

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.

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DUES INCREASE



IT WAS ANNOUNCED in the Spring issue of this newsletter that a dues increase should be expected for 2012. Many of our membership will understandably be asking, why? We all have felt the impact of increasing costs in our everyday lives. It is no different for an organization such as Gem City Gun Club. Our operational costs have continually increased, in some cases dramatically.

Many of our members may not fully understand what it takes to operate an organization of our size monetarily. Therefore, we would like to clarify those operational costs to you, our membership, so that you may better understand why we have (reluctantly) arrived at this decision.

Presently we have a membership of approximately 700 people. Primarily from your membership dues, we must derive the funds needed to pay our operational costs.

Major yearly costs include but are not limited to:

Club Insurance	\$6,034
Grounds Maintenance:	\$3,842
General Building Maintenance:	\$2,896
Township Tax:	\$2,533
Electricity:	\$2,124
Snow removal:	\$1,705
Trash Hauling:	\$1,029
Phone:	\$ 429
Misc operational costs:	\$8,654
Our total yearly operational expenses last year were	\$38,622.

If we divide the yearly expenses for our (yours and my) Club, \$38,622, by

Joe J. Paradisi and Dave Hanes

the number of members, 700, the average cost per member (every man, woman, and child) is \$55.18 to just break even on expenses. Since the average actual expenditure per person in dues is much less than \$55, we make up the difference with shooting matches, range rental fees, and the yearly gun show.

In addition to the normal expenditures already listed, we also reinvest in the club as necessary. For example, a few years ago we purchased an indoor ventilation system for ~\$60,000 and a tractor for ~\$15,000. Countless other range improvement projects are apparent around the Club from year to year, such as the berm improvements made last year. Clearly, we are not afraid to invest in our future.

Make no mistake: our club is monetarily healthy and we intend to keep it that way (we follow the much talked about but little practiced concept called *Fiscal Responsibility*). If we are to survive as a viable organization this dues increase is necessary.

By the way, while in discussion over this issue, no current Board member could recall when the last dues increase took effect, so it's been well over ten years. Still, there was much debate about the increase and we didn't approach the issue lightly. We checked several clubs in the area to compare dues, but none offer the same diversity of programs as ours, so it's hard to compare. Also, we've had several new members join since the State Game Lands range user fee requirement went into effect—apparently at \$35, ours was a much better value.

See you at the range, and wear those badges!

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



BULLSEYE PISTOL

Jeff Locke

BULLSEYE HAS STARTED. We shoot Wednesday nights at 7 PM. Thirty rounds rimfire, thirty rounds centerfire. We are always looking for new shooters. Call me if you would like to try this type of shooting. I have a couple spare 22 pistols if you need a pistol. Hope to see you at the range.

Jeff Locke 899-1695

TRAP SHOOTING

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRAP SEASON is history. We had great participation this year and lots of fun.

Next year's season begins in early May and runs through the end of October, 4:00 PM until dusk. The cost to shoot is still \$3.00 for members and \$3.50 for nonmembers per round of 25 birds.

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 20 gauge shotguns available for use by women or youngsters, if they would like to shoot a lighter gun.

Tim Bender 464-6465

PRACTICAL PISTOL

Matt Dylewski

TIME REALLY DOES FLY these days. It seems like just yesterday that I was typing a newsletter article talking about the nicer weather and shooting outside! Well, as 2011 winds down, we are still shooting and the turnout this year has once again been great. By the time you read this, the Gem City Practical Shooters will have put around 64,000 rounds down-range and we still have 2 matches left! November will be the last official USPSA match this year.

In December the Friday Night league and Practical Pistol will join forces for the Toys for Tots Classic. This match will be held on the first weekend in December on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The fee for the match is a toy valued at \$15 or higher. If you have ever wanted to try action pistol shooting, this would be a great opportunity to give it a shot and also help a good cause. Last year we collected over 110 toys and with your help I am sure we can blow that amount up this year. I will be scheduling start times so please send me an email and I will get back to you with a time. See you on the range!

