

Sigel Sportsmens Club

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Sept. 2007 Newsletter

Club Officers for 2007:

President, Mike Caldwell, (814) 328-2071

Secretary, Corey Oakes, (814) 752-2623

Vice President, Biff Stuart, (814) 752-2988

Treasurer, Randy Becker, (814) 752-2923

Memberships: Chuck Heeter, (814) 752-2395. Make direct contact with Chuck for prompt answers to any question concerning membership status.

Annual Membership Dues: adult \$20; family \$40; senior \$10; junior \$5.

Life Memberships: \$400 for ages 21-40, \$250 for ages 41-61, and \$80 for ages 62-75.

Newsletter: Need something included in the newsletter? Contact Biff Stuart, biff1996@alltel.net or 849-5879.

Club Phone Number: 814-752-2480

Gate Combination: Members Only

COMING EVENTS (check the club website for updates)

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1st Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Rifle Deer Season Coyote Hunt:** Nov. 26 through Dec. 8, during regular deer season. 50% of proceeds will be divided equally among successful hunters. A registration application is included with this newsletter. Rules have changed from last year, see application.
- ❖ **Annual Gun Raffle:** tickets have been mailed out to members. If you need one for yourself or are willing to sell a few, contact Randy Becker at 752-2923 or me by e-mail. Tickets are \$10 each and 10 guns are included in the raffle. Winners will be drawn at our Ham Dinner **BUT** the dinner **IS NOT** included in the cost of the ticket.
- ❖ **Junior 4-Position .22 Rifle:** begins Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6 to 9 PM. Fee: none.
- ❖ **Indoor Archery Shoots: begin** Monday, Jan. 7 from 6 to 10 PM. Fee: \$3 per 90 shots.
- ❖ **.22 Light Rifle And .22 Pistol Shoots:** start Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 6 to 9 PM. Fee: \$3 per adult shooter.
- ❖ **Turkey Shoots:** no turkey shoots will be held this year.
- ❖ **Annual Ham Dinner:** Nov. 27, Sigel Civic Center, serving starts at 4:30PM; \$7 per adult; \$3.50 for ages 6 thru 12; 5 years old and under are free. Guns to be drawn at 7:00PM.
- ❖ **Big Buck Contest:** runs through regular archery and firearm seasons. Scoring is based on outside spread plus length of all points over one-half inch. All measurements will be made the nearest one-eighth of an inch; dead line for having your rack scored is 5 days after the close of the season. A tie will be decided by date of harvest, the earliest harvested buck wins. **Official scorers** are Brad Geer, 849-1200 or 752-2181; Chuck Heeter, 752-2395; Ed Kephart, 849-1934; Tim Keth, 328-5131; Jack Lingenfelter, 752-6002; and, Biff Stuart, 849-5879. Good luck!
- ❖ **State Wide "Wylie Coyote" Hunt:** Feb. 22, 23, and 24. Watch for details in the Jan. 08 Newsletter.
- ❖ **Election of Club Officers for 2007:** nominations during Nov. meeting; elections during Dec. meeting.

PAST EVENTS

- ❖ **Youth Field Day:** June 9, 2007 at Reynlow Park in Reynoldsville. More than 100 kids took advantage of the field day. Many members of the Sigel Sportsmens Club were involved with organizing the field day and in conducting the archery, rifle, shotgun, and trapping events. Thanks to every one who helped out. Also, thanks to the **NRA Foundation for a \$300 grant** to help with expenses.
- ❖ **3-D Archery Shoots For 2007:** this year approximately 430 archers took part in our 3-D shoots.
- ❖ **Groundhog Contest:** Jim Claypool nailed down 1st Place this year by entering a 14 lb. 4 oz "hog" on Sept. 25. Mark Ewing maintained both 2nd and 3rd Place with "hogs" weighing 13 lbs. 1 oz. and 12 lbs. 3 oz. which he had entered on July 7.
- ❖ **Hunter, Trapper, Safety Education:** the course was held in the club's indoor range in August and 56 youngsters were registered.
- ❖ **4th Annual Cash Bash Dinner:** Farmer's Inn catered the dinner this year and served really good and plentiful food. In addition to enjoying good food, lucky winners took home over \$3500 and the club netted over \$3000. Individual winners are posted on our website. Special thanks to all who sold or purchased the nearly 700 tickets.. This is our main fund raiser that goes to paying off our loan and your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Jack for organizing the dinner and all who helped make it a success. As

successful as the dinner was, just consider how fast our loan would be paid off if we could sell an additional 300 tickets each year. I am not complaining, just thinking.

