

Sigel Sportsmens Club
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Sept. 2008 Newsletter

Club Officers for 2008:

President, Biff Stuart, (814) 849-5879

Secretary, Suzy Stefani, (814) 328-2857

Vice President, Mike Caldwell, (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. **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.

Also, if you are willing to receive your newsletter via e-mail please send me your address.

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.

- ❖ **Annual Gun Raffle:** gun raffle tickets are now available. If you need one for yourself or are willing to sell a few, contact Randy Becker, info@sigelsportsmensclub.com or me biff1996@alltel.net. This is one of our major fund raisers for the year and your help with ticket sales will be very beneficial to the club. 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. ***If there are tickets enclosed with your newsletter, please have them returned no later than November 29.***

- ❖ **Junior 4-Position .22 Rifle Shooting:** starts Thursday, Nov. 13. **Time:** 6 to 9 PM. **Fee:** none.

- ❖ **.22 Light Rifle and .22 Pistol Shoots:** same date and time as the Junior 4-Position Shoots. **Fee:** \$3 per adult shooter; free for a junior accompanying an adult shooter.

- ❖ **Indoor Archery Shoots:** begin Monday, Jan. 5 from 6 to 9:30 PM. Fee: \$3 per adult shooter; free for a junior accompanying an adult shooter.

- ❖ **Turkey Shoots:** none will be held this year but there is a good chance that they will be held next year.

- ❖ **Annual Ham Dinner:** Tuesday, Dec. 2, 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 total of outside spread plus the number of 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 broken 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!

- ❖ **Cable Restraint Class:** there is a **POSSIBILITY** that the PGC will be conducting this class at the club on Oct. 12 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Keep an eye on our website for additional information.

- ❖ **State Wide "Wylie Coyote" Hunt:** Watch for details in the Jan. 08 Newsletter.

- ❖ **Election of Club Officers for 2009:** nominations during Nov. meeting; elections during Dec. meeting.

PAST EVENTS

- ❖ **Youth Field Day:** More than 85 kids took advantage of Youth Field Day this year. Held at Reynlow Park in Reynoldsville, many members of the Sigel Sportsmens Club were involved with organizing the event and in conducting the archery, rifle, shotgun, and trapping activities. Thanks to every one who helped out. Also, thanks **AGAIN** to the **NRA Foundation for a \$300 grant** to help with expenses.
- ❖ **3-D Archery Shoots For 2008:** 195 archers turned out for our September 3-D shoot. All total, nearly 500 took part through out the season. Thanks to all participants and club members who made these shoots a success. Hope you had some fun and got some good practice for the up coming deer season. Good luck!
- ❖ **Hunter, Trapper, Safety Education:** the course was held in the club's indoor range in August and 51 youngsters took part.
- ❖ **5th Annual Cash Bash Dinner:** The main dishes at our dinner, chicken and beef, were catered Farmer's Inn and very good they were. I doubt any one went away hungry. Our club had a net profit of slightly more than \$1900. Individual winners are posted on our website. Special thanks to all who sold or purchased tickets.

OTHER ITEMS

- ❖ **PHOTO GALLERY:** Check out our website photo gallery and remember, if you have an interesting photo that deals with hunting, fishing, shooting, and other outdoor activities that 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:** Please remember: **ONLY .22 RIMFIRE AMMO** is authorized on the indoor range. Standard velocity ammo is recommended. Eye and ear protection are required.
- ❖ **OUTDOOR RANGE:**
 1. At our Sept. meeting it was decided to permit senior citizens and any club member with a permanent or temporary handicap, at his or her own discretion, to drive down range of the covered benches for the purpose of posting and retrieving targets. A motion to this effect was made, it received a second, and was unanimously passed. **Please note**, we do not want any more driving down range than is necessary to benefit members who are in need of the privilege.
 2. **CAUTION: ALWAYS WEAR EYE & EAR PROTECTION** when shooting and when shooting at steel targets, bullet fragments coming back at you are a serious threat! **NEVER GET TOO CLOSE.**
 3. **Please** hang your targets **"in" far enough** that the metal target frames are not hit and **low enough** that bullets will impact in the dirt backstops.
 4. Please pick up your targets you are finished shooting.
 5. Last, now is the time of year when there is a lot of demand for "sighting in". 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.