



# Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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## November - December 2025

### November Meetings

Membership - Nov. 11 - 8 pm

Directors - Nov. 18 - 7 pm

Work Party - Nov. 15 - 9 am

### December Meetings

Membership - Dec. 2 - 8 pm

Directors - Dec. 16 - 7 pm

Work Party - No Work Party

### January Meetings

Membership - Jan. 6 - 8 pm

Directors - Jan. 20 - 7 pm

Work Party - Jan. 17 - 9 am

*The Membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, was rescheduled to Tuesday, November 11 because of Election Day.*

## Board of Directors Election in January

The Board is made up of 12 directors who each serve a three-year term with one-third of the Board (four directors) being elected every January. Four seats on the Board of Directors are up for election in 2026. The election will be held at the January membership meeting on January 6, 2026.

The current Directors who are up for election are: Reno Baum, Robert Low, Wayne Perry, and Christopher Warden; they have all decided to run for election again this year.

If you would like to run for election to the Board and have your name placed on the ballot, please contact Glenn Woods, Nominating Committee Chairman, at a meeting or via e-mail at [gwoods1306@outlook.com](mailto:gwoods1306@outlook.com).

Nominations for the position of Director will also be accepted from the floor at the January membership meeting; however, the nominee must be present and must agree to accept the position if elected. The only criteria for holding office is that the individual must have been a member of the club for at least 1 year.

**ELECTION**

To vote in the 2026 election, you must be a member of the club for at least 2 months and must have your current membership card with you when voting.

*The Board of Directors  
Wish Everyone*



# Happy Thanksgiving!

# 2026 Dues Are Due Now!

At their meeting in September, the Board of Directors voted to keep the dues the same as last year.

The dues are as follows:

**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 fees and other fees remain unchanged.***

**Initiation Fee - \$50; Initiation Fee for Associate Member - \$15;**

**Lost Access FOB - \$5.00; Damaged or Inoperative FOB - No Charge**

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

Paying your 2026 dues by Sunday, January 11, 2026 will ensure your continued access to the Club for 2026. Any member not paying his 2026 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 return of your 2026 membership card.***

## Lottery Calendar Fundraiser



***The Club's Lottery Calendars make great stocking stuffers and are good for those last-minute Christmas gifts.***

The new Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April 2026, are ready for members to pick-up and sell. The Board is asking each member to purchase/sell 3 tickets but members are urged to sell as many as they can because this is THE major fundraiser for the Club and helps keep our dues at minimal levels. If all members sold or bought three, the raffle would be a sell out. They are packaged in envelopes of 5 and 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. The numbers are valid on January 1st and are good through April. The calendars can be picked up at the Club anytime there is an organized shoot or meeting, such as trap shooting on Sundays (weather permitting); the Monday Night Recreational Pistol Shoot; the Junior Rifle program on Wednesday evenings; the MPRL shoot on Thursday; and at the membership and directors meetings. All tickets and money must be turned in to the Club or verification of sale must be made by e-mail by December 31. There is a slot in the door to the storage room for you to deposit the sold tickets and money. The Club sells these Lottery Calendars twice a year. These calendar sales help minimize our annual dues and helps finance special projects and general upkeep.

**Again the Board of Directors is asking EVERY Club member to sell/buy at least 3 calendars.**

***Thanks for helping the club with this fundraiser.***

## USC Rifle Team Shooting Schedule

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team is once again using our indoor ranges for practices and meets. They have been using our range for their practices and matches for about 11 years now - ever since they lost the use of the range at their high school. **As a reminder the team has sole use of the indoor ranges while they are on site.** Through the last ten shooting seasons,

there have been no major complaints from the membership about the team using the indoor ranges which are closed to the membership while the team is on site. They will be using the ranges generally between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm this season. Their schedule is presented below and will be posted by the indoor range sign-in book. The Directors ask you to adjust your range usage to the days and times they are not shooting.

We trust those of you that have had to adjust your shooting schedule understand our desire to help the rifle team. We need to do everything we can to promote the shooting sports to the younger generation.

**As a reminder to new members and those who 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 ranges.**

### USC Shooting Schedule

November 2025

**17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25**

December 2025

**1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 29, 30**

(on the 30th the team will be practicing early - from about noon to 3)

January 2026

**5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30**

February 2026

**2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20**

## Rangemaster Waiting List

The names of members who wish to become rangemasters are on a waiting list; new members who express such a desire are added to the bottom of the list and move up as new rangemasters are approved. As rangemaster openings become available, a Rangemaster Orientation Class is offered to members on the waiting list in the order in which they appear on the list. They are contacted either by phone or e-mail of the class and the opportunity to become a rangemaster. Attempts to contact members for the class have been going unacknowledged and there is no way to tell if a particular member is still interested in becoming a rangemaster or not. **Contacted members who**

**do not respond will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list.** However, if there is some reason you can not make the class, and you let us know, your name will not be moved.

