

# Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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## January - February 2026

### January Meetings

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

### February Meetings

Membership - Feb. 3 - 7 pm  
Directors - Feb. 17 - 7 pm  
Work Party - Feb. 21 - 9 am

### March Meetings

Membership - Mar. 3 - 7 pm  
Directors - Mar. 17 - 7 pm  
Work Party - Mar. 21 - 9 am



**- Please Note -  
The Membership Meeting Start  
Time Is Now 7:00 PM!**

### Board of Directors Election on January 6

Four seats on the Board of Directors are up for election at the Membership meeting on January 6. 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. The Directors who are up for election in January (Reno Baum, Robert Low, Wayne Perry, and Chris Warden) have agreed to run for another 3-year term and will be on the ballot. In addition an additional member has been nominated for the Board - he is Charles Rozzo. 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 [gwoods1306@outlook.com](mailto:gwoods1306@outlook.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 candidates for Director this year are:



- Reno Baum • Robert Low •
- Wayne Perry • Charles Rozzo • and Christopher Warden •

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.



# 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.***

## Club Rifle Team

The Carrick Sportsmen's Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League team is off to a good start this season!

The team is looking for new shooters for and suggest you come out and give it 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).

## 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.

# Lottery Calendars Were to be Turned In By December 31

Outstanding Lottery Calendars should have been 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 started 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" ONLY when the Club is notified that the calendar has been sold.

To avoid any possible 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.



## 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 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.**

## Scheduled Shoots

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Indoor Range - Monday at 7:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 5.
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Indoor Range - Thursday at 6:00 pm resumes Jan. 15
- **Jr. Rifle Program** - Indoor Range - Wednesday at 7:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 7
- **CSC Rifle Team** - Indoor Range - Sunday at 5:00 pm - Resumes Jan. 4
- **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 Page 6).

# Member Education

## Basic Handgun Class

The Club is offering a USCCA Basic Handgun class on Sunday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. and will last approximately 4 hours. It will be taught by USCCA (United States Concealed Carry Association)-certified instructor, John Papinchak.

This training, which is highly recommended for all of those new to firearms, and new shooters, and suggested even for seasoned shooters as a refresher, will cover:

- **Handgun basics and shooting fundamentals**
- **Understanding how to avoid conflict and awareness of your surroundings**
  - The psychology of violent encounters
- **The legal aspects of using deadly force (including knowing what to do in the aftermath)**
- **Live fire and safe handgun handling on the range. (Please bring your handgun and at least 25 rounds of ammunition!)**

The cost of the course is \$35 for members and \$50 for guests (cash or check at the class). Please register by sending your name and membership number to Carrick Sportsmen's Club via e-mail to [carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com).

Please bring your handgun, ammunition at least 25 rounds, notebook and pen/pencil, snack/beverage (if you wish), and any questions that you hope to have addressed.

## Handgun Cleaning Class

The Club is hosting a handgun cleaning class on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn the proper maintenance and care for your firearms. The class will cover:

- **Handgun disassembly and assembly**
- **Proper inspection**
- **Cleaning, lubrication, and storage**

There is no cost to club members. Guests are also welcome: however, there is a fee of \$10 per guest. Cash or check payable to Carrick Sportsmen's Club will be accepted at the class.

Participants should bring

- **Their UNLOADED handgun (no ammunition)**
- **Specialized tools for disassembly (wrenches, screwdrivers, etc.)**
- **Your owner's manual (if you have it)**
- **A cleaning mat or old towel**

- **Your cleaning supplies (cloths, fluids, brushes, etc.)** *[Note: We will have some supplies on hand if you don't have them.]*

To register, please call 412-559-5738 and leave a voicemail with your name and membership number, or e-mail the club at [carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com) with your name and membership number.

## Personal and Home Protection Plan' Mini-Course

Carrick Sportsmen's Club will be sponsoring a USCCA 'Developing a Personal and Home Protection Plan' mini-class on Sunday, January 18, at 2:00 pm and will last approximately 2 hours. It will be taught by USCCA (United States Concealed Carry Association)-certified instructor, John Papinchak.

