

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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COMMENTARY

Dave Hanes

FIREARMS INSTRUCTION

WE ARE FORTUNATE to have among our Club Staff several NRA certified instructors. Our instructors are qualified to teach Basic Pistol, Rifle, and Personal Protection in the Home. We haven't advertised this widely, but from time-to-time we will hold classes when enough interest is expressed.

Anyone, club member or not, is invited to attend a class. Typically the classes are tailored for first-time or inexperienced firearms owners, but anyone who would like some extra training or experience is invited to attend.

Costs are kept to a minimum—usually just enough to cover expenses. If you are interested, contact Joe J. Paradisi, Joe R. Paradisi, Matt Dylewski or me and we'll get something going.

NRA-ILA

The Internet is a great tool, but one of its pitfalls is the sheer volume of "information" that one is exposed to. I put *information* in quotes because there is no truth vetting process—anyone can say anything, true or not.

In a previous editorial I cited a story circulating around the Internet about a US Senate bill that would have you report all of your guns on your 1040 form. The report was totally bogus and the NRA quickly sent out an alert to squash the story, but for what reason would someone start this rumor?

Perhaps this faux-bill was fabricated by some well-meaning but misguided fellow gun owner attempting to discredit the current administration. An alternate theory, however, is that it was

started by the anti-gunners to make gun owners look stupid. Regardless of who started the rumor, it had the latter effect. Many reacted with predictable anger and urgently forwarded this "information" to their gun-owner friends; some contacted their Senators insisting that they vote down the bill.

As legitimate, legal gun owners we should hold our heads high, proud of our heritage and proud of the Second Amendment. We don't need help from someone who thinks spreading spurious rumors will somehow help our cause, and we shouldn't react to "information" found on the Internet without first checking its veracity.

For this reason I recommend using the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action as a source for pending gun-related legislation, or even better, go to www.nraila.org and sign up for automatic updates that will alert you to both state and federal gun-related issues. In the example given above, you would have been notified.

GUN SHOW

Don't forget—our very popular annual Gun Show will be held on **Saturday, April 7th** this year (the day before Easter). A lot of neat stuff shows up at our shows - does anyone need a GEHA shotgun converted from Mauser rifle? See the back page for further Gun Show details.

REMEMBER!!!

- ◆ Display your membership cards
- ◆ Enroll you friends as members
- ◆ Follow range rules
- ◆ Be Safe

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

PRACTICAL PISTOL

Matt Dylewski

WELCOME 2012! 2011 went out with a BANG and now we are reloading and going gangbusters in 2012! I can't imagine having a better turnout than last year, but hey, we've already had amazing turnout for the matches so far this year so I think this will be a great year.

Gem City Gun Club is a part of The United States Practical Shooting Association. For those of you that may not know what that is, the U.S.P.S.A. is the largest organization overseeing handgun shooting in the U.S. The sport is Practical Shooting and it is action shooting with a handgun. If you would like to check it out, stop by on a match weekend and see what we do. All you need is a handgun 9mm or larger caliber, a belt holster and some extra magazines and you have all you need to participate. We even have some loaner holsters and mag pouches (bring your own gun and ammo) that you can use to give it a try.

New shooters will have a shooting orientation that covers all aspects of the safety involved and a briefing on the way the match operates. Please don't feel that you have to be some kind of expert marksman or markswoman to come and join us. Stop by and you will see some of the most fun you can have with your shiny new gun!



As a final note, last December we held a match to benefit Toys for Tots. We were able to bring in over 135 toys! I had to take a picture showing the overflow of toys out of the bed of my pickup. I want to thank everyone that participated in making the match a great success and helping our community and a great cause. Good Job!

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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

Joe Paradisi

- October thru April, the first and third Fridays
- AM squads 10 am to noon
- PM squads 6 pm till last shooter is done
- Cost is \$4.00 range and \$4.00 per division (per gun)
- Course of Fire is 2 IPSIC style challenging stages

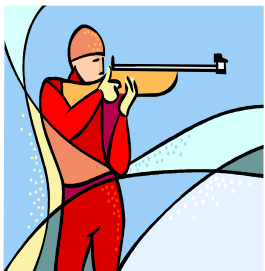
This is a perfect time for someone who is interested in shooting IPSIC-style shooting but might not have all the equipment or skill for such a match. It is also good practice for those who do shoot competition.

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JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe Lander



DOMINANT EYE, NATURAL POINT OF AIM, and **BUILD YOUR POSITION** are just a few techniques our Junior Rifle Team relies on to succeed. The Gem City Gun Club depends on these as well!

Dominant eye: Gem City has an eye on our future. In the works may be a Junior Trap Team to

compete with other clubs or high schools.

Natural point of aim: We have our kids aim high, not only on the range, but in their studies at school and beyond.

Building our position: Now, and in the future, Firearm Safety through Education.

Just this year, our Monday night juniors grew from two relays (12 kids per relay) to four relays. Our fourth relay is made up of Junior ROTC; young adults from Seneca, Harbor Creek, and Iroquois high schools. What a great accomplishment, not only for our Club, but for the shooting sports and you our supporters!

