

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

SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER and we'll be able to get back outside to shoot again. Attendance at the indoor matches has increased over the past few years, which is great to see. We're looking forward to another shooting season as the weather improves over the coming months. The indoor range at Gem City is great, but it's always nice to get back outside and enjoy the fresh air.

As always, the winter months take their toll on the range and we'll need to get out and do a little maintenance to the Club grounds. Watch your emails for work party announcements as we'd certainly welcome any and all help.

Don't forget the upcoming Gun Show on April 8th. The show gets a little bigger and better every year, and all the proceeds go to support the junior shooting programs. Come on out and show your support, and who knows, you may find something you didn't even know you needed!

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

Jim and Brian Johnson

WELCOME TO GEM CITY GUN CLUB PRACTICAL PISTOL. We are just beginning our 2023 outdoor season and are looking forward to great times, fun and camaraderie. If you've never tried Practical Pistol, you should! For those of you who enjoy shooting a pistol, this sport will elevate you to the next level of gun handling skills and marksmanship, all while having too much fun.

Our matches are held on Saturday and Sunday during the first Sunday weekend of the month. You may choose to attend any of the four sessions that place over those two days. A typical match has 5 stages with an average round count of 20 shots per stage. Targets are either steel or cardboard and the participant will generally have to move to acquire different target arrays in a stage. Club member fee is \$10.00. Non members are welcome as well for a fee of \$15.00

Beginners are always welcome and are encouraged to participate. The equipment needed is: A pistol, holster, 2 or 3 magazines and some type of mag pouch that attaches to your belt. Pistol caliber carbines are also acceptable. Please contact Brian or Jim for further information.

We set up on Friday afternoons before the match. **Volunteers are welcome, needed and appreciated for setup. Anyone that helps with setup will be able to shoot for free that weekend.**

Look for our shooter appreciation weekend during our August match (free food, prizes and a reduced fee). Don't hesitate – Come out and give it a try!

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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 steady shooter attendance Monday nights, as our program is one of the best in the county. Our Junior Rifle session began in January and runs 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 May 20th. The awards earned by the Juniors, too numerous to mention, range all the way from Pro-Marksman to Expert and Distinguished Rifleman. In addition, three Juniors, **Mychael Krahnke**, **Mel Campbell** and **Sabrina Smith** are working towards their Distinguished Expert Badges at our Club. As of now the Club has graduated 23 Distinguished Experts since 2001.

A special thanks to **Amanda Wright**, High Power Junior and now shooting for the National Guard's All Guard team. Amanda has helped immensely with the training of these new shooters. We would like to thank her for serving our country and for making us able to excel in the sport we love.

Also, thanks to the committee run program, consisting of **Jim and Chrissy Wright**, **Bill Matrogran**, **Doug Staaf** and **Mark Hess** along with all the help from the parents.

In closing, we hope that all our Club members will come out and help support the Juniors by attending our annual Gun Show on April 8th.

Joe Paradisi



Wyatt Wilcox earns the coveted Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Distinguished Rifleman Badge.



**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



AS IN THE PAST THE GOAL OF THE CLUB is to attract new shooters to the sport. Everyone is welcome to come out and watch or try your hand. Don't think that you must 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, members of the past and present rifle teams 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 16th 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 23rd. Sign-in will begin at 7:30 AM. The first relay will start 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

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.

2023 DATES

April 23rd
May 14th & 28th
June 11th & 25th
July 9th & 23rd
August 13th & 27th
September 10th & 24th

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 BEGINS ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN MAY, which is MAY 1ST this year. As in past years, the trap program will once again be run "by committee" consisting of **Joe Lander, Rick Bush** and myself.

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

Unfortunately, the cost of clay targets has increased considerably over the past couple years. The price is now \$5.00 per round for members, \$6.00 for non-members. The Club has shotguns available for use in both 12 and 20 gauge. Shooters can supply their own shells or purchase them from the Club. We have a limited quantity of 12 and 20 gauge shot shells available for purchase at \$8.00 per box for use by shooters at the Club on the day of purchase.

We would like to encourage everyone who has an interest to bring young shooters out to experience trap shooting. We're looking forward to another good season this year... see you there!

Ben Jendruczak (814) 969-1859

HUNTER SAFETY

Ben Jendruczak

OUR SPRING HUNTER SAFETY COURSE will be held on Saturday, April 15th. The class is full with 45 students registering to attend. We will be offering another class in the fall, probably in September; the date has not yet been set. Keep an eye on the Club website for current information. We had 31 students in our fall, 2022 class. All registrations are done on line at www.pgc.stae.pa.us/ by clicking on the "Education" link.

Hunter-Trapper Education (HTE) is just one more public service function that the volunteer members of Gem City Gun Club provide.



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www.gemcitygunclub.org

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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, 8 APRIL 2023 we are hosting our 18th Annual Gun Show. Last year's spring gun show was a great success and we are on track to keep it up for the foreseeable future. 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 serving hot dogs, potato salad and chips 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

As of this writing, vendor tables are sold out, but there are plenty of M1 raffle tickets available.

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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