

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, have an issue resolved, or want permission to do any improvements or assist in any way, please do not hesitate to attend.

Membership - Paul Jackson - Dues are **\$200.00** for 2024, must be an NRA member (\$30.00 through the club), \$35.00 new member initiation fee & applicant 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) held after Membership Meeting and/or on special new member events - **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.

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, & 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 – held 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. Next class will be April 20th.

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. Other available turnkey events can use chairpersons and ideas for new events are always welcome

Highlights from the Membership meeting

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for sick, injured, or departed members & for those serving our country in harm's way. Was then 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, balances, & receipts. Any questions, comments or corrections made, previous Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's report accepted.

Chairman's report – Bruce Weisenfluh – we were approached by the Boy Scouts to facilitate a fund raiser, will have a shoot on June 2nd, about 60 shooters anticipated. Due to popularity, will be expanding muzzleloader hunting opportunities in 2024. Supergun tickets are out. Friday night is the Steak Bake, could use help behind the bar. The Christmas party has 32 attendees, will have another this year and looking to do a similar type of club social event in the summer - was a really good time!

Bobby Wright, a club member, has recently passed away, and Tony Deleo had surgery, please keep them in your thoughts.

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – the Examiner ad was correct this time, and the Scranton Times also posted a ad / notice of the meeting. Will also continue to pursue radio ads.

Membership report – Paul Jackson – currently we are at 563 adult members (includes 127 life members), 67 junior members. 6 new 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 Committee – 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. Prices due to go up in 2024. New Trees are coming, need volunteers for planting and putting in cardboard rings

Sportsmen's Federation report – William Kalinauskis – There will be a 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg this year, date to be announced and possible club trip to the event. Legislature is looking for crop damage solutions, Commission looking to add a 10th seat, increased penalties for trespassing. US DOT looking to develop a plan for wildlife crossings over / under roadways, \$840K to develop a plan. HR6596 is out there, to aid in ending gun violence, another bill out there to develop gun safety technology. MSR ban bill to be reintroduced. Coyote Hunt at the Triton Hose Company this weekend.

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 this spring. Will be looking for a new chairperson for the event.

Calendars – George Kessler -2024 calendars are available, no total of calendars sold as of yet. 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 - every Thursday night, signups at 6:00PM, throwing at 7:00. \$5.00 members, \$7.00 non members.

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

Long range shoots - James Kelly - making a return in 2024, COF and dates still in process of being set.

Muzzleloader - Muzzleloader Mondays - Rick Valent - 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. Monday shoots start in April.

Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski - next match on April 14th, youth shoot for free.

Sporting Clays / 5 stand / Skeet - Rick Valent - Winter Leagues will be 1st and 3rd Sundays starting in January. Sporting Clays add Wednesday nights in April. 5 Stand & Skeet shooting with Winter League days. Will keep shooting Skeet Friday nights if weather permits, see our Facebook and website sites for updates.

Trap - going to be shot on Wednesday nights starting in March beginning at 3:00-3:30, will have to coordinate strings of fire between Trap & Skeet.

Steel Challenge - Barry Ruane - starting back up in April 2024.

U.S.P.S.A - Barry Ruane - last match had 20 shooters that braved 30mi / hour wind. 2nd Sunday of the Month, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00. shooting throughout winter as conditions allow.

Meeting open forum / old and new business / good of the order

FSC license plates, patches, and hat pins are available at the Membership window. HATS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

FUTURE VACANCIES, see a Board member or current Event Chairperson for details if interested:

- 1) Adopt a Highway
- 2) New Member orientation

Leonard Crimi - the new Game Warden for Wyoming Co. Stopped by to introduce himself to the membership.

There will be another concealed carry seminar at the Black Walnut Legion, Feb 27 at 6:00PM.

Friends of the NRA dinner March 23rd 3:30 @ Fiorelli's in Blakely.

Applications for new members - Jacob Tribe, Robert Gilpin, Andrew Solanick, Wesley Custer, Brandon Coolbaugh, Gary Tokash.

50/50s & RAFFLES:

MONTHLY 50/50 - was drawn, there was no Calendar drawing, will do 2 drawings next meeting.

Land Fund 50/50 was drawn, **Robert Nace** was picked, had a sign in, and won the \$434 pot. A new 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.

Hunting Rifle Raffle - Barry Ruane - showed off the progress on the build, Mauser 98 action w/ model 70 style safety, walnut stock, .257 Roberts.

Motion to adjourn was made & accepted, with the meeting concluding at 8:26PM, next general membership meeting February 28 2024 @ 7:30PM.