

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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COMMENTARY

Dave Hanes



IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING how things got done around our Club, you need only look at the Officer and

now he's taken on the Sport & Travel Expo.

And if you wondered how the rifle ranges managed to stay in a high state of repair, we have **Joe J. Paradisi** and his High-Power team to thank. Joe has his fingerprints on everything else in the Club too!

Board of Director list on this page.

I dare say our excellent Junior Rifle program wouldn't exist without the leadership of **Joe Lander** and his gang of volunteers.

For example, if you noticed how nice the grounds and clubhouse have been kept up, we have **Tim Bender** to thank. Because we have lots of visitors to our club—from almost all local, college, and state police forces who train on our range, as do TSA and Border Patrol personnel, to Congressman English and NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris Cox who held a townhall meeting and press conference here last fall—the Board makes Club appearance a priority.

Behind the scenes we have **Joe R. Paradisi** who does a ton of support work, as does **Gary Whitman** who handles the tedious membership work.

If you wondered how we manage to put together successful gun shows, we have **Ben Jendruczak** and all his helpers to thank.

Most of the people already mentioned help me with Hunter Safety, and they are always pitching in to help with other activities as well.

Same goes to **Matt Dylewski**, who works hard to make the Practical Pistol events work—and maintenance of the pistol ranges goes along with that program. If that weren't enough,

I know I didn't mention everyone, but the point is, nothing happens without this dedicated team of selfless individuals who volunteer their time so that you may enjoy the benefits of this Club. So if you see these guys around, give them an at-taboy.

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ERIE SPORT & TRAVEL EXPO

Matt Dylewski

We are proud to announce that Gem City Gun Club will have a display booth at the Erie Outdoor Sport & Travel Expo this year. The Expo will be held from Friday, 29 February thru Sunday, 2 March at the Bayfront Convention Center. Come out and talk

to our staff and find out more about the programs we offer at Gem City, or to just shoot the breeze.

For more information about the Expo, go to:

www.sportandtravelexpo.com/erie/

We'll see you there!

PA Constitution, Article 21: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defence of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."

TRAP SHOOTING

Tim Bender

EVENTHOUGH WE'RE STILL LOCKED IN WINTER, we can't help thinking of Trap Season. We had record participation last year and lots of fun. We even made the front page of the Erie Times!

This year's season begins **MONDAY, 5 MAY**. Our success last year was due, in part, to moving the start time up to **4:00 PM**, and we go until dusk. The cost to shoot is still \$3.00 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers per round of 25 birds. You must supply your own shells; shot size is limited to 7 1/2 or smaller.

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 light 20 gauge shotguns available for use by youngsters.

You may have noticed the change in command. After many years of service, **Don Schulze** has passed the baton to **Tim Bender**. We thank Don for all his help over the years and hope he'll still stop in once in awhile to keep us on the straight and narrow. We thank Tim for taking over this important assignment.

Tim Bender 899-0137

BULLSEYE PISTOL

Jeff Locke



OUR BULLSEYE SEASON is going well after a bad start with the

passing of long time shooter, Jim Wood. The team worked through the loss and we now are about 3/4 of the way through the season. We have 6 matches left to shoot. Come and see if this is something you would like to try next year. We shoot Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. Think about joining us; if you have any questions contact **Jeff Locke** at (814) 899-1695.

JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe Lander



JUNIOR RIFLE. It's a short term for "4-position rifle shooting; prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing."

As soon as you hear the command "... ready on the firing line - you may commence firing!" the range comes alive as 10 young shooters use their target rifles to direct a .22 diameter bullet at a .15 diameter circle, called the "ten ring.", 50 feet away. It's quite a challenge!

The Junior Rifle boys and girls shoot every Monday night throughout the winter at our first-class Gem City indoor range. The first relay begins at 6 pm and we shoot as many relays as necessary until everyone is done.

As a new shooter, you start the program in the easiest position, prone, then to sitting, kneeling, and finally standing, progressing through the ranks to the Distinguished Marksman level. Since you are only in competition with yourself, you advance at your own pace.

The Club furnishes all necessary gear: target rifles, slings, ammo, shooting jackets, and eye and ear protection.

