

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 Kierkowski, 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.

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& 18. 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: **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 October 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 – an investment in gearboxes for the traps to keep them operational longer were approved. As part of a deer management plan, only 1 deer (Buck or Doe) allowed to be harvested off the property per member, and remember ALL ranges closed during the first week of the regular deer season. New H.T.E. POCs to head the club's programs are Bill Kozuck and Marti Shafer-Callahan.

Publicity report – Lisa Sobuta – the turkey shoot and Veterans skeet shoot are being publicized. Always looking for suggestions and submissions to promote your event or the club.

Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs – William Kalinauskis- Governor's Advisement Council are looking at CWD issues and supporting a bill for raises for the PGC & FBC licenses. DCNR working on a strategy to maximize land use, FBC didn't get a license increase and announced that there would have to be a cutback on trout stocking, hatcheries, etc....Representatives pushing for merger again. PGC looking into a new licensing vendor. NE dist 9 coyote hunt

is Jan 26-28. The Wyoming Co. Federation raffle went well with grand prize going to a Factoryville resident.

Membership report – John Hegedty - currently we are at 633 adult & 104 junior members, 6 adult and 3 junior have made applications as of the meeting. New member applicants: John Sherman, David Fitzpatrick, John Petry, Richard Geisler, Sheila Donnelly, Geoffrey Wrobel, Brayden Talarico, Ethan Komora, Joseph Breck IV. Billing Statements are out for '18 dues, end of Feb before any late fees.

Land Use Management Committee - concerning the rearrangement of the ranges, land management for game and conservation: The NRA will assign a range development rep shortly to review the proposed range repositioning. NRCS and Pheasants Forever further accessing the property. Continuing to look at constructing a pond and bee hive keeping area is approved. Next meeting is **Wednesday Nov 15, 6:15PM** 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 – we had 9 participants the last pickup of the year. We had larger containers, and still picked up 25 bags of trash. Thanks to all that helped throughout the year, and a special thanks to John Grigas for cooking for the crew. **Part of the arrangement for the FSC signage is having 2 pickups a year.**

Archery – Chris Sekol / William Burnell – The archery tower is open year round for use, could use help maintain the tower course.

Calendars – Jerry Pelka – a few '17 calendars still available, \$35.00 each, with tie-ins to the Daily Number drawings. 875 calendars sold so far. New '18 calendars are available, and will be going out soon.

CMP - John Joyce – 3RD Saturday of the month. Setup at 8:30 am, Sign up at 9:00am, sighters / match begin at 10:00. The Oct match had 6 shooters, including a first time junior shooter. The "any rifle" match afterward had 3 shooters. Next Match Nov 18 will be the annual USO shoot, \$20 includes a \$5 meal ticket. Proceeds donated to the USO.

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

Horseshoes – Chuck Litwin / Ralph Gilpin – every Thursday May thru 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!

U.S.P.S.A / I.P.S.C. Pistol – Barry Ruane – 2nd Sunday of the Month. The last match of the year had 14 shooters, we had 218 shooters for the year. Will start again in Jan '18, setup and registration at 9:00, match begins at 10:00

Long Range Day – Walter Rohan - The last shoot of the season was held Sept 30th had 21 participants, 18 shooters / 3 onlookers. A great turnout considering being the Archery deer opener and the very windy conditions. 8 were members, 10 non-members. Season long championship ended winners: New member Damien Larue won TTM, Bench was won by Jim Watkins. We also had 3 new shooters to the event, and 1 pre-teen shooter. Join, Like, share FSC Long Range Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/986239014763951/>

Skeet – Phil McCarthy November skeet shoots on 3rd, 6th, and 10th at 2:00pm. On the 10th, all military veterans shoot free of charge, see the club website and facebook page calendars for more info.

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 179 shooters throughout Oct. IAM Poker shoot had 81 shooters and raised over \$6,000 benefitting Individual Abilities in Motion. Nov 1 will be our last Wednesday and Nov 5 our last Sunday for the season.

Silhouette (Smallbore) – Josh Hess – Next year's shoots should start in April, usually starting 9:00am registration and practice, NRA registered matches start shortly thereafter.

Steel Challenge (Pistol) – Shaun Taylor – Barry Ruane reported that Steel Challenge will have a new chairperson for 2018, Shaun Taylor. Thanks to Peter Brickner for bringing the sport to the club and doing a fantastic job throughout. Last match of the season had 21 shooters, we had 219 shooters for the year. Will start again in Jan '18, 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 had an excellent turnout with prizes provided by Mark Minelli of South side bowl, Piestrak's Gun Shop, and Maines gift cards.

Youth shooting – Fred Rose – new chairperson of the youth shooting program is Fred Rose.

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

Veteran's Skeet Shoot – Nov 10

Big Buck Contest – Archery – measuring Sundays 8:00-noon & Wed. evenings after 5:00

Turkey shoot & ham dinner – Nov 12

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

Elections 2017 – After the voting process with 2 trustee terms expiring, Tony Grasso became a new trustee of one of the seats, Carl Tylutki retains another 2 year term. Ralph Gilpin was applauded for his many years of service on the board.

Hunter / Trapper Education – reported that the Next class at the club is Nov 11. Jim West said that after 15years, he's finally being replaced by a computer. New primary POCs for H.T.E. are Bill Kozuck & Marti Shafer-Callahan.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was drawn along with a Calendar drawing. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn and had a first time winner - no winner of \$876 by Greg Yunko. The pot starts again next month, 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.

Remember the next membership meeting is early in November and December, next membership meeting is Nov 15 7:30pm

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 (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

Ducks, Coots, Mergansers (N. Zone) – Oct 7-Nov18 / Dec 19-Jan 13
Can. Goose (Res N. Zone) –Oct 28-Nov 25 / 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.

This month's FSC Event Spotlights:

FSC TURKEY SHOOT

FSC will hold a turkey shoot on Sunday November 12 beginning at 9:00am. Breakfast and lunch available from the club kitchen. Prizes include a frozen turkey or a gift card.

EVENTS

RIFLE: 100 YARDS off-hand .243 and above with max. scope setting of 6X – no slings

HANDGUN: 50 YARDS centerfire cartridge, open sights, off hand

SHOTGUN: 5 STAND / SPORTING CLAYS / 50/50 "SPLATTER CARD" / "X" card; club ammo only

Eye and ear protection are mandatory, 12 & 20 ga Ammo will be available

FSC SKEET VETERAN'S SHOOT

Once again FSC will hold their Veterans Skeet shoot. **Veterans Shoot FREE of Charge.**

Friday November 10, 2017 beginning at 2:00.

Ear and Eye Protection Required.

Skeet field is handicap accessible.

If arriving after 6pm, please call 570-240-2376.

Shooting under the lights if necessary.

Open to the public, \$4 per round of 25 shots.

Bring your favorite shotgun and shells.

No registration required.

Shoot held rain or shine.