

Sigel Sportsmen's Club
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Year 2009 Club Officers

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Memberships: Chuck Heeter is the membership coordinator for the club. Make direct contact with Chuck for prompt answers to any question concerning membership status. His phone number is (814) 752-2395.

Membership Dues (annual): adult membership \$20; family \$40; senior \$10; junior \$5.

Life Memberships: \$400 for ages 21-40, \$250 for ages 41-61, \$80 for ages 62-75. **NOTICE: Life Members will now have their spouses and dependents, under age 17, regarded as club members.** If you need additional buttons because of this change, please contact Chuck, 814-752-2395.

Newsletter: Need something included in the newsletter? Contact Biff Stuart, biff1996@alltel.net.

Club Phone Number: 814-752-2480

Gate Combination: (same as last year)

COMING EVENTS (check the club website for updates)

❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1st Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM.

❖ **Indoor Archery Shoots:** Monday evenings beginning Jan. 5. Time: 6:30 to 9:30 PM. **COST:** \$3 for non-members; no charge for juniors if accompanying an adult shooter.

❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Sigel Sportsmens Club; **setup** at 5 PM; **servng** starts at 6:00PM. **Guest Speaker,** Jon M. DeBerti, Wildlife Biologist, PA Game Commission.

❖ **State Wide "Wylie Coyotee" Hunt:** Feb. 20, 21, and 22. Hunters may register at Rich's Outdoor World; Iroquois Archery (Rt. 322 Brookville); Shooter's Shop (Rt. 219 between DuBois and Brockway); Rt. 66 Sporting Goods; or, complete the registration form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it in. **Deadline for mail in registrations is Thursday Feb. 19.**

❖ **.22 Rifle & Pistol Shoots:** .22 rim-fire only! **Every Thursday starting at 6:00 PM.** Standard velocity ammo is recommended. Any safe .22 cal. rifle or pistol is permitted. All shooting is on paper targets and are provided by the club. The course of fire with either rifle or pistol is according to the shooter's interest. **COST:** \$3 for non-members; no charge for juniors if accompanying an adult shooter.

❖ **Junior Rifle Program:** The program will also be conducted from 6 to 9 PM on Thursday evenings until Mar. 25. The focus of the program will be 4 position smallbore (.22LR) rifle competition. Beginner match rifles, shooting mats, targets, and required ear and eye protection are provided. Ammo is not provided, but standard velocity ammo is available for purchase. **NOTE:** The Sigel Rifle Team competes with several other smallbore teams in Venango, Clarion, Clearfield, and Indiana Counties; match schedules are posted at the club and on the club website. Juniors who have an interest and have the required skill level may join in the competition. **COST: no cost other than ammo.** For additional information contact Biff Stuart at 814-849-5879 or biff1996@alltel.net.

❖ **Rifle League Competition:** The Sigel Rifle Team participates in 4 position smallbore (.22LR) rifle competition. Typical equipment includes Anschutz match rifles with high power scopes and heavy leather shooting jackets in addition to other equipment. **Green Mountain League;** Friday evenings thru April 10. **Tri County League;** Wednesday evenings thru Mar. 25. Banquets follow the last match in both leagues and trophies are awarded to the high scoring shooters by class. **Club membership required to participate in league competition.**

❖ **Club Pancake Breakfast:** Saturday, Mar. 7. Serving starts 8:00 AM at the club.

❖ **Club Crow Hunt:** Saturday, March 28. Meet at the Club at 6:00 AM to establish teams.

❖ **Easter “Ham” Shoots (.22 rifles): Thursday Apr. 2 & Thursday Apr. 9; Time 7:00 PM.** These are a variation on the popular Easter Egg Shoots conducted by a couple of other clubs in the area. Instead of candy eggs, at least 12 nice hams each shoot will be up for grabs! In addition, juniors have the opportunity to win a lot of candy for their Easter Baskets. Run a cleaning rod through your .22 rifle and come out and try your skill and/or luck. One box of .22 ammo more than enough for both shoots. Cost: \$10 for adults; 16 yrs. and under \$5.

