

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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Published for the Club Members—who together comprise the
largest and most diverse gun club in the tri-state area.

COMMENTARY

Chris Hanes

WITH ANY LUCK by the time you read this we'll be at the tail end of winter and spring will be right around the corner. Even with record breaking snowfall this year there were still plenty of shooting opportunities at Gem City Gun Club. Hopefully everyone took advantage of all the indoor activities the Club has to offer during the winter months. Nothing beats cabin fever like getting out to the range for some friendly competition. With spring comes the Gem City Gun Show, so come on out and support the Club and it's Junior Rifle program. There are always some interesting items for sale plus the chance to win a vintage M1 Garand rifle. All the proceeds go towards funding the Junior Rifle program so we can keep the cost of participation minimal. This year's show will be on **March 31st**, so don't forget to mark your calendar. Take care and see you on the range.

PARKING IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE AT THE GUN SHOW. 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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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 2018 Practical Pistol Match Director and Rob Shaffer, Helper

I want to give special thanks to Denny Michali and Matt Dylewski for all their 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 step down 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!

On Saturday, **April 7th**, we will kick off our summer schedule. Matches are held on the weekends when the first Sunday of the month occurs. Weather permitting, all the stages will be set up outside. We will need 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 indoors and I hope the spring and summer weather will bring more of you out to try your hand at Practical Shooting, and 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 starting 4 squads on Saturday at 9AM and 12:30AM, and 4 squads on Sunday at 8:30AM and 12:00 noon. We use a shotgun start format.

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 the Practical Pistol link at gemcitygunclub.org or call my cell: 814-873-6048

Joe Paradisi, Match Director

JUNIOR RIFLE

Dean Allred

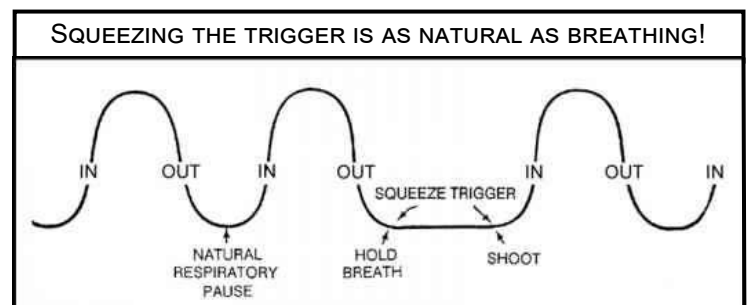
THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM is off to a great start. We have several returning shooters as well as 17 new shooters. We are currently running three relays. It has taken a few years to get back up to three relays and it's nice to see and train so many new shooters.

A few reminders: There is a signup sheet for working the gun show and we ask that all shooters attend and assist where they can, for as long as they can. This is also an open invitation for all adults as well. We have several areas that we can use help, from parking cars to unloading and loading up the vendors before and after the event, to selling 50/50 tickets during the event. Remember, this annual event is what helps pay for the Junior Rifle programs and keep the cost for each shooter to a minimum.

This year we have set the date for the year-end banquet as **June 6** at the clubhouse starting at 5PM. Please mark your calendars for this event as each of the shooters will receive awards based on their individual level of marksmanship accomplishment.

I want to thank all the Coaches that attend each week to assist with the shooters. This program would not be possible without your help.

In our online paperwork I had inadvertently listed the wrong email address. If you need or want to contact me, please either call 814-449-0323 or email (which is best): deana@fwmillworks.com.



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 15th** 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 22nd** - 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

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.

2018 DATES

April 22nd
May 13th & 27th
June 10th & 24th
July 8th & 22nd
August 12th & 26th
September 9th & 23rd
October 14th

For more information please contact: **Joe Paradisi... 873-6048** or **J.R Paradisi... 824-5137**

TRAP SHOOTING

Joe Lander & Ben Jendruczak

THE SPRING AND SUMMER OUTDOOR SHOOTING SEASON will be starting at the Trap Range on **May 7, 2018** from 4:00 PM and until dusk, and continues every Monday through October. We will be looking for all those NEW MEMBERS who said they'd like to shoot Trap! If you are interested in getting kids off the computer and enjoying the outdoors, come on out — we even have 20 ga. youth shotguns they can use. Also, we are looking for kids AND adults who want to have a friendly competition, in a laidback atmosphere, between schools, churches, shop teams, or against each other just for the fun of it! EVERYBODY SHOOTS - men, women, boys and girls (preferably 11 years or older). We would like to thank Dean Allred for running Trap last year. Rick Bush, Ben Jendruczak, and Joe Lander are our volunteers for this year. We are always looking for help! We look forward to seeing you; and who knows, by the season's end, you'll be smashing 25 birds!

Joe Lander... 725-3354 or **Ben Jendruczak... 969-1859**

HUNTER SAFETY

Dave Hanes

OUR SPRING HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held on **Saturday, March 24th**. 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/ and click the "Education" link.

Gem City Gun Club is engaged in several public service functions. Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) is just one of those.

Dave Hanes... 722-0314



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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

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ON SATURDAY, 31 MARCH 2018 we are hosting our 13th 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 **9:00AM to 4:00PM**

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**

NOTE: Tables are sold out for this event!

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

OPEN INDOOR RANGE

*Jim Wright
Doug Staaf*

THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE is open to all club members for handgun and .22 rifle shooting from 11AM to 2PM and from 5PM to 8PM... every Thursday - November thru April.

Jim... 790-3994 or Doug... 449-9672

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 or 873-6048