

FACTORYVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The Factoryville Sportsmen's Club in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, is an organization founded on the principles and values of the hunting & shooting enthusiast. Easily accessed from Rt. 6, many sporting recreational activities are 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 600 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, 4H, Long Range sporting events), pistol (Steel Speed shooting & IPSC), and an archery 3-D course and tower. Other regular scheduled activities include Horseshoes, Darts, Hunter / Trapper Education classes, Adopt a Highway, NRA Pistol Certification, Youth activities, along with many other special shooting events and fundraisers throughout the year.

FSC is a proud member of: *NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation)...NASR (National Assoc. of Shooting Ranges) Rating-four stars!...NRA (National Rifle Association) Gold Medal Club designation!...Rifle & Pistol Assoc. ...Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce...PA Tree Farm Assoc. ...PA Adopt A Highway...NSCA (National Sporting Clays Assoc.)...NSSA (National Skeet Shooting Assoc.)...PSSA (Pa. Skeet Shooting Assoc.)*

Communications, Information, and Instruction

FSC Monthly Members / Club Meeting – held the last **Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM**, (2nd Wednesday in Nov. and Dec.). An opportunity to see and 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. **Board members:** Pres. Neal Stevenson, V. Pres. Al Vasky, Chairman Bruce Weisenfluh, Treasurer Dave Woodyatt, Recording Sec. Walter Rohan Trustees George Fornwalt, Ralph Gilpin, John Grigas, Harold Luther, Dave Patterson, Carl Tylutki

Land Use Management Committee – to discuss short term and long term layout of ranges, habitat & management of wildlife on the property, safety, maintenance, and other topics for the short and long term layout and success of FSC. **Members:** John Blanco, Russ Cowher, George Fornwalt, Tim Donnelly, George & Seth Fornwalt, Jerry Gavin, Walter Kierkowsky, Bill Kozuck, Dave Patterson, Paul Reynolds, Walter Rohan, Barry Ruane, Jay Lewis, Henry Schmaltz, Chis Sekol, Neal Stevenson, Rick Valent.

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 570-237-5960 so George can plan appropriately. Next orientation is **Sep 3 12:00pm**.

Membership - John Hegedty - Dues are **\$200.00** for 2017, 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.

FSC Hotline (570-378-CLUB or 570-378-2593) – **Josh Hess** – any event additions / subtractions for the FSC hotline, or leave a message on the hotline to have your event updated.

FSC website – <http://www.fscweb.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 and like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Factoryville-Sportsmens-Club-Official/687286984732458>

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 Digital Newsletter – **Walter Rohan** – to receive the digital newsletter – update / confirm your email with Membership Chairman, sign up on the FSC website: <http://fscweb.org/> or email FSCNEWSLETTER2@GMAIL.COM also to request additional topics, upcoming or results of events.

NRA Shooting / Instruction / Certification Courses – details and to register email courses@nepatactical.com **Mike Conforti** (570) 840-2775 or **Tim Donnelly** (570) 561-5968. Also check NRAinstructors.org for other details. Classes open to everyone, 8hrs of instruction, fee is \$125.00, Max of 8 people per class, a class every month. Pistols and ammo are provided for the course, you will need eye and ear protection.

Range Safety Officer (RSO) training – **Tim Donnelly** (570) 561-5968 - A series of Range Safety Officer training. \$30.00 fee will be to cover materials. Specific classes covering Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun RSOs throughout 2017. Also check NRAinstructors.org for other details.

Event Chairpersons Scheduling Meeting – meeting in October to set schedules and chairpersons for existing and new events for the upcoming year.

Hunter Trapper Education – **Jim West** – Registration is through the Pa. Game Commission website. For an outside skills course, a min. of 8 instructors is optimal. Next classes: Sept 23 and Nov 11 single day classes.

FSC license plates & patches are available at the Membership window for \$5 each, HATS ARE SOLD OUT.

Highlights from the August 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 the previous meeting minutes by **Recording Secretary 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 – The Board approved a new website, currently under construction. Biologists has a presentation of what their evaluation will consist of and options on what we can do with our property. \$250 fine for range violations approved, if violation occurs first offense is the fine, new member orientation, and possible suspension / revocation, second offense is revocation. We've tried a lot to ensure safety on the ranges, this is the next step. Sept 9 Supergun we need volunteers the day before for prep work and the day of. Again, tickets must be filled out completely with legal name and address.

