

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 April 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 – Supergun tickets due tonight, there are no extras. Tents and food are ordered for Supergun. The board is considering Radio Ads, a rep from froggy 101 / WILK gave a presentation. With turkey season upon us, be reminded where hunting is allowed for safety reasons during events. Representative Tina Pickett will have a Concealed carry event May12th 7-9:00PM. Register by calling her office. Another muzzleloader, a 20ga "Pa Fowler" will be made for raffles and this time open to the public.

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – Tommy Gun warehouse has a 600Y range, heard it on the radio. Also our stationary has been updated to correct information. Proposed a guest pass for a 2hr block of range time for new firearm owners through many of our local firearms dealers.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis- tracking 108 sportsmen related bills, an exampl is #476 prohibiting firearms and other weapons within 1000ft of demonstrations. 2 bills of interent making Monday the first day of deer season, and anterless deer license reductions. CWD has 3 new potential ways of

detection... 1) soil tested at deer scrapes 2) off of deer feeders 3) trying to train sniff dogs. Hunting licenses go on sale June 26th, including anterless. Anterless allocations 3C 40K, up 3K from 2022, 3B 1,000 less down to 33K. Kid's fishing derby will be on June 3rd 9-11AM across from the Wyoming co state police barracks.

Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan – currently we are at 561 adult members (includes 129 life members), 58 junior members, 15 adult applications made as of the meeting. Will be sending out email reminders to members with unpaid dues. 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 – 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. Started planting trees, thanks for those who helped plant about 400, about 125 more to go.

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 had 7 people come out for the last pickup, next pickup is in the fall. Renell Vincent who use to run the Adopt a Highway had passed on, thanks Renell for keeping the event going.

Calendars – George Kessler - a few calendars are still available, 888 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.

Hunter / Trapper Education – Bill Kozuck - first class at the club on April 29th, Class is fully registered.

Muzzleloader - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent - moving the Monday shoots to the Archery area, every

second Monday starting in May. If you don't have a gun, we got you covered!

NRL22 - Bill Kozuck - canceled the match, low sign up / registration.

Sporting Clays / 5 stand – Rick Valent –the club is making an investment in wireless trap activators which will allow much better shot setups. Starting back up on Wednesday nights.

Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski - we had a small turnout on Easter Sunday. We have 2 matches, 40 rounds per match, 4 distances. Practice at 9:00am, matches at 10:00am.

U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane – had 31 shooters on Easter Sunday, Matches are 2nd Sunday of the Month, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00

Steel Challenge – Barry Ruane – we had 31 shooters brave the weather at the last match.

Trap - Ned Tyler - starts next week, looking for another match director, and can always use a hand running the event.

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.

Women On Target - Tim Donnelly - will be on Sunday April 30, register through the NRA.

Bruce Weisenfluh - on May 14th we could use help taking down tents, tables, chairs etc from supergun. Also we 2 more members were called home, Renell Vincent and Davey Wilczewski. Remember them in your thoughts.

Delta Waterfowl - Rick Valent - doing a shoot, with BBQ brisket on June 4th. Will have raffles. Supporting youths and veterans.

Applications for new members - were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: Chris Decresenza, Robert Hartman, David Schlessner, Michael Moletsky Jr., Bill Lisk, James Kelly, Josh Mabe, Matt Celmer, Waldemar Rychlik, Mike Paszko, Cole Vagenas, Michael Payne, Teresa Kopa, Chris Ritz, Bill Wagner.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a Calendar drawing. **Calendar winner** was Gary Mitier. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, the name Dana Lowell was pulled but did not have an entry, with no winner the current pot \$240 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 May 31 2023 @ 7:30 pm, Motion to adjourn accepted, meeting concluded 8:18 pm

This month's FSC Event Spotlight:

HORSESHOES

A popular and classic non shooting activity is also held at FSC, Horseshoes!

Horseshoes - is an outdoor game played between two people (or two teams of two people) using four horseshoes and two throwing targets (stakes) set in a sandbox area. The game is played by the players alternating turns tossing horseshoes at stakes in the ground, which are traditionally placed 40 feet apart. Modern games use a more stylized U-shaped bar, about twice the size of an actual horseshoe.

Though there are many variations on how horseshoes are played and scored, at FSC: One player pitches both shoes in succession to one pit, followed by the other player, once known as an "inning". Normally only one pitcher can score points per inning, however some leagues and tournaments play "count all", in which all points in each inning are counted. A live shoe that is not a ringer, but comes to rest six inches (6") or closer to the stake, has a value of one (1) point. This includes a "leaner". If both of one player's horseshoes are closer than the opponent's, two points are scored. A ringer scores three points. In the case of one ringer and a closer horseshoe, both horseshoes are scored for a total of four points. If a player throws two ringers, that player scores six points. If each player throws a ringer, the ringers cancel and no points are scored. If two ringers are thrown by one player and one ringer by the opponent, the player throwing two ringers scores three points. This is typically called "two dead and three" or "three ringers three" for score keeping purposes. Such occurrences are called "dead ringers" and are still used toward the pitcher/ringer average. Back-yard games can be played to any number of points that is agreed upon, but are usually to 21 points, win by 2. In most sanctioned tournaments the handicapped divisions pitch 50 shoe games, most points win. If there is a tie, the pitchers pitch an additional 2 innings (alternating pitch) until the tie is broken. Championship divisions, or non-handicapped divisions are pitched to 40 points, regardless of the number of shoes pitched. In Philadelphia when a player tops another players ringer the player is awarded 6 points.

There are two ways to score: by throwing "ringers" or by throwing the horseshoe nearest to the stake. A ringer is a thrown horseshoe such that the horseshoe completely encircles the stake. Disputes are settled by using a straightedge touch the two points at the ends of the horseshoe, called "heel calks". If the straightedge doesn't touch the stake, then the horseshoe is a ringer.

Horseshoes at FSC are thrown from May thru Sept, Thursdays, 6:00Pm for registration, 7:00pm the pitching starts.

For more information regarding Horseshoes at the club, POCs are:

Chuck Litwin 570-942-4341 or Ralph Gilpin 570-378-2563

Additional information about Horseshoes and about the rules, competitions, history, and services / equipment available please see <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/index.html>