



Sigel Sportsmens Club

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June 2014 Newsletter

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

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 PM. *July meeting on the 2nd Thursday.*
- ❖ **Annual Summer Picnic:** *July 20st at the club. Time: 1:00 PM. Please bring a covered dish or desert. Grilled chicken and beverage provided.*
- ❖ **3-D Archery:** Again, no 3-D archery shoots are scheduled. However, shortly after July 4th we will again set out some of our remaining targets on club property for member use through archery deer season.
- ❖ **Annual Club Ground Hog Contest:** runs June through September. Only one "hog" was entered last season. Something wrong with that! I will try to not let that happen again this year. A scale and sheet for recording names and weights are available at the club.
- ❖ **Hunter/Trapper Education:** At the present we do not have a class scheduled at the Club. However, Suzy does have a class scheduled at the Heritage House in Brookville on June 28th from 9 AM to 4 PM. 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. Other classes in the area are posted on the same website. *A class in August at Sigel Sportsmen's Club will be online after July 1.*

- ❖ **Youth Field Day:** Suzy Stefani, Jefferson Co. Youth Field Day Chairperson, would like to thank Sigel Sportsmens Club for their generous \$500 donation to the event. Also, thanks to all club members who have volunteered to work long hours on several stations, including Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Turkey.
- ❖ **Outdoor Steak Shoots:** **4th Thursday** each month, June thru October. **Starting time:** 7:00 PM. **Firearms:** 22 rim-fire rifles. We also have a couple of **Saturday shoots** scheduled at present. **Starting Time** for these will be 1:00 PM. **Dates** are June 14 and July 12. **Entry Fees:** adults: \$10; juniors: \$1. **Prizes:** packs of steaks from Tom' Meats. We have been looking forward to nice weather and shooting outdoors, however, if the weather doesn't cooperate the shoots will be held indoors. Run a patch through you rifle and join it. It's fun, good support for the club and you may go home with a pack or two of nice steaks.

Past Events

- ❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** We had 65 in attendance at our wild game dinner last Feb. A very good turn out and more the twice as many as last year! Our speaker was Gary Gilmore, PGC. His presentation titled "You don't know how good you have it." was about the history of the deer herd in PA. A very informative presentation which included some interesting hunting stories.

- ❖ **2013 Club Contest Winners** were recognized at the game dinner.

Spring Gobbler: once again **1st Place** went to Don Keth; **2nd Place** to Dom Palmer one of our junior members, and **3rd Place** to Bill Fiscus. Larry Brosius, Brad Geer, and Eric Byerly also entered gobblers in the contest. Successful **Youth Mentor Hunters** included Logan Byerly, Madison McAninch, Logan Brown and Hunter Geer.

Archery Buck: **1st Place** Chuck Heeter, 9pts with 19 3/8 in. spread; **2nd Place** Tim McAninch; **3rd Place** Don Keth. Archery bucks were also entered by Dave Geltz, Tim Keth, Todd Brown and **Youth Mentor Hunter** Logan Brown.

Rifle Buck: 3 very nice 10 points were entered and photos can be seen on the club web site. **1st Place** Glenn White, 21 1/2 in. spread; **2nd Place** Ben Kuntz, 19 3/4 in. spread; **3rd Place** Robert Anthony, 17 3/8 in spread. Also, Hunter Geer entered a 5 point.

Ground Hog: Lester Bauer (10 lbs).

- ❖ **2013 State Wide Coyote Hunt:** 10 coyotes were entered this year. The largest was a 40 lb. male taken in Crawford Co. The pay out for each was \$88. Check our web site for more details and photos.
- ❖ **Easter Ham Shoot:** 44 adult and 9 junior shooters took part in our shoot this year. A record turn out! The adult prize for each of the 12 relays was a 10 lb. ham. In addition a 20 lb. smoked ham made by Tom Smith was the prize for the bonus shoot. Junior prizes consisted of meat sticks and candy.

- ❖ **Rifle League Competition:** In the Green Mountain League this season we placed second, by a narrow margin, to Horntown Rifle Club. In the Tri County League we fell to third place behind Oil City and Horntown. Competition in both leagues is keen which is fun and keeps it interesting but allows no margin for slacking off a week or two. I think we will be well motivated for next season.

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.



To date we have cut and sold the timber from about 1 acre of ground, removed the remaining pulp wood, and have begun burning the left over scrap wood. Much more needs to be done but we are moving. **Also, thanks to the National Rifle Association for a \$3000 range improvement grant.**