

# 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.*

## JUNIOR RIFLE DISTINGUISHED RIFLEMAN AWARD

**THIS AWARD IS EARNED** when a junior rifle shooter from our club has completed the NRA-Winchester course of fire. The courses of fire in the qualification program are designed to take shooters from beginning skill levels (Pro-Marksman and Marksman) through intermediate levels (Marksman 1st Class, Sharpshooter, and Expert) up to the nationally recognized skill level and pinnacle of the program, Distinguished Expert.

At this level a junior shooter has achieved a proficiency level paralleling that of a competitively classified adult Sharpshooter. Qualification shooting is conducted at our club's indoor range.

As the Junior Rifle and High-Power Coach and Mentor for these youths, it is a long hard road to its completion. Shooters start at age 10 or 11, and if persistent, can complete it by age 15 or 16. This is quite a feat, with many rounds shot down range at many targets, and many shots close but not able to be counted for score.

Smallbore rifle is a very intense discipline and the shooters that stick with it until the end take with them a skill set that remains with them thru life whether it is shooting or life in general. Accomplishments are earned and achieved thru hard work and not a given. Once again, congratulations to these Shooters!



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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."

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## **PRACTICAL PISTOL**

*Joe J. Paradisi*

**HELLO EVERYONE!** I'm **Joe Paradisi** the 2017 Practical Pistol Match Director and **Rob Shaffer** is the Match Director Assistant in Training. I want to give special thanks to **Denny Michali** for all there help this year.

We are looking for someone to take over as match director assistant in training so that Rob can take over and I can stepdown and do other duties within the practical pistol division.

I hope that you are surviving this winter and that we are hopefully almost rid of it. Although the weather hasn't been that bad, the Gem City Practical Shooters are heating it up on the range!

April 2<sup>nd</sup> will begin our summer schedule, when we shoot the first Sunday of each month. Weather permitting, all the stages will be set up outside.

We will be needing help setting up and tearing down matches so your help will be greatly appreciated. Set up is on Saturday starting at 7AM so that we can get the first squad started by 9AM. Anyone assisting with set up and tear down will receive match credits.

So far this year we have had a terrific turnout and I hope the spring and summer weather will bring many of you out to try your hand at Practical Shooting. By the time you get this we will be 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 be shooting Saturday 9:00, 4 squads and 12:30, 4 squads; Sunday 8:30, 4 squads and 12:00, 4 squads This will be a shotgun start as this format works 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.

We will also be hosting a 3-gun competition on the 5th Sundays of the month thru the summer, weather permitting.

For more information feel free to contact me at [gemcitygunclub.org](http://gemcitygunclub.org) or my cell:

814-873-6048

Joe Paradisi

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## **COMMENTARY**

*Chris Hanes*

**SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** and we'll be able to get back outside to shoot again. The indoor range at Gem City great, but it's always nice to get back outside.

As always, the winter months take their toll on the range and we need to get out and do a little maintenance to the club grounds. Watch your emails for work party announcements as we'd certainly welcome any and all help. As they say, many hands make light work, so come out and pitch in if you can.

Don't forget the upcoming Gun Show on April 15th. The show gets a little bigger and better every year, and all the proceeds go to support the junior shooting programs. Come on out and show your support, and who knows, you may find something you didn't even know you needed!

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.

**GUN SHOW PARKING on ONE SIDE of DONLIN ROAD ONLY**

**SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE**

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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. Also, for the promotion of the sport some of the past and present rifle team members 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 of fire. Check the CMP Rules for power of scope and weight of rifle.

Our season will start April 9<sup>th</sup> with our annual range maintenance. The work party will begin at 9AM and will end when the work is completed. Our first match of the season will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> - sign in will begin at 7:30AM with the first relay starting at 8AM. The second relay will begin about 10AM 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

### 2017 DATES

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

June 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

August 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

John C Garand and Springfield matches are shot in conjunction with the National Match Course. F Class Centerfire and Rimfire are shot from sand bags and are both 30-shot matches.

## TRAP SHOOTING

*Tim Bender*

**THIS YEAR'S SEASON BEGINS Monday, 1 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 Saturday, April 29.** 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.

Dave Hanes 899-6994



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For membership information go to [www.gemcitygunclub.org](http://www.gemcitygunclub.org) or contact J.R. Paradisi at [membership@gemcitygunclub.org](mailto:membership@gemcitygunclub.org)

## **GUN SHOW**

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**ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017 we are hosting our 12th 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.

For more info contact: Joe Paradisi [jjgun@jjgun.com](mailto:jjgun@jjgun.com) or 814-873-6048