

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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COMMENTARY

Dave Edwards

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It is a sad time at Gem City Gun Club as we mourn the passing of a friend and a Club officer. Fred Harris was called from us to be with our Father on 6 February 2015. He was Shareholder, Life Member, past Secretary, past President, and was serving on the Board of Directors at the time of his passing. Fred always had a smile on his face and I never heard him say a bad word about any other person. Fred shared his wisdom with us and attended every meeting. He was always willing to lend a hand when needed and was eager to talk about hunting or fishing at any time. Fred had been a Gem City Gun Club member longer than any other current member and served in the capacity of Club Historian at Board Meetings. Fred will be greatly missed. Please include him and his family in your prayers.

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This would also be a good time to note the passing of another Club icon—the passing of the baton that is. After this season, Joe Lander will step down from his many 21 years as Director of the Junior Rifle division. This program has long been one of our most successful and popular programs, having seen hundreds of boys and girls pass through our ranks, ten of whom earned the coveted Distinguished Rifleman Award. If you see Joe thank him for his many years of dedicated and selfless service to our junior shooters.

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Definition of *anachronism*:
 A Civil War soldier armed with an M1 Garand.

Paul D. Baltzer, of the 83rd PA Volunteers, is a Civil War reenactor who has a recruitment table set up at our annual gun show. He was last year's very excited winner of the M1 Garand raffle. If he hadn't already, Paul will now have to find a WWII unit!

This year's show is on April 4th and we will again be raffling an M1. See a board member for tickets. Gun Show details are on the last page.



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

Joe J. Paradisi

HELLO EVERYONE! I'M JOE PARADISI THE 2015 PRACTICAL PISTOL MATCH DIRECTOR and Rob Shaffer is Match Director in Training. I want to give special thanks to Denny Michali & John Malmgren for all their help this year.

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

April 19th will begin our Summer schedule. Starting in May the matches will be on the first Sundays of the month. Weather permitting, the match set up will be outside. We will be needing help setting up and tearing down matches. Your help will be greatly appreciated. So far this year we have had a terrific 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 almost starting the outdoor matches this year, so the shooting will be even more exciting now that we can go outdoors and spread out.

Online squading has been working well and will continue for the outdoor matches with the exceptions of squading times. This way you can squad yourself with your BFF.

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.

For more information feel free to contact me at:

practicalpistol@gemcitygunclub.org
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Joe J. Paradisi

JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe Lander



I HOPE EVERYONE IS WARM AND READY TO GET OUT AND SHOOT THIS SPRING! The Juniors are halfway through their season, and what a great bunch of shooters of all ages.

Their fundraiser is coming up: our annual **Gun Show, on Saturday April 4th**. Your donations are always appreciated. Also coming up is the **Friends of the NRA** fundraiser on **Tuesday, April 7th** at 5:30 pm at the Courtyard Marriot.

Along with your help, the Cub's shooting sports will continue to make great shooters out of good shooters and plinkers.

This will also be my last year running the Junior Rifle Team. I'm stepping down to spend time with my bride, kids, and granddaughter. It's been one heck of a ride! You, the Club, the kids, parents, and members - I Thank You! Thank you to all who have helped me over the years - **Joe Paradisi, Dave Edwards, Dave Hanes, Tim Bender**, and the X-Men.

My wife, Tamie, and I will keep the Juniors in our thoughts and prayers, along with continued growth in our youth.

Thanks for the years!

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 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 12th** 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 26th** 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 26 th	
May 10 th	May 24 th
June 14 th	June 28 nd
July 12 th	July 26 th
August 9 th	August 23 rd
September 13 th	September 27 th
October 11 th	

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 (814) 872-6048
or J.R Paradisi (814) 824-5137

TRAP SHOOTING

Tim Bender

THIS YEAR'S SEASON BEGINS Monday, 4 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 SPRING HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held on May 8-9. At this writing there are still openings available. If you cannot make 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/ 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 HTE curriculum, we offer that opportunity for young shooters after the course is complete.

Dave Hanes 899-6994



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

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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015 we are hosting our 10th 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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