

# THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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## HOME GROWN VETERANS / PASSING THE BATON

*Dave Hanes*



On this Veterans Day we honor all those who have served, but it occurred to me that a fair number of veterans who served in the Global War on Terrorism actually started their training under the watchful eyes of Drill Sergeants Paradisi and Lander—in our Junior Rifle Program and/ or in High Power competition.

SFC Dave Kelley (1 tour), SFC Ryan Hanes (4 tours), SSG Rob Hanes (4 tours), CPT Matt Hanes (2 tours), all while serving with the US Army's storied 82nd Airborne Division, and CPT Nick Lopez, who served 2 tours with the famous 173rd Airborne Brigade. Nick and Matt also graduated from West Point. Dave is now in the National Guard full-time while the others are all still active duty Army.

In addition, Dan Flaherty is currently serving in the Marines, Josh Hovis is in Army ROTC, Aaron Larson reports for Marine boot camp next June, and Craig Meyers indicated his interest in the Marines when he graduates.

So if you see any of our past and future veterans, give them a word of thanks—and a salute to our Drill Sergeants too!

### PASSING THE BATON

I'm no George Washington but we do have one thing in common: we both believe in term limits. So with not a little ambivalence, I've decided to step down as president and allow some new cannon fodder, I mean new blood, come into the fray.

We've seen a lot of growth in the Club during my tenure, both in member-

ship and in capital improvements. The reason is simple: we've got a great team! The board members (who I affectionately refer to as the Usual Suspects) are totally committed to the betterment of the Club. For example, when it comes to capitol improvements, most suggestions are met with enthusiasm and action. You may have noticed recent improvements on the high power range: the tubing of the ditch to eliminate the narrow bridge and improve the landscape, enlarging the 50 yd. backstop, and cleaning out the bank at the 200 yd. range, were all accomplished quickly once the needs were identified.

These Usual Suspects are also responsible for most of the volunteer work that happens in the Club: Joe J. is treasurer, High-Power coach, Junior Rifle coach, and pistol mentor; Joe R. Paradisi handles secretary and membership duties, plus he does tons of work around the Club no one ever sees; Joe Lander leads the Junior Rifle program; Tim Bender keeps the grounds in good order, runs the Trap program, and helps with most other programs; Matt tackles the big job of running Practical Pistol, along with John, his worthy assistant; Ben helps me with Hunter Safety and the Gun Show; Dave Edwards, our new president, helps out with the Junior Rifle program and is resident gunsmith.

As a result of our these dynamics, our membership has risen nearly fifty-percent in the past few years. I am proud to say we are financially healthy and well positioned for further investments, while at the same time meeting significant expense demands (if you recall, we outlined

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



## BULLSEYE PISTOL

*Jeff Locke*

**BULLSEYE HAS STARTED.** We shoot Wednesday nights at 7 PM. Thirty rounds rimfire, thirty rounds center-fire. We are always looking for new shooters. Call me if you would like to try this type of shooting. I have a couple spare 22 pistols if you need a pistol. Hope to see you at the range. **Jeff Locke** 899-1695

## TRAP SHOOTING

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRAP SEASON** is history. We had great participation this year and lots of fun.

Next year's season begins in early May and runs through the end of 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.

**Tim Bender** 464-6465

## PRACTICAL PISTOL

*Matt Dylewski*

**IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME** how fast the time flies by. This year has been no exception. The Practical Pistol matches have once again been well attended and we are still having a great year and more great matches are coming! Once again this year we will be having the Toys for Tots match on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November. If there is anyone in the club that hasn't heard about it, the Practical Pistol league and Friday Night Under the lights league get together and put on a match to help the Marine Corps and Toys for Tots. Instead of a match fee, we ask that you bring a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10-\$15 or higher and you can take part in the match. Last year we brought in well over 125 toys and I am hoping that this year will be even better. Another event that will be coming next year is the U.S.P.S.A. Western Pennsylvania Section Championship. This will be held on June 14-16 here at Gem City. We held this match in 2010 and had over 125 shooters from all over the country and Canada. Next year's event should be just as great. More info on that match will come in 2013.

If you are interested in practical pistol shooting the matches are on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekends thru the end of the year. Contact me with any questions.

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## PASSING THE BATON *(Continued from page 1)*

those expenses in last November's newsletter). In addition to serving the shooting needs of its members, GCGC is also a viable entity in the community, serving the shooting needs of the community as well - from providing Junior Rifle and Junior ROTC training to pistol qualification courses to providing a venue for law enforcement training. And from time to time we have also provided various news media with a positive source for news.