The next board meeting is Tues Sep 5 as Monday is the holiday.

Publicity report – Lisa Sobuta – nothing new to report, please contact in person or click her email link on the FSC website for ways to promote your event or the club, always looking for suggestions.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs report – William Kalinauskis - the trapper course is full. Antlerless license allocations locally have pretty much been exhausted. A rehabilitator has claimed that a 30yr old eagle has died of lead poisoning, and that there is reports from the

same that it is happening more frequently....keep your eyes on this topic.

Membership report – John Hegedty - John Grigas reported currently we are at 620+ adult & 93+ junior members, 6 adult and 3 juniors have made applications as of the meeting. New member applicants: Teresa Popko, Thomas Terry V, Louise Kurpis, Damien Larue, Barbara Grimaud, Sonny Ribaud, Austin Zaleski, TJ and Drake Terry V.

Land Use Management Committee - concerning the rearrangement of the ranges, land management for game and conservation. Final touches on land use guidelines through the committee will be submitted to the board. Still waiting on the NRA range development rep for his recommendations. NRCS and Pheasants Forever further accessing the property. Also looking for new or alternative revenues / grants to assist with the improvements and repositioning of the ranges, with 1 suggestion being submitted to the board. Next meeting is **Wednesday Sep 27, 6:00PM** at the clubhouse. Anyone can attend the meeting and give input / suggestions.

Chairpersons of Events reports

(Reports, special events or match announcements can also be emailed in at FSCNEWSLETTER2@GMAIL.COM)

Adopt a Highway – Rinell Vincent – Next pickup is October 21st. The crew meets at the club at 10:00am, Safety Vests and pick sticks will be provided. **Part of the arrangement for having the FSC signage is having 2 pickups a year.**

Archery – Chris Sekol / William Burnell – The archery tower is open year round, could use help maintain the tower course. The first of 2 3D thru the woods shoots this year on Aug 27 had 8 archers (1 member). The next shoot is Sep 24. If anyone is interested will be doing some archery maintenance, give me a call.

Calendars – Jerry Pelka – a few 2017 calendars still available, \$35.00 each, with tie-ins to the Daily Number drawings. 872 calendars sold so far. If you have calendars to sell, but still have a few in hand, please turn them back in so they can be sold by another.

CMP - Chuck Drasba / John Joyce – 3RD Saturday of the month. Setup at 8:30 am, Sign up at 9:00am, sighters / match begin at 10:00.

Dogs and Darts – Ralph Gilpin – Starts again in January.

Horseshoes – Chuck Litwin / Ralph Gilpin – every Thursday until Sept. Sign up starts 6:00PM, throwing at 7:00pm, \$7.00 for members, \$11.00 non members - includes refreshments, food, and tons of fun! Averaging 34 participants an event, with a higher number of members.

U.S.P.S.A / I.P.S.C. Pistol – Barry Ruane – 2nd Sunday of the Month. 9:00am registration / set up, match begins at 10:00. Last match had 29 shooters. Next match is Sep 10.

Long Range Day – Walter Rohan Our August had 13 shooters, of which 4 members, 9 nonmembers fired the course after a fog delay. The 6th and final scheduled shoot of the season is Sept 30 8:00am – noon. Detailed results of the shoot and current championship standings along with COF can be located on the LRD group facebook page. Join, Like, share FSC Long Range Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/986239014763951/> Word has it that compliments were given from shooters that attended the sanctioned Precision Rifle Series and NRA F class shoots at New Holland rifle and pistol club that use our match as a practice / warm up in preparation, along with compliments on FSC in general.

Skeet – Phil McCarthy We had 76 member and 49 nonmember rounds for a total of 125 rounds in August. We continue to shoot skeet every Monday at 2:00 (except Sept 11th-super gun) until all shooters are done, and the first Friday of the month. Nov 10, 2:00 is the annual veteran's skeet shoot – all veterans shoot for free

Sporting Clays / 5 stand – Josh Hess – 50 or 100 bird COFs, 9:00 AM every Wednesday throughout the summer and two Sundays a month. 5 Stand starts at 5:00 PM. We had 100+ shooters throughout Aug. Currently looking for help at the sign in window for the weekly shoots, especially on Wednesdays 8:30-2:00. Thanks to Seth Fornwalt and all those that helped to put on the Coors shoot this year.

