

FACTORYVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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For over 75 years, the Factoryville Sportsmen's Club in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, is an organization founded on the principles and values of Sports men & women. Easily accessed from Rt. 6, many sporting recreational activities are continued to be practiced at the club's 350 acre facility. The responsible and safe use of firearms for shooting sports, hunting, defense and the ethical stewardship of our natural resources is at our core, and we welcome those that hold the similar heritage and values. In addition to the comradery among it's over 500 members, the contributions made to the community, various charities donations and scholarship offerings, law enforcement, and the promotion of the shooting sports for future generations makes FSC the premier sportsmen's club in the area.

FSC offers shotgun (trap, 5 stand, skeet, & sporting clays), rifle (CMP, NRA Silhouette, Rimfire & Long Range sporting events), pistol (Steel Challenge & USPSA), Muzzleloader and an Archery 3-D course and tower. Other scheduled activities include Horseshoes, Darts, Hunter / Trapper Education classes, Adopt a Highway, various firearm & range officer Certifications, Youth activities, along with many other special shooting events and fundraisers though out the year.

Communications, Information, and Instruction

FSC Monthly General Membership Meeting – held the last **Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM**, (2nd Wednesday in Nov. and Dec.). An opportunity to see & hear in person to what's happening at the club, or to bring to the floor any concerns, suggestions, or improvements that you may have in mind to make *your* club the best that it can be. There is no smoking and the bar is closed during the meeting, but allowed before and after. **If voting (elections in October) you need 6 meeting attendances, 9 meeting attendances to run for an office.**

FSC Board Meetings – held **1st Monday of the month at 7:00PM** to hear your concerns or suggestions. If you want to hold an event or have an issue to get resolved, or want permission to do any improvements or assist in anyway, please do not hesitate to attend. – you have a voice that will be heard.

Membership - Marti Shafer-Callahan - Dues are **\$200.00** for 2023, must be an NRA member (\$30.00 through the club), \$35.00 new member initiation fee and must be present at the meeting they are getting voted in on. Dues collected November thru February without late fee, Dues prorated for new members during the year. Please update / confirm mailing and email address information at this time. Gate access card not issued until confirmed New Members have attended Orientation.

Member Orientation (MANDATORY FOR NEW MEMBERS recommended for existing members)
– **George Fornwalt** – get familiar with the club grounds, events held, and the history of FSC. For new members, scan card isn't issued until orientation is completed, you also receive event vouchers for a free round. Preregister sign-up sheet in the club house, or call George at 570-290-1323 so George can plan appropriately.

FSC Hotline (570-378-CLUB or 570-378-2593) – any event additions / subtractions for the FSC hotline, or leave a message on the hotline to have your event updated.

FSC website – <https://fscshooting.org/> take a moment to view scheduled & special upcoming events, **range closures**, descriptions of the events held at FSC, and other pertinent links at FSC on our website.

Facebook – Check out what's happening at the club, and like us on Facebook. Find sub groups for FSC events such as Event calendar, SCTP, Horseshoes, Archery, Silhouette, Long Range and more in the "Groups" section at:
<https://www.facebook.com/factoryvillesports/>

FSC schedule card – this brightly printed hard copy of the premier events are available at the club. Please refer to the FSC schedule dates, times, fees, and contact information for questions.

FSC Newsletter – **Walter Rohan** – available each month on the FSC website. For addition of any additional topics, upcoming events, or event chairperson results Email FSCNEWSLETTER2@GMAIL.COM

Event Chairpersons Scheduling Meeting – meeting in October to set schedules and chairpersons for existing and new events for the upcoming year.

Hunter Trapper Education – **Bill Kozuck** – Registration is through the Pa. Game Commission website. Students must be 11 years old on the date of the class. Always Looking to add additional instructors, if interested please contact us or the PGC.

FSC license plates, patches, and hat pins are available at the Membership window. HATS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

Getting involved...How you can help

Our bigger fundraising and scholarship events need more volunteers to help at the events, even for an hour is a great help and is appreciated to help make **your** club events the best they can be. Dinners & raffles help to keep club dues low. Most of our regular scheduled events could use help in setting up, running, and taking down of the courses, feel free to contact any of our event chairpersons on how to participate. There's also a need for volunteers for grounds & range maintenance and further property development. If you have any time, skills, or resources to offer, please contact a board member or event chairperson on how you can get involved. There's always a need for Adopt a highway volunteers, Hunter / Trapper Education instructors, and scorers for our larger state shoots. Other available turnkey events can use chairpersons and ideas for new events are always welcome

Highlights from the February Membership meeting

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for sick, injured, or departed members, and for those serving our country in harm's way, followed by the reading of any previous meeting minutes by **Recording Sec. Walter Rohan & Treasurer Dave Woodyatt** reported the monthly financial statement, offering any member to view the calculations, balance, and receipts. Any questions, comments or corrections made.

