

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



Gem City Gun Club, Inc. 8865 Donlin Rd. Erie, PA
Published for the Club Members—who together comprise one of the largest and most diverse gun clubs in the tri-state area.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dave Edwards



Often at club meetings the biggest complaint we hear is the lack of help from club members. Hard-working club officers

and board members and a few members diligently strive to produce quality events and a first class club. Too often, this is a thankless job - human nature can be a hindrance instead of an asset.

Unfortunately, those who complain the most usually do the least. Wouldn't it be better if we expressed our appreciation first, and then offered constructive criticism only when we're ready to step in and help?

We have over 1000 members, and if every member would give two hours of time to the club in a year that would be 2000 hours of help at events or work details at the club. If you break that down it amounts to about 40 hours of help per week.

Our club is a good club and

does many things to help get younger people involved in the sport of shooting from hunting to shooting competition. We also do training for new adult shooters. The club offers ranges for many types of rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting. It takes time and manpower to maintain them.

The more hands we have to help makes less work for any one person. Also, at work details you get to meet other members. We have a great club I think that it is one of the best in the area. But it takes hard work and dedication from the membership to keep it that way. Think about it... and remember your trigger control!

Your 2014 membership application is included with this newsletter. Please fill out and return it as soon as possible. And to save postage, the application asks if you would rather receive this newsletter via email.

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Gem City Gun Club Junior Shooters at Camp Perry, 2013... see more photos inside



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 center-fire. 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

PRACTICAL PISTOL

Matt Dylewski

The air is now crisp and cool and the leaves are almost off the trees. That makes it tough for Practical Pistol shooters to find their brass! As we reach the end of 2013 I am looking ahead to 2014 and hope we have the same great season as this one. As of this writing The Practical Pistol matches have had over 800 total competitors for the year and that equates to over 60,000 rounds of ammunition sent downrange this year!

Once again the Friday Night league and Practical Pistol are joining for the Toys for Tots charity match on November 15, 16 and 17. The fee for the match is one new and unwrapped toy valued at \$15-\$20 per division entered. Contact Joe Paradisi or myself for squad times.

Gem City also hosted the 2013 Western PA Section Championship for the USPSA and had a record turnout with over 140 competitors. We will host this match again next year in June.

Guess what??? I need you to help with matches!!!!!! This is my 8th year as Match Director and while I have enjoyed having everyone participating as a competitor I have not enjoyed running matches by myself. I need people to help with setup, teardown, range officer duty (USPSA RO certification needed) and registration. Just a few people on the weekend goes a long way. NOW is a good time to spend some time helping to keep things going at Gem City Gun Club.

I think that is all I have for you. Don't forget that matches are held indoors on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in January, February and March. We switch to the 1st Sunday April thru November. See you on the range!

Matt Dylewski 392-2376

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HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

ANOTHER HUNTER SAFETY CLASS is behind us - we passed 47 students in our September class. Our next course will be held in March or April 2014, 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



JUNIOR RIFLE



Well, it's almost that time of year again! Junior Rifle starts on **Monday, January 6, 2014 at 5:00 pm.** Despite huge increases in ammo prices, our cost to the juniors has not changed because of your outstanding support of our gun show.

- A Junior or Family membership is required
- A \$5.00 start up fee helps to pay for the NRA awards
- \$5.00 each night covers the targets, 30 rounds of ammo, glasses, and ear protection
- Rifles are provided

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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

Congratulations to our Juniors who shot at the Nationals this year. Returning shooters were **Ben Grolemond, Brook Cass, Craig Meyers, and Wes Chapman**. First time shooters were **Jared Lindsley, Dave Nies, and Hewitt Meeder**. They all attended the Marine Clinic and shot the Presidents 100 and the NTI matches. They also participated in the 2- and 6-person team matches with our state organization, the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association (P.R.P.A). Their Coach for the 6-person team was **Joe Paradisi**.

The two-person National Trophy Rifle Match teams were as follows: **Brook Cass and Wes Chapman, Ben Grolemond and Dave Nies, Craig Meyers and Jack Graw**, along with **Jared Lindsley and Hewitt Meeder**.

Dave Nies finished first leather in the Marine Clinic missing the cut by 1 X in 35th place.

Congratulations to the adults competing at the Nationals: **Steve Slomski Carl Pelinsky, and Don Baldwin**. **Don** finished with a Gold Medal in the M1 Carbine and Springfield matches and a Silver in the M1 Garand Match.

A Special thanks to the Nosler Bullet Company for the years of support for our Junior teams.

Special thanks to **Jeff Cass, Darryl Meyers, Phil Lindsley, and Don Chapman** for their help pulling pits and scoring, and in their help keeping juniors in line this year.



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For membership information go to www.gemcitygunclub.org or contact J.R. Paradisi at membership@gemcitygunclub.org

GUN SHOW

Dave Hanes

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014, we will hold our **9th 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 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: **Dave Hanes** at **899-6994**

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 begins on **Thursday, 7 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 **10 AM to Noon** or **Evenings** from **6 PM to last shot~8 PM**. Joe Paradisi jjgun@jjgun.com 456-8918