

# 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**, (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 May 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** – We're looking into using Quickbooks to help with keeping track of membership rosters, contact info, and a more modern means of paying dues and other bills. Had a minor incident with a member cutting firewood while range was open. Would like to thank the many new members that showed up to help at Supergun. June 24<sup>th</sup> will have a benefit for Gin's restaurant, noon-10:00PM @ Fleetville Fire Co. Donations accepted. Gin's owners and employees always helped out with the club when in a pinch, time to show the support back.

**Publicity report – Paul Zbegner** – no report

**Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis**- Kid's fishing derby will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-11AM across from the Wyoming co state police barracks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rally in Harrisburg on June 12<sup>th</sup>. New licenses available June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM, please make sure your contact info is correct beforehand, new hunters

should create profile and CID# earlier. Anterless licenses still \$6.97, unknown if there is going to be an issuer's fee.

**Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan** – currently we are at 585 adult members (includes 129 life members), 61 junior members, 7 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** – 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** - next pickup is in the fall.

**Calendars – George Kessler** - 904 sold so far, which I think is a record year. Calendars are \$35.00 each, with ties to the Daily Number drawings (4 \$500 days remaining). 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.

**Muzzleloader - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent** - moving the Monday shoots to the Archery area. Every second Monday starting in May. Next shoot June 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30PM If you don't have a gun, we got you covered! No inlines, please.

**Sporting Clays / 5 stand – Rick Valent** –Starting back up on Wednesday nights, along with our Sunday shoots. July 2<sup>nd</sup> Sp. Clays is canceled. We're going to need another more experienced Chairperson for Sporting Clays so as to put on better shoots.

**Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski** - June 11<sup>th</sup> is our next match, 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** – 47 shooters previous match, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00. the stages take effort to set up, we leave a pistol pit open without a stage set up for members that want to shoot regular targets, if you have to move something in a stage that's set up please put it back.

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

**Trap - Ned Tyler** - starts next week, Tuesday nights @4:00, looking for another match director, and can always use a hand running the event until a new Chairperson is takes over.

## 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 Hegedy.

**Turkey contest** - **George Fornwalt** - bring in beards and spurs for measurements for the contest.

**Bruce Weisenfluh** - looking for a new Membership Secretary, we thank Marti for the work she took on, Marti will help with training up whomever is interested and will not let "them hang".

**Josh Hess** - June 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll do a sporting clays stations build, 9-noon, with a hot dog lunch. We have 8 stations to be built if we can't get them done in one session will have another later on.

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

**Scholastic Action Shooting Program** - the Lions placed in 7 of top 10 teams in the State shoot.

**Club Championship** - **Walter Rohan** - We'll be doing another Club Championship this year, most likely in August / September, more details to follow when dates are locked in. Will also try to break up Club Champ shoots throughout the regular scheduled events where possible.

**Applications for new members** - were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: Rich Bonk, Luke Baldwin, James Barbrack, Mark Dymond, Roy Minelli, Paul Rinaldi, Nancy Vrabel.

**The monthly 50/50 raffle** was drawn along with a Calendar drawing. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, the winner of the \$301 pot was Jeff Geoff who had an entry and was signed in. Land Fund 50/50 resets to \$0. 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 June 28 2023 @ 7:30 pm, Motion to adjourn accepted, meeting concluded 8:10 pm

### *This month's FSC Event Spotlight:*

## **SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTE**

**Smallbore Rifle Silhouette competitions** are scaled down versions of High Power Silhouette's targets and distances. Originating in Mexico when several local shooters began friendly competition (bet you can't hit that sort of thing) against each other at full sized targets simulating common livestock found on each other's farms. The distances they had readily available became the standard for High Power (200, 300, 385 & 500 Meters), and are further scaled from that point to all the other Silhouette disciplines (pistol, military rifle, cowboy lever, etc). Targets are steel, and consist of 4 different animal shapes: Chicken, Pig, Turkey, and Ram each shot at different distances. At FSC we use a 40 target match format for Smallbore Rifle.

**For Smallbore** (restricted to .22lr), there are 10 1/5 scaled targets per four distances: 40M / 43Y (chicken), 60M / 65Y (pig), 77M / 84Y (turkey), 100M / 109Y (ram). There are 2 rifle divisions: Hunting (using basic equipment) and Standard (more specialized / modified target rifles), with other weight / trigger / stock shape rules to determine the division of your rifle. Scopes are preferred, but not necessary. Within the 2 rifle divisions are 5 shooter skill classifications based on previous scores shot. At FSC, points (and bonus points for 5 & 10 in a rows) are accrued season long in order to name a club champion, and special prizes awarded each match for hitting a randomly picked target. Shooters in each division and shooter classification receive a certificate for winning their perspective placing, as does the highest scoring shooter in each rifle division. Shooters under 16 years of age and new comers shoot for free, come out and give it a try!

All shooting is done in the standing or offhand position without use of a sling or other support aid. At FSC, shooters that have a physical situation that will not allow them to stand, they are still allowed to shoot, but scores / prizes can't be official or certified. Scoring is as simple as a hit or a miss. Add up the number of hits to determine final score. Targets that are hit 5 or 10 in a row are a special occasion, and have pins awarded for that achievement. 10 in a row's on each animal are documented with the NRA over a shooters silhouette "career" in order to get what is the golden grail of silhouette known as a Grand Slam joining an elite group of shooters.

A general course of fire is the shooters are called to the firing line, followed by a command to load your rifle (5 rounds). Then the command to fire is called. You have 2.5 minutes to attempt to clear 5 targets from left to right at your present distance / animal assigned. A cease fire is called when time expires. Any misfires or other problems (known as alibis) are addressed. You have 15 to 30 seconds to reload your magazine (if used) and to regain your composure. You are called back to the line and the same process happens again on your next 5 targets at the same distance / animal assigned. Any alibis are addressed again, once the firing line is safe to do so, targets are reset and you rotate to your next animal when called to the line again. Animals are shot in order from chicken, pig, turkey, ram. Your starting animal will vary. Ties are decided by sudden death shootoffs or the highest hit count on a predetermined animal.

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette are challenging and an addictive shooting sport that allows a novice or seasoned shooter an economical & simple way to compete. It offers great offhand practice used for other shooting disciplines, excellent fine tuning for hunting, and a fun way to spend some time at the range with other folks with the same interests.

More detailed information, scores and printable practice targets for Smallbore & Air Rifle Silhouette can be found on the FSC website in the appropriate sections, or the NRA website about the competitions & history of Silhouette and rulebook for qualifying arms and ammunition: <http://compete.nra.org/news-and-events/silhouette-programs.aspx>