

Sigel Sportsmens Club
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Newsletter May 2008

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Memberships: Chuck Heeter is the membership coordinator for the club. Make direct contact with Chuck for prompt answers to any question concerning membership status. His phone number is (814) 752-2395.

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.

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NEWSLETTER :

About 300 members of the Sigel Sportsmens Club receive newsletters in the mail 3 or 4 times a year. As a cost savings, I would like to reduce the number sent in the mail. Two suggestions, both of which require internet access, are: 1) go to our club website and read the latest issue there; 2) receive your newsletter via e-mail. If you are willing to choose one of these options send an e-mail message to biff1996@alltel.net stating your choice. Please be assured, I WILL NOT send you anything except the Club Newsletters and on rare occasion, important info concerning the Club.

Need something included in the newsletter? Contact Biff Stuart, biff1996@alltel.net or 814-849-5879.

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

- ❖ **Monthly Meetings:** 1st Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **3-D Archery Shoots For 2008:** June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14. Registration for each shoot is from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- ❖ **Annual Ground Hog Hunt:** Runs June through September. A scale and sheet for recording names and weights are available at the club.
- ❖ **Jefferson County Youth Field Day:** Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Reynlow Park in Reynoldsville.
- ❖ **Annual Club Picnic:** July 19, 2008 at Sigel Sportsmens 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.
- ❖ **Hunter/Trapper Education;** Aug. 15 & 16, 2008 at Sigel Sportsmens Club. Times: 6 to 10 PM on Aug. 15 and 9 AM to 5 PM on Aug. 16.
- ❖ **5th Annual Cash Bash Dinner:** August 23, 2008, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sigel Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 each, food included. There will be a 50% pay back including \$100 prizes given away every 10 minutes. In addition, 2 prizes of \$250 each, 1 prize of \$500, and 1 prize of \$1000 will also be given away during the evening. **This is a very good fundraiser for the club but success depends upon ticket sales. When the time comes, your help in selling a few tickets will be greatly appreciated.**

PAST EVENTS ::

- ❖ **Coyote Seminar:** The seminar, given by Dave Dunbar, was held at the Sigel SC on Jan. 12. It was very informative and had a lot of audience participation. Approximately 80 people were in attendance (check the club

Photo Gallery on our website) and I think all of us learned something we didn't know before, in my case a lot of somethings!

- ❖ **Wild Game Dinner:** 40 people attended this event which was also held at the Sigel SC on Feb. 2. A variety of tasty dishes were available and no one should have gone home hungry.
- ❖ **Annual Wylie Coyote Hunt:** The hunt ran Feb. 22-24. 23 successful hunters, out of 219 registered, bagged a total of 25 coyotes. The largest weighed in at 46 lbs. 8 oz.
- ❖ **Easter Ham Shoots: Mar. 13 & 20:** Our "Ham Shoots" this year were again a very popular event. 66 adults and 17 youth took part in the 2 shoots. About 28 hams and lots of candy went home with the winners and with \$493 profit to the club. To all participants, we **very much appreciate your support.**
- ❖ **Plinker Shoots:** Our "Plinker Shoots" started in Jan. this year and lasted for 10 weeks. Firearms were limited to .22 rimfire rifles and pistols. The course of fire depended on the shooters interest but most rifle shooters continued to fire a 4 position course. Others chose to shoot from the bench or prone. Pistol shooters fired one handed, two handed or from the bench. In all cases it was good practice. If you want to improve your skills, coming out to these shoots is a good way to do it. Case in point: Dominic Palmer, age 10, hunting with his dad during the Mentored Youth Hunt made a one shot kill on a really nice 8 point. Dom's practice with his CZ Scout did not impair his shooting with his dad's Rem. Model 7 in .308 Win. Check the Photo Gallery!
- ❖ **Indoor Archery Shoots:** These shoots began in Jan. and continued into April. They were well attended.
- ❖ **Rifle League Competition:** Sigel Rifle Team competes in 2 different 4 position smallbore rifle leagues which begin in Jan. and conclude in May with a banquet and award presentations. This year our team placed 2nd out of 5 teams in one league and 4th out of 4 teams in the other. The good news is that we picked up a new shooter who will be a definite asset to the team and another team member upgraded his equipment with the purchase of a new Anschutz target rifle. For info on league competition contact Biff.
- ❖ **Junior Rifle Program:** The program will restart in the fall, possibly on a different evening to avoid conflict with scout meetings. Our focus will remain 4 position smallbore rifle competition and the establishment of a Junior Team. Time and dates to be announced. Keep an eye on the web site or contact Biff for additional information.

OTHER ITEMS :

- ❖ **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.*
- ❖ **PHOTO GALLERY:** Our web site photo gallery was announced in the Jan. newsletter. To date we have about 2 dozen photos posted. Check them out! There is room for more and I wager that you have a photo or two of interest! If you are willing to share a photo or two send them to info@sigelsportsmensclub.com. I am sure others will enjoy them.
- ❖ **NRA FOUNDATION GRANTS:** Again this year, our club has received a \$300 grant from the NRA Foundation for support of Jefferson County Youth Field Day. Over the last 5 years, the total amount received from the Foundation is in excess of \$11,000. That amount of money has been a great help in building and equipping our range. In addition to Sigel SC, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YFD, and several other sportsmen's clubs in the area have also received grants from the Foundation. I am thankful for the support and believe everyone in the Sigel Club is also thankful. For information on how you can support the Foundation that supports local organizations, contact Biff.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **CLUB WEBSITE:** www.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.