

# Sigel Sportsmens Club

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## **Club Officers for 2012:**

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## **Coming Events** (check our website for the latest updates):

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month @ 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** Feb. 11. Set up @ 5:00 PM. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM. Vegetable dishes and desserts will be welcomed as well as wild game dishes. After dinner, Mary Jo Casalena from the PGC will speak on the PA wild turkey.
- ❖ **State Wide Winter Coyote Hunt:** Feb. 17, 18, & 19. Registration is \$15. 2/3 of the proceeds will be divided equally among successful hunters. You can register on our club website or at the following locations: Route 66 Sporting Goods; Iroquois Archery & Firearms; and Rich's Outdoor World.
- ❖ **Rifle League Competition:** The Sigel Rifle Team is currently competing in two 4 position small-bore (.22LR) rifle leagues. **Green Mountain League** matches are held on Friday evenings thru April 13. **Tri County League** matches are held on Wednesday evenings thru March 21. **Club membership required to participate in league competition. For additional info contact Biff.**
- ❖ **Hunter-Trapper Education Classes:** *March 16 & 17 @ Jefferson County Fair Grounds, Rt. 28, 1/2 mile North of I-80 Exit 14. 6 PM – 9 PM on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 9 AM – 5 PM on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Heath Twp. Sportsmen Club. June 29 & 30 @ Heritage House, 4 Sylvania Street in Brookville. 6 PM – 9 PM on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 9 AM – 5 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup>. To register, please visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission website, [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us) . Click on the “**Education**” tab, **then “Hunter Education**”, then “**Hunter Education Class Calendar**” Follow the on line instructions for registration.*
- ❖ **Easter Ham Shoots: Mar. 29 & Apr. 5. Firearms:** .22 rim fire rifles with any sight, but scopes are limited to 10X max. No hooks or palm rests, slings optional. **Course of fire:** 10 one shot matches fired from the offhand position at 50 feet, indoors, on a bull's-eye target. Two additional one shot matches follow for all non-winners from the first 10 matches. **Prizes:** a ham is awarded

to the adult winner of each match. Pizza and or candy are awarded to junior winners. **Entry Fees:** Adults, \$10; Juniors, \$1. A **Bonus Match** with separate entry fee and a special ham for the winner concludes the shooting. **Starting time:** 7:00 PM.

- ❖ **Outdoor Rim fire Meat Shoots:** 4<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month beginning May 24. Last shoot Oct. 25. **Firearms:** .17 and .22 rim fire rifles. These shoots are similar to our Easter Ham Shoots and our Indoor Meat Shoots, except, they are held outdoors, under the lights and shot from a distance of 30 yards. Adults compete for meat prizes valued at \$10 each; juniors compete for other prizes. Time: 7:00 PM. Cost: adults \$10; juniors \$1.

*If you want to learn how any of our .22 shoots work, give me a call and I will meet you at the range for an introductory practice session. Biff*

## **Past Events**

- ❖ **2011 Club Contests:** Winners of the Spring Gobbler, Archery Buck, Rifle Buck, and Groundhog Contests will be announced and recognized at the wild game dinner, Feb. 11. We have had some really nice trophy bucks entered this year. I believe the biggest was entered by Bob Allshouse which scored 170+ Boone & Crockett. Check our website for pictures.
- ❖ **2011 Ham Dinner & Gun Raffle:** In planning for this raffle, our Committee Chairman suggested that we send raffle tickets to ALL members and not just to those who had volunteered to sell them. The response showed this to be a good idea! In addition to raffle winners taking home \$6000 worth of firearms, the Club's net was slightly over \$4800. That is a huge increase over previous years and enough to enable us to PAY OFF OUR MORTGAGE THIS YEAR. THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Gun winners are posted on our website.
- ❖ **2011 Deer Season Coyote Hunt:** 58 hunters registered, BUT NONE entered a coyote. Given the unexpected results our Committee Chairman recommended that \$200 of the proceeds be used to "sweeten" next year's payout. This was approved at the last club meeting.

## **Other Items**

- ❖ **Indoor Range:** ONLY .22 rim fire ammo is authorized; standard velocity ammo recommended; eye and ear protection required.
- ❖ **Outdoor Range:** The range is for use by members only. Members may bring guest(s) on occasion. Eye and ear protection required. **Please** make certain that every shot you fire stops in one of the backstops. Police the range and remove all of your targets when finished.
- ❖ **Club Website:** Check the website for updated info on club events and the latest additions to the photo gallery. If you would like to contribute a photo, e-mail it to [info@sigelsportsmensclub.com](mailto:info@sigelsportsmensclub.com).