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GEM CITY GUN CLUB OFFICERS

COMMENTARY Chris Hanes

If you haven't been to the club for a while maybe it's time to make a trip out to see what's new. We continue to make improvements to the facilities every year to make Gem City Gun Club the best in the area. The parking lot was recently paved, drainage has been improved in several areas, the trap house has a new trap machine, the indoor range has had the floor resurfaced, and R7 has been covered in asphalt millings to eliminate the mud-just to name a few of the improvements over the past several years. There are also plenty of activities starting back up in the indoor range to keep you going through the fall and winter months. Bullseye, Junior Rifle, USPSA, Friday Night Under the Lights, Open Range Day, etc. are all great opportunities to put a few rounds down range when the weather isn't cooperating. Keep reading and check out the website for all the details.









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 assistant Match Director. I want to give special thanks to Denny Michali and Matt Dylewski for all of their help this year, and to all those who came out to help set up and tear down. I hope that you all have had plenty of enjoyment this past summer, and will continue to come to our matches this fall, shooting the Friday Night Under the Lights on the first and third Fridays of the month, October thru April. So far this year we have had terrific attendance. Online squading has been working well and will continue for the outdoor matches with the exceptions of squading times; this way you can squad yourself with your bff.

If you are interested in coming out to shoot all you need to do is call me and 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. Friday Night Under the Lights is a perfect time to come out and learn about Practical Pistol in a more laidback setting. We usually offer two challenging stages for you to enjoy.

We are also looking for someone to take over the division before it goes away.

For more information feel free to contact me at practicalpistol@gemcitygunclub.org or my cell.

(814) 873-6048 Joe Paradisi Match Director

TRAP SHOOTING Ben Jendruczak

It was a great year for the trap shooting program. As some of you may know, significant improvements were done to the trap range. The sink hole in the center was repaired and a new drain was installed to prevent flooding in the trap house. We are planning improvements to the small building in the parking lot where we store the clay birds and other equipment.

As we have this year, the trap program will once again be administered "by committee" consisting of Joe Lander, Rick Bush and myself. Anyone interested in getting involved in trap shooting need only contact one of us. Trap shooting will start up again the first Monday of May, 2019. Sign up begins at 4:00 PM every Monday and we will continue to shoot as long as there are shooters there. The season runs until the last Monday of October and the cost is \$4.00 per round for members, \$4.50 for non-members.

Ben Jendruczak (814) 969-1859

HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

OUR NEXT HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held in the spring of 2019 at a date to be determined.

Check the Game Commission website early next year.

All registrations are now done online; to register, go to <u>www.pgc.state.pa.us/</u> and click the "Education" link.

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

Dave Hanes 899-6994



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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

X-MEN

Joe Paradisi

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GEM CITY X-MEN COMPETING IN THE NATIONAL MATCHES AT CAMP PERRY

Congratulations to our Juniors who shot at the National Matches held at Camp Perry this year. Returning shooters were **Dave Nies**, **Gavin Matrogran**, **Amanda Wright**, **Chris Hess**, **Zack Sanders** and **Alex Brendlinger** who all attended the Marine clinic and shot in the Presidents 100 and the NTI matches. They also participated in the 2- and 6-person team matches, coached by **Joe Paradisi**, **Jim Wright** and **Bill Matrogran**.

Congratulations to the 2-person team of Amanda Wright and Chris Hess coached by Joe Paradisi and team captain Christie Wright. First time shooters at the Nationals were Matthew Johnson and Wyatt Wilcox who both attended Small Arms School and competed in the Excellence in Competition Match (EIC).

Congratulations to Gem City Members **Jim Wright**, **Steve Slomski**, and **Carl Pelinski** competing in the Carbine and the NTI along with the Presidents 100 and the Hearst Doubles.

A Special thanks to the **Nosler Bullet Company** and **Champions Choice** and **Rock River Arms** for the years of support for our junior teams.

Also a special thanks for helping pulling pits and scoring and help keeping juniors in line this year goes to Jim Wright, Jack Napier, Owen Napier, Scott Sanders, Mark Hess, Bill Matrogran, Alex Sanders, and Christi Wright.

In other news, at the State Service Rifle Championship Match Amanda Wright took High Junior Lady in the midrange Prone Match. Alex Brendlinger achieved High Marksman at the State Service Rifle Match. Also attending the State Match were Dave Nies, Gavin Matragran, Alex Brendlinger, Chris Hess, Wyatt Wilcox, and Matt Johnson as well as Senior's Jim Wright and Bill Matrogran.

On September 15th, at the Solon Sportsman Club 88-shot CMP Match, **Chris Hess** finished 5th, **Zack Sanders** 13th, **Alex Brendlinge** 15th and **Wyatt Wilcox** 17th. On September 16th at Solon, **Dave Nies** finished 3rd overall in the EIC Match securing a bronze medal, with **Amanda Wright** taking 4th and **Chris Hess** finishing 6th, with only 1 point separation between 3rd and 6th. **Alex Brendlinger, Zack**

Sanders and Wyatt Wilcox rounded out the Juniors while Jim Wright and Carl Pelinski also represented Gem City.

And congratulations to all the adults and juniors who participated in this year's high-power season; hope to see you all back in the spring.

For more information please contact: Joe Paradisi at (814) 873-6048 or J.R Paradisi (814) 824-5137



JUNIOR RIFLE Dean Allred

THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM will begin on Monday, January 7th with the Registration and Safety Briefing for returning shooters to be held between 3 and 6 PM. New shooters who did not take the NRA Firearms Instruction, Responsibility, and Safety Training (FIRST) Steps held in October will have an opportunity to take the course in two 2-hour sessions held on January 14th and 21st (attendance in both sessions is required).

For more information please contact: Dean Allred at dsallredpa@roadrunner.com

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We're on the web 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 GUN SHOW GUN SHOW Dave Hanes

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019 we are hosting our 14th 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**, prior 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 (after January 15th)
(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 Help Needed !!!

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.

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: \$4.00 range + \$4.00 per division (per gun) +\$2 Non-club mbrs
- Course of Fire is 2 IPSIC style challenging stages.

For more info contact: Joe Paradisi jigun@jjgun.com or 814-873-6048