❖ **Open Kitchen at Sigel SC:** opening weekend of trout season April 18 & 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM. A varied menu will be available. Free coffee. Andy Strohm is taking charge of this event and would very much appreciate having a few club members volunteer to help out, especially Sunday.

PAST EVENTS:

❖ 2008 Spring Gobbler Contest:	Beard Length	Spur Length	Total Score
1 st Place, Jack Lingenfelter,	10 4/16	2 2/16	12 2/16
2 nd Place, Tim Keth	10 1/16	2 3/16	12 4/16
3 rd Place, Fred Geer	9 10/16	2 5/16	11 15/16
Chad Fox,	9 2/16	2	11 2/16
Andy Park,	8 12/16	2 2/16	10 14/16
Don Keth,	8 10/16	2	10 10/16
Zane Hackett	4 12/16	14/16	5 10/16

Beard length plus length of both spurs equals, measured to nearest 1/16”, equals Total Score.

❖ 2008 Archery Buck Contest:	Points	O/S Spread	Total Score
1 st Place, Dave Dinger,	12	24 2/8”	36 2/8
2 nd Place, Scott Himes,	9	16 6/8”	25 6/8
3 rd Place, Fred Geer,	8	17 2/8”	25 2/8
Todd Brown,	8	16 4/8”	24 4/8
Brad Geer,	7	15”	22
Tim Keth,	7	12 4/8”	19 4/8
Brian Keth,	6	12 7/8”	18 7/8

Number of points plus outside spread, measured to the nearest 1/16 inch, equals Total Score.

❖ 2008 Rifle Buck Contest:	Points	O/S Spread	Total Score
1 st Place, Pat Holmes,	9	16 4/8”	25 4/8
2 nd Place, Rich Cashdollar,	8	14 6/8”	22 6/8
3 rd Place, Jolynn Geer,	8	13 4/8”	21 4/8

Number of points plus outside spread, measured to the nearest 1/16 inch, equals Total Score.

❖ **2008 Groundhog Contest:** 1st Place, Richard Fisher, 13 lbs. 12 oz.

❖ **Annual Gun Raffle:** Our Annual Gun Raffle is one of our major fund raisers for the year. It was very successful this year and thanks to all who sold and purchased raffle tickets. We are staying in the black and the loan is coming down. Your support is appreciated. See the names of the 10 lucky gun winners on the club website.

OTHER ITEMS

❖ **CLUB WEBSITE:** www.sigelsportsmensclub.com. For the latest information and photos, check it out. If you have an interesting photo and would like to see it posted on the website e-mail it to info@sigelsportsmensclub.com. We do not promise to post every photo but do promise to do the best we can.

❖ **OUTDOOR RANGE:**

1. **CAUTION: PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN EVERY SHOT YOU FIRE STOPS IN ONE OF OUR BACKSTOPS!** On a recent inspection of the range we noted that someone skipped a number of shots off the ground in front of the 25 yard backstop. At least 4 bullets impacted the trees beyond. It is good that those 4 got stopped! But, how many more went down range to parts unknown? It has been said that **“every bullet you fire has a lawyer attached to it!” THINK SAFETY! PLEASE!**
2. **CAUTION:** Bullet fragments coming back at you are a serious concern when shooting at steel targets. **THINK SAFETY! ALWAYS WEAR EYE & EAR PROTECTION.**

❖ **NRA MEMBERSHIPS** The club now has a recruiter number: CO18066A. Each current NRA member who renews through the club earns the club \$5; each new member who joins through the club earns the club \$10! In order for the club to get credit, you must make reference to our recruiter number. To join or renew, contact Biff Stuart, biff1996@alltel.net, or use the secure link on our club website.

❖ **“WYLIE COYOTEE” HUNT REGISTRATION:** Please fill out all information on the form and send to: Sigel Sportsmens Club, PO Box 155, Sigel, PA 15860, Attn: Coyote Hunt. A list of hunt rules and verification of registration will be returned by mail.

NAME: (please print) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PA HUNTING LICENSE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

*Please include \$10.00 registration fee and a self addressed stamped envelop.
Deadline for mail in registrations is Feb. 19. Thank you & good hunting!*