Chairman's report – Bruce Weisenfluh – The Monday Muzzleloader shoots will be moving to the Archery area. Supergun tickets are \$35 with 1400 tickets available. The call to Postpone the meeting a week again last month due to icy weather conditions was made for safety of the membership, if there's anyone that would have made the regular scheduled meeting but couldn't make the rescheduled one please contact the membership chair person Marti for getting credit for attendance. We're expecting a shipment of claybirds on March 17th, any help unloading the truck would be appreciated

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – received back responses to invites to our State Representatives to attend our meetings and appears promising that a few will be at the club. Club promotion flyers are available, please pick one up and post in a place of prominence so as to help promote the club out in the public even more. Always looking for suggestions and submissions to promote your event or the club. Some folks from WILK / Froggy was visiting the club, there's a possible FSC radio ad in the works in the future.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis - for the 21-23 legislation "season" over 300 bills of sportsmen's interest were being tracked. 2 progun bills were vetoed, but no anti 2nd amendment bills were passed. So far this year 66 gun related bills already on the books for consideration. March 25th is the PFSC raffle, \$5 raffle tickets available tonight and online on the PFSC website <https://pfsc.org/events>

Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan – currently we are at 558 adult members (includes 127 life members), 58 junior members, 3 adult applications made as of the meeting. For those that re-enrolled in NRA membership through the club (a \$5-\$10 discount) please be patient for your re-enrollment to be validated by the NRA as we send them out.

Land Use Management – planning another batch of trees being delivered in April, stay tuned for more info. Customizable brick orders being taken, \$70 cash, \$75 credit card. Bricks can also be purchased for memoriam. Bricks to be installed as firing line markers at the ranges.

Chairpersons of Events reports

Refer to the FSC Website for event dates, times, fees

Details are as follows from Chairpersons that reported:

Adopt a Highway - George Fornwalt - we'll conduct our first pickup on April 8th meeting at the club at 9:00 am.

Calendars – George Kessler - a few calendars are still available, about 880 sold so far. Calendars are \$35.00 each, with tie-ins to the Daily Number drawings. NOTE: if you send in payment for calendar with your membership dues, please include the info slip that comes with the calendar so we know your calendar #'s.

Darts - Ralph Gilpin - Throwing darts every Thursday, 6:00 starts signups, 7:00 games begin. \$5 members, \$10 non members. 5 weeks remain for darts

Hunter / Trapper Education – Bill Kozuck - first class at the club on April 29th, registration through the PGC website.

Muzzleloader - Paul Zbegner - March 25th will be the muzzleloader shoot, flintlock and percussion caplock w/

round ball only. **Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent** - moving the Monday shoots to the Archery area.

*****NEW EVENT IN 2023 - NRL22 - Bill Kozuck** - will be starting our first NRL22 match in April, will hope to hold a practice / familiarization match in March. Match info, rules, equipment suggestions, COFs can be found <https://nrl22.org/about/rules-2023/>

Sporting Clays / 5 stand – Rick Valent – winter league is in full swing, averaging 20 shooters per round.

Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski - starting April 9, 2 matches, 40 rounds per match, 4 distances. Practice at 9:00am, matches at 10:00am.

U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane – had 45 shooters the last match, which he believes to a record number of shooters. Matches are 2nd Sunday of the Month, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00

Steel Challenge – **Barry Ruane** – starting up steel challenge April 1.

General Meeting open forum / old and new business / good of the order

George Fornwalt – March 25th we'll have a club work detail, please get in contact with me for what needs to be done or any suggestions on what we can improve on the grounds.

Scholarship shoot - \$35 for 50 birds, \$65 for 100 birds, includes a steak dinner. POC John Hegedty.

We're going to have to cease the 5 gun scholarship raffles.

Carl Mozileski - Friends of the NRA Banquet on March 25th at Fiorelli's in Peckville.

