

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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STATE OF THE CLUB

Dave Hanes

THESE ARE VERY EXCITING times for this club. Several events and programs have taken place, or will take place in the near future, that draw positive attention to our club in the eye of the shooting community and hopefully in the general public's eye as well.

In addition to our great shooting sports menu and well-kept ranges, our outstanding Junior Rifle program has tuned out many fine young men and women with their demonstrable performances at Camp Perry - and beyond. We have a fine Hunter Safety Training program; we took part in

the PA 28th Inf. Div. reunion; our ranges provide an important training venue for many local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; we plan on manning a booth at the upcoming Erie Outdoors Expo; and, a few weeks ago, we even made the front page of the Erie Times!

Now, I'm pleased to announce that on 17 November we will host a Town Hall meeting with **Rep. Phil English** and other local representatives, and probably a surprise guest that I can't name yet, who will field your concerns in a Q&A forum. I hope to see you there.

GEM CITY GUN CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Matt Dylewski

GEM CITY GUN CLUB has some new directors. Please allow me to introduce them to you. New to the position of **President** is **Dave Hanes**. New to the position of **Vice President** is **Matt Dylewski**. Continuing on in their positions are **Secretary Joe R. Paradisi**, **Treasurer Joe J. Paradisi**.

Other **Directors** are: **Ben Jendruzak**, **Fred Harris**, **Joe Lander**, **John Malmgren** and **Tim Bender**. Please be sure to thank these individuals for their time in helping to keep this club running smoothly.

The past year has been a busy one for Gem City. The Club was able to add a new ventilation system to the indoor shooting range and we were able to run a successful Gun Show. We are also working on getting a booth at the Erie Outdoors Expo to be held at the new Convention Center.

The club is able to take care of these projects because of the work of the Board and also the continuing membership base that we are lucky to have. This club exists because of YOU and no one else.

We offer Hunters Safety classes

and we also have several shooting activities such as Junior Rifle, Practical Pistol, Bullseye Pistol, High Power Rifle and Trap. We also have the indoor range open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning and evening.

Unfortunately, a few of our activities have come to a close and we could use some help in getting them going. Namely 3D Archery is in need of a director. We also could use some help from our membership from those that may have NRA certification in Basic Pistol and Rifle Training and can setup some basic training classes in those disciplines. I am working on an Introduction to Practical Shooting class.

All of these programs can become a reality if we can get the help we need, but that all depends on you, our membership.

So, if you have the time, please lend a hand with an existing activity or offer to startup something new. The limits to what we can offer are only limited by the amount of help that we can get. Please stop in to a monthly meeting and let us know how you can help.

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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

Don Schulze

ANOTHER TRAP SEASON is almost history. We had record participation this year and lots of fun. We even made the front page of the Erie Times!

This year's season ends **MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER**. Shorter days bring with it earlier start times: **4:00 PM** until dusk. The cost to shoot is \$3.00 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers per round of 25 birds. You must supply your own shells.

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.

BULLSEYE PISTOL

Jeff Locke



THIS PAST BULLSEYE season was another great year for the Gem City Team. The team took first place in Smallbore and Centerfire, along with first place in Smallbore handicap and second place in Centerfire handicap.

Classification awards went to Jeff Locke (Expert), Joe Lander (Sharpshooter), Bethany Locke (Marksman), Bob Soder (Tyro). Individual awards went to Jeff Locke for Smallbore, High Male. Bethany Locke received the High Female award in both Smallbore and Centerfire. Most improved shooter awards went to Ernest Simpson and Bethany Locke.

Along with Jeff Locke and Tom Danias, who got awards for shooting perfect targets, Jeff Locke and Bethany Locke made the NRA League Team which is made up of the top five shooters in the league. Bethany Locke also became the first female to hold an expert classification card in the history of our league to my knowledge.

If you would like to join in on the fun we start shooting the middle of October every **Wednesday** night at **7 pm**. Think about joining us; if you have any questions contact **Jeff Locke** at (814) 899-1695.

JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe Lander



A LITTLE INFORMATION GOES A LONG WAY

I'VE RUN THE JUNIOR PROGRAM for over 10 years, and have watched it grow from a handful of kids to as many as 35 terrific kids enrolled at a time!

We've banged on business doors, the American Legion Posts, and the Knights of Columbus to get support for our kids because we didn't have the equipment we needed. Hey, but they came through with donations and we have had a lot of support for our juniors with our Gun Show. Here is the return on your investment with these great bunch of kids, who are now young adults:

Dave Kelly (Harborcreek) – U.S. Army, Master Shooter, Iraq Veteran, Army Recruiter; helps out on Monday nights.

Justin Knight (McDowell) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, U.S. Army.

James & Vicky Ross (Wattsburg) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooters, continuing their college education.

Jeremy Lander (North East) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, High Power Rifle Shooter, NRA Instructor, Clarion Graduate, 4th grade teacher at Pine Grove Elementary School.

Jared Whitman (Conneaut Valley) – Master High Power Rifle Shooter, LECOM graduate, pharmacist in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jordan Whitman (Conneaut Valley) – Master High Power Rifle Shooter, Distinguished High Power Shooter at 18 yrs. of age (awarded at Camp Perry last year), attending Gannon University.

Matt Hanes (Cathedral Prep) – Small Bore & High Power Rifle Shooter, Cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Garrett Lander (North East) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, State Junior Service Rifle Champion 2006 & 2007, attending Clarion University majoring in Elementary/Special Education.

Bethany Locke (Harborcreek) – Distinguished Small Bore Shooter, Expert Bullseye Pistol Shooter, Gannon University Graduate, Radiation Tech.