Matt Dylewski 392-2376 practicalpistol@gemcitygunclub.org

LOG CABIN ARCHERS

Dave Hanes

IT IS WITH REGRET that we announce the **Gem City Gun Club Log Cabin Archers** program will be discontinued until further notice. This is a difficult event to run with set-up and tear-down requiring a great deal of effort—work that is typically done by a few volunteer organizers with little support from the shooters. Unless an actual Archers Club were to form with a dedicated band of participants, it is unlikely the Board will ever approve reinstatement of this program based on only a small number of volunteers. Thanks to Butch and Ben for giving it a try.

JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe Lander



SAVE THE DATE! Junior Rifle is set to begin on Monday, **January 2, 2012!** The doors will open at 5:30 pm, and we will begin at 6:00 pm. Junior Rifle is held every **Monday, January thru April.**

mandatory.

Want to help at our annual Gun Show in the spring? The proceeds go to the Junior Small-bore, High Power, and Hunter Safety programs. If you have anything to donate related to the shooting sports, please donate early. We need time to clean, price and repair. For questions and donations, please call me.

Thanks to all the shooters, kids, parents, sportsmen, and club officers that make this program happen. Have a blessed Thanksgiving, a safe hunting season, and a Merry Christmas!

The cost this year will be as follows:

- Start up fee \$5.00
- Junior Gun Club Membership \$5.00
- Weekly fee \$5.00

We will provide you with a target rifle, ear and eye protection, ammo and targets. A safety review is

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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 J. Paradisi



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GEM CITY X-MEN competing in the National Matches at Camp Perry this year. Special congratulations to **Josh Hovis** for finishing in the top 10% in the NTI match earning his last 10 point leg and is now a **Distinguished Rifleman**. Josh is the 2057th distinguished shooter since the prestigious Distinguished Badge program began in 1884, and he is the 5th in the Gem City Gun Club member to become Distinguished.



L-R: Josh, Mike, Ben, Cory, Craig, Brooke

Congratulations also to **Mike Geisecke** one of our juniors who returned to shoot at the Nationals along with first time **Ben Grolemond** and **Cory Weigand** who all attended the Marine clinic and shot the Presidents 100 and the NTI match. They also participated in the Hearst Doubles with their **Coach Joe Paradisi**.

Cory Weigand and **Ben Grolemond** placed 1st in the Junior Division while competing in the Hearst Doubles Match. This makes two years in a row that Gem City Juniors have won this prestigious event.

Recognition should also go to the adults competing at the Nationals: **Steve Slomski Carl Pelinsky, Don Baldwin** and **Ben Jendruczak**. A Special thanks to the Nosler Bullet Company for the years of support for our junior teams.

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Cory and her dad, Art: the family that shoots together...



J. J. and Mike Geisecke
Gem City's 7th Junior Smallbore
Distinguished Expert



J. J. and Josh Hovis
Gem City's 5th Distinguished Rifleman

2012 MEMBERSHIP

Joe R. Paradisi

- ⇒ To reduce the number of unauthorized range users— aka freeloaders and trespassers - we now ask that you display your membership card while on the range. Otherwise, you may get "carded". A fishing license holder will work nicely for this purpose. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.
- ⇒ Your 2012 membership application is included with this newsletter. Please fill out and return asap.
- ⇒ Also, to save postage, notice that the 2012 application asks if you would rather receive this newsletter via email.



HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

ANOTHER HUNTER SAFETY CLASS is behind us - we passed 36 students in our September class. Our next course will be held in March 2012, date TBD. 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 link to "Hunter Safety".

Dave Hanes 899-6994

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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 J.R. Paradisi at membership@gemcitygunclub.org

GUN SHOW

Ben Jendruczak

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2012, we will hold our **7th 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 Junior's programs, including smallbore, junior high-power, and hunter safety training. This is an annual Spring event, 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, 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 (also available at the door)

To reserve a table or for more information, contact: **Ben Jendruczak** at **725-5825 or 882-3475(cell)**

Table rental fees are as follows:

\$15.00 - for an 8' table provided by the Club

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

OPEN INDOOR RANGE

Tim Bender

THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE began on **Thursday, 4 November**. The range will be 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 NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

Joe Paradisi

FOR SOME GOOD ACTION IPSC-style Practical Pistol Shooting come out the **1st and 3rd Fridays—October thru April**. Two sessions are held: **Mornings** from **9AM to Noon** or **Evenings** from **6 PM to 9 PM**.

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