

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 – We invested \$11,000 in a new sound system, and as we usually do, also sponsored Lackawanna Trail for \$250 for their Golf Tournament. For the amount of prep time and labor involved, going to try using canned peppers etc for supergun. There were a few posts on the branch facebook pages for the events that were less than family friendly appears to be some sort of scammers or something to that effect. Make sure to monitor those pages change settings to permissions to post or page will be taken down.

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – sent notices to papers including Scranton Times, Times Leader, Wyoming Examiner, please let me know if you see the FSC promotions

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis-the elk tag drawing is this weekend, antlerless deer applications 3B & 3C soldout, the Federation is tracking 212 bills with summer recess bills probably will not get any action until September. A few

bills out there concern raising fees for background checks / PIC system, and other firearm purchasing fees. Another bill concerns senior citizens not having to abide by antler restrictions, and another concerns no weekend opener of deer season(s). New York bill passed through the house and is on governors desk to sign concerning banning coyote contest hunts.

Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan – Currently we are at 595 adult members (includes 129 life members), 61 junior members, 6 adult and 4 junior 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 – Customizable brick orders being taken, to installed as firing line markers. \$70 cash, \$75 credit card. Bricks can also be purchased for memoriam. Holes are dug for trees also receiving tree tubes.

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 - 919 sold so far, which is a record year. Calendars are \$35.00 each, with tie-ins to the Daily Number drawings. 3 \$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.

Club Championship - Walter Rohan - We probably will not be able to do the Club Championship this year in August / September due to some scheduling conflicts, perhaps October. Might spread out some of the events earlier.

Muzzleloader - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent - Every second Monday. 4:30PM 5 shooters last match. 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 every other Friday night "under the lights"

Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski - August match is cancelled, starting back up in September 9:00AM practice, 10:00AM matches begin.

Sporting Clays / 5 stand – Rick Valent – Wednesday nights, along with our Sunday shoots.

Steel Challenge – Barry Ruane –we had 40 entries previous match.

Trap - Ned Tyler - Tuesday nights @4:00, Had 67 rounds in July, 57 by members. Season ends Sept 26.

U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane – for only about the 3rd time in 30 years had to cancel the match due to severe weather. 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

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

There are some pistol target hanging frames now on the pistol pits for general use.

The muzzleloader for the raffle should be completed in August, a 20ga Pa. Fowler has a choked barrel and can also shoot round ball. Tickets should be \$10 ea.

Recognition went out to Kenny James for the maintenance work done around the club last Saturday. Recognition also went out to Bob Deecke and Neal Stevenson for watching the window for sporting clays.

July 29th having a Members day, all can bring 1 guest, tour of property being offered. Ranges will be closed in the morning to support the tours.

Pelka Palooza - horseshoe extravaganza August 17th, 6:00PM registration, 7:00PM start \$20 entry, \$15 spectators. Bring a partner or draw for one. Pelka inspired prizes for 1st, 2nd, and who knows what else. Using the standard Thursday night schedule. Proceeds going to horseshoe area improvements

Applications for new members - were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: John Notchick, Thomas Stanczak, David Palermo, Joeseeph Grecco, Chris Brooks, Anne Rivers, Jake Suddenth, Ashley Suddenth, Cole Suddenth.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a winner for the Calendar drawing being Neal Stevenson. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, Mike Burnazza was picked but had no sign in so the \$135 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 8:14PM, next general membership meeting August 30, 2023 @ 7:30PM.

This month's FSC Event Spotlight:

Pelka Palooza Horseshoe Extravaganza

Pelka Palooza is a gathering of horseshoe and fun loving enthusiasts named after Jerry Pelka, a long time one of a kind member who has passed and now honored with the event. Jerry had always put an interesting spin and perspective on everything, with horseshoes being towards the top of the list. Anyone who has ever been "Pelka'd" understands what being "Pelka'd" means.

Pelka Palooza is Thursday August 17 2023, registration at 6:00PM, tournament starts at 7:00PM.

\$20 entry per player, \$15 spectator. Bring a partner or draw for one.

Pelka inspired prizes for 1st, 2nd, and who knows what else!

Using the standard Thursday night horseshoe schedule.

Proceeds going to horseshoe area improvements.

Sure to be an entertaining fun evening of telling stories, toasting the zest for living, meeting old friends & making new ones and of course....pitching shoes!