

Sigel Sportsmens Club Newsletter

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Memberships:

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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 and over.

NEWSLETTER :

- ❖ Once again I am asking for members to consider receiving their newsletters via e-mail. If you are willing, send your e-mail address to biff1996@windstream.net . To date about 10% of our members have done so. Another option is to opt out of receiving the newsletters through the mail and log on to the club website to read it. If this appeals to you, please let me know.
- ❖ Need something included in the newsletter? Contact Biff Stuart, via e-mail or 814-849-5879.

COMING EVENTS : (check the club web site for updates)

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1st Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM. Guest speaker for the June 4 meeting is Joey Manfredo, from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Brookville. They are looking for individuals or groups to mentor youth. Joey will explain the various programs available.
- ❖ **3-D Archery Shoots For 2009:** June 7, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13. Registration for each shoot is from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Set up is Saturday morning prior to each shoot. Take down of targets is around 3PM on the Sunday of the shoot. Help with both is needed. If you can spare an hour or two come on out and lend a hand.
- ❖ **Annual Club Ground Hog Contest:** Runs June through September. A scale and sheet for recording names and weights are available at the club. Last year's winner was Richard Fisher with a 13 lb. 12 oz. hog.
- ❖ **Jefferson County Youth Field Day:** Saturday, June 13, 2008 at Reynlow Park in Reynoldsville. If you are selling tickets for YFD, please return ALL tickets (**sold and unsold**) to Tony Stefani by the June 4th club meeting. If you would like to help, please contact Suzy Stefani. If you would like to register a youth for the day, please contact the PGC, Franklin Office, 814-432-3187.
- ❖ **Youth Archery Picnic:** Brookville and C-L Archery Clubs will hold a picnic at Sigel SC on June 21.
- ❖ **Outdoor Meat Shoots:** We are in the process of planning meat shoots with .22 rifles beginning in June. The shoots will be similar to our Easter Ham Shoots but they will be held outdoors in the evening on a weekday. Shooting will be from the offhand position at 30 yards on bull's-eye targets. Prizes will be various kinds of meat; pork chops, chicken, bacon, etc. Entry fee to be determined but in the vicinity of \$5 or \$6. **KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEB SITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**
- ❖ **Hunter/Trapper Education:** The next class will be held at the Heritage House in Brookville on Friday, June 26 from 6 to 10 PM and Saturday, June 27 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Also, a Distant Learning Class will be held July 8

from 7-9 pm at Sigel Sportsmen's Club. Sigel Sportsmen's Club will host another regular class Friday, August 14 from 6-10 pm and Saturday, August 15 from 9 am – 5 pm.

- ❖ **Annual Club Picnic: Sunday, July 19, 2009** at the club beginning at 1:00PM. The club is providing grilled chicken and beverage. Please bring a covered dish **AND** dessert. Hope to see you on the 19th.
- ❖ **6th Annual Cash Bash Dinner:** Saturday, August 22, 2009, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sigel Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 each, food included. Several changes aimed at improving the event have been suggested for this years Cash Bash. Changes will be posted on the club web site. **This is one of our major fundraising events. However, success depends primarily upon ticket sales. When the time comes, your help in selling a few tickets will be greatly appreciated.**

PAST EVENTS :

- ❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** again the dinner was at the club and was well attended. A very good variety of tasty dishes were available. I even fixed a venison dish myself and people actually ate it! The number of main dishes and deserts made it too difficult to sample everything, but I tried. If you haven't been to one of our Wild Game Dinners, consider coming to the next one. It is worth the trip!
- ❖ **PA Elk Presentation: Jon DeBerti, from the PGC, gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the PA Elk herd at the club in Feb. 52 people were in attendance. Thanks to Jon for a very excellent presentation.**
- ❖ **5th Annual Wylie Coyote Hunt:** The hunt ran Feb. 20-22. 142 registered hunters took 16 coyotes this year. The two largest weighed 43 lbs.each.
- ❖ **Easter Ham Shoots, Mar. 26 & Apr. 9:** Our "Ham Shoots" this year were the most successful ever. The combined net for the two shoots was \$847! The success of these shoots has prompted us to start outdoor "meat shoots". We are still in the planning stages, so watch the web site for dates and details. To all Ham Shoot participants, we **very much appreciate your support.**
- ❖ **Plinker Shoots:** The range was open from Jan. thru Mar. for .22 rifle and pistol shooters. I was pleased to see some new people participate this year.
- ❖ **Indoor Archery Shoots:** These shoots began in Jan. and continued into April. They were well attended by adults and youth as well.
- ❖ **Rifle League Competition:** Sigel Rifle Team placed 2nd in both leagues this year, a definite improvement over 2nd and 4th place finishes last year. We also picked up 2 more adult shooters which make us the largest adult team in either league. I think we are moving in the right direction. For info on league competition contact Biff.

OTHER ITEMS :

- ❖ **CLUB MORTGAGE:** At present, the mortgage on our building is just over \$19,000. In order to pay this down quickly, I asked for volunteers to assume the responsibility and cost of mowing grass at the club **just once** during the season. The money saved can then be applied to the mortgage. The response from the membership was very positive and to date I have 8 have volunteers, one of which has already mowed twice. The key times to mow are shortly before scheduled club events, e.g., 3-D Shoots and Youth Archery Picnic. If you are willing to volunteer, please let me know when you will be available. If you mow once, you will have made a big donation to your club!
- ❖ **WHEELCHAIR RAMP:** To make our club wheelchair accessible, a ramp leading from the sidewalk to the front porch has been installed. This is something we had recognized the need for but had not yet got around to. A short time ago, one club member volunteered to do the job and donate all labor and materials as well. Those who have seen it consider it a very fine job indeed. **We are glad to have it done and thank you very much.**

- ❖ **INDOOR RANGE:** *PLEASE REMEMBER: WE HAVE RESTRICTED RANGE USE TO .22 RIMFIRE AMMO ONLY. STANDARD VELOCITY AMMO IS RECOMMENDED. ALSO, EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ARE REQUIRED.*
- ❖ **OUTDOOR RANGE:** *Please keep make certain your shots stop in one of the backstops.*
- ❖ **NRA FOUNDATION GRANTS:** Nearly \$300,000 was granted to various organizations in western PA this year. Money used to fund these grants is raised at various banquets scattered throughout PA. Banquets held in DuBois, Clarion, and Ridgway are a few that are close by. The banquet in DuBois on May 12 brought in over \$14,000 net. Fifty percent of all money raised by all PA banquets is used to fund grants in PA the following year. Attending one of these banquets is a good way to support the NRA and local organizations as well. For additional info contact Biff.
- ❖ **NRA MEMBERSHIPS:** If you are not a member of the NRA now is a good time to join. Everyone who joins or renews through the club recruiter benefits the club. In order for the club to benefit, you must make reference to our recruiter number: CO18066A . To join or renew, contact Biff Stuart, biff1996@windstream.net , or use the secure link on our club website.