

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 & 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 board decided to invest in voice activated traps for sporting clays. Phones were down for 20 days. Recognizing George Fornwalt for being at the club 4 for the phone company of which they canceled 4 times.

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – Wyoming Co. Examiner put out that the meeting was on the 25th, was a misprint. Rep. Pickett is interested in doing a concealed carry seminar on May 12th.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis- No report

Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan – currently we are at 560 adult members (includes 128 life members), 58 junior members, 9 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. **Will be looking for a replacement for Membership Secretary**, if interested see me or a Board member.

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 8:00 am.

Calendars – George Kessler - a few calendars are still available, about 897 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 - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent - moving the Monday shoots to the Archery area, every second Monday starting in May.

*****NEW EVENT IN 2023 - NRL22 - Bill Kozuck** - will be starting our first NRL22 match April 22nd, registration through Practiscore, Match info, rules, equipment suggestions, COFs can be found <https://nrl22.org/about/rules-2023/>

Sporting Clays / 5 stand – Rick Valent –April 7th is the winter league Banquet, April 5th will start back up on Wednesday nights.

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 37 shooters the last match, 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, have a large crowd already registered, weather may become an issue.

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

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

Applications for new members - were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: Robert Wolsky, Scott Westington, Todd Sykes, Dave Stevens, Corey Melisky, Chad Kresge, Alex Hunter, Jon Bucher, Carl Sherman Jr.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a Calendar drawing. **Calendar winner** was Chris Kutch. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, the name Robert Boyce 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 April 26 2023 @ 7:30 pm, Motion to adjourn accepted, meeting concluded 8:21 pm

This month's FSC Spotlight: **FSC SCHOLARSHIP FUND EVENTS**

Of the many events the Factoryville Sportman's Club hosts and supports inside or outside of the club grounds, none may be as important as the various Scholarship Fund Raising events that cumulatively provide local students with financial assistance so that they may further pursue a career in their field of interest while on their path to becoming a future community leader.

There are three \$1,000 FSC scholarships available per year, for eligibility:

- 1) One student must be a graduating senior at Lackawanna Trail and one from Tunkhannock High schools, regardless of club affiliation, and one graduation senior student of a FSC from any other school district.
- 2) An application must be filled out completely and submitted along with an essay covering three topics concerning the Second Amendment and hunting.
- 3) Submission of 1st semester grades, along with high school grade transcripts in the application.

The application package is then reviewed and awarded by a three member scholarship panel.

A few of the major events / raffles that supply the Scholarship Fund:

Fred Loch Memorial Scholarship Shoot - FSC holds the annual Fred Loch Memorial Scholarship Shoot traditionally in May on the Club grounds. This shoot is to help fund the club's scholarship program for graduating seniors at Lackawanna Trail and Tunkhannock High schools. Graduating senior children of any club member may also apply from any other school district. Shooting on the clay bird sporting clays course begins in the morning and a steak dinner (included with the entry fee) is served mid day. Shotguns are also available if needed. There is a 50 or 100 bird course, which the shooter will have to provide their own ammunition. All proceeds go towards the scholarship fund. If you aren't available to shoot, you can sponsor a shooter or a shooting station for a small fee. Donations of any size are also appreciated.

Henry Rifle Raffle – Raffle tickets are available for a chance to win “made in the USA” Henry Rifle. Depending on availability, one or multiple models and calibers are offered, with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. The drawing is traditionally held mid year.

Miscellaneous contributions are added to the Scholarship Fund throughout the year either through private donations, or other events and Raffles to help financially prepare our youth on furthering their education.

Scholarship applications will be available in the guidance offices at both Lackawanna Trail / Tunkhannock high schools and at the Factoryville Sportsman Club, with more information on various Scholarship Fund events at

<http://www.fscweb.org/>