

# FACTORYVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## December 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 –**

Christmas party on Saturday Jan 6 2024. food catering, \$50 a couple, bring some appetizers, BYOB. Checks for the party can be made out to Nicki Weisenfluh, not FSC. Another reminder that ranges are closed 1<sup>st</sup> day of late muzzleloader season, and due to the interest shown will also be closed the Wednesday and Saturday after Christmas 'til noon. Would like to thank James Kelly for taking over and restarting the Long Range events. Request for life membership from Marti Shaffer-Callahan was approved, was our honor having you as membership secretary. A few Turkey dinners are still available if you or someone you know needs help with Holiday Feasts please contact me.

**Publicity report – Paul Zbegner** – Looked at the announcements in the Wyoming Observer, dates were wrong, and somehow the announcement got posted without sending in a request. Contacted the folks at Odessa Radio again and will have an updated proposition to present to the Board.

### **Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William**

**Kalinauskis**-I believe the legislators are in holiday recess, no action on HB1300 - concerning using Game Commission Funds for general fund purposes. Late know status it left the House and is now in the Senate. Hopefully all have their freezers full, Merry Christmas to all.

### **Membership report – Marti Shafer-Callahan –**

currently we are at 560 adult members (includes 127 life members), 64 junior members. 1 adult and 1 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. We started the year at 54 adult members and 58 juniors.

**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. Prices due to go up in 2024. Also working on a tree inventory for next year.

## 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 will be spring 2024

**Calendars – George Kessler** - a few calendars are still available, 929 2023 sold so far, which is a record year. **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** - Dogs and Darts starting January 4. signups at 6:00PM, throwing at 7:00.

**Hunter / Trapper Education – Bill Kozuck** - no classes until April 2024. Rick Valent was presented with a 5 year as an instructor award.

**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.

**Long range shoots** - making a return in 2024, James Kelly directing the matches.

**Muzzleloader - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent** - the shoots have wrapped up for the year, doing a form of Rendezvous May 25-26 including some camping. Forming a planning committee as there will be camping etc that needs to be planned for. Will need range officers too.

**Range Officer Safety Course** - Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, muzzleloader ROs are free, other ROs \$25 for members, \$175 for non-members

**Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski** - 124 days until our next match on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Sporting Clays / 5 stand / Skeet – Rick Valent** – still shooting, Wed nights, along with our Sunday shoots, winter league signup sheet is out, \$40 includes a tee shirt, prizes, and the banquet. Leagues will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays starting in January. Regular Friday night Skeet shoots coming to an end for the season, but may have

one off shoots as weather permits on Fridays, check the website and Facebook.

**Trap** - going to be shot on Wednesday nights, will have to coordinate strings of fire between Trap & Skeet.

**Steel Challenge – Barry Ruane** – Season is also over for 2023, starting back up in April 2024.

**U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane** – last match was a wash out, next match Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. 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

Santa made a stop by the clubhouse for a few minutes before the meeting.

Next Board meeting is Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.

Barry Ruane - Collecting pieces for the bolt action rifle raffle build, using a mauser 98 action w/ model 70 style safety, walnut stock. Caliber is going to be .257 Roberts.

For the upcoming group Muzzle loader hunts, will meet at clubhouse 6:00-6:30AM.

**Applications for new members** - Bob Wiernusz, Clay Gregory.

#### **RAFFLES:**

**MONTHLY 50/50** - was drawn along with a winner for the Calendar drawing being **Mark Kenya**.

**Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, **Ralph Leiber** was picked but had no sign in. The \$366 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 anytime after the meeting to be entered for next drawing.

**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. About 200 tickets sold so far.

Motion to adjourn was made & accepted, with the meeting concluding at 8:11PM, next general membership meeting January 31, 2024 @ 7:30PM.

