

Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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January - February 2024

January Meetings

Membership - Jan. 2 - 8 pm
Directors - Jan. 16 - 7 pm
Work Party - Jan. 20 - 9 am

February Meetings

Membership - Feb. 6 - 8 pm
Directors - Feb. 20 - 7 pm
Work Party - Feb. 17 - 9 am

March Meetings

Membership - Mar. 5 - 8 pm
Directors - Mar. 19 - 7 pm
Work Party - Mar. 16 - 9 am

Board of Directors Election on January 2

In accordance with the recently approved change in the By-Laws, four seats on the Board of Directors are up for election in January. The election will be held at the Membership meeting on January 2. The Board is now made up of 12 Directors (down from 15) who each serve a three-year term with one-third of the Board (four Directors) being elected every January. The four Directors who are up for election in January have agreed to run for another 3-year term and will be on the ballot. If you would like to run for election to the Board and have your name placed 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 on the night of the election; 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 incumbent candidates for Director are:

• **Steve Boehm • Steve Perry • Glenn Woods • John Papinchak •**
They are all running for re-election.

2024 Dues Are Due Now!

Senior Member (Rangemaster Class) - \$110.00; Restricted Senior Member - \$82.50 (75% of the senior dues); Associate Member - \$22.00; Junior Member - \$5.00; Retired Seniors* - \$55.00 (50% of the senior dues).

Initiation Fee - \$50; Initiation Fee (Assoc.) - \$15; Lost Access FOB - \$5.00;

Damaged or Inoperative FOB - No Charge

*(*Retired Seniors are members who are 65 years old and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years. This also includes members who are on disability from social security, or any other Federal Agency, and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years.)*

Paying your 2024 dues by Saturday, January 13, 2024 will ensure your continued access to the Club for 2024. Any member not paying his 2024 dues by then will have their club access FOB deactivated. Payment may be made at the membership or Director's meetings or you can mail it directly to:

Rob Low, 417 Pearce Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

*If you are sending you dues by mail, **do NOT send cash.** Make checks payable to Carrick Sportsmen's Club.*

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your 2024 membership card.

Range Rules Reminder

With the coming of the new year, it is a good time to remind all club members that they **MUST** adhere to the range rules when shooting at the club facilities.

This includes using ECI's (empty chamber indicators), and loading no more than 5 rounds at a time on the indoor and outdoor ranges. This is a safety issue and is also part of the Club's federal consent agreement with South Park Township.

A few other rules that the club imposes are: firearms are to be pointed down range at all times and no handling of any firearm when someone is down range.

Also, 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 Rangemaster status and possible termination of your membership.

The Range Rules **MUST be Adhered To!**

If you need a copy of the Range Rules, please contact Steve Perry at

sdperry48@hotmail.com

Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League (PSRL)

The CSC PSRL team shoots on Sunday evenings on the indoor range starting about 5:00 p.m. They are currently off for the holidays and will resume shooting on January 7 and continue through March 10.

Hunter Safety Course

The Club is planning another hunter safety course in March, 2024. It will be scheduled through the PA Game Commission web site. The Game Commission generally controls the registration for the class but if you want to register directly with the Club, please contact Steve Boehm at CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com

Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun program will be offered again in June, 2024. For more information and to become involved in this program, please contact Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program is off for the holidays and will resume shooting on January 3. The Program is for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older); it began on Sunday, October 30 with the introductory session. There are two parts to the program - an introductory session and a practice session. The introductory session met on Sunday, October 30 and covered rifle safety and shooting techniques

including handling, maintenance, target acquisition, and shooting. The second part of the program is the practice session. After the introductory session, shooters now meet to shoot the rifles and improve their shooting skills under the direction of experienced instructors. These practice sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm and will continue through the end of March. The cost for the practice session of the program is \$90 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection. This is a total of \$120 for the complete program.

If you are interested getting involved in this program, please contact Chris Warden at warden7@me.com.

Membership

As of December 19, the Club had 139 senior members, 6 junior members, and 9 associate members for a total of 154 members signed up for the 2024 year. Membership applications are currently being accepted; however, new members will have limited access to the club ranges.

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.**

Club Holds First Woman's Only Basic Pistol Class



The First-Ever All-Woman's Basic Pistol Class. The Class was presented by Amy Hess, who is standing in the center of the back row with the hat on.

The Club held our first-ever beginner firearms class for women only on Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 am. Twelve women participated in the course which was taught by Amy Hess, a certified instructor, and covered safe firearm handling, range etiquette, basic handgun fundamentals, and protection layering. Amy is an NRA Certified Basic Pistol Instructor, a Certified Range Safety Officer, an NRA "Refuse to be a Victim" Certified Instructor, an NSSF First Shots Facilitator/Instructor, a USCCA Certified Concealed Carry and Home Defense Instructor, and a 2022 graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy.

This class is designed for beginners and those who need a refresher in basic firearms skills.

Judging from the above photo, and the hits on their targets, Amy did well in instructing them on the basics of shooting. The ladies enjoyed the class and had fun.

Another class is planned for Saturday, January 6. If you know a woman who might be interested in the class, please have her contact Amy at ShamrockSafetyPGH@gmail.com. The class is limited to 10 to 12 participants, and will develop a waiting list for future classes.

