

# FACTORYVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## OCT '17 EDITION

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**, (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **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. **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 **Oct 1 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](mailto: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](mailto:courses@nepatactical.com) **Mike Conforti** (570) 840-2775 or **Tim Donnelly** (570) 561-5968. Also check [NRAinstructors.org](http://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](http://NRAinstructors.org) for other details. Next Pistol class is Oct 21st.

**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 September 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** – no report

**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** – **William Kalinauskis**- no report

**Membership report** – **John Hegedty** - currently we are at 630 adult & 103 junior members, 4 adult and 1 junior have made applications as of the meeting. New member applicants: Shaun Taylor, Brad Robinson,

Raymond Biglin, John Sherman, Eian Williams. Billing Statements are coming out in Oct for 2018 dues.

**Land Use Management Committee** - concerning the rearrangement of the ranges, land management for game and conservation: The NRA range development rep should be here in the next 2 weeks for his recommendations. NRCS and Pheasants Forever further accessing the property. Looking into constructing a pond and bee hive keeping. Range Caution Signs to be posted around range perimeters. Next meeting is **Wednesday Oct 25, 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](mailto: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 Sept 24 3D thru the woods shoot had 30+ archers, both events had over 38 archers combined. Thanks to everyone that pitched in to help with the event and course maintenance.

**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. 2 \$500 days remain to be won.

**CMP** - **John Joyce** – 3<sup>RD</sup> Saturday of the month. Setup at 8:30 am, Sign up at 9:00am, sighters / match begin at 10:00. The Aug match had 12 shooters, Sept had 5 shooters. All scored over 400 points each.

**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. Sept 28 is our last horseshoe match until next year.

**U.S.P.S.A / I.P.S.C. Pistol** – **Barry Ruane** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month. 9:00am registration / set up, match begins at 10:00.

**Long Range Day** – **Walter Rohan** - The 6<sup>th</sup> and final regularly scheduled shoot of the season is Sept 30 8:00am – noon. We'll crown our season champion and award the trophies and other prizes. 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/>

**Skeet** – **Phil McCarthy** We had 57 member and 14 nonmember rounds for a total of 71 rounds in Sept. We continue to shoot skeet every Monday at 2:00 (except Sept 11th-super gun) up to our last on Nov 6. and the first Friday of the month up to our last on Nov 3. Nov 11, 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 Sept. Currently looking for help at the sign in window for the weekly shoots, especially on Wednesdays 8:30-2:00 Oct 22 we'll have a Poker shoot benefitting Individual Abilities in Motion. \$35 fee, \$300 prize. Thanks to Ron Gorko for coming back!

**Silhouette (Smallbore)** – **Josh Hess** – The last of the Season shoots had 2 matches in Sept with 4 shooters. Next year's shoots should start in April, usually starting 9:00am registration and practice, NRA registered matches start shortly thereafter.

**Steel Challenge (Pistol)** - **Peter Brickner** – Last match of the season is Oct 7, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some prizes provided by Mark Minelli of South side bowl, Piestrak's Gun Shop, and more. Will also have Maines gift cards. We had a guest shooter --- Steve Ross the Pa delegate of the ATA complimented the club on all the new things going on. Thanks to George Fornwalt for help cleaning up the traphouse.

**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*

**Steak Bake** – Oct 13

**FSC Club maintenance days** – Oct 15 8:00am

**FSC 2018 Event scheduling meeting** – Oct 18 6:00pm

**"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

**Guest speaker** – Louis Marcho, running for Overfield Twp Supervisor spoke of grants available for road improvement and thanked the club behalf of the Overfield Police Dept for the ability to use our ranges.

**Guest speaker** – Dave Plumber, Club member and Magistrate spoke on his reelection, and several legal topics, and also gave examples of his common sense way of adjudicating cases.

**10th Annual FSC Golf Tournament** – Held Sept 16 at Lakeland golf course, Proceeds benefit Hunts For Healing. 27 golfers came to play, with the winning team being Neal Stevenson and John Pelka. Thanks to John Grigas for having lunch ready.

**Delta Waterfowl** – Rick Valent - thanked the club for hosting their dinner on Sept 24, 11 guns and other prizes were raffled off. 25% of proceeds goes towards veterans and youth programs. Thanks to all that helped at the event.

**FSC Club maintenance days** – 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** – John Grigas announced that elections will take place next membership meeting.

