



Sigel Sportsmens Club

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

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Annual Summer Picnic:** July 21st at the club. Time: 1:00 PM. Please bring a covered dish or desert. Grilled chicken and beverage provided.
- ❖ **3-D Archery:** No 3-D archery shoots as held in the past are scheduled this year. However, some of our remaining targets will be set up on club property early in August and will be available for member use through archery deer season. The cost of 3-D targets and our desire to begin improvements on our 200 yd. outdoor range led to this decision.
- ❖ **Annual Club Ground Hog Contest:** runs June through September. A scale and sheet for recording names and weights are available at the club.
- ❖ **Hunter/Trapper Education:** The next class at the club is Aug. 10, 9 AM to 4 PM. Then, the final part of a Distant Learning Class will be held from 7 PM to 9 PM at the club on Nov. 13. To register visit 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. The indoor and outdoor ranges will be closed from 8 am to 5 pm on the day of the event.

- ❖ **Outdoor Steak Shoots:** 4th Thursday each month, June thru October. **Starting time:** 7:00 PM. **Firearms:** .17 and .22 rim-fire rifles. **Entry Fee:** adults: \$10; juniors: \$1. **Prizes:** steaks from Tom' Meats. We have had 5 indoor shoots this year and are looking forward to nice weather and shooting outdoors. Run a patch through you rifle and join it. It's fun, good support for the club and you may go home with a couple of nice steaks.

Past Events

- ❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** We had 30 in attendance for our wild game dinner last Feb. Our speaker was Mary Jo Casalena, PGC Turkey Biologist who spoke on a 5 year study of hen turkeys. Her presentation was very informative and generated a lot of questions from those in attendance.
- ❖ **2012 Club Contest Winners** were recognized at the game dinner. **Spring Gobbler:** 1st Place Don Keth; 2nd Brad Geer; 3rd Zane Hackett. **Archery Buck:** 1st Cliff Campbell (**3 antlers, 14 pts & 15 3/8 in. spread**); 2nd Tim McAninch; 3rd Brian Kammerdeiner. **Rifle Buck:** 1st Ron Menhorn (9 pts. with 20 3/8in. spread); 2nd Rich Cashdollar; 3rd Joe Gilligan. **Largest Ground Hog:** Hunter Geer (10 lbs). Check the website for pictures.
- ❖ **2013 State Wide Coyote Hunt:** Only 5 coyotes were entered this year compared to 17 last year. The largest was a 30.5 lb. male taken in Clarion County. Prize money per coyote was \$176.
- ❖ **Easter Ham Shoots:** 67 shooters took part in our 2 ham shoots prior to Easter. As always, 24 nice hams in addition to two 20 lb. smoked hams made by Tom Smith were awarded to lucky (sometimes good) shooters.
- ❖ **Rifle League Competition:** The Sigel Rifle Team has been growing and improving. We placed first in both leagues this year, and with 24 shooters we have the largest team in both leagues
- ❖ **Youth Field Day:** 12 different events including *air rifle, .22 rifle, black powder rifle, shotgun and archery* attracted 144 youth on June 8 at Reynlow Park. Thanks to all that ran the events including the many Club members who were involved. Special thanks is due Tony and Suzy for the time and effort they put into planning and organizing the YFD and making it a success.

Other Items

- ❖ **Indoor Range:**
 - (1) **ONLY .22 rim fire ammo** is authorized; standard velocity ammo recommended.
 - (2) Eye and ear protection required.
- ❖ **Outdoor Range:**

We are currently planning improvements to our outdoor range. Plans at this point include:

 1. widening the firing line and adding more firing points;
 2. a new cover for the firing line;
 3. moving some of the existing backstops;
 4. establishing a parking area nearer to the firing line.

Our goals are to make the range more user friendly and enable us to conduct some new shooting events.