So now I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Dave Edwards, who I'm sure many of you already know. Dave has served as vice-president for several years and has helped out with many of our programs. He currently serves on the Millcreek police force and he is a certified instructor in most shooting disciplines. Please extend a warm welcome to Dave—he'll be a great asset to the team. Keep safe and wear those badges!

## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Joe Lander*



**TIME FLIES!** Just this past spring we had our awards ceremony. We had the great fortune of having a few members of the Harborcreek Vocal Ensemble sing the National Anthem, accompanied by the

ROTC Honor Guard. I wish it could have been televised!

Well, it's soon to be that time of year again. Junior Rifle starts on **Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm**. Registration always takes place on the first night, but shooting will be available. The costs have not changed:

- A Junior or Family membership is required
- A \$5.00 start up fee helps to pay for the NRA awards

- \$5.00 each night covers the targets, 30 rounds of ammo, glasses, and ear protection
- Rifles are provided

We have a lot of fun and great shooting! The ability to advance is up to you. The opportunity to be on the High Power Team is also up to you, and Joe Paradisi.

In closing, I would like to thank the ROTC for taking the last relay on Monday nights; I know it gets pretty late. Also, a special thanks to Joe P., Dave H., Tim B., Dave E., and all the parents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. See you in 2013!

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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 J. Paradisi*



### **Congratulations to the Gem City X-Men competing in the National matches at Camp Perry**

Congratulations our juniors who shot at the Nationals this year. Returning shooter **Ben Grolemond** and first time shooters **Brook Cass** and **Craig Meyers** all attended the Marine Clinic and shot in the Presidents 100 and the NTI matches.

**Brook Cass** and **Ben Grolemond** also competed in the Hearst Doubles Match while at the Nationals, along with **Craig Meyers** and **Wes Chapman**, and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Junior division, respectively.

**Wes Chapman** also attended Small Arms Firing School and competed in the SAF leg match.

Congratulations to the adults competing at the Nationals: **Steve Slomski**, **Carl Pelinsky**, and **Don Baldwin**. **Don** finished in 4th place and earned a gold medal in the M1 carbine match, and a silver in each of the M1 Garand and Springfield matches.

A Special thanks to the **Nosler Bullet Company** for their years of support for our junior teams and also a special thanks to **Jeff Cass** and **Darryl Meyers** for their help with the Juniors this year.



## 2013 MEMBERSHIP

*Joe R. Paradisi*

- ⇒ **To reduce the number of unauthorized range users— aka freeloaders and trespassers - we now ask that you display your membership card while on the range. Otherwise, you may get “carded”. A fishing license holder will work nicely for this purpose. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.**
- ⇒ Your 2013 membership application is included with this newsletter. Please fill out and return asap.
- ⇒ Also, to save postage, notice that the 2013 application asks if you would rather receive this newsletter via email.

## HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

*Dave Hanes*

**ANOTHER HUNTER SAFETY CLASS** is behind us - we passed 48 students in our September class. Our next course will be held in March 2013, date TBD. All registrations are now done online; to register, go to [www.pgc.state.pa.us/](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/) and click the “Education” link or, quicker, go to our website at [www.gemcitygunclub.org](http://www.gemcitygunclub.org) and find the link to “Hunter Safety”.

**Dave Hanes** 899-6994



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For membership information go to [www.gemcitygunclub.org](http://www.gemcitygunclub.org) or contact J.R. Paradisi at [membership@gemcitygunclub.org](mailto:membership@gemcitygunclub.org)

## GUN SHOW

*Dave Hanes*

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013, we will hold our **8th 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 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.

**M1 GARAND TO BE RAFFLED AT 2:00 PM—SEE A BOARD MEMBER FOR TICKETS** (also available at the door)

To reserve a table or for more information, contact: **Dave Hanes** at **899-6994**

Table rental fees are as follows:

\$15.00 - for an 8' table provided by the Club

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

## OPEN INDOOR RANGE

*Tim Bender*

**THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE** begins on **Thursday, 1 November**. The range will be 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

## FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

*Joe Paradisi*

**FOR SOME GOOD ACTION** IPSC-style Practical Pistol Shooting come out the **1st and 3rd Fridays—October thru April**. Two sessions are held: **Mornings** from **10 AM to Noon** or **Evenings** from **6 PM to last shot~8 PM**. Joe Paradisi [jjgun@jjgun.com](mailto:jjgun@jjgun.com) 456-8918