

# FACTORYVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## OCTOBER 2023 EDITION

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.

**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](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 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** – thanks to Paul Jackson whom is taking over as Membership Secretary and Josh Hess with the taking lead on Sporting clays, 5 stand, Skeet. Tickets for Muzzleloader raffle are available, \$10.00 per ticket, open to public, pictures of the gun will be posted on facebook / website.

**Publicity report – Paul Zbegner** – Teaming up with John Hegedty on Scholastic & Scholarship shoots, contacting local businesses for sponsorship.

**Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis-HB1300** - house rejected and/or amended to be able to use Game Commission funds, moved to the Senate. Effects Robertson/Pittman Act Federal funding if PGC funding is able to be taken to the general fund. A little surprised one of the representatives

supporting the bill was Lisa Baker. Will be asking her why, and strongly encourage others to contact her office to do the same.

**Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan** – currently we are at 558 adult members (includes 129 life members), 64 junior members (6 will age out - will be 18 - in 2024), 4 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** - due to weather conditions, the October pickup was canceled. Next pickup will be spring 2024.

**Calendars – George Kessler** - a few calendars are still available, 926 sold so far, which is a record year. Still 2 \$500 days & 18 2023 calendars remaining. **2024 calendars are available.** 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.

**Dogs and Darts - Ralph Gilpin** - 2023 horseshoe season ended, switching gears to Dogs and Darts starting January 4.

**Hunter / Trapper Education – Bill Kozuck - Nov 4th @** the club, 8:00am, class is currently full, check the PGC site for openings and registration.

**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, doing a form of Rendezvous May 25-26 including some camping. 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** - shot our last match of the season in October, see you next year starting in April.

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

**Steel Challenge – Barry Ruane** – last match got rained and winded out, 1<sup>st</sup> time that I can remember we had to cancel a match. Season is also over for 2023.

**U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane** – we had 34 entries previous match. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00. shooting throughout winter as conditions allow.

## 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) Trap - Chairperson / Match Director

**Muzzleloader raffle** - gun is completed and pictures displayed on facebook and the website. 20ga Pa. Fowler has a choked barrel and can also shoot round ball. Tickets \$10 ea, Raffle will be open to the public.

**Elections - John Grigas** - for the first time in memory there were no nominations for the 2 trustee seats up for re-election, current incumbents retain seats for another 3 years. About 10% of the membership qualify to vote.

**Paul Jackson** will take over for Marti at the beginning of 2024 as **Membership Secretary**.

**Bruce Weisenfluh** – Hunting Season is approaching, remember no hunting downrange, except for 1<sup>st</sup> week of Deer firearms season & December 26<sup>th</sup> for first day of muzzleloader when all ranges will be closed. **Hunting Safety meeting** to be held the the Sunday before the opening day.

**Christmas Party** - we had 30 people last year, doing it again this year, next meeting will have a sign up for the party

**Marti Shafer-Callahan** - thanked those that helped with mailing out membership dues.

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, DUE TO HOLIDAYS**

**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.

### **RAFFLES:**

**MONTHLY 50/50** - was drawn along with a winner for the Calendar drawing being **Roger Seamans Jr.**

**Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, **Chuck Drasba** was picked but had no sign in. The \$302 pot rolls over to next month. Sign in on the sheet, put your sign in number on the little envelope w/\$2.00 enclosed and insert into drop box at membership window.

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Motion to adjourn was made & accepted, with the meeting concluding at 8:14PM, next general membership meeting November 15, 2023 @ 7:30PM..

## *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. All ranges will be closed December 26<sup>th</sup> for the first day.

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!