

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.

Member Orientation (MANDATORY FOR NEW MEMBERS) held after Membership Meeting and/or on special new member events - **George Kessler** – get familiar with the club grounds, events held, and the history of FSC. For new members, gate access scan card isn't issued until orientation is completed.

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.

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. **Recording Secretary Walter Rohan** read the previous meeting minutes. **Treasurer Dave Woodyatt** reported the monthly financial statement as filed, and offering any member to view the calculations, balance, and receipts.

Chairman's report – Bruce Weisenfluh – no report

Federation of Sportsmen's report – William Kalinauskis - no info back on the Federations stand on the drone topic. Plenty of bill about free hunting and fishing licenses to college students & others. Another bill out there is that private sale of long guns to follow the current handgun laws. Extreme risk protective orders bill being introduced again.

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 May 1st from the vendor. New Trees are coming, need volunteers for planting. Doing a planting of pine and chestnut trees April 13th behind the pistol pits, 8:00am.

Membership report – Paul Jackson – currently we are at 586 adult members (includes 126 life members), 68 junior members. 5 adult and 1 junior 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.

Publicity report – Paul Zbegner – the Examiner didn't get our ad printed. Checked on the NSSF website of places / ranges / clubs to shoot if our info was current, it wasn't so resubmitted our current info. Stone hedge will have a archery shoot on April 13th.

Chairpersons of Events reports

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, little slow as compared to last year at this time. 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.

Hunter / Trapper Education - Bill Kozuck - April 20th will be our class at the club, a few seats remain.

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.

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 2nd Monday in May.

Smallbore Silhouette - Walter Kierzkowski - first match on April 14th, youth under 16 shoot for free, 9-10:00 practice with matches beginning at 10:00.

Sporting Clays / 5 stand / Skeet / Trap – Rick Valent – Good Friday is our Winter League Banquet. Sporting Clays add Wednesday nights in April. Will keep shooting Skeet Friday nights if weather permits, see our

Facebook and website sites for updates. Trap is going to be shot on Wednesday nights, beginning at 3:00-3:30, will have to coordinate strings of fire between Trap & Skeet

Steel Challenge – Barry Ruane – starting back up April 6th.

U.S.P.S.A – Barry Ruane – last match had 30 shooters that braved at least the 4 seasons that blew through. Next match April 14th, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00.

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) Adopt a Highway

There was a Q&A about the number of steaks served at the Steak Bake, Also reported out that the last steak bake had 107 tickets sold, had made just over \$2,000.

Tim Donnelly - Boy Scouts Shoot on June 2nd, \$125 per shooter / \$400 a squad. Also will have raffle tickets to help support the Boys Scouts.

For various reasons, there were several doses of Narcan made available.

Applications for new membership - ADULT: Tennyson Beddoe, John Cherkaukas Jr., Michael Diamond, Allen Saldi, Samuel Desimone. JUNIOR: Jace Barlow.

RAFFLES:

THERE WAS NO MONTHLY 50/50, this month's **Calendar Raffle winner:** Darren Maria., **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn, Greg Yunko was picked, but had no sign in. The \$108 pot rolls over to next month.

Hunting Rifle Raffle - Barry Ruane - building a hunting rifle, Mauser 98 action w/ model 70 style safety, walnut stock, .257 Roberts.

Motion to adjourn was made & accepted, with the meeting concluding at 8:10PM, next general membership meeting April 24, 2024 @ 7:30PM.

Dave Woodyatt, our club Treasurer for nearly 40 years, celebrated his 80th Birthday with a surprise birthday party at the club which was well attended by fellow members, friends, and family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE!