

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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Published for the Club Members—who together comprise the
largest and most diverse gun club in the tri-state area.

COMMENTARY

Chris Hanes

THE GROUND MAY BE COVERED IN SNOW, but that doesn't mean the activities at Gem City take a break for the season. The indoor range offers plenty of opportunities for competition and practice even when the outdoor ranges are less than hospitable. We are still running frequent USPA, Bullseye, Junior Rifle, and Friday Night Under the Lights matches as well as open range nights, and the always-popular Gun Show will be held on 16 April. Hope to see you on the range!

PARKING IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE AT THE GUN SHOW. Because of the spring thaw, we are limited in the areas where we can park on club grounds, so a little walk up or down the road may be necessary. To help alleviate this situation, we will be running shuttles up and down the road all day.

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SOME OF OUR ESTEEMED JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM MEMBERS



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! We're **Brian** and **Jim Johnson** and we are the new **Match Directors** and **Joe Paradisi** is the **Practical Pistol Stat Man**. I want to give special thanks to **Denny Michali** and **Bill Wehrle** for all their help this year.

I trust that everyone survived the winter and we are hopefully almost rid of it, although the weather hasn't been that bad. The Gem City Practical Shooters are heating it up on the range! **Saturday, April 2nd** will begin our summer schedule and we will shoot on those weekends that include the first Sunday of each month. Weather permitting, all the stages will be set up outside. We will be needing help setting up and tearing down matches so your help will be greatly appreciated; please contact Jim Johnson. Setup is on Friday night and Saturday morning to get the first squad started by 9:30AM. Anyone assisting with setup and tear down will receive match credits.

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 read this we will have started the outdoor matches, so the shooting will be even more exciting now that we can spread out. Online squading has been working well and will continue for the outdoor matches with the exceptions of squading times. We will be shooting Saturday: 9:30, 4 squads and 12:30, 4 squads and on Sunday: 8:30, 4 squads and 12:00, 4 squads. This will be a shotgun start, as this format works well

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.

We will also be hosting a 3-gun competition on the 5th Sundays of the month thru the summer, weather permitting.

For more information feel free to contact us:

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JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe Paradisi

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK THE PARENTS FOR INVOLVING THEIR CHILDREN IN THE SHOOTING SPORTS. We have had a steady Monday night full of kids, and our program is one of the best in the state. This program began in January and runs through until the end of April. Anyone wishing to shoot with the Juniors can meet us Mondays from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Our awards night is set for **21 May**. The awards earned by the Juniors, too numerous to mention, ranged all the way from Pro-Marksman up through Expert and Distinguished Rifleman. Four Juniors, **Odessa Schneider**, **Zach Frits**, **Mychael Krahneke**, and **Cameron Larson** are working towards their Distinguished Experts Badges at our Club. As of now, Gem City Gun Club has had 22 of our young shooters achieve Distinguished Expert status since 2001.

A special thanks to **Amanda Wright**, now shooting for the National Guard All Guard team, who has helped immensely with the training of our new shooters. Thanks also go out to **Jim** and **Chrissy Wright**, **Bill Matrogran**, **Doug Staaf**, and **Mark Hess**, along with all the help of the parents.

In closing, we hope that all our Club members will come out and help support the Juniors by attending the Gun Show on Saturday, April 16th.

Joe Paradisi

MORE ESTEEM...



GUN SHOW PARKING on ONE SIDE of DONLIN ROAD ONLY

SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE

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

Special Note: CMP and NRA have approved the use of scoped AR-15 rifles to be shot in the National Match Course of fire. Check the CMP Rules for power of scope and weight of rifle.

Our season will start **April 10th** 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 24th**. Sign-in will begin at 7:30 AM and 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.

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

John C Garand and Springfield matches are shot in conjunction with the National Match Course. F Class Centerfire and Rimfire are shot from sand bags and are both 30-shot matches.

2022 DATES

April 24th
May 8th & 22nd
June 12th & 26th
July 10th & 24th
August 14th & 28th
September 11th & 25th

For more information please contact: **Joe Paradisi (814) 873-6048** or **J.R Paradisi (814) 824-5137**

TRAP SHOOTING

Ben Jendruczak & Joe Lander

Trap shooting will begin on May 2nd this year, which is the first Monday in May. As in the past few years, the trap program will once again be administered "by committee" consisting of Joe Lander, Rick Bush and me.

Anyone interested in getting involved in trap shooting need only show up on a Monday afternoon. Sign up begins at 4:00 PM and we will continue to shoot as long as there are shooters present. The season runs until the last Monday of October.

The cost remains unchanged at \$4.00 per round for members, \$5.00 for non-members.

We would like to encourage everyone who has an interest to bring young shooters to experience trap shooting. We are working to get young people involved in our sport. The club has shotguns available for use, both 12 and 20 gauge. Shooters would have to supply their own ammo, or buy them from the club for use at the trap range for \$8.00 per box.

We're looking forward to another good season this year. See you there!

Ben Jendruczak (814) 969-1859

HUNTER SAFETY *Dave Hanes and Ben Jendruczak*

OUR SPRING HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held on **Saturday, April 9th** to a reduced-size class that will fill up soon. We plan on offering another in late August or early September, so check the Game Commission website for this or other classes in our area. All registrations are now done online; go to www.pgc.state.pa.us/ and click the "Education" link.

Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) is just one of the several public service functions in which Gem City Gun Club is engaged.

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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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Ben Jendruczak

ON SATURDAY, 16 APRIL 2022 we are hosting our 17th Annual Gun Show. While the last two year's traditional spring shows were cancelled, we did have a successful fall show, and we are thrilled to get back on track! Proceeds benefit our Juniors programs, which include Smallbore, Junior High-power, and Hunter Safety Training.

SHOW HOURS ARE FROM 9:00AM TO 4:00PM

ADMISSION IS STILL JUST \$3.00

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. 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)

For more Gun Show information, contact: **Ben Jendruczak** at (814) 969-1859

At this writing we still have a few tables left. If you are interested, contact Ben at the above number.

OPEN INDOOR RANGE

Jim Wright
Doug Staaf

THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE is open to all club members for handgun and .22 rifle shooting from 11AM to 2PM and from 5PM to 7PM... every Thursday - November thru April. **Doug 449-9672**
Members: \$5; Non: \$7 **Jim 790-3994**

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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