It is just not fair to hold a spot on the list if you are not courteous enough to let us know if you're still interested.

Please contact Steve Perry at 412-779-3409 or e-mail him at [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com) if you have been contacted for a class and have not responded.

# Regular Programs

## Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol League has been shooting since Monday, September 8, and will be taking a break at Thanksgiving and will resume on January 5 for another 10-week period and enjoy a “banquet” at the end of the season. After their 20-week season ends (some time in March) the league usually shoots metal silhouettes on the indoor range and will go to the outdoor pistol range for bowling pins shoots through the summer.

The league is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights.

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 segment is two lines of rapid fire (each line is 5 shots in 10 seconds). Segment 4 is 5 shots, reload/change magazines, 5 more shots, all in 45 seconds; and segment 5 is 5 shots, reload/change magazines, 5 more shots all in 60 seconds - one-handed. You will need your favorite firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition (remember - on the indoor range, ammunition must have a muzzle velocity of 1200 feet per second or less), and eye and ear protection. Because of the time considerations and the cost of ammunition, a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol is recommended. However, those with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the course of fire.

If you would like to try shooting with the Monday night league, give it a try! Just come to the club and sign up. For questions on the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Perry at [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com)

The cost for the 20-week season is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. The cost of the second half of the season will be \$18 for members and \$23 for non-members. Shooters that can't commit to the rest of the season can pay on a per-night basis; \$4 per night for members and \$5 per night for non-members.

For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Perry at [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com).

## Hunter Safety Class

The Club was unable to schedule a Hunter Safety Class for the Fall because of the PA Game Commission. We are trying to schedule one for the Spring; when we have a firm date, we will notify everyone. When the class is scheduled, registration will be done on the Game Commission website.

## Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

With their Outdoor Season done for 2025 the team standings were: in rimfire they were 7th out of 7 teams; in center-fire they were 5th out of 6 teams. This was quite a feat for center-fire because they only have 2 shooters for scoring and all the other teams have 4 shooters for scoring! Either the team was really good or the 6th team was really bad. Maybe a little of both!

**Congratulations to Reno Baum who was High Sharpshooter for rimfire - Way to go Reno!!!**

As you can see the team is in need of more shooters. For the indoor and outdoor seasons they need to have at least 4 shooters for **both** rimfire and center-fire to be considered a team. Without more shooters they will be forced to partner with another team to able to compete.

Each match – rimfire and center-fire – shoots 3 courses of fire: Slow Fire -10 rounds in 10 minutes, Timed Fire - 2 5-shot strings at 20 seconds each, and Rapid Fire - 2 5-shot strings at 10 seconds each - **All One-Handed!** *You can shoot either or both courses of fire.*

Would you like to try a different type of shooting or want to test your muscle memory and reflexes? Want to take on the challenge in shooting with one hand? Well, then come on out any Thursday evening at 6:00 pm to the indoor range and give it a try! Contrary to popular belief they are very friendly, actually enjoy meeting new people, and are very happy to help you traverse to the great sport of shooting NRA National Matches.

Carrick has had an MPRL Pistol Team for over 50 years starting in 1973. With the passing of 3 valuable team members within the last year, the team has taken a huge hit. **BUT THEY ARE NOT QUITTING.** Please consider giving this shooting sport a try.

**WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE OUR TEAM.**

The team competes against teams from other clubs in the area, with each team shooting at their home range. Their scores are submitted to, and tallied by, the league scorekeeper. If you decide to join, there is a minimal fee to join the league.

## Pistol Classes

The Club is trying to schedule a few more pistol class before the end of the year including a Basic Pistol course. Preparing and scheduling these classes depends on the availability of instructors and their competency in the class information. As soon as information is available, we will be disseminated it to all members via e-mail, the website, and our calendar (<http://carricksportsmen.org/>).



## Open Trap Shooting

The Club holds open trap shooting on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (depending on the weather). This shoot is open to all members and their guests.

The cost is \$5.00 per line and shotgun shells are \$10.00 per box (You can use your own shells, but the shot size can be no larger than 7-1/2. (A larger number denotes a smaller shot size.)

For individuals who would like to try the sport of trap shooting but do not have the necessary equipment, the Club will supply needed equipment at no addition charge (except for shotgun shells) and Chris will instruct individuals on how to shoot trap. Participants can bring their own shotgun shells (shot no larger than 7-1/2) or shells can be purchased at the Club at a cost of \$10.00 per box.

For questions on the Club's open trap shooting, please contact Chris Warden at [warden7@me.com](mailto:warden7@me.com).

## Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program, which is for shooters age 12 and up, started on Sunday, October 26 with the introductory session. There are two parts to the program - an introductory session and a practice session. The introductory session is a one-day course

and met on Sunday, October 26. This session covers 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 will meet to shoot rifles, and improve their shooting skills under the direction of experienced instructors. These practice sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm; they start on November 5 and continue through the end of March. The shoot ends at 9:00 pm because Wednesdays are school nights for the juniors. The kids are encouraged to bring their homework for times when they will be waiting to get into the range.

The total cost for the program is \$110 (\$20 for the introductory session and \$90 for the shooting session). This includes the use of a rifle, eye and ear protection, and all ammunition. If you are interested in this program, please contact Chris Warden at [warden7@me.com](mailto:warden7@me.com).

**Note - shooters must complete the introductory course to move onto the practice session.**

## Membership

As of mid-October, the Club had 279 Senior Members. 22 Associate Members, 15 Jr. Members for a total of 316 members.

## New Members

### Welcome to the Club!

- **September** - There were no new members in the Month of September
- **October** - There were 6 new members join the Club in October: They were:  
David Bachner, Jeffery Drecnik,  
Jane McCaslin, Samuel McCaslin,  
Marc Murray, and Kenneth Nolder.

## Buy CSC Branded Items

The Club has established a website where members can go to

<https://tinyurl.com/m9d8jtwc> and buy various Carrick Sportsmen's Club items from Sweatshirts to T-shirts and Cups and Banners. All you have to do is click on the provided link and you will be taken to the order form. Details on the items, colors, costs, and shipping are explained on the site. Please check back frequently, as we will be adding items periodically. The Club will get a percentage of each sale. Click [here](#) to check out the Carrick Sportsmen's Club items!



## Background Checks Are Due Once Again

For instructors and members who are involved with the youth programs, we are required to have a state background check and clearance on file at the club. This can be done on line and, as a volunteer, there is no charge for the background check. Click [here](#) to read the requirements for the clearances and click [here](#) for the forms to submit for your clearances; be sure to check the "Volunteer" box.

## Club Rifle Team

The Carrick Sportsmen's Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League team is off to a good start with a win in their first match of the season, defeating the Armstrong River Hawks, a new team 1185-1118. (Some of the Armstrong shooters actually shot a few matches at the end of last season with out team.)

Cassidy Turner led Carrick with a 274, Julia Seymour fired a 268, Tom Dietrich had a 235, Cindy Dietrich posted a 221, and Colin Donnelly contributed a 187 for a combined total of 1185. Armstrong was led by Riley Wasson, last season's WPIAL prone bronze medalist; she tallied a strong 298; Caleb Osborne registered a 288 (with 95 standing), Joe Haugh had a 277 and Jerri-Lynn Matson shot a 255 for a combined total of 1118.

The team is looking for new shooters for the team this fall and is urging members to come out and give the league a try.

The league shoots 3-position small-bore rifle. All matches are postal, i.e., each team shoots at their home range and the scores are tallied by a league scorekeeper. Adults and juniors shoot together on the same team with only the top 5 scores counting as the team score for the night. Currently, **they are shooting on Sunday evenings starting at 5:00 pm.** They use .22LR bolt-action rifles with non-magnifying scopes (red-dots) or open sights.

If you don't have a bolt-action rifle you can use one of the club's. The course of fire consists of 30 shots - 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, and 10 shots kneeling, with no time limit.

There are about 8 teams participating from as far away as Akron and Erie. Matches have started and generally run through March with a couple of weeks break over the holidays in December. . At the end of the year they have a banquet with an awards presentation.

If you think you might be interested in shooting with the team and participating in the league, or even if you'd just like to try it, please contact Steve Perry at [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com) or Tom Dietrich at [fishfndr@hotmail.com](mailto:fishfndr@hotmail.com).

## CPR and AED Information

We are sharing information that may help you to one day save a life. Please review these free resources on CPR and AED use, as well as Stop the Bleed.

<https://www.aedcpr.com/cpr-aed-certification-training/>    <https://www.stopthebleed.org/>

We hope that this will be informative to you, and that you never need to use this information. However, it is better to be informed, educated, and prepared than not.

# All Ranges Are Open and Operational!

## Reminder Club Calendar on the Website

The Club has a Google Calendar on our website at <http://carricksportsmen.org/> under the Events tab. The calendar is constantly updated to keep members aware of events as they come up. So check it frequently to be aware of events that might interest you.

## 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](mailto:RMLow@verizon.net).*

# 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 the Club's operation. Without maintaining and improving things around the Club, members would find it more and more difficult to use the Club's facilities. The Directors ask everyone who can to participate in these work parties. You don't have to be here all day, any time you can give to this effort is greatly appreciated and highly valued by 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. The next work party is scheduled for November 15 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please come out and help maintain the club. Lunch will be provided.