Safety is paramount. Before a new shooter handles a gun he or she is taught the fundamentals of firearm safety. Once they are allowed to go to the firing line, they are under direct supervision of the instructors and range officer.

There is no lower age limit - it's whenever the parent and instructors feel the child can safely shoulder the rifle - and we have several different sizes of target rifles.

The cost:

Yearly youth GCGC membership	\$5.00
Yearly NRA award fee	\$5.00
Nightly shooting fee	\$4.00

Joe Lander 725-3354

⇒ *Talk to us about this and other Club programs at the Erie Outdoor Sport & Travel Expo from Friday, 29 February thru Sunday, 2 March at the Bayfront Convention Center. See the front page for more details.*

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 BRING 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. Everyone 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.

Our season will start April 6th 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 20th with sign-in beginning at 7:30 am. The first relay

will start at 8am; second relay about 10am; 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

2008 Dates:

April 20th

May 4th & 18th

June 1st & 15th

July 6st & 20th

August 3rd & 17th

September 7th & 17th

John C Garand and Springfield matches are shot in conjunction with the National Match Course.

For more information please contact **Joe Paradisi** at (814) 456-8918 or **J.R Paradisi** (814) 824-5137 or **Gary Whitman** (814) 587-6240

HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

ON 27, 28, AND 29 MARCH Gem City Gun Club will again be conducting the PA Game Commission Hunter-Trapper Education Course. 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 hyperlink under "Hunter Safety". At this writing, there are only 5 openings left. Our next course is tentatively scheduled for **21, 22, 23 August**.



PRACTICAL PISTOL

Matt Dylewski

BANG-BANG, BANG-BANG, BANG-BANG, RELOAD, BANG-BANG, BANG BANG. The 2008 Shooting Season is under way! We have had a great turnout so far this year and I'd like to thank all the shooters for coming and braving the weather. We shoot inside on the 2nd and 4th Sundays until April when we switch into Summer mode. April thru November we will shoot on the 1st Sunday only. If you are interested in Practical Shooting, come by on a Saturday during setup or on Sunday during the match. I will provide a shooting orientation for anyone that would like to give our sport a try. All you

need is a handgun that is 9mm or larger caliber, a holster that covers the trigger guard and some extra magazines (or speed loaders for the revolvers!) and about 60-70 rounds of ammo. Eye protection and hearing protection are always mandatory. We are always looking for new shooters! Women and Junior (above the age of 12) shooters are welcome! Also, our friends in law enforcement will receive a discount to come and shoot a match! So, if you are looking for a fun and new way to shoot, check us out. You won't be disappointed!

Matt Dylewski

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www.gemcitygunclub.org

For information on pending gun-related legislation and to sign up for automatic updates go to: www.nraila.org

For membership information go to www.gemcitygunclub.org or contact Gary Whitman at 814-587-6240

GUN SHOW

Ben Jendruczak

ON SATURDAY, 15 MARCH, we will hold our 3RD ANNUAL GUN SHOW. The two previous shows were outstanding successes! Each year, over 400 patrons passed through our doors and the proceeds benefited our Smallbore and High Power Junior Rifle Teams. We plan on making this an annual March event, so, save the date.

Donations in the form of reloading equipment, powder, bullets, archery equipment, or anything to do with the shooting sports will be placed for sale on the Junior Rifle Team table to help their cause.

To reserve a table, contact: **Ben Jendruczak** at 725-5825

If you have anything to donate, contact **Joe Lander** at 725-3354, or bring it to the show.

Cost of admission is just \$3.00. Members of the Junior Rifle Team will provide food service.

Fees for space rental are as follows:

\$10.00 - inside for an 8' table, if you bring your own

\$15.00 - inside for an 8' table, if provided by the club

DAYTIME INDOOR RANGE

Don & Dick

WITH THE ADDITION of the new indoor ventilation system we are pleased to announce yet another addition to our club's repertoire of services. **Don Dunford** and **Dick Wilhelm** will open the indoor range for handgun and smallbore rifle practice every Tuesday and Thursday

morning from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Barring unforeseen circumstances, Don and Dick expect to be at the range year-round. They do ask that you call in advance to schedule your time on the range. Their numbers are:

Don Dunford	Home	898-3610
	Cell	882-5336
Dick Wilhelm	Home	898-3484
	Cell	392-7193