Don't forget our Gun Show on April 7th. It's for our young shooters. Give, donate, volunteer, and support your club!

Joe Lander 725-3354
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US Constitution, Second Amendment: "... the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

GEM CITY HIGH POWER RIFLE

Joe Paradisi



APRIL SHOWERS bring out the High Power Rifle Shooters. It wouldn't be any fun if the weather were always warm and dry.

As in the past, the goal of the club is to attract new shooters to the sport. Everybody is welcome to come out and watch or try your hand. Don't think that you have to shoot fantastic scores or have the best equipment to have fun. If you don't have a rifle the club has several that are available.

For the promotion of the sport, some of the past and present rifle team has been working with the Junior Rifle Team to help get them interested in shooting high power rifle competition.

Our season will start March 25th with our annual range maintenance; the work party will begin at 9am and will end when the work is completed.

Our first match of the season will be on April 22th with sign-in beginning at 7:30 am. The first relay will start at 8am. The second relay will begin about 10am after the completion of the first relay and the third will begin at noon. John C Garand and Springfield matches are shot in conjunction with the National Match Course. Also, after an experimental year of F Class, it now has been added to the course of fire. This 30 shot match allows for **any sights or scope shot from bipod or sand bags** from the prone position.

Course of fire will be:

- ◇ 3 sighting shots any position in 3 minutes
- ◇ 10 shots off-hand slow fire in 10 minutes
- ◇ 10 shots rapid fire from sitting or kneeling in 60 seconds
- ◇ 10 shots rapid fire prone in 70 seconds
- ◇ 20 shots slow fire prone in 20 minutes

Match Dates:

April 22th
 May 13th & 27nd
 June 10th & 24th
 July 8th & 22th
 August 12th & 26th
 September 9th & 23th
 October 14th

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TRAP SHOOTING

Tim Bender

THIS YEAR'S SEASON BEGINS Monday, 7 May and runs through **October, 4:00 PM until dusk**. The cost to shoot is still \$3.00 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers per round of 25 birds.

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 20 gauge shotguns available for use by women or youngsters if they would like to shoot a lighter gun.

HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

OUR NEXT HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held on **12, 13, 14 April**. A late-summer course will also be held in August or September, date TBD. All registrations are now done online; to register, go to www.pgc.state.pa.us/ and click the "Education" link or, quicker, go to our website at www.gemcitygunclub.org and find the link to "Hunter Safety."

Gem City Gun Club is engaged in several public service functions. Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) is just one, but since live fire training is not included in the curriculum, we offer that opportunity for young shooters after the HTE course is complete. We also provide a free lunch, after which Pennsylvania's newest hunter-shooters go out on the rifle and trap ranges and are familiarized with the .22 rifle—shooting at steel flip targets, and the 20 gauge shotgun—shooting at clay birds. I must say, as one of the instructors, it is one of the more rewarding experiences one can have.



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WE'RE ON THE WEB
www.gemcitygunclub.org

For information on pending gun-related legislation and to sign up for automatic updates go to: www.nraila.org

For membership information go to www.gemcitygunclub.org or contact J.R. Paradisi at membership@gemcitygunclub.org

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Ben Jendruczak

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012, we will hold our **7th Annual Gun Show**. The previous shows were outstanding successes! Each year, nearly 500 patrons pass through our doors for this one-day event whose proceeds benefit our Junior's programs, including smallbore, junior high-power, and hunter safety training. This is an annual Spring event, so mark the date on your calendar. Show hours are **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Donations of anything to do with the shooting sports, hunting, or related items will be placed for sale on the Junior Rifle Team table to help their cause. If you have anything to donate, contact **Joe Lander** at **725-3354**, or bring it to the show. **Admission is still just \$3.00**. Members of the Junior Rifle Team will have coffee and donuts in the morning and will be grilling hot dogs and sausages for lunch along with soft drinks and snacks.

WW2 SPRINGFIELD M1 GARAND TO BE RAFFLED AT 2:00 PM—SEE A BOARD MEMBER FOR TICKETS

(Tickets also available at the door)

To reserve a table or for more information, contact: **Ben Jendruczak** at **725-5825 or 969-1859 (cell)**

Space rental fees: \$15.00 - for an 8' table provided by the club \$10.00 - for an 8' table, if you bring your own

Thanks to all of you who have donated in the past—we appreciate your support!

OPEN INDOOR RANGE *Tim Bender*

THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE is open to all club members for handgun and .22 rifle shooting from **11 AM to 2 PM** and from **5 PM to 8 PM**... every **Thursday - November thru April**.

Tim Bender 464-6465

LOG CABIN ARCHERS

DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT, it is unlikely that we will have any archery events this year. Over the past several years we have been unable to sustain a significantly sized support element for the 3D shoots. The Board has authorized selling the 3D targets at the Gun Show if a volunteer group doesn't step up soon. It is unfortunate that this long-standing program may end, but no program can exist without volunteers.