For many, the home is mistakenly considered an impenetrable fortress where guards can be let down and an awareness of surroundings is no longer necessary, but that is simply not the case today. USCCA Home and Self-Defense Classes allow you to explore the importance of situational awareness through the color codes of awareness, how conflict avoidance benefits you at home, and how vital it is to be proactive versus the risks of living reactively. You'll leave this class with a simple, yet highly effective home and personal protection plan developed by self-defense experts.

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- How to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.
- How to build an actionable defense and protection plan designed specifically for your home.
- Five *easy and powerful* situational awareness tips to avoid threats and look less like an easy target
  - Three critical steps to take to keep your family safe (no matter what happens next)
  - How to quickly improve your home security and defense (*without breaking the bank*)

The cost of the course will be \$35 for club members and \$50 for guests (cash or check at the class). Please register by sending your name and membership number to Carrick Sportsmen's Club via e-mail to [carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:carricksportsmenclub@gmail.com). Please bring a notebook and pen/pencil, snack/beverage (if you wish) and any questions that you hope to have addressed.

This course will be repeated in the coming months, dates are TBA.

# Regular Programs

## Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program will be resuming their practice shooting on January 7.

These practice sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm; they started on November 5 and will 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.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Chris Warden at [warden7@me.com](mailto:warden7@me.com).

## Open Trap Shooting

Trap shooting is on hiatus for the winter. They will pick up again as soon as the weather cooperates,

When shooting, the program is held on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. These shoots are 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.)

If you 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 Warden 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).

## 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.

## Recreational Pistol League

The Monday Night Recreational Pistol League has been shooting since Monday, September 8, and is currently on their holiday break and will resume on January 5 for another 10-week period after which they will 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 remaining 10-week session is \$18 for members and \$23 for non-members. Shooters that can't commit to the full 10-week session 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).

## **Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)**

The team is currently practicing for their indoor season and will start their regular indoor season on Thursday, January 15. The team needs more shooters. 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 be 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.**

If you would like to try a different type of shooting or want to test your muscle memory and reflexes, consider trying this league! If you want to take on the challenge of shooting with one hand, then come on out any Thursday evening at 6:00 pm to the indoor range and give it a try!

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

Contrary to what you may have heard, the Thursday night league is very friendly and actually enjoy meeting new people,. They will be very happy to help you settle in 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 devoted team members in 2025, 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.**

## **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 10 years now - ever since they lost the use of the range at their high school. Since they have been here, 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 are using the ranges usually between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. They started shooting in November and the remainder of their shooting schedule is presented below. The entire schedule is posted by the indoor range sign-in book. The Directors thank you for adjusting 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 .22 indoor ranges.

## **USC Shooting Schedule**

**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**

## Membership

As of December 16 Director's Meeting, the Club had 109 senior members, 1 junior members, and 8 associate members for a total of 118 members signed up for the 2026 year. Membership applications are currently being accepted; however, new members will have limited access to the club ranges.

## New Members

### Welcome to the Club!

- **November** - There was one new member in the Month of November. He was • John Mackey •
- **December** - There were no new members in December:

### REMINDER

#### Club Calendar Is 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.

## SELL IT FAST IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

YOUR CLASSIFIED AD COULD BE HERE IN THE NEXT ISSUE! !!

Simply e-mail it to  
[parknews@comcast.net](mailto:parknews@comcast.net)  
Before February 22!

## 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.

### 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](mailto:rmlow@verizon.net)

### REMINDER

#### 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.

# All Ranges Are Open and Operational

# 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 January 17 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please come out and help maintain the club. Lunch will be provided.

## November Work Party

There were 5 members who attended the November 15 work party. They were: **Joe DeBranski, Scott Karman, Rob Low, Jeff Mihoces, and Glenn Woods**. They worked on the fence line, spread lime on all 3 outdoor ranges and replaced the indoor range fabric/



## 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

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