

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 – Supergun experienced some flooding, it didn't do as bad as we thought considering the situation with weather, thanks to all those that helped. Thanks to Gary and others that helped to get the power back on. Very nice new range signs are coming. We had good comments on our new sound system. Steak bake on Oct 6th

Publicity report – **Paul Zbegner** – Wyoming Co. Examiner didn't get our ad posted, getting together with John Hegedty to see about putting together school shooting teams / leagues.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – **William Kalinauskis**- no report.

Membership report – **Marti Shafer-Callahan** – currently we are at 556 adult members (includes 129 life members), 64 junior members (6 will age out this year), 2 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. **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, 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. **Will have 2024 calendars next meeting.** 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.

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

Hunter / Trapper Education – **Bill Kozuck** - Nov 4th @ the club, 8:00am, register through PGC website.

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** - the shoots have wrapped up for the year, Planning to do a form of Rendezvous next year. May do something in December in prep for late M.loader season.

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

Smallbore Silhouette - **Walter Kierzkowski** - Oct 22nd is the last shoot of season, 9:00AM practice, 10:00AM matches begin

Sporting Clays / 5 stand – **Rick Valent** – still shooting, Wednesday nights, along with our Sunday shoots, winter league signup sheets will be out next week.

Steel Challenge – **Barry Ruane** – we had 32 entries previous match.

Trap - **Ned Tyler** - Had 144 rounds in Sept, 105 by members. 39 by non-members. Season is now ended. YEAR END TOTALS: shot 20 times during the season with 633 rounds, 521 by members, 112 by non members. This was my last season as event chairperson.

U.S.P.S.A – **Barry Ruane** – we had 33 entries previous match, the day after the flooding. Drainage on the pistol pits was outstanding. 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. And open to the public.

Election nominations - John Grigas /Marti Shaffer-Callahan - nominations close at the end of the meeting. 2 trustees, membership secretary are up for re-election.

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. **Hunting Safety meeting** to be held the the Sunday before the opening day.

Bruce Weisenfluh – need other people to step up and fill gaps in Event chairpersons and other events.

Bob Hemmerly - suggested a “to do list” should be posted somewhere so if anyone wishes they can go ahead and know and do what tasks need to be done around the club, big or small.

A “Make or break” shotgun event should be considered by the club to try out.

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If renting the club for an event, it's \$250 for the day, and you need a certificate of insurance, \$250 deposit, and you must supply your own refreshments.

Event Scheduling Meeting - the event scheduling meeting for the 2024 calendar year will be on Oct 18 6:00PM for regular events, one offs, known special events, etc.

Marti Shafer-Callahan - could use a hand sending out membership dues mailers, Oct 6 9-11am.

Applications for new members - were reviewed and accepted by the general membership as regular members with 1 year probationary period. New FSC members: Matt Berge, Randy Jones.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a winner for the Calendar drawing being **Barry Fitzsimmons**. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, **Fred Rose** was picked but had no sign in so the \$255 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.