The Club understands that firearms can be frightening and intimidating for some women, so we are inviting women to attend this class where they can learn safety awareness, proper handling techniques, how handguns work, and how to safely protect themselves. These classes are designed to introduce women to firearms and the concept of self-protection in a safe, controlled, non-intimidating environment.

If they do not have a firearm, the club will have .22 pistols available to use along with eye and ear protection.

The fee for the class is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members

Club Calendar on Our Website

Secretary John Papinchak has been maintaining a Google Calendar on our website at <http://carricksportsmen.org/>. It can be found under the Events tab. The calendar is constantly updated to keep members aware of events as they come up. Check it frequently to be to stay up to date on events that might interest you.

Lottery Calendar All Out for Sale

As of December 25, all of the new Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April 2024, are out for sale. The Board had asked each member to purchase (and/or sell) 3 tickets and it appears that members have stepped up and done just that as all of the calendars are in members hands. If you have any that will not be sold, please get them back to the club so we can endeavor to sell them in the remaining few days.

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 are valid on January 1st and are good through April.

All tickets must be returned to the Club or verification of sale must be made by e-mail by December 31.

The Club sells these Lottery Calendars twice a year. Members are urged to sell as many as they can because this is THE major fundraiser 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 fundraiser.

Lottery Calendars Need to be Turned In By December 31

Outstanding Lottery Calendars should be turned in by December 31. If you still have any in your possession, please turn them in at the January membership meeting. **Please note that the Lottery Calendar starts on January 1. If a ticket was not identified to the Club as being “Sold” by December 31 and the number hits, there will be no payout! Tickets will be “in play” when the Club is notified that the calendar has been sold.**

To avoid any problems, you can call the Club message line at 724-348-7941 and leave your name and a brief message stating 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 or which tickets were sold. Directors’ e-mail addresses can be found on our web site under “Contacts” and at the end of this newsletter.

Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team is currently practicing for their 14-week indoor season on the indoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Their indoor season will begin the week of January 14.

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’ll get a feel for the shooting regime and meet the members of the team. You can shoot with the team but your scores will not count until you actually join 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 via e-mail at denisrn@verizon.net.

Open Trap Shooting

Trap shooting is off through the winter. The Club holds open trap shoots 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 trap sessions are open to the public. For more information on the trap shooting program, please contact Joe DeFazio at truck189engine277@gmail.com.

The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$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.

Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These all-volunteer work parties 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 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.

• November

There were seven members who volunteered for the November 18 work party. They were:

- Jim Beck • Joe DeBranski • Tony George
- Scott Karman • Jim Lawrence • Rob Low
- Jeff Mihoces.

They continued work on the roof, cleaned up some of the fall leaves, and some administrative work.

• December

Contrary to our normal practice, a work party was called for December 9 to finish the roofing work we had to complete to prepare for the installation of our new roof in the Spring. The weather had cooperated and the work party was called with very short notice. We are happy to say that seven members responded and we did get the soffit work finished. Even though the weather was a bit misty, they succeeded in getting all of the roof preparation done so that we will be able to move ahead with the new roof in the spring. The members who responded were:

- Reno Baum • Bill Decraso • Scott Karman
- Rob Low • Ron Morris • Tom Plappert
- Ray Schuerger.

Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League has been shooting on Monday evenings since September 12 with approximately 20 shooters. The League is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights. They finished the first half of their season in December and are now shooting steel silhouettes.

The second half of their season will begin on January 8; they will shoot another 10 weeks until mid March 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.

The course of fire includes 5 segments. 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. All shooting is done on the old indoor range.

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 not greater than 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 entire 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. If you sign up at the mid-season break, the cost for the second half is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Perry at sdperry48@hotmail.com.

**The Board of
Directors Wishes All Members and Their
Families a Very Happy, Healthy, and
Prosperous New Year!**



USC Rifle Team Using Indoor Range Again

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team is once again 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 eighth year we will be hosting them at the Club. Through the last seven shooting seasons, there have been no major 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 pm and 6:00 pm, 3 or 4 days a week this season. Their schedule is presented below and is posted by the indoor range sign-in book. We ask you to adjust your range usage to the days and times that they are not at the club; to those members who have adjusted your shooting schedule we thank you and trust you understand the need to train our youth in the shooting sports.

As a reminder to new members and those that may have forgotten, the Upper St. Clair School District does compensate us for the use of the range. The money that they provide has been used to update and maintain the new .22 indoor range.

USC Rifle Team Shooting Schedule

December 2023; 27, 28, and 29

January 2024: 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, and 31

February 2024: 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 29



Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:30 pm - Resumes Jan.8.
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Indoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 pm
- **Jr. Rifle Program** - Indoor Range - Wednesday at 7:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 3
- **CSC Rifle Team** - Indoor Range - Sunday at 5:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 7
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Trap Range - Sunday afternoon - Wednesday Evening - Off for the winter.
- **USC Rifle Team** - Indoor Range - Approx. 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm till March (See above).

**All Ranges Are
Open and
Operational**

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

Like Us on Facebook



Thanks to Director Jason Perry for his work on maintaining 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/>

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