Applications for new members were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: joeseph gronchick, John Kolcharno, John Misnik.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a Calendar drawing. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, the name John Diakiw was pulled but did not have an entry, with no winner the pot rolls over to next month. Simply Sign in on the sheet, put the corresponding number on the provided envelope with \$2.00 enclosed, and insert into drop box at membership window.

Next general membership meeting Mar 29 2023 @ 7:30 pm, Motion to adjourn accepted, meeting concluded 8:11 pm

This month's FSC Spotlight: NEW TO FSC IN 2023 - NRL22

NRL22 is sanctioned by the National Rifle League in which rifles are used (currently .22LR only at FSC), and the Course of Fire (COF) varies each month. The COF is published by the NRL a week before the monthly match. NRL22 is a way for every participating club in the country to participate and compete with each other every single month. Stages are engaged from different shooting positions and use of props & barricades such as shooting off a ladder rung, simulated rooftop, barrels, or off a structure of another sort. The local monthlies will qualify shooters for NRL22 National Championships, to be eligible for the NRL22 National Championship a competitor must be a current NRL22 member, but there is NO requirement to be a NRL member to participate in a local club match. NRL22 is designed to be as inclusive & cost efficient as possible so as any organization may participate.

One week before the designated month NRL22 will release a COF consisting of 5 stages to be used in that month. The COF will be published in the Downloads section of the NRL22 website (link below). All of the stages will be with steel. 1 stage will be timed to help break ties. Because the COF is not known way ahead in advance & released to everyone at one time, Range Officers (RO) and Match Directors (MD) will be able to participate along with everyone else with no advantage.

There are 2 options to the monthly COF: **Option 1** will be 100 yards or closer & utilize the NRL22 Standard Target Package & standard barricade list (links below). **Option 2** could have various modifications to the stage such as, but not limited to, reduced times, magazine changes, additional positions, or targets that are further than 100 yards but will not exceed 200 yards.

Generally the COF is 120 seconds (2 minutes) with 10 target engagements, optimally hitting all 10 targets per stage for 100 points per stage.

NRL22 will provide 5 stages & only those 5 will be used to submit for points. However, it is encouraged for clubs to put on a few more "Outlaw" bonus stages to suit the wants of your members. In accordance with the season rules, all stages are unrestricted on gear usage with the exception of tripods and shooting sticks, which are never allowed. Additionally, there may be stages on the monthly course of fire that have gear restrictions to challenge a competitor a little more. Though not required, Competitors should be willing to share their equipment, which allows new and experience competitors to use new equipment that they are not familiar with. MDs may have equipment/gear restrictions on any bonus stages that they add to the 5 NRL22 stages; however, those "Outlaw stage" points will not count towards NRL22 points. The overall match score can be used to track local scores and club rankings.

There are 6 classes in total. Open, Base, Air Rifle, Ladies, and Young Guns (8-16), and OG (60+)/Adaptive. Open and Base must utilize rifles chambered in .22 Long Rifle.

Open class is unlimited in the rifle and optic they use.

Base class is for the budget minded shooter. For rifles with scopes in which the combined MSRP of *both* cost \$1200 or less. Some modifications are allowed in Base class.

Air Rifle class a rifle that operates with compressed air to fire a pellet or slug & must be .35 caliber or lower. Tethered tanks are not allowed.

Ladies class is for the women shooters.

Young Guns ages 8-16. Youth must be able to manipulate the rifle safely on their own, but voice coaching is absolutely encouraged.

OG / Adaptive class older than 60 years old or any shooter that has special physical needs/considerations. It will be up to the MD to determine special needs. It is up to the OG /Adaptive class participants to have reviewed the course of fire prior to the local match. Before the match begins, the MD shall hold a meeting with all of the OG / Adaptive participants to discuss the COF & all agree on any changes/scaling to accommodate the OG / Adaptive class. An example would be utilizing a bench instead of shooting prone.

Women & Youth may opt into any of the other classes instead, Ladies class, Young Guns, and Old Guns / Adaptive class may choose to sign-up as an Open or Base class at the beginning of the season. If that occurs then he/she will adhere to the rules in which they are classed in.

For more information about NRL22, including standard target / barricade packages, please visit the NRL22 website <https://nrl22.org/> rules/range commands etc <https://nrl22.org/about/rules-2023/> COFs <https://nrl22.org/downloads/> For FSC POCs, match dates, registration, and if interested in becoming a RO or score taker, please refer to the FSC website <https://fscshooting.org/>