

F.C.S.A. at Williamsport

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Greetings 50BMG shooters! The "hibernation" period of 50BMG matches in the Northeast is coming to an end. It has been a long time coming for 50 shooters on the East Coast, but there are three F.C.S.A. sanctioned 1000 yard 50BMG matches scheduled for the Original Pennsylvania Bench Rest Club, Williamsport PA.

June 8-10

July 20-22

August 17-19

There is a date very likely for a year-end shoot in October or November to be scheduled, also.

For those of you who have shot the Quantico F.C.S.A. matches, the major changes of this range will be an adjustment, but I couldn't be more pleased to report that these are all for the good. We will have unprecedented support from the host club, and that includes open access to the range for the entire days of these matches. This includes sight-in shooting on Fridays.

To shoot this range, you have to join the club. The form is attached to this email. Dues are \$50 per year. It is not mandatory for you to complete the rifle info for the FCSA match, it is there because the local club solicits it for those who shoot their 1000 yard matches. Match registration forms for these matches can be found at the FCSA.org site.

There is a nice clubhouse open for meetings and social use, including reloading for those who have the equipment. There are picnic tables under cover, and the shooting benches are all of excellent construction, fixed concrete with wood tops, under cover, and can be backed up to for loading and unloading for shooting. If anyone gets sentimental about Quantico, we can provide stairmasters so you can huff and puff the equivalent of running up and down those berms to the line from your vehicles.

There is no alcohol allowed on the club property, but I am assured there is ample parking and areas just off the club property where those who want to have a cocktail social hour after the days' shooting may go. F.C.S.A. rules prohibit any drinking during a match, and certainly any competition by shooters who are under the influence of any alcohol or substances.

There are camping sites for tents and RV's across the road from the Club, but no electrical hook-ups. There is water and toilets available on site. There is also a concession stand, but I am expecting to organize some group meals prepared for competitors as we have done in the past.

There is a long history of benchrest shooting at Williamsport, and well trained target pullers will be available for those who wish them, or wish to shoot more than two classes.

Williamsport provides, for the match fees, a pit boss (who will be trained in FCSA shooting and rules) and ample match support on site.

I can't say how exciting it is to have such fine facilities. It is a beautiful range, and has what have been called the best pits and butts in the country, all new in the last few years. We are assured of open use of the place for the entirety of our match days. New shooters, and all who wish open shooting on Friday, will be accommodated.

There are lots of lodging places in Williamsport. A google search turned up all the usual chain motels, but I am told that the gas industry is booming in that area and there is a competition for rooms by gas workers, so those who wish to book rooms should do it as early as possible. Rooms run from \$123 a night and more from the search I did. I have no recommendations, and as of now do not know if there is going to be a preferred place for shooters who will take rooms. Williamsport is approximately 17 miles south of the actual range, which is in Trout Run, PA, so that needs to be figured into your time and plans, also.

FCSA matches start earlier than some are used to. We start our shooters' meeting at 7:30 a.m., and try to have shooting underway by 8:30 am at the latest. This makes for the four shooting relays to be completed by 2:30 or 3 pm most days. I remind the Quantico shooters that we had been in a position the last several years to extend sight-in times for new shooters before Saturdays record shooting, and for those reasons those matches often ran longer into the afternoon. This will not be the case in these matches. We also have complete control of access to the pits without the limitations we faced at Quantico.

With our liberal use of the facilities, there will also be the possibility of open shooting afternoons after the close of record-relay shooting.

I will have loading equipment on hand to support those who may need some access to those tools for their loading needs. I fully expect that there will be similar resources, consistent with our match history, available from the experienced shooters attending this match. The range is excellent for those who wish to remain on site and talk shooting or work on their rifles or reloading.

I ask shooters who don't pre-register to give me a call at **496-1200** so I can have an idea of numbers and sharing of rifles for doing all the squadding I can in advance. Email to me at eggman@spa.net. Please be sure to put "FCSA" in the subject line so I can catch it if my SPAM filters intercept your email.

Skip Talbot shot the first sub-5" World Record FCSA group at Williamsport in the 80's, I recall, of 4.25" That record stood for many years. Way back then he said that that range had great potential for world record shooting. Several standing world records have been shot there in other 1000 yd benchrest competitions.

Let's get shooting!

John E.

Membership Application

The Original Pennsylvania 1000 Yard Benchrest Club, Inc.

Any citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older may become a member of this club upon vote by the

Board of Directors after subscribing to the pledge below and upon payment of the Membership Dues.

Membership Plans: (check one)

New Member \$50.00 Information Change

Individual \$50.00 NRA Member? Yes No

Family Membership \$60.00

Life Membership \$550.00

Name of Member: _____ Date of Birth: _____

_____ Occupation _____

Street

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Fill out this section for other family members. Submit an additional form with both this section and the equipment section filled out for each competing family member who uses equipment different from that listed.

Family Member _____ Date of Birth: _____ Family

Member _____ Date of Birth: _____

Light Gun Class

Heavy Gun Class

Caliber _____

Caliber _____

Barrel _____

Barrel _____

Scope _____

Scope _____

Action_____

Action_____

Gunsmith_____

Gunsmith_____

Bullet_____Powder_____

Bullet_____Powder_____

Trigger_____Stock_____

Trigger_____Stock_____

Reamer_____Rest_____

Reamer_____Rest_____

Enclosed find annual dues in the amount of \$_____For
year_____

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America, that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States of America or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence, and that if admitted to membership after the probationary period, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship. I fully understand that there are certain dangers and risks associated with the facilities and activities of this club and I fully assume the risks and dangers involved. I waive, release, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organization from any claims, actions, suits, costs, expenses, damages or liabilities, including attorney's fees for personal injury, property damage, accidents, illnesses, death or any incidental damage that may arise from my use of the facilities or from my participation in or observation of the activities. I assume these risks for me and/or for my minor child of my own free will. I acknowledge that I intend by my signature that this be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Signature_____

Date_____

Complete and mail to: Original Pa. 1000 Yard Benchrest Club, Inc.
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