

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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COMMENTARY

Chris Hanes

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER BUSY WINTER with all of the great activities held on the indoor range. Even though we're fortunate to have the indoor range facilities that allow us to shoot in any weather, it sure is nice to get back outside again. With the mild winter we've had compared to last year combined with the asphalt millings that were added to all of the pistol ranges this past fall everyone should be able to get back outside earlier than usual. Dealing with all the springtime mud should be a thing of the past. Springtime also means the return of the annual Gem City gun show. The show is always a hit, and we look forward to another fantastic show this year. Look for the show details elsewhere in the newsletter. Shoot safe and see you on the range.

PARKING IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE AT THE GUN SHOW. Given the time of year, we are limited in the areas where we can park on the grounds, so a little walk might be necessary. To help alleviate this situation, we will be running shuttles up and down the road all day. Look for the golf carts and side-by-side 4-wheelers generously loaned to us by some of our members.

GUN SHOW PARKING on ONE SIDE of DONLIN ROAD ONLY

SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE

HUNTER SAFETY

Dave Hanes

OUR SPRING HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. At this writing there are still openings available. If you cannot make this class, we will be offering another in late August or early September, or check the Game Commission website for other classes in our area. All registrations are now done online; to register, go to www.pgc.state.pa.us/ and click the "Education" link.

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

Dave Hanes... 722-0314



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! I'M JOE PARADISI THE 2019 PRACTICAL PISTOL MATCH DIRECTOR and Rob Shaffer assistant.

I want to give special thanks to **Denny Michali** and **Matt Dylewski** for all there help this year.

We are looking for someone to take over as match director assistant in training so that Rob can take over and I can stepdown and do other duties with the practical pistol division.

I hope that you are surviving this winter and that 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!

April 6nd will begin our summer schedule of the first Sunday of each month. Weather permitting, all the stages will be set up will be outside.

We will be needing help setting up and tearing down matches and your help will be greatly appreciated. Set up is on Saturday starting at 7:00AM so that we can get the first squad started by 9:30AM. Anybody assisting with set up 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, as the shooting will be even more exciting now that we can go outdoors and spread out.

Online indoor squading has been working well and will continue for the outdoor matches with the exception that squading times will change. We will be shooting Saturday, 9:30AM and 12:30PM, with 4 squads each; and on Sunday, 8:30AM and 12:00 noon, 4 squads each. 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 me at practicalpistol@gemcitygunclub.org.

Joe Paradisi, Match Director 873-6048

JUNIOR RIFLE

Dean Allred

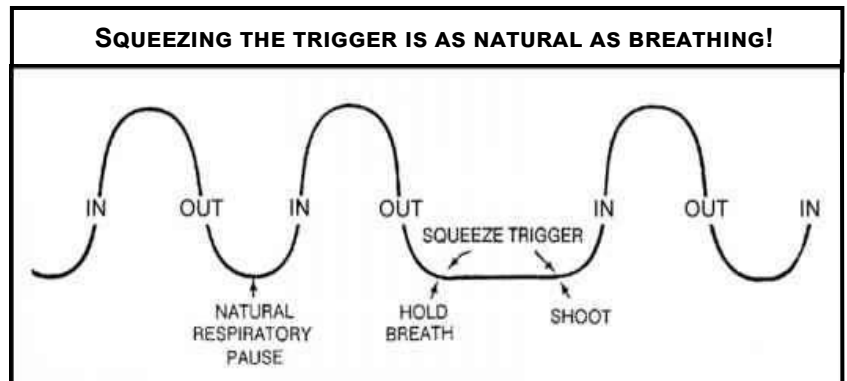
THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM is off to a great start. We have several returning shooters as well as a number of new shooters. We are currently running three relays.

A few reminders: There is a signup sheet for working the gun show and we ask that all shooters attend and assist where they can, for as long as they can. This is also an open invitation for all adults as well. We have several areas where we can use help, from parking cars to unloading and loading up the vendors before and after the event, to selling 50/50 tickets during the event. Remember, this annual event is what helps pay for the Junior Rifle programs and keeps the cost for each shooter to a minimum.

This year we have set the date for the year-end banquet as **May 18** at the clubhouse. Please mark your calendars for this event as each of the shooters will receive awards based on their individual level of marksmanship accomplishment.

I want to thank all the Coaches who attend each week and assist with the shooters. This program would not be possible without your help.

Dean Allred 814-449-0323
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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 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 9th** 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** sign in will begin at 7:30 am. 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.

2019 DATES

April 28th
 May 12th & 26th
 June 9th & 23rd
 July 14th & 28th
 August 11th & 25th
 September 8th & 22nd
 October 13th

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

TRAP SHOOTING

Ben Jendruczak & Joe Lander

GET YOUR SHOTGUNS CLEANED UP AND READY TO GO as we will starting up trap shooting the first Monday in May. As in the past couple years, the trap program will once again be administered "by committee" consisting of Joe Lander, Rick Bush and myself. Anyone interested in getting involved in trap shooting need only contact one of us. Sign up begins at 4:00 PM every Monday and we will continue to shoot as long as there are shooters present. The season runs until the last Monday of October and the cost is \$4.00 per round for members, \$4.50 for non-members. We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to bring young shooters out to experience trap shooting. We old-timers aren't going to be around forever and we need to get young people involved in our sport. Also, if there is an organization like a school or church that would like to form a "pick-up" trap team, the club has shotguns available for use, both 12 and 20 gauge. Shooters would have to supply or purchase their own shells.

Ben Jendruczak... 969-1859 or **Joe Lander... 725-3354**

Ken Berlin 1948 - 2018



It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of one of the feisty old codgers you could find hanging out on our trap range every Monday night. For many years Ken Berlin would cheerfully greet us at the range, always working hard to keep the machine running while demonstrating the graceful art of smiling after missing a bird. Ken will be sorely missed.

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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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Dave Hanes

ON SATURDAY, 20 APRIL 2019 we are hosting our 14th Annual Gun Show. The previous shows were outstanding successes! Each year over 500 patrons pass through our doors for this one-day event whose proceeds benefit our Juniors programs, which include 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 from **9:00AM to 4:00PM.**

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. **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 722-0314**

NOTE: Tables are sold out for this event!

Thanks to all of you who have supported us in the past—we appreciate your patronage!

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 8PM... 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.

For more info contact: **Joe Paradisi jjgun@jjgun.com** or **873-6048**