

# THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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largest and most diverse gun clubs in the tri-state area.*



## COMMENTARY

*Dave Hanes*

**REMEMBER BACK WHEN** it was a struggle to know when Easter falls? But here at Gem City Gun Club we have solved that problem! By now most of you have taken advantage of the simple expedient of recalling that it always falls on the day after our Gun Show!

I was at a small gun show recently and it cost \$8 to enter, which was fine because it was a fundraiser for a local volunteer fire department. But I've been to some other shows that were not much bigger than ours and were not fundraisers (except, of course, for the promoter), and they too cost \$8; tables were in the \$40-\$50 range. As we enter into our 11th year of holding this hugely popular event, we have kept the entrance fee at \$3 and tables are still \$15, and it will stay that way as long as I have any say in it.

Coupled with our M1 Garand raffle, 50-50's, concessions, and donations, we make enough in one day to fund our Junior programs — no reason to be greedy. I have received many, many compliments from vendors and patrons alike, so thank you for your continued support!

### SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE

Parking is always an issue. 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.



Definition of *anachronism*:  
A Civil War soldier armed with an M1 Garand.

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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 2016 PRACTICAL PISTOL MATCH DIRECTOR and Rob Shaffer is Match Director in Training.** I want to give special thanks to **Denny Michali & John Malmgren** for all their help this year.

I hope that you are surviving this crazy winter and that we are hopefully almost rid of it. Although the weather is frigid, the **Gem City Practical Shooters** are heating it up on the range!

**April 3rd** will begin our Summer schedule on the first Sundays of the month. Weather permitting, the match set up will be outside. We will be needing help setting up and tearing down matches. Your help will be greatly appreciated. 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.

By the time you get this we will be almost starting the outdoor matches this year, so the shooting will be even more exciting now that we can go outdoors and spread out.

Online squading has been working well and will continue for the outdoor matches with the exceptions of squading times. We will have: Saturday 9AM, 4 squads and 12:30PM, 4 squads; Sunday 8:30AM, 4 squads and 12:00 Noon, 4 squads. There will be a shotgun start, as this format is working 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.

For more information feel free to contact me at:

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## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Dean Allred*



**THIS SEASON IS OFF TO A GREAT START.** We initiated a new safety course format and had thirteen new shooters attend this session. Some of the new juniors are shooting very well, especially for never having handled a firearm before.

Total shooters are down a bit this year and we're still looking for some of our last year's shooters to return—there's still time, and there's still time for any youngster out there who might want to give it a try. Just stop out any Monday night.

Our big Junior Rifle fundraiser is coming up: Our annual **Gun Show, on Saturday March 26th.** Your donations are always appreciated. See details on the last page. Also coming up is the **Friends of the NRA** fundraiser on **Tuesday, April 5th.**

As always, thanks to all the volunteer kids and adults who come out to assist every Monday night—we couldn't run this program without you!

Any questions please contact me at:

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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 weather were 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. For the promotion of the sport, some members of past and present rifle teams 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. Check the CMP rules for scope and weight limitations.

Our season will begin **April 10<sup>th</sup>** with our annual range maintenance. The work party will begin at 9 AM and will end when the work is completed. Our first match of the season will be on **April 24<sup>th</sup>** with sign-in beginning at 7:30 AM and the first relay starting at 8 AM. The second relay will begin about 10 AM 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

### Match Dates:

April 24 <sup>th</sup>	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup>
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	July 24 <sup>th</sup>
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	August 28 <sup>th</sup>
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	September 25 <sup>th</sup>
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	October 9 <sup>th</sup>

John C. Garand and Springfield matches are shot in conjunction with the National Match Course.

For more information please contact: Joe Paradisi (814) 872-6048  
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## TRAP SHOOTING

*Tim Bender*

**THIS YEAR'S SEASON BEGINS Monday, 2 May** and runs through **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.

## HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

*Dave Hanes*

**OUR SPRING HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held on April 22-23.** 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.

All registrations are now done online; to register, go to [www.pgc.state.pa.us/](http://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, but since live fire training is not included in the HTE curriculum, we offer that opportunity for young shooters after the course is complete.

Dave Hanes 899-6994



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## **GUN SHOW**

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**ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016 we are hosting our 11th 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**, 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**

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

## **OPEN INDOOR RANGE** *Tim Bender*

**THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE** is 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 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.

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