Silhouette (Smallbore) – Josh Hess – August had 2 matches with 4 shooters. Next shoot is Sept 10, 9:00am registration and practice, NRA registered matches start shortly thereafter. We are looking into possibly of putting on a pistol & rifle match in October.

Steel Challenge (Pistol) - Peter Brickner – Barry Ruane reported the August match had an adjusted date that may account for the 22 shooters which there was several other matches going on regionally. Next match is Sept 2, setup at 9:00, match begins at 10:00

Trap – Tony Grasso –\$3.50 members, \$4.00 non-members, starting at 4:30PM on weeknights. Cutthroat, bird of the night, buddy shoots are back. Shoots are ATA registered. The first 100 in a row wins a case of shells, donated by Tom Smith. More folks are coming to the Trap shoots. Tuesday nights, a few Sundays a month. The meat shoot is Oct 22nd. Some prizes provided by Mark Minelli of South side bowl, Piestrak's Gun Shop, and more. Thanks to John Hegedty for the new scoring table. Thanks to the club for the pump to help with the water in the traphouse. Bring along a friend to shoot (any discipline), perhaps they can see what the club has to offer and become members!

Youth shooting – John Hegedty –new chairperson of the youth shooting program is going to be Fred Rose.

Notable Fundraisers / Tournaments / Events of Interest / Dates to keep in mind

Supergun – Sep 9

FSC Club maintenance days – Sept 11 & Oct 15 8:00am

10th Annual FSC Golf Tournament - Sept 16

Harford lodge shoot –Sep 16

Delta waterfowl day – Sep 24

"Meat shoot" (Trap) – Oct 22

Veteran's Skeet Shoot – Nov 10

Turkey shoot – Nov 12

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

10th Annual FSC Golf Tournament – Sept 16 Lakeland golf course, Capt & mate format, Awards & Food @ the club afterwards. Proceeds benefit Hunts For Healing. For info Call Rinell Vincent 570-954-1317

Delta Waterfowl – Dinner on Sept 24, \$30 or \$60 with a Delta membership. Getting the membership will include 1 extra chance at a gun and 100 raffle tickets. 25% of proceeds goes towards veterans and youth programs

Barb Grimaud, new member and also seeking a position as magistrate shared a bit of her active & reserve Officer military service in the Navy and the support she has for the 2nd Amendment.

FSC Club maintenance days – Sept 11 (MON) & Oct 15 (SAT) 8:00am continues all day – besides regular fix it up projects on the general grounds, event chairpersons can provide a list of items they need help with to get done.

Elections 2017 – happens in October, see nominating committee chair John Grigas, if you are interested in running for an officer or trustee.

John Shandrey gave us a heads up that there was a theft of 2 of his pistols – sentimental value – if you see a 6” colt .357 patrolman model and a ’73 .38 spec detective model, please let him know.

August is the month we talk of club dues, the club is doing better than expected in the original plan with the purchase of the land, the board recommends to keep the dues at \$200 / yr, motion was unanimously passed by the membership vote.

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A suggestion of the use of a Dry Erase Board to note whom closed ranges and how to get in touch with them in case they forgot to reopen was discussed

Thanks went out to Jerry Pelka for the work he put in to the club championship. Also mentioned that with over 600 members, there really should be more participants in the mostly free events that include all our activities and to promote club comradery. Mark your calendars for next year’s Club Championship.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn, Calendar drawing winner is Chris Kutch. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn and had no winner - the name drawn (Darryl Linder) didn’t have a submission - rolls over to next month, currently \$764 at the time of the drawing. 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.

2017 FSC Club Championship Results – Jerry Pelka announced the event winners, see end of the newsletter.

How you can help

Our bigger fundraising and scholarship events need more people to help at the events, even for an hour is a great help and is appreciated by the club and its members, get involved making **your** club events the best they can be. Dinners and 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 give a helping hand.

There’s also a need for volunteers for grounds and range maintenance, if you have any time skills or resources 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.

