

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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COMMENTARY

Chris Hanes

Well, it's getting to be that time of year again. The days are getting shorter, the leaves are starting to fall, and there's a chill in the air. It seems like summer went by pretty quick this year with its slow and rainy start. Hopefully everyone was able to get out and do some shooting during the nice weather. Haven't gotten your fill of shooting for the season? Not to worry. There are still plenty of opportunities to shoot at the indoor range as we gear up for the winter months. Check out all the scheduled activities at gemcitygunclub.org. Take care and see you on the range.

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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 J. Paradisi

HELLO EVERYONE! I'm **Joe Paradisi**, the 2019 Practical Pistol Match Director, but I will soon pass the reigns over to **Jim** and **Brian Johnson**.

I want to give special thanks to **Denny Michali**, **Matt Dylewski**, and **Rob Shaffer**, along with **Jim** and **Brian** for all their help this year, and to all those who came out to help set up and tear down.

I hope that you all enjoyed this past summer and will continue to come to our matches this fall. Friday Night Under the Lights is held on the first and third Fridays of the month, October thru April. Online squading has been working well and will continue for the indoor matches with the exceptions of squading times. This way you can squad yourself with your friends. If you are interested in coming out to shoot all you need is to call and 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.

Friday Night Under the Lights is a perfect time to come out and learn about practical pistol in a more laidback setting. We usually offer two challenging stages for you to enjoy. Don't forget about our annual Toys For Tots match November 16th and 17th. For more information feel free to contact me at practical pistol at gmcitygunclub.org or my cell.

Joe Paradisi

TRAP SHOOTING

Ben Jendruczak

THIS YEAR'S TRAP SEASON has been a great success. We have seen a significant increase in the number of shooters and the number of rounds shot this summer. As it has been, the trap program is administered "by committee" consisting of Joe Lander, Rick Bush and me. Anyone interested in getting involved in trap shooting need only contact one of us. Shooting begins at 4:00 PM every Monday and we will continue to shoot as long as there are shooters or it gets too dark.

The season runs from the first Monday in May 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 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 their own shells.

Ben Jendruczak

HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

WE HAD A GREAT Hunter Safety session this past September, with a near-record size class. Officially known as Hunter-Trapper Safety Education (HTSE), Gem City Gun Club hosts two HTSE classes each year, typically one in the spring and one in late-summer. Our next class will be held in the spring of 2020 at a date to be determined.

Check the Game Commission website early next year.

All registrations are now done online; to register, go to www.pgc.state.pa.us/ and click the "Education" link.

There is no fee; HTSE is just one of the several public service functions in which Gem City Gun Club is involved, providing both the facility and volunteer instructors.

Ben Jendruczak

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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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GEM CITY X-MEN

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNIORS who shot at the Camp Perry National Matches this year. Returning shooters were **Gavin Matrogran, Amanda Wright, Chris Hess, Zack Sanders, Alex Brendlinger** and **Wyatt Wilcox**, who all attended the Marine Clinic and shot in the Presidents 100 and the NTI matches. They also participated in the two- and six-person team matches, coached by **Joe Paradisi, Jim Wright** and **Bill Matrogran**.

Congratulations to our four, two-person teams: **Amanda Wright** and **Chris Hess**, coached by **Cody Wynn** (Marine Shooting Team Member); **Gavin Matrogran** and **Alex Brendlinger**, coached by **Joe Paradisi**; **Wyatt Wilcox** and **Zach Sanders**, coached by **Jim Wright**; and **Hunter Cunningham** and **Alex Sanders**, coached by **Bill Matrogran**.

First time shooters attending the Nationals that also attended the Small Arms School and competed in the Excellence in Competition Match (EIC) were **Alex Sanders, Trinity Knight** and **Hunter Cunningham**, with special thanks to **Jack Napier** for keeping an eye on the first-time shooters.

Congratulations to **Jim Wright, Steve Slomski, Ben Jendruczak** and other Gem City Members competing in the Carbine, NTI, Presidents 100, Hearst Doubles and the Garand Matches. A Special thanks to the **Nosler Bullet Company, Champions Choice** and **Rock River Arms** for their years of support for our junior teams.

I would also like to extend my thanks to these support people for their assistance in pulling pits and scoring, and for their help in keeping the juniors in line: **Jim Wright, Jack Napier, Owen Napier, Scott Sanders, Mark Hess, Bill Matrogran, Alex Sanders, Christi Wright, Cody Wynn** (USMC) and **Tim Knight**. This program would not be able to continue without their support.

At the State Service Rifle Championship match **Amanda Wright** won High Junior Lady at the midrange prone match and the service rifle match, and **Dave Nies** won first place Master Class in the service rifle match. Also attending the State Match were, **Gavin Matrogran, Alex Brendlinger, Chris Hess, Wyatt Wilcox** and **Zach Sanders** and senior **Jim Wright**.

On September 14th, 2019 at the Solon Sportsman Club 88 shot C.M.P. match, **Amanda Wright** finished 4th, **Alex Brendlinger** 8th, **Jim Wright** 10th, **Wyatt Wilcox** 14th, **Carl Pelinski** 19th, first year shooters **Hunter Cunningham** 20th, and **Alex Sanders** 21st.

On September 15th at the Solon Sportsman Club EIC, **Amanda** strikes again taking 2nd place with a 487-12x and earning 6 more leg points for a total of 16 points this year. **Amanda** is now over half-way to the 30-points needed to become Distinguished Rifleman in high-power. **Chris Hess** finished 7th with 473-10x, **Jim Wright** 8th with 472-3x, **Zack Sanders** 13th with 469-11x, **Alex Brendlinger** 15th with 464-4x, and **Gavin Matrogran, Wyatt Wilcox, Alex Sanders, Hunter Cunningham, Carl Pelinski**, and **Steve Slomski** rounding out our club representation at Solon. Gem City fielded one-third of the shooters at this event.

Congratulations to all the adults and juniors who participated in this High-Power season. Hope to see you all back in the Spring!

JUNIOR RIFLE

Dean Allred

THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM will begin on Monday, January 6th with the registration beginning at 4 PM. Returning shooters should please download the registration form from our website and allow a little extra time to get through the process on the first night. New shooters who did not take the NRA Firearms Instruction, Responsibility, and Safety Training (FIRST) held in October will have an opportunity to take the course in two-hour sessions to be held on January 13th and continuing for two or three weeks, depending on the student (attendance in all sessions are required).

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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, APRIL 11, 2020 we are hosting our 15th 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, 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** prior 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 (after January 15th)
(Tickets also available at the door)

For more Gun Show information, contact: **Dave Hanes at 722-0314**

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

OPEN INDOOR RANGE

THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE is open to all club members and their guests for handgun and .22 rifle shooting from **11 AM to 2 PM** and from **5 PM to 8 PM...** every **Thursday - November thru April.** And by the way, we could

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 for someone who would like to prepare for IPSIC shooting.
- Looking for some one to take over the division