## September Work Party

There were 9 members who attended the September 20 work party. They were: **Reno Baum, Scott Karman, Jim Lawrence, Nick Lomigo, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Ray Schuerger, Tim Thiry, and Glenn Woods.** They worked on grounds-keeping and the property line fence,

## October Work Parties

The project for the October Work Party was the installation of a new water line from the street (Ridge Road) up to the club house. We had determined there had to be a leak in the line somewhere because of the water usage shown on the water company's statements and the increased costs. After having a leak detector company come out, spend most of a day looking for the leak, and failing to find it, we decided to re-pipe the line. Water was only shut off from Saturday, October 18 through Tuesday, October 21.

### • October 18

There were 11 members who volunteered for the October 18 work party. They were: **Reno Baum, Joe DeB-ranski, Mike Fiorito, Mike Gajski, Zack Gajski, Scott Karman, Tyler Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, Ray Schuerger, and Glenn Woods.** They started to install the new water line and worked until 8:00 pm.

### • October 19

There were 4 members who came back to the Club on Sunday, October 19 and worked till about 4:00 pm installing the new water line. They were **Mike Fiorito, Mike Gajski, Scott Karman, and Steve Perry.** They worked on the new water line installation.

### • October 21

**Steve Perry** spent most of the day working with the plumber s getting th new water line connected.

### • October 25

There were 3 members who worked on October 25 to finish the work that was started on October 18; They were: **Mike Gajski, Scott Karman, and Rob Low.** They filled in the trench and repaired the surface along the driveway.

## Scheduled Shoots

- Monday Night Recreational Pistol League - Monday Indoor Range - 7:00 pm
- Metropolitan Police Revolver League - Thursday - Indoor Range - 6:00 pm
- Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League - Sunday - Indoor Range - 5:00 pm
- Junior Rifle Program - Wednesday - indoor Range - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Resumed November 6
- Open Trap Shooting - Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Depending on the weather)  
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### **Like Us on Facebook**

Thanks to Director Steve 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>.



## **Firearm Owners Against Crime (FOAC)**

Firearm Owners Against Crime (FOAC) is a non-partisan, non-connected all-volunteer Political Action Committee organized to empower 'all' gun owners, outdoors enthusiasts and supporters of the 2nd Amendment to the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution and Article 1 Section 21 and 25 of the PA Constitution with the tools and information necessary to protect freedom from transgression. FOAC was formed shortly after the City of Pittsburgh's illegal gun and ammunition ban of 1993. This



was an active year for gun legislation in Pennsylvania (Act 84 of 1994-HB 185 the preemption law, Casey's gun ban) and the United States (Brady Bill, Assault Weapons Ban.). A number of those who fought the Pittsburgh gun ban realized that a more politically active role was necessary if we were to keep and protect our rights. FOAC became a formal statewide Political Action Committee in early 1994.

They have all sorts of information on current legislation and politician ratings on their website at <https://foac-pac.org/>.

### **Reminder on Guest Fees**

The directors are reminding members that there is a guest fee when you bring a friend to the Club to shoot (even if the guest is a family member). The guest fee (\$5) applies to everyone who is not a Club member; if the guest is not a member of the club (either a junior or associate member) then the member has to pay the guest fee for that person.

That is the prime reason why the Club has the Associate and Junior membership classes; if they are members, then you don't have to pay the \$5.00 guest fee when you bring your spouse, son, or daughter shooting with you.

## **Hyperlinks Should Be Active**

The links referenced in the newsletter should be active in the PDF of the Newsletter. If you click on them you should be connected directly to the web page referenced or it will open an e-mail form already addressed to that e-mail address. If they are not working, please let Wayne Perry know at

**[parknews@comcast.net](mailto:parknews@comcast.net)**. Thanks!

Newsletter e-mail: [parknews@comcast.net](mailto:parknews@comcast.net) Web Page: [www.carricksportsmen.org](http://www.carricksportsmen.org)

Club e-mail: [csc.1908@verizon.net](mailto:csc.1908@verizon.net) or [CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com](mailto:CarrickSportsmenClub@gmail.com)

*Happy Holidays*





**The Directors Wish Everyone  
and Your Families the Very Best  
of the Holiday Season**

## **Officers and Directors - 2025**

### **OFFICERS**

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## **Board of Directors Term Expires (Jan)**

Reno Baum	2026
Stephen Boehm	2027
Michael Fiorito	2028
Michael Gajski	2028
Scott Karman	2028
Robert Low	2026

John Papinchak	2027
Roni Plappert	2028
Steve Perry	2027
Wayne Perry	2026
Christopher Warden	2026
Glenn Woods	2027