OTHER ITEMS

- ❖ **NOTE:** *our 3-D shoots, Cash Bash Dinner, Rifle Deer Season Coyote Hunt, Wylie Coyote Hunt, gun raffle, and Easter Ham Shoots are all important fund raising events for the club. Income generated is used for operating expenses and paying off our bank loan. At present, we still owe \$23,000 dollars on the new addition, \$4000 less than a year ago. We are making progress and staying in the black! Never the less, your support, whenever possible, is important. Every Cash Bash or gun raffle ticket you sell HELPS! Every time you participate in one of our hunts or shoots also HELPS! So, if you don't already do so, consider selling some raffle tickets or, coming out for some of our shoots and maybe bringing some friends along.*

- ❖ **PHOTO GALLERY:** Randy has included a photo gallery on our club website that deals with hunting, fishing, shooting, and other outdoor activities of our members. If you have an interesting photo you would like to see posted on the website e-mail it to info@sigelsportsmensclub.com. We do not promise to post every photo but do promise to give all photos equal consideration.

- ❖ **INDOOR RANGE:**
 1. The club has purchased 4 folding tables, 40 folding chairs and a chair dolly with funds provided by a **\$2130 NRA Foundation Grant**. The new tables and chairs will allow us to accommodate a larger audience in the indoor range during club activities like Hunter/Trapper Ed.
 2. A sealer has been applied to the floor of the indoor range which will make it much easier to keep clean.
 3. Please remember: only **.22 RIMFIRE AMMO ONLY** is authorized on the indoor range. Standard velocity ammo is recommended. Eye and ear protection are required.

- ❖ **OUTDOOR RANGE:**
 1. The steel swinging targets on the 25 and 50 yard banks have been broken. Once they are repaired please do not shoot these targets with centerfire rifles or hand cannons chambered for bottle necked cartridges or some of the more powerful straight walled cases like the .460 S&W and .500 S&W. Please, use the powerful stuff for steel targets at 100 yards and beyond. **ALSO, BE ADVISED!** When shooting steel, bullet fragments coming back at you are a serious threat! **ALWAYS WEAR EYE (& EAR) PROTECTION. AND, WHEN SHOOTING STEEL, NEVER GET TOO CLOSE.**
 2. **PLEASE DON'T DRIVE BEYOND THE COVERED SHOOTING BENCHES.**
 3. **Remember:** hang your targets **"in" far enough** that the metal frames are not hit and **low enough** that bullets will impact in the dirt backstops.
 4. Please take your paper targets down when you are finished shooting.
 5. Last, now is the time of year when there is a lot of demand for "sighting in" on the outdoor range. If the range is in use and you want to shoot, make your intentions known! All of the guys I know will be more than willing to cooperate by sharing the range.

- ❖ **CLUB WEBSITE: sigelsportsmensclub.com. CHECK IT OUT!** Randy Becker has done a really good job on it. A lot of important dates are posted and photos are there as well. The site is updated periodically. **TAKE A LOOK.** I'll think you will like it.

- ❖ **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.

**SIGEL SPORTSMENS CLUB
RIFLE DEER SEASON COYOTE HUNT
REGISTRATION**

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail _____

NEW THIS YEAR: Your single \$10 registration entitles you to enter one coyote. You may register more than once but each additional registration is an additional \$10. Each registration, entitles you to enter one coyote and a proportional share of the prize money.

Enclose \$10 check or money order along with a self addressed stamped envelop to; “Coyote Hunt”, Sigel Sportsmens Club, PO Box 155, 246 Sportsmens Lane, Sigel, PA 15860.