The list goes on and on! These are just a few dreams that were fulfilled with your help! This is why Dave Kelly, Joe Paradisi, the parents, and myself take these kids under our wings and promote marksmanship and education! I'm proud of this Gun Club! Thanks for your great support!

Joe Lander 725-3354

p.s. I didn't forget about the Junior awards!

Junior Rifle starts the **first Monday in January at 6:30 pm** and lasts through the end of April. Cost: Junior Membership \$5 – Startup fee \$5 – and \$4 every Monday night, which includes your targets, ammo, rifles, safety glasses,

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



GEM CITY X-MEN COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL MATCHES AT CAMP PERRY

THE P.R.P.A SIX MAN TEAM consisting of **Garrett Lander** (North East), **Jordan Whitman** (Springboro), **George Peters** (Furnace), **Pierre LeClair** (State Collage), **Greg Petrun** (Connelsville), and **Brandon Means** (Clarion), took Fifth place in the National Trophy Team Match at Camp Perry with a combined score of 2803-50X.

Congratulations to **Jordan Whitman** for being selected to the 6 Man Dream Team. This National Junior Highpower Rifle Team consists of the top six Juniors in an aggregate of the Presidents, National Trophy Individual, and Whistler Boy Team Matches.



Garrett Lander with parents, Tami & Joe

Also congratulations to **Garrett Lander** and **Jordan Whitman** who finished 8th in the Whistler Boy matches. Our hats are off to all the Gem City Juniors who participated in the National Matches. **J o s h**

Hovis fired on the P.R.P.A Blue team in the Whistler Boy matches and competed in the Presidents 100 and in the NTI match. A special congratulations to Josh — he recently received his **Eagle Scout** award! The presentation was at the Cochran Sportsman Club where he did his Eagle Scout project.

Having run this organization for many years, I can say that a better group could not be found. A special thanks to the support people: **Gary Whitman, Joe and Tami Lander** and **Scott Bunch** from our club; without their help the job would be impossible. Congratulations to the adults competing at the Nationals. **Ben Jendruczak, Steve Slomski** and **Gary Whitman**.

Gem City was well represented at the Nationals. **Steve** obtained a long awaited Bronze Metal firing a 268-3 X in a 15-20 mph cross wind and **Ben** fired a 267-3 X Giving Him a Bronze metal in the Springfield bolt-gun match.



Jordan Whitman and his dad Gary

CONGRATULATIONS to North East resident **Garrett Lander**. Garrett challenged all comers at the Pennsylvania Service Rifle Championships, emerging from the fray as the 2007 PA Junior Service Rifle Champion.. He is a recent graduate of North East High School and is a member of the Gem City Gun Club where he shoots on the X-MEN Junior Rifle Team This fall he will be attending Clarion University.

HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

ON AUGUST 23, 24, AND 25 certified instructors from Gem City Gun Club conducted the PA Game Commission Hunter-Trapper Education course. There were 34 enrolled students and all of them passed and received their course card allowing them to purchase a PA hunting license. The instructor team, headed up by **Dave Hanes**, includes **Ben Jendruczak** and long-time hunter-trapper instructor **Gerry Rettger**. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive and complimentary of the course and the quality of instruction given. Gem City was the first club in Erie County to use the HERRS system

for on-line registration of students. This is a huge leap forward in that it streamlines registration and issuance of cards for successful students. Also worthy of our thanks were club members who assisted in the course and the Club field activities on Saturday after the completion of the PGCA course. These include **John Post, Tim Bender, Joe J. Paradisi, Joe R. Paradisi, Joe Lander, and Dick Woekner**. Thanks, guys, we couldn't have done it without you. Also, we would like to mention our corporate sponsors who provided the fixin's for lunch on Saturday. Special thanks to **Meadowbrook Dairy** and **Giant Eagle**. Our next course is tentatively scheduled for **March 27, 28, 29 2008**.

PRACTICAL PISTOL

Matt Dylewski

TIME REALLY FLIES when you're shooting Practical Pistol! The season is winding down with only a few matches left this year. We've had a great turnout this year so far and it is only getting better!

If you are interested in seeing practical shooting firsthand, please stop by and see what we do. We have multiple divisions to suit every type of shooter including women and juniors ages 12 to 18.

Also, our friends in law enforcement get a discount on

match fee's when they shoot with us!

If you are interested in trying some action shooting with your handgun, we shoot on the **2nd and 4th Sundays of January, February and March**. We then shoot on the **1st Sunday, April thru November**.

Anyone can give Practical Pistol Shooting a try with no fancy equipment or expensive guns needed. I also offer a new "Introduction to Practical Shooting" class and can setup a class if there is enough demand If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call or send me an e-mail. Hope to see you on the range!

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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

ON SATURDAY, 17 MARCH, we held our 2nd Annual Gun Show. **This show was an outstanding success!** Over 400 patrons passed through our doors and the proceeds benefited our Smallbore and Highpower Junior Rifle Teams.

We plan on making this an annual March event, so, save the date (tentatively **Saturday, March 15, 2008**). If you would care to donate to our junior shooting programs — reloading equipment, powder, bullets, archery equipment, or anything to do with the shooting sports — these items 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

DAYTIME INDOOR RANGE

Don & Dick

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:

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

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

TOWN HALL MEETING

**** NOTICE ** NOTICE ** NOTICE ****

ON Saturday, 17 November, Rep. **Phil English** will host a Sportsman's Town Hall Meeting at Gem City Gun Club on Donlin Road in Harborcreek. The time will be from 10:00 AM to approx. 11:30 AM. Local representatives as well as a probable surprise guest will be in attendance. Come out to show support for your gun rights and have your concerns addressed in this question-and-answer forum.