



Sigel Sportsmen's Club

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

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1st Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Rifle League Competition:** the Sigel Rifle Team competes in two 4 position .22 rifle leagues. Matches are held on Wednesday and Friday evenings starting at 7:00 PM. The leagues run from Jan. 6 thru April 8. **Club membership is required to participate in league competition.**
- ❖ **.22 Rim-fire "Meat" Shoots:**
 1. **Steak Shoots:** steak shoots will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month Jan. thru Nov. (except April) and begin @ 7:00PM. Several of these beginning in May will be held outdoors if weather permits.
 2. **Easter Ham Shoot:** indoors, Thursday, April 17th @ 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **State Wide Winter Coyote Hunt:** Feb. 19, 20, and 21. Registration is \$15. 2/3 of the proceeds will be divided equally among successful hunters. You can register on our club website or at the following locations: Route 66 Sporting Goods; Legacy Archery; and Rich's Outdoor World.
- ❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** March 19th, 5:00 PM. Set up at 4:30, dinner at 5:00, program at 6:00. **This year the speaker will be Stacy Wolbert, PA Game Commission Wildlife Diversity Biologist. Topic: "Bats and current research in PA"**
- ❖ **Hunter-Trapper Education Classes:**
 1. **Cable Restraint:** March 13, 12:00 - 4:00
 2. **Basic HTE:** Aug. 13, 9AM—4PM

ALL REGISTRATION IS ON LINE. To register, please visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission website, 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.

Past Events

- ❖ **2015 Club Contests:** winners of the Spring Gobbler, Archery Buck, Rifle Buck, and Groundhog Contests will be announced and recognized at the wild game dinner. Check the web site for pics.
- ❖ **2015 Ham Dinner & Gun Raffle:** again special thanks to Lester Bauer and Gordon Greeley who chair the two separate committees, and to all the volunteers who help with all the other details needed to make the events go smoothly. Also, thank you to Grice Gun Shop for the tremendous support they gave the club by providing quality guns at very attractive prices. Gun winners are posted on our website.
I have been asked how many gun tickets we sell. Answer: 948 in 2015. Number of tickets mailed out to over 300 members, 1400.
- ❖ **The WOCAV** wants to thank the Sigel Sportsman's Club for hosting the White-tailed deer program in September. The program was a big success, and the facility worked out perfectly for the event.

Other Items

- ❖ **Outdoor Range:** our range improvement project is nearly complete. More work needs to be completed BUT the range is fully functional. A **\$5,000 grant** from the **NRA Foundation** and **\$1600 in cash donations from 10 members in 2015** allowed us to pay for what is done so far without going broke. **Thank you NRA. And, thanks to our member donors.** Check our facebook page for pictures.

NOTE: red lights have been installed on the firing line. Their purpose is to assist in range control and safety. When the **red lights are ON** someone is downrange or wanting to go down range.

As always, the range is for use by members only. Members may bring guest(s) on occasion. Eye and ear protection required. **Please** make certain that every shot you fire stops in one of the backstops. Police the range and remove all of your targets when finished.

PLEASE NOTE: the shotgun backstop, located to the left of the shooting benches and built of rail road ties, is not to be shot with anything other than shotguns loaded with shot shells and .22 rim fires.

- ❖ **Indoor Range:** ONLY .22 rim fire ammo is authorized; standard velocity ammo recommended; eye and ear protection required.
- ❖ **Club Website:** Check the website for updated info on club events and the latest additions to the photo gallery. If you would like to contribute a photo, e-mail it to info@sigelsportsmensclub.com.
- ❖ **Upcoming WOCAV events:**

"Pennsylvania Black Bears"---January 23rd, 8:00 till Noon, Rimersburg Rod & Gun Club.

No charge, but registration required because of limited seating capacity. Call 814-226-1901 to register. **Annual Woodland Owners Conference**---February 20th, 8:00 till 3:45, Clarion University, Grunenwald Science & Technology Center. Cost \$25 with registration before Feb. 6th, \$30 from Feb. 6th to 12th. Call PSU Extn at 814-755-3544 to register. For more information call Dave Cole at 814-226-1901.

The Woodland Owners of Clarion-Allegheny Valley Present:

“Pennsylvania Black Bears”

History, Biology, & Encounters with Humans

- Listen to expert Bear Biologist, Mark Ternent, PGC**
- Discover if your woods provides habitat bears need**
- Learn to live with bears and how to minimize conflicts**

When: Saturday, January 23rd, 8:30 till Noon (Coffee, juice, and donuts provided at 8:00)

Where: Rimersburg Rod & Gun Club

442 Rod & Gun Club Road

Rimersburg, PA 16248

Cost: Program is FREE. Lunch will be for sale by the club.

Registration: Please call the Bureau Of Forestry at 814-226-1901.

Captivating program for kids. Bring the whole family!

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CLARION FOREST LANDOWNER CONFERENCE

Making the Most of Your Woodland

Saturday

February 20, 2016

8:00 AM to 3:45 PM

Clarion University

Grunenwald Science &

Technology Center

Parking at: 80 Greenville Avenue

Clarion, PA 16214

Sponsored by: **Clarion Co. Forest Stewardship Committee**

Directions to Conference

From the East (Clearfield)

Take Interstate 80 West to Exit # 64. Take Exit #64 toward Clarion and continue straight onto Greenville Avenue. Continue onto Greenville Avenue for 2.7 miles. The parking lot will be on the left across from the Tippin Gymnasium.

From the West (Emlenton)

Take Interstate 80 East to Exit # 62 for Rt. 68 toward Clarion. Turn left onto PA Rt. 68 East for 2.2 miles. Turn right onto South Street and go .3 miles. Then a slight right onto Greenville Ave. Go .2 miles and the parking will be on the right across from Tippin Gymnasium.

From the North (Marienville)

Take Route 66 south. Turn left onto US-322 East and drive for 3.5 miles. Turn right onto South 8th Avenue. Drive .2 miles and make a slight left onto Greenville Avenue. Continue for .2 miles and the parking lot will be on your right across from Tippin Gymnasium.

From the South (New Bethlehem) Head north on PA-66. At the I-80 inter-change, continue straight onto Greenville Avenue. Drive 2.7 miles and the parking lot will be on the left across from Tippin Gymnasium.