



Sigel Sportsmen's Club

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

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** Due to New Years Day falling on the 1st Thursday of January, our January meeting will be on Jan. 8 @ 7:00 PM. Thereafter, monthly meetings will be on the 1st Thursday of the month.

- ❖ **Rifle League Competition:** our 4 position .22 rifle league matches will begin Jan. 2 and conclude in late April 10. **Club membership is required to participate in league competition.**

- ❖ **.22 Rim-fire "Meat" Shoots:**
 1. **Steak Shoots:** steak shoots will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month Jan. thru Oct. (except April) and begin @ 7:00PM. Several of these beginning in April will be held outdoors if weather permits.
 2. **Easter Ham Shoot:** indoors, Thursday, April 2nd @ 7:00 PM.

- ❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** March 14th, 5:00 PM. Set up at 4:30, dinner at 5:00, and program at 6:00. **This year the speaker will be Jeremy Banfield, PA Game Commission Elk Biologist.**
Topic: "Elk Management, Population Updates, Hunt Highlights, And Future Challenges/Directions".

- ❖ **Hunter-Trapper Education Classes:**

Sigel Sportsman's Club, March 21st, 12:30 – 4:30 (Cable Restraint) (Advanced Class, fee due at registration)

Heritage House, March 28th, 9:00 – 4:00

Heritage House, June 27th, 9:00 – 4:00

ALL REGISTRATION IS ON LINE. To register, please visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission website, 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.

- ❖ **Educational Programs Offered By The Woodland Owners Of Clarion-Allegheny Valley (WOCAV)**
 - ❖ PA Predators: Coyotes, Bobcats, and Fishers January 15th, 7:00 PM, Sigel Sportsman's Club
 - ❖ Landowner's Conference, "Creating Healthy Wildlife Habitat" February 21st, 8:00 to 3:45 St Michael's Hall, Fryburg, PA. Five sessions by experts on creating wildlife habitat on forested land, old farmland, or strip-mines. The emphasis is on strip-mines, but it will be very informative for everyone. Only \$20 if registered by Feb. 5th, includes coffee, donuts, lunch. Please see www.thewocav.org for topics and registration information.

Past Events

- ❖ **2014 Club Contests:** winners of the Spring Gobbler, Archery Buck, Rifle Buck, and Groundhog Contests will be announced and recognized at the wild game dinner. Check the web site for pics.
- ❖ **2014 Ham Dinner & Gun Raffle:** again our dinner and raffle were a great success due to your support in selling raffle tickets and to the dedicated few who work to make it happen. Special thanks to Lester Bauer and Gordon Greeley who chair the two separate committees. Again, I want to recognize Grice Gun Shop for the tremendous support they gave the club by providing quality guns at very attractive prices. Gun winners are posted on our website.

Other Items

- ❖ **Silvis Property:** Headwater Investment Corporation recently sold the property that borders our club property to the East and South. Paul Silvis (Siltop Visions LLC) is the new owner. Access to the Silvis property can only be via ATU, UTV or on foot. To gain access, all individuals who wish to hunt or ride on the property must sign a waiver/release form and pay a fee. Members of the Sigel Club may obtain a copy of the waiver/release form by contacting Biff.

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday November 22nd, the first day of bear season, two locks were shot off of gates to this property, one near the Club and the other near Moore Bridge. Siltop Visions is offering a \$1,000 cash reward for the identification and prosecution of those responsible for the damage to the two locks and who accessed the property by a motor vehicle illegally. If you have information concerning the destruction of the locks, please contact Ken Dworek at (814) 541-9970.

- ❖ **Outdoor Range:** to date we have widened the range by approx. 25 yards all the way out to the 200 yd. backstop. In the spring our plan is to reposition and expand the 25, 50, 100 and 200 yd. backstops and to install new target backers. Also included in our plans is a new covered firing line the full width of the range. A **\$3,000 grant** from the **NRA Foundation** nearly covered the cost of the work done so far. **Thank you NRA.** Check our facebook page for pictures.

As always, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: the shotgun backstop, located to the left of the shooting benches and built of rail road ties, is not to be shot with anything other than shotguns loaded with shot shells and .22 rimfires.

- ❖ **Indoor Range:** ONLY .22 rim fire ammo is authorized; standard velocity ammo recommended; eye and ear protection required.

- ❖ **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.