

# THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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**COMMENTARY**

***Ben Jendruczak***

**SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** and we'll be able to shoot outdoors again. We're looking forward to another shooting season as the weather improves over the coming months. 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. Our annual range cleanup day is April 14th and any and all members are welcome to pitch in and lend a hand.

Don't forget the upcoming Gun Show on March 30th. 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. 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. Please note there is parking on one side of the road only on the day of the Gun Show. To help alleviate this situation, we will be running shuttles up and down Donlin Road all day.



**BULLSEYE PISTOL**

***Jeff Locke***

**HELLO FELLOW SHOOTERS!**

The Bullseye Team will host an **Introduction to Bullseye Match** on April 10th starting at 6 PM. Our numbers are declining and we are looking for more shooters. We will go over the equipment that we use and then we'll shoot a match.

If you want to try your hand at Bullseye that night you will need a centerfire or .22LR pistol and 35 rounds of ammo for the pistol that you bring. We hope to see you there! Any questions, give me a call.

**Jeff Locke (814) 899-1695**

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 Johnson*

**WELCOME TO GEM CITY PRACTICAL PISTOL.** As you are reading this, we are ready to begin our 2024 outdoor season the first weekend in April. We look forward to this season because our winter indoor season has had some of the best attendance numbers that we have seen in a while.

Our matches are held on Saturday and Sunday during the first Sunday weekend of each month, April through November. You may choose to attend any of the four sessions that take 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. Nonmembers are welcome as well, for a fee of \$15.00. Registration is done the week ahead of the shoot on a website called "Practiscore." Register for an account and then search for "Gem City Gun Club" and upcoming matches should appear.

We held an Introduction to Practical Pistol class this winter and had 20 new shooters participate. We look forward to seeing them on the outdoor range this summer! Beginners are always welcome and encouraged to attend. 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 with questions or 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 as many times as they wish.**

Make sure to attend the Shooter Appreciation weekend during our August match (free food, prizes and a reduced fee). Don't hesitate – Come out and give it a try!

**Brian Johnson      814-449-4160**  
**Jim Johnson        814-897-5799**

**TRAP SHOOTING**

*Ben Jendruczak*

**TRAP SHOOTING WILL BEGIN ON MAY 6TH THIS YEAR,** which is the first Monday in May. As in past years, the trap program will once again be operated "by committee" consisting of Joe Lander, Rick Bush and myself. Anyone interested in shooting trap need only show up on Monday afternoons. Sign up begins at 4:00 PM every Monday and we will continue to shoot as long as there are shooters present or it gets too dark. The season runs until the last Monday of October. The price is \$5.00 per round for members, \$6.00 for non-members. We would like to encourage everyone who has an interest to bring young shooters to experience trap shooting. The Club has shotguns available for use, both 12 and 20 gauge. The Club has purchased a quantity of 12 gauge and some 20 gauge shot shells and these will be available for shooters to purchase for use at the trap range for \$9.00 per box. These are only for use by shooters at the Gem City trap range on the day of purchase. We're looking forward to another good season this year. See you there!

**Ben Jendruczak      814-969-1859**

**HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING**

*Jim Wright*

**THERE ARE TWO HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES** held each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Current Hunter Safety Instructors are Jim Wright, Bill Matrogran, Ben Jendruczak, and Dave Hanes.

Our next Hunter Safety Class will be held on April 13th, but it is currently full with a waiting list. Our fall class date has not yet been set. Information is posted on our website when classes are scheduled. All registrations are now done online. To register for a hunter safety class in our area, go to [www.pgc.state.pa.us/](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/).

There is no fee for the in-person course. HTE is just one of the several public service functions which Gem City Gun Club is involved in, providing both the facility and the volunteer instructors.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please see me or one of the other instructors and we can set you up with training.

**Jim Wright                      814-790-3994**



US Constitution, Second Amendment: "... the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

## GEM CITY HIGH POWER RIFLE

*Joe J. 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, 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: the 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 14th 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 28th. Check in begins at 7:30 am. Walk-ons will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The first relay will start at 8 AM, the second begins about 10 AM after the completion of the first relay, and the third will begin at noon.

The National Match 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 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>nd</sup>

John C. Garand and Springfield matches are shot in conjunction with the National Match Course. F-Class Centerfire and Rimfire matches are 30-shot matches shot from sandbags; 10 shots fired during the offhand stage of the National Match and 20 shots fired during the slow fire phase. We are now pre-squadding, which works quite well, so we will continue to do so.

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## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Joe J. 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 county. This program begins in January and runs through the end of April. Anyone wishing to shoot with the Juniors can meet us Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Our awards night is set for May 18<sup>th</sup>. The awards earned by the Juniors, too numerous to mention, range all the way from Pro-Marksman up through Expert and Distinguished Expert. Three Juniors, **Cameron Larson, Mel Campbell, and Sabrina Smith** are currently working towards their Distinguished Expert Badges. Our Club has graduated 23 Distinguished Experts since 2001.

A special thanks to **Amanda Wright**, former Junior and High Power Junior, and currently shooting for the National Guard All-Guard team, who has helped immensely with the training of these new shooters. We would like to thank her for serving our country and allowing us to excel in the sport we love. Also, thanks to the committee running the program, namely, **Jim and Chrissy Wright, Bill Matrogran, Doug Staaf, Mark Hess, Scott Campbell, and Jake Hicks**, and thanks for all the help from the parents.

We hope that all our Club members will come out and help support the Juniors by attending the Gun Show on 30 March, 2024.

In closing, I want to reach out with a special thanks to these sponsors:

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For membership information go to [www.gemcitygunclub.org](http://www.gemcitygunclub.org) or contact J.R. Paradisi at [membership@gemcitygunclub.org](mailto:membership@gemcitygunclub.org)

## **GUN SHOW**

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*Dave Hanes*

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024, we are hosting our 19th 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 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM ADMISSION IS JUST \$4.00**

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.

**CMP M1 GARAND TO BE RAFFLED AT 3:00 PM—SEE A BOARD MEMBER FOR TICKETS**  
(Tickets also available at the door)

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

**GUN SHOW TABLES ARE SOLD OUT!**

## **OPEN INDOOR RANGE**

THE INDOOR RANGE is open to all club members and their guests (not open to the public) for handgun and .22 rifle shooting from 11 AM to 2 PM and from 5 PM to 8 PM every Thursday, November thru April.

If you are currently a Range Safety Officer, or would like to become certified as one, and would like to help out, please contact:

**Jim Wright** 814-790-3994

## **FRIDAY NIGHT 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 (around 8PM)
- Cost: \$4.00 range + \$4.00 per division (per gun) +\$2 Non-club members
- Course of Fire is two IPSIC-style challenging stages.
- This is a perfect opportunity to prepare for IPSIC shooting.

For more info contact: **Joe Paradisi** [jjgun@jjgun.com](mailto:jjgun@jjgun.com) or 814-873-6048