

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 – Horseshoe area improvements happening, Supergun is coming up always could use help with the event, thanks to Marti for all she does.

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – last month's meeting date was published, this month's was not except for in the Scranton Times. Concerning the new firearms owners certificates no response as of yet. Still promoting the club to use radio ads.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis - a few proposals being tracked: mandatory liability insurance for firearms, needing ID for entering gun shows, mandatory jail time for illegal possession of firearms, banning of ammo by prohibiting purchasers (felons, PFA, etc). in Mid Sep NY state polic will have to

give permission for firearms and ammo purchases. S mini trapper convention, sporting goods sale at Lazybrook Sept 17th.

Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan – (after the non dues payment purge) currently we are at 554 adult members (includes 129 life members), 61 junior members, 3 adult and 0 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. About 25 bricks sold so far. Bricks can also be purchased for memoriam.

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 Saturday Oct 7 9:00 - around 1:00

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 - Probably will not be able to do the Club Championship this year in due to some scheduling conflicts. Will look forward to 2024.

Horseshoes - Ralph Gilpin - every Thursday night 6:00 registration, throwing at 7:00, 28 Sept is our last.

Hunter / Trapper Education – Bill Kozuck - Sept 16th @ the club, 16 seats remaining.

Knife Sharpening Service - Paul Zbegner - will be sharpening knives at meetings (or if you can catch him along the way) up to 6" to hair shaving sharpness. \$1.00 per knife, with proceeds going to Youth Events.

Muzzleloader - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent - Every second Monday of the month. Planning to do a form of Rendezvous next year. This year's Shoots end in September.

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

Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski - Sept 10th 9:00AM practice, 10:00AM matches begin

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

Steel Challenge – Barry Ruane – we had 33 entries previous match. 2nd to last match coming up

Trap - Ned Tyler - Tuesday nights @4:00, Had 115 rounds in Aug, 95 by members. Season ends Sept 26.

U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane – 40 entries last 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

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

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

Election nominations - John Grigas /Marti Shaffer-Callahan - 2 trustees, membership secretary are up for re-election. Taking nominations.

Recognition went out to **Kenny James** for Membership Day, he helped out with the tours and other things, also **Ned Tyler** opened up trap for everyone. 15-20 members participated.

Due to labor Day, Board meeting to be on Sept 11.

Hunting Season is approaching, remember no hunting downrange, except for 1st week of Deer firearms season & first day of muzzleloader when all ranges are closed.

Applications for new members - were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: Jason Cawley, Christopher Sulitka, Christopher Sable.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a winner for the Calendar drawing being **John Rotka**. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, **Robert Hartman** was picked but had no sign in so the \$215 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.

This month's FSC Event Spotlight: **HUNTING ON CLUB GROUNDS**

FSC has always had hunting on the premises, and with the additional property added in 2016, the grounds have grown to nearly 350 acres. Among that acreage, the habitat itself varies greatly from open areas, to dense brush, to flats and rocky ledges with many types of coniferous and deciduous trees adding to the diversity of the landscape.

Several fruit trees, berry bushes, and other natural mast is available on the grounds that act as nutrition for game, along with other crops planted throughout the year, with even more proven crops / supplements on the plan for the future.

This diversity adds as prime whitetail deer, wild turkey, squirrel, rabbit, and other game species. Part of being a member is the ability to harvest game on the grounds.

When it comes to the regular deer season, FSC closes all the ranges during the first week for hunter safety and provide a peaceful setting for deer hunting. In order to promote a deer management program, only 1 deer (buck or doe) is permitted per member per year.

There is a mandatory safety meeting before the opening day so as to keep hunter safety in mind, to coordinate any hunting party plans, and to try to not encroach on any posted hunters.

A sign in sheet is available at the club house, simply sign in before and sign out after your hunt so we know you are there and have safely returned from the day afield.

There's also the annual favorite Flintlock hunt in the late season, where even more stories and smiles are shared and even a tag or two filled along the way.

The future of the property as pertaining to game and habitat conservation is still ongoing, however many fantastic opportunities for junior and handicapped hunters are on the drawing board. Ideas for easier access for all while still keeping the integrity of privacy in mind.

So if you haven't taken the opportunity to hunt your club grounds, take the opportunity to see what you are missing. The scenic views are worth the walk alone!

There's also always the opportunity to improve upon the grounds, contact a board or land use committee member.