

PA Constitution, Article 21: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defence of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."

## TRAP SHOOTING

*Don Schulze*

ANOTHER TRAP SEASON is almost history. We had record participation this year and lots of fun. We even made the front page of the Erie Times!

This year's season ends **MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER**. Shorter days bring with it earlier start times: **4:00 PM** until dusk. The cost to shoot is \$3.00 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers per round of 25 birds. You must supply your own shells.

This is a great chance for young and old alike to practice their shooting skills or help a first-timer get started in the shotgun shooting sports. We have light 20 gauge shotguns available for use by youngsters.

## BULLSEYE PISTOL

*Jeff Locke*



THIS PAST BULLSEYE season was another great year for the Gem City Team. The team took first place in Smallbore and Centerfire, along with first place in Smallbore handicap and second place in Centerfire handicap.

Classification awards went to Jeff Locke (Expert), Joe Lander (Sharpshooter), Bethany Locke (Marksman), Bob Soder (Tyro). Individual awards went to Jeff Locke for Smallbore, High Male. Bethany Locke received the High Female award in both Smallbore and Centerfire. Most improved shooter awards went to Ernest Simpson and Bethany Locke.

Along with Jeff Locke and Tom Danias, who got awards for shooting perfect targets, Jeff Locke and Bethany Locke made the NRA League Team which is made up of the top five shooters in the league. Bethany Locke also became the first female to hold an expert classification card in the history of our league to my knowledge.

If you would like to join in on the fun we start shooting the middle of October every **Wednesday** night at **7 pm**. Think about joining us; if you have any questions contact **Jeff Locke** at (814) 899-1695.

## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Joe Lander*



### A LITTLE INFORMATION GOES A LONG WAY

I'VE RUN THE JUNIOR PROGRAM for over 10 years, and have watched it grow from a handful of kids to as many as 35 terrific kids enrolled at a time!

We've banged on business doors, the American Legion Posts, and the Knights of Columbus to get support for our kids because we didn't have the equipment we needed. Hey, but they came through with donations and we have had a lot of support for our juniors with our Gun Show. Here is the return on your investment with these great bunch of kids, who are now young adults:

**Dave Kelly** (Harborcreek) – U.S. Army, Master Shooter, Iraq Veteran, Army Recruiter; helps out on Monday nights.

**Justin Knight** (McDowell) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, U.S. Army.

**James & Vicky Ross** (Wattsburg) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooters, continuing their college education.

**Jeremy Lander** (North East) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, High Power Rifle Shooter, NRA Instructor, Clarion Graduate, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Pine Grove Elementary School.

**Jared Whitman** (Conneaut Valley) – Master High Power Rifle Shooter, LECOM graduate, pharmacist in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Jordan Whitman** (Conneaut Valley) – Master High Power Rifle Shooter, Distinguished High Power Shooter at 18 yrs. of age (awarded at Camp Perry last year), attending Gannon University.

**Matt Hanes** (Cathedral Prep) – Small Bore & High Power Rifle Shooter, Cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

**Garrett Lander** (North East) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, State Junior Service Rifle Champion 2006 & 2007, attending Clarion University majoring in Elementary/Special Education.

**Bethany Locke** (Harborcreek) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, Expert Bullseye Pistol Shooter, Gannon University Graduate, Radiation Tech.

The list goes on and on! These are just a few dreams that were fulfilled with your help! This is why Dave Kelly, Joe Paradisi, the parents, and myself take these kids under our wings and promote marksmanship and education! I'm proud of this Gun Club! Thanks for your great support!

**Joe Lander** 725-3354

p.s. I didn't forget about the Junior awards!

Junior Rifle starts the **first Monday in January at 6:30 pm** and lasts through the end of April. Cost: Junior Membership \$5 – Startup fee \$5 – and \$4 every Monday night, which includes your targets, ammo, rifles, safety glasses,