**Big Buck Contest – Archery** – Tony Fabiano announced he'll be measuring Sunday 8:00-Noon, and every Wed. evening after 5:00

**NEW WEBSITE** is up and running – Joe Chlubicki reported out on the going live of the new website. Desktop & mobile ready, event Chairpersons can contact him through the website for special permissions to manage your event page and to use other features. Still the same address, FSCweb.org.

**Club members win annual Harford Masonic Shoot** - For the second consecutive year, four club members, shooting on Team Rowlands won the annual Harford Masonic shoot held on the club sporting clays course. The event was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, and involved 77 shooters. The group broke 339/400 targets (85%) to take first place in the event. Team members were Mike Rowlands, son Dillon (captain), Mark Minelli, and Phil McCarthy. McCarthy took high overall honors shooting a 95/100, and was named top shooter for the second consecutive year.

**Hunter / Trapper Education** – Jim West reported that the Sept 23 class had 39 students, and there was good feedback on the instruction given. Thanks to the instructors that helped to make it happen. Next class at the club is Nov 11.

John Shandey thanked everyone for keeping an eye out for his pistols.

Walter Rohan commented that for elections, the nominee should be allotted a minute or two to "campaign" why they are running, and perhaps the incumbent of too. Also noted there is an outbreak of EHD (blue tongue) in the deer SW part of the state, close to 1000 deer succumbed. Cases are appearing in the SE. Disease is carried by flies, a good frost should end this year's outbreak.

**The monthly 50/50 raffle** was drawn, Calendar drawing winner is Mike Kapinski. The **Land Fund 50/50** was drawn and had no winner - the name drawn (Mike Rhoades) didn't have a submission - rolls over to next month, currently \$820 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.

## 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**

**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 Spotlight:* **Volunteerism**

The "Spotlight" is generally reserved to provide details and information on a FSC event, however rather than showcasing a particular event this month, let's take a look at the reoccurring discussion – especially as of lately - of volunteers needed to support and or carry on our various events.

There is no doubt that FSC is a very busy place throughout the year. In addition to our regularly scheduled monthly events, many special events take place throughout the year whether it being a special fundraiser or educational / instructional event, or youth event.

FSC events requires plenty of "boots on the ground" to make it happen either before, during, or after the event. The club depends on many of these regular and special events – along with membership dues - to keep the lights on, pay taxes, new construction, maintenance, etc.

However as the main POCs for these events continue to "mature" it is naturally more difficulty to continue the events at the same level as previous years, many of which are the same POCs for multiple events in order to keep the event active with some level of "burning out" happening. This also potentially keeps new, exciting, and important events from becoming reality.

FSC's membership dues are relatively low compared to other clubs, especially when considering the amenities available to the member. Volunteerism is essential in order for dues to remain low and to get efforts completed. Somehow the club tends to magically "get things done" in the final hour and the event marches on, but shouldn't rely on seeing who shows up on the day of to put on a quality event.

Without a volunteer staff (members and sometimes even non-members) pitching in at events or getting training up as a replacement POC, the club would have to employ staff to take on certain functions.

The same holds true for maintenance of the grounds & equipment used to support events. If an employed staff is needed, additional resources would be required to employ that staff. And those additional resources would have to come from somewhere - or manpower found differently than customarily found.

Having members volunteer with things like range improvements, building repairs, and equipment & grounds maintenance, (wear and tear takes its toll, things don't fix themselves) even bussing tables, setting up chairs, loading traps, parking cars and such at regular or special events are important and are still needed, even if for only an hour or two to relieve the person before.

But there are also many administrative things such as shooter registration, being a scorer, checking tickets, being available to let vendors into the grounds, and many, many other administration things behind the scenes in order to keep FSC and our events viable. Volunteerism to help with club operations doesn't necessarily mean labor requiring blood, sweat, and tears - a few hours of assisting with paperwork, behind the scenes organization, stuffing envelopes, taking inventory, etc. is a huge help.

Our Scholarships - a worthy cause which has lessened the financial burden of many of our and our neighbor's children as they continue their education - relies on several events throughout the year, could be in jeopardy if the supporting events disappear.

We have many educational & instructional classes and youth events that could use instructors, range officers, facilitators that are low impact and rewarding.

With 600+ members, surely there are various skill sets, tools of the trade, ideas or admin skills that are very valuable and would aid the continued success of the club, with proud active member participation being the key. We all know that in today's environment that time is in short supply, however consider what you can do to ensure that **your** club remains the premier sportsmen's club in the region.

With the recent expansion of our grounds it is one of the most exciting and important times to be involved and ensure the success of FSC for generations to come...don't hesitate to contact an event POC, facilities POC, Board, or committee member today!