“Soon to be” General Season Openers / Closings

Please consult your 2017-18 license year digests for these season / area openers and closings for your WMU, Special seasons / Regs per WMU, Special licenses, and Waterways. Mobile App seasons calendar <http://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Pages/Mobile-Seasons-Calendar.aspx>

BIG GAME

Deer (Archery, statewide) – Sept 30–Nov 11 / Dec 26–Jan 27

Deer (Muzzleloader, Antlerless, statewide) – Oct 14-21

Deer (Jr/Sr/Disabled, statewide) – Oct 19-21

Deer (Regular, Antlered) – Nov 27–Dec 9

Deer (Regular, Antlerless) – Dec 2–9

Deer (Flintlock) – Dec 26 – Jan 13

Bear (Archery, statewide) – Oct 30–Nov 4

Bear (Regular statewide) – Nov 18-22

Bear (Ext 3B,3C,3D) Nov 27–Dec 2

Wild Turkey – Oct 28 – Nov 17 / Nov 23- 25

SMALL GAME

Squirrel (Jr / Mentored) – Sept 30–Oct 14

Rabbit (Jr) – Sep 30-Oct 14

Pheasant (Jr) – Oct 7-14

Squirrel (Regular) – Oct 14–Nov 25 / Dec 11-23 / Dec 26-Feb 28

Grouse – Oct 14-Nov 25 / Dec 11-23

Rabbit – Oct 14-Nov 25 / Dec 11-23 / Dec 26-Feb 28

Pheasant – Oct 21-Nov 25 / Dec 11-23 / Dec 26–Feb 28

Bobwhite Quail – Oct 14-Feb 28

Snowshoe Hare – Dec 26-Jan 1

FURBEARERS – (Hunting)

Coyotes, Striped Skunks, Opossums & Weasels – no closed season, with a few exceptions, refer to your digest.

Raccoons & Foxes – Oct 21–Feb 17

Bobcat – Jan 13-Feb 7

Porcupine – Sept 1-Mar 31

FURBEARERS – (Trapping)

Coyote/Fox/Opossum/Raccoon/Skunk/Weasel – Oct 22-Feb 18

Coyote & Foxes (Cable Restraints) - Dec 26–Feb 18

Beaver – Dec 26-Mar 31

Bobcat – Dec 16-Jan 7

Fisher – Dec 16-27

Otter – (3C & 3D) Feb 17-24

WATERFOWL / MIGRATORY BIRD

Youth W.fowl - (Duck/Merganser/C. geese/Coots/Gallinules)–Sep 16

Ducks, Coots, Mergansers (N. Zone) – Oct 7-Nov18 / Dec 19-Jan 13

Can. Goose (Res N. Zone) – Sep1-25 / Oct28-Nov25 / Jan27-Feb24

“Light geese” (Res N. Zone) – Oct 24-Feb 24 / Convs Feb 26-Apr 20

Doves–Sep1-Oct7 / Oct14-Nov25 / Dec23-Jan1, **Woodcock**–Oct14–

Nov25, **Brant**–Oct14-Dec22, **Snipe**–Oct14-Nov 25, **Gallinules** Sep1–

Nov9, **Virg & Sora Rails** – Sep1-Nov9

OTHER

Crows - July 1-April 9, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. No limit.

Woodchucks, Groundhogs - No closed season, except on Sundays and during the regular firearms deer seasons.

2017 2nd ANNUAL FSC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

16 participants shared in 51 scores posted throughout the 2 days of the 2017 Club Championship.

Two classes – Sportsmen’s class 4 of 11 events, Overall class 7 of 11 events,
Individual event and winners, based on highest combined score of events participated:

DARTS – RICK ALFIER

HORSESHOES – BOB DEECKE

LONG RANGE RIFLE – WALTER ROHAN

100 YARD RIFLE – RUSS COWHER

HANDGUN - WALTER ROHAN

FLINTLOCK M.LOADER – JERRY PELKA

SPORTING CLAYS – BLAISE WHITEHEAD

ARCHERY – JERRY PELKA

TRAP – BOB DEECKE

SKEET – BOB DEECKE

5 STAND – JOHN GRIGAS

2017 FSC SPORTSMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER

JOHN GRIGAS

2017 FSC OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER

BOB DEECKE



Awards to be presented to the winner of each event and class of Championship, along with bragging rights, and engraved Championship mug, and added to the Championship plaque.
Congratulations to the winners of the Championship and individual events!



There’s a year to prepare & practice for the 2018 FSC Championship!