

# THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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largest and most diverse gun clubs in the tri-state area.*



## COMMENTARY

*Dave Edwards*

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU about a humbling experience that I had recently. I have become involved in the CMSA, which stands for Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, where you shoot at balloons from horses. The course of fire is as follows: Each competitor is armed with two single-action revolvers loaded with .45 Long Colt black powder blanks, and from a running horse, you shoot at ten balloons. We also have a shotgun and rifle stage. You are judged on speed and accuracy, getting a five second penalty with each balloon you miss.

I entered my first match on March 30 and 31, with three-stage matches each day. I have always thought of myself as a good shooter and having good horsemanship. Well when you put the two together it is a different story. You try to ride a course in the arena as fast as you can while trying to shoot five balloons change guns and shoot five more. The first day was not a train wreck but it did make me sit back and do a little more thinking for the second day match. The second day I came out with a paycheck. This match was the second match that I ever competed in. There was a lot of high-fiving going on that day.

So what I learned from this was: No matter how good you think you are, you need to be mentally prepared for the match you are in. I knew this going into the match, but I was a little too big for my own good, having a sponsor and all. Being humbled the first day made me think and prepare for the second match. Think about it, I hope you can all win your match!

PS: Remember your sight picture!

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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 EVERYONE!** I hope that you are surviving this terrible crazy winter that we are hopefully almost rid of. Although the weather is frigid – the Gem City Practical Shooters are heating it up on the range!

So far this year there has been a terrific competitor turnout and I hope the Spring and Summer weather will bring more of you out to try your hand at Practical Shooting. By the time you get this we will be starting the outdoor matches this year, so the shooting will be even more exciting now that we can go outdoors and spread out.

If you are interested in coming out to shoot all you need to do is... show up! I will make sure you have all the info you need before you start, including a safety briefing as well as addressing equipment concerns. I will also make sure you will be coached during your first match so you can be as prepared as possible.

Once again Gem City will be hosting the Western Pennsylvania Section Championship for the USPSA. This event has grown every year that it has been held at Gem City, and I hope this year will be more of the same.

I do need to inform all of the membership that the Club's ranges will be closed to all members during the event, which will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Also some or all of the ranges will be closed during the week prior to the match for setup. Please check the calendar. On that same note I will be in need of a lot of help from you members to get this match set up and ready to go. The Club will be sending out emails requesting help for this, so if you have the time please come out and lend a hand. The more people that help the better the match, and the better the Club's image. That's all for now. See you on the range!

Matt Dylewski

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## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Joe Lander*



**ANOTHER JUNIOR SEASON** is almost done. Congrats go out to **Jared Lindsey** on going Distinguished! If all shoot well, we'll have five more that could join those ranks by the end of the season. **GREAT JOB!**

A special thanks goes out to **Brooke Cass** for helping me with a few new, shy young shooters. I would also like to thank Dave Hanes and Dave Edwards for getting the 5:00 relay started on Monday nights, and Joe Paradisi for working with the current, and future X-Men shooters.

Our annual Gun Show is Saturday, April 19th. This show benefits the Small Bore Juniors, Hunter Safety, and the Juniors on the High Power team. If you have any donations, you can call me (725-3354) to make arrangements for pick up or drop off.

So, come on out to the Gun Show - talk, shake hands, and converse with the Juniors and coaches. Even if you have no need to purchase anything, come out and support the Juniors!

As I was writing this article for the newsletter, I had a thought. Whether you're a beginner, shoot with your dad, or on a team, how about sending me your experiences. They would make for a great article in the next newsletter.

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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** brings 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 members of past and present rifle teams have been working with the Junior Rifle Team to help get them interested in shooting High Power Rifle Competition.

Our season will begin April 13<sup>th</sup> with our annual range maintenance. The work party will begin at 9 AM and will end when the work is completed. Our first match of the season will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> with sign-in beginning at 7:30 AM and the first relay starting at 8 AM. The second relay will begin about 10 AM after the completion of the first relay, and the third will begin at noon.

### 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 27 <sup>th</sup>	
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	July 27 <sup>th</sup>
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	August 24 <sup>th</sup>
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	September 28 <sup>th</sup>
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	

John C. Garand and Springfield matches are shot in conjunction with the National Match Course. Also, after an experimental year of F Class it is now added to 30 shot match course of fire.

We also will shoot vintage Sniper class in conjunction with the F Class. The F Class is described as any sights or scope shot from bipod or sand bags from the prone position.

For more information please contact: Joe Paradisi at (814) 872-6048  
or J.R Paradisi (814) 824-5137

## TRAP SHOOTING

*Tim Bender*

**THIS YEAR'S SEASON BEGINS Monday, 5 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*

**BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS OUR APRIL HUNTER SAFETY CLASS** will be history. If you missed this class, we will be offering another in late August or early September.

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. Dave Hanes 899-6994



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*Dave Hanes*

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014, we will hold our **9th 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 Juniors 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)

**TABLES are SOLD OUT!!!**

For more Gun Show information, contact: **Dave Hanes** at **899-6994**

**Thanks to all of you who have supported us 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**

*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.

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