Scott Huwalt • William Kamienik • Tracy Lynn Orr, and • Robert Schlernitzauer.

August - There were three applicants for membership at the August membership meeting. They were all approved as members: • Eric Draper • Nathan Draper, and • Scott Patterson

Officers and Directors - 2015

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Instructors Needed

The Club may be able to offer Hunter Safety Classes to the public this fall, but we need a few more certified hunter safety instructors. If anyone would like to become a certified hunter safety instructor, please contact Steve Boehm at Stephen.Boehm@verizon.net.

NRA Personal Protection Courses

The Club is offering Personal Protection Inside and Outside the Home classes. The next “**Inside the Home**” class is scheduled for September 5. This is an 8-hour course and there are prerequisites.

The next “**Outside the Home**” course is scheduled for November 7 and 14. This is a 2-day course

and requires you to attend both days to complete the course. Prerequisites are also required for this course.

Please contact Denny Nill at denisrn@verizon.net for information on either of these courses. He will have the requirements and details on costs, time, etc. for these courses.

Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League - 7:30 pm - Indoor range - Starts Sept. 14**
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League - Outdoor Pistol Range - Thursday Evening - 6 pm**
- **CMP Hi-Power Shoot - 100 Yard Range - 2nd Sunday - 10 am**
- **Junior Rifle Program - Starts Wednesday, Oct. 7**
- **Open Trap Shooting - Trap Range Sunday Afternoon - 1-4 pm; Wednesday Evening - 6-9 pm**
- **CSC Trap League - Starts Wednesday, Sept. 2**

All Ranges Are Open and Operational

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