

# 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*

**MOTHER NATURE WAS PRETTY** good to us this year with the mild winter. Hopefully we'll have a dry spring and can get back out on the outdoor ranges soon. I know I have a few rifles I'm itching to get back out. There are still plenty of activities in the meantime to keep your skills sharp. Just check out the activities schedule on the Gem City website for more information. And, as always, the fantastic Gem City Gun Show will be held again in April. See back page for more details.

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**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**



Our 2020 Junior Rifle Program is underway. Gem City Gun Club has sponsored this highly successful program for many years. See inside this newsletter for details.

The NRA Basic Pistol Class is a program we offer periodically as instructors and range availability allows.

Classes are limited to 10 people. Watch our website for class availability.



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!** We're **Brian** and **Jim Johnson** and we are the new **Match Directors** and **Joe Paradisi** is the 2020 **Practical Pistol Stat Man**. I want to give special thanks to **Denny Michali** and **Matt Dylewski** and **Rob Shaffer** for all there help this year.

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 5<sup>th</sup>** will begin our summer schedule of the first Sundays of the 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. Setup is on Saturday starting at 7AM so that we can get the first squad started by 9:30AM. Anyone assisting with setup 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 more of you out to try your hand at Practical Shooting. 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: 9:30, 4 squads and 12:30, 4 squads and on 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 us:

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## JUNIOR RIFLE

*Dave Hanes*

**OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL GEM CITY JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM** has been around for a long, long time—and with good reason. While other junior shooting programs have fallen into disfavor throughout our country, our club has defied the odds and managed a program that continues to flourish!

Nothing happens without a reason, and the main reason for our outstanding success begins with our adult leadership. And while a well-run program is key in any program, ours is unique it that it involves the use of firearms in the hands of youth—certainly not the most PC sport around. But our parents understand that a sport that teaches real-world responsibility is rare, as is a sport that requires the ultimate in attention to detail and focus.

Parents and juniors are invited to come up to the club on Monday nights to check us out, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, through April.

Also, our annual **Gun Show** on **April 11** is a fundraiser used to support our Junior Rifle programs. Proceeds keep shooter expenses to a minimum. Please consider donating and come out and support this worthwhile event. See back page for details.

**Program administrator:**

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**Congratulations to Zach Sanders for earning the NRA Distinguished Marksmanship Award! (Zach is the gentleman on the right!)**

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 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 19<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 26<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-in will begin at 7:30 AM and the first relay will start 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.

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

### 2020 DATES

April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
July 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
October 13<sup>th</sup>

## TRAP SHOOTING

**Ben Jendruczak & Joe Lander**

Get your shotguns cleaned up and ready to go as we will be starting up trap shooting the first Monday in May. As in the past couple years, the trap program will once again be administered "by committee" consisting of Joe Lander, Rick Bush and me.

Anyone interested in getting involved in trap shooting need only show up on a Monday afternoon. Sign up begins at 4:00 PM and we will continue to shoot as long as there are shooters there. The season runs from early May until the last Monday of October.

The cost remains unchanged at \$4.00 per round for members, \$4.50 for non-members. We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to bring out your young shooters to experience trap shooting and get them involved in our sport. Also, if there is an organization such as a school or church that would like to form a "pick-up" trap team, the club has shotguns available for use, both 12 and 20 gauge. Shooters would have to supply or purchase their own shells.

We're looking forward to another good season this year. See you there!

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

## HUNTER SAFETY *Dave Hanes and Ben Jendruczak*

**OUR SPRING HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.** 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, or check the Game Commission website for other classes in our area. 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 of them.

**Dave Hanes...**  
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[www.gemcitygunclub.org](http://www.gemcitygunclub.org)

For information on pending gun-related legislation and to sign up for automatic updates go to: [www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org)

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)

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*Dave Hanes*

**ON SATURDAY, 11 APRIL 2020 we are hosting our 15<sup>th</sup> 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, which include 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 from **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. **Doug 449-9672**  
Members: \$5; Non: \$7 **Jim 790-3994**

## **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 873-6048