

# THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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## COMMENTARY

*Dave Edwards*

Our nerves are challenged this year as the government talks gun control. We all must stand firm behind the Second Amendment! That's all I will say about gun control.

I would like to thank all the members that turn out for the work details. I appreciate those of you who volunteer your talents and time in different divisions at the club. Because of members like you our club is a success. This shows, as we have new members joining the club at every meeting.

This year we have a great turnout for the Junior Rifle Program. This program needs to remain strong as these shooters are our future club members. We have some shooters that are working on their Distinguished Expert badges, which is impressive.

Some safety reminders: Remember - in a gun battle all in-coming rounds have the right of way!

Oh, be careful when you leave

the Club premises and head down the road... there are deer out there. When you least expect it, one might jump out in front of you and crack your new Ford F150!

Speaking of the Junior Rifle boys and girls—see their pictures and the instructors in this issue. And if you're wondering why ammo is so hard to find, it's because we're shooting it all on Monday night!

## GUN SHOW

Don't forget—our very popular annual Gun Show will be held on **Saturday, March 30th** this year (the day before Easter). A lot of neat stuff shows up at our shows - does anyone need a Vietnam-era mine sweeper? See the back page for further Gun Show details.

## REMEMBER!!!

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

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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*

Hello Gem City Gun Club! Happy New Year to all of our members! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are surviving the horrible gun control issues that are causing problems so far this year.

2012 was another great year for Practical Pistol shooting. We had great turnouts for all the matches and it is great to see that the program is still going strong. I mentioned in a previous article for the newsletter that we had our Toys for Tots match in November of last year and I wanted to let all of you know that the match generated 135 toys! That is a bit of an improvement from last year. Thanks you all that came and shot! The pickup truck full of toys was really an awesome thing to see.

There are some big things coming in 2013 and 2014. This year (as well as next year) Gem City will host the Western PA Section Championship for the United States Practical Shooting Association. The match dates are June 14, 15 and 16. We held this match in 2010 and over 125 shooters competed from all over the United States and even Canada. I am hoping that we can have

the same or better turnout this year (and next). If any of our membership can help out with setup or teardown of the match please let me know. Also please note that the club will be closed to all regular shooting during the match. Also the week preceding the match much of the club grounds will be closed for shooting due to setup of the match. PLEASE CHECK THE CLUB CALENDAR.

Another thing that I am hoping to schedule is a Practical Pistol orientation day. There will be USPSA members and Range Officers there to help anyone interested in trying Practical Pistol Shooting. The day will consist of some classroom lecture and each person will be given the opportunity to try their hand at some shooting. Check the club calendar for dates.

I think that is all I have for 'ya. Don't forget that matches are held indoors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in January, February and March. We switch to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday April thru November. See you on the range!

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## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Joe Lander*



To the members and juniors of this year's team - THANK YOU! For the first time, I had to put a cap on the junior rifle team participants at 60 kids. If it weren't for Dave Hanes and Dave Edwards, who stepped up to start the first relay at 5:00 pm, we would have had to accept far less.

Here is how a typical Monday night of Junior Rifle unfolds: Relays go off at 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 pm. There are 12-13 kids on each relay. They shoot a total of 1800 rounds of .22 ammo every Monday. By the time clean up is finished, it's 10:30 pm. This is what I call dedication by the kids, the parents, and the coaches.

We buy our ammo the year before, set by the number of kids shooting. We never expected the amount of shooters this year, or the fact that .22 ammo is hard to find. 14,400 rounds are needed to complete our schedule through March

and April. If you could donate 50 rounds, or anything related to the shooting sports to help support our juniors, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our annual Gun Show is coming up in just a few weeks. This is the ONLY fundraiser for the Junior Rifle Team, and we need plenty of help! We are not supported by anyone but YOU!

Thanks for your support!

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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. Also for the promotion of the sport some of the past and present rifle team have been working with the Junior Rifle team to help get them interested in shooting high power rifle competition.

Our season will start April 14<sup>th</sup> with our annual

range maintenance the work party will begin at 9AM and will end when the work is completed.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> will be our first match with sign in 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 around noon.

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Match Dates:

April 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
June 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
July 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
August 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
September 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>th</sup>  
October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

## TRAP SHOOTING

*Tim Bender*

**THIS YEAR'S SEASON BEGINS Monday, 6 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 **25 & 26 April**. Due to changes in the PA Game Commission curriculum, the course has been shortened from 10 to 6 hours. Students are now required to complete 4 hours of online training on their own before coming to class.

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/](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."

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 HTE curriculum, we offer that opportunity for young shooters after the 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.

Dave Hanes

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*Ben Jendruczak*

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's programs, including smallbore, junior high-power, and hunter safety training. This is an annual Spring event held the day before Easter, 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, fishing, 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**

(Tickets also available at the door)

~~To reserve a table or~~ **TABLES are SOLD OUT!!!** For more information, contact: **Dave Hanes** at **899-6994**

~~Space rental fees: \$15.00 for an 8' table~~

**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

## **FRIDAY NITE UNDER THE LIGHTS**

- 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.

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