

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.

CLUB MEMBER ORIENTATION HELD AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND ON SPECIAL NEW MEMBER EVENTS

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 June 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 – Board meeting being moved from 03 July to 10 July due to the holiday. Supergun tickets are available will also need help at the event. We made a \$1,000 donation to Gin's. Parking adjustments are going to be made to help control parking and access better for those that need it.

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – Poll was taken on people that joined due to the concealed carry event and fliers. Range time certificates distributed to firearms dealers for new firearm purchasers.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis- Kid's fishing derby had 30 kids with some kids catching up to 15 fish each, 135-160 fish were caught within 2 hours, Dist. Attorney present and deputized many youngsters. 2nd Amendment rally in

Harrisburg had a lack luster turnout. Gave a report on antlerless licenses as of the meeting only WMU 2G (n.central Pa) was sold out.

Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan – currently we are at 591 adult members (includes 129 life members), 61 junior members, 4 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.

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.

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. Recognition out to Gary who came back the next day and finished up the job.

Calendars – George Kessler - 909 sold so far, which we believe is a record year. 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.

Muzzleloader - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent - moving the Monday shoots to the Archery area. Every second Monday. 4:30PM If you don't have a gun, we got you covered! No inlines, please. Planning to do a form of Rendezvous event next year.

Skeet - on Wednesdays and Friday night "under the lights"

Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski - July 23rd 9:00AM practice, 10:00AM matches begin

Sporting Clays / 5 stand – Rick Valent –Starting back up on Wednesday nights, along with our Sunday shoots. July 2nd Sp. Clays is canceled.

Steel Challenge – Barry Ruane –we had 49 entries previous match.

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Trap - Ned Tyler - Tuesday nights @4:00, Had 118 rounds in June, 110 by members.

U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane – 44 shooters previous match, 2nd Sunday of the Month, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00.

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

Rinnell Vincet Memorial event - July 2nd at the club.

Looking into pistol target frames for hanging targets for general membership use

The muzzleloader for the raffle should be completed in early August

Turkey contest - George Fornwalt - Overall winner is Eli Mattioli, measuring in at 12 1/8", and is also the junior winner

Youth Shooting Program - 12-18yr olds state shoot near Harrisburg, Approx 20K shells shot with no firearms incidents which proves the point that with proper training / coaching that firearms makes for a safe sport

Josh Hess - thanks for the help building sporting clays stations

Mark Scalo, or old caretaker has passed.

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.

FUTURE VACANCIES, see a Board member or current Event Chairperson for details if interested:

- 1) Membership Secretary
- 2) Trap - Chairperson / Match Director
- 3) Sporting Clays - Chairperson / Match Director

Applications for new members - were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: Paul Rinaldi, Edward Bognatz Jr., Thomas Bracalente, Daniel Eltcholaj.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a winner for the Calendar drawing being Norm Fitzgerald. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, Charles Angelo was picked but had no sign in so 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.

Motion to adjourn was made & accepted, with the meeting concluding at 8:15PM, next general membership meeting July 26 2023 @ 7:30PM.

This month's FSC Event Spotlight:

FSC MUZZLELOADER / BLACK POWDER SHOOTS

From the invention of gunpowder, the use of black powder muzzleloading firearms has put food on the table, formed a special brotherhood in competition, defended against aggression of opposing forces, and essentially has changed the history of the world, including playing a large part of the liberation and creation of America.

Whether practicing for upcoming hunting seasons or using the muzzleloader for competition purposes, that "brotherhood of the smoke pole" and pioneering spirit remains alive at the FSC Muzzleloader Mondays & Special Black Powder Shoots.

"Muzzleloader Mondays" are conducted in the Archery area, Shooters have a station to load, shoot, and clean at the Pavilion. Several target options are presented at different distances. Each shooter engages the targets offhand and the targets are scored depending on the hits on target. Shooters then move to the next station and target where the course of fire is repeated. All safely operating relic or replica muzzleloading firearms are welcome, due to the spirit of the event and course layout no inlines please. No jacketed bullets or heavy charges. Ear and Eye protection required, 4:30PM start, please come earlier for registration & enjoyment over pleasant conversation.

Muzzleloader / Black Powder Special events are periodically held that differ from Muzzleloader Mondays in the course of fire and have historically have incorporated additional tomahawk throws and other interesting traditional tools. Targets vary from paper life sized game targets, to traditional bullseye targets, to various targets placed at different distances to entertain and challenge the participant.

For more information on Muzzleloader / Black Powder events please refer to the FSC website & Facebook page.