

# THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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

## COMMENTARY

*Dave Hanes*

WHEN WE THINK OF DIVERSITY AT GEM CITY GUN CLUB we think in terms of the variety of programs offered, be they rifle, pistol, or shotgun based. Or to others perhaps diversity involves discussion on what *type* of rifle, pistol, or shotgun one prefers. So when looking at our membership at large, we have many different interests and therefore a huge variety of guns out there. You would be hard pressed to find a gun-related subject that someone in the Club is not an expert on—which brings me to the subject of gun collecting. While the Club does not have a “collecting” division per se, there exists a sister organization to which several GCGC members belong.

The Presque Isle Antique Gun Collectors meets bimonthly at the American Legion in Waterford. They are a small group but with an extraordinary range of collecting interests. At the annual picnic in September, held where else but at GCGC, we fired a Maxim machine gun, a Thompson, an MP40, and some other select-fire relics. The regular meetings held throughout the year are theme-based, so in a year or two’s time you would see an eclectic assortment of firearms as well as learning something of their history. You don’t need a collection to belong, just an interest in collecting. If you think you might like to join please feel free to contact me for more information.

### REMEMBER!!!

- ◆ Display your membership cards
- ◆ Enroll you friends as members
  - ◆ Follow range rules
  - ◆ Be Safe

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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 Paradisi*

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE **ROB SHAFFER** as the new Match Director-in-Training for USPCA matches at Gem City. I would like to give special thanks to **Denny Michali** and **John Malmgren** for all their help this year. I hope that you all had plenty of enjoyment this past summer and will continue to come to our matches this fall and winter shooting Friday Night Under the Lights on the first and third Fridays of the month, October thru April.

So far this year we've had a terrific time. Online squading has been working well and will continue when we get to the outside matches in the spring—this way you can squad yourself with your BFF!

If you are interested in coming out to shoot, all you need to do is call me. 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 make sure you will be coached during your first match so you can be as prepared as possible.

Friday Night Under the Lights is a perfect time to come out and learn about practical pistol in a more lay-back setting and we usually offer two challenging stages to enjoy.

For more information feel free to contact me at [practicalpistol@gemcitygunclub.org](mailto:practicalpistol@gemcitygunclub.org) or my cell: 814-873-6048.

## HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

*Dave Hanes*

ANOTHER HUNTER SAFETY CLASS is history. If you missed this class, we will be offering another in the spring of 2016.

All registrations are now done online; to register, go to [www.pgc.state.pa.us/](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/) and click the "Education" link or, quicker, go to our website at [www.gemcitygunclub.org](http://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, the Club offers live fire shooting for young shooters once the regular HTE course is complete.

Dave Hanes 899-6994



## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Dean Allred*



**IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME OF YEAR!** The indoor Junior Rifle season is only a few weeks away. By now you probably know that Joe Lander has retired from many years as Director and has passed the reins to me.

I've been working hard the past few months to get the new season up and running and there have been a few changes made for the upcoming season. All the information can be found on the Club's website under the "JR Rifle 2016" tab.

A basic overview is this: Sign ups for the 2016 season will be held at the clubhouse on 27 December 2015 from Noon to 6 PM. All the forms are available

online; fill them out and bring them with you. All new shooters will be required to attend an NRA First Rifle Orientation Course prior to shooting for record. This will allow our instructors to get all the new shooters in the correct mindset of, not only safety, but prepare them for the fun and exciting world of shooting.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me via email at: [dsallred@roadrunner.com](mailto:dsallred@roadrunner.com)

**Dean Allred**



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*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GEM CITY X-MEN COMPETING IN THE NATIONAL MATCHES AT CAMP PERRY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNIORS who shot in the National Matches at Camp Perry this year. Returning shooters were **Dave Nies, Brooke Cass, Wes Chapman, Jared Lindsley, Alix Allred** and **Chris Hess** and first time shooters were **Gavin Matragran** and **Nick Ausmus**. All attended the Marine Clinic and shot the 2- and 6-person team matches, the President's 100, and the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match (NTI). Coaches were **Joe Paradisi, Phil Lindsley, and Don Chapman**.

First time shooters attending the Small Arms School also competed in the Excellence in Competition Match (EIC); they were: **Kassandra Arner, Aden Melnick, Matt Powers, and Louie Decker Special**. Congratulations to **Aden Melnick** for receiving 4 leg points by finishing in the top 10% of the EIC.

Congratulations to the **Steve Slomski**, adult GCGC member who competed in the Carbine, NTI, and Presidents 100 matches.

Thanks to the **Nosler Bullet Company** and **Champions Choice** for their years of support for our junior teams.

Special thanks to **Jeff Cass, Mark Hess, Phil Lindsley, Dean Allred, Bill Matragran** and **Don Chapman** who lent immense support by pulling pits, scoring, keeping a well-run camp, and otherwise keeping the juniors in line this year.

At the PA State Service Rifle Championship match **Brooke Cass** was High Lady and **Wes Chapman** tied for 3rd place Junior. Also attending the state match were **Jared Lindsley, Kassandra Arner, Gavin Matragran, Alix Allred, Chris Hess, and Nick Ausmus**.

On 12 September at the Solon Sportsman Club 88-shot Regional Match, **Brooke Cass** bested all challengers to win the match. Good job **Brooke!**

Congratulations to all the adults and juniors who participated in this year's High-power season. Hope to see you all back in the spring!



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## **GUN SHOW**

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*Dave Hanes*

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016, we will hold our **11th 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** before 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)

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.

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