

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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

COMMENTARY

Joe J. Paradisi

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMANDA WRIGHT, aka Mander the Commander,

I first met this young lady in January, 2014 when she came out to shoot Junior Rifle at the Club. I knew from the start that she was going to do well!

Thru the years, working with her I was amazed at how well she took instruction and paid attention to detail. As a result, she scored quite well. Moving up thru the ranks, at 14 she became the youngest NRA .22 cal. Distinguished Rifleman in our Club's storied history of producing top notch junior shooters.

In 2015, Amanda first became acquainted with the Nationals at Camp Perry as a spectator. Now, in 4 seasons at Camp Perry she has worked her way up to Master classification — this is an adult-level shooting classification (she is still technically a Junior until age 19). This year she enlisted into the National Guard and was accepted to shoot on the All Guard Marksmanship Team—quite an accomplishment for this remarkable young lady!

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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 2020 Practical Pistol Stat Man. Taking over the reigns as Match Director are **Jim and Brian Johnson**.

I want to give special thanks to **Denny Michali** and **Rob Shaffer** along with **Jim and Brian** for all their help this year, and to all those who came out to help set up and tear down.

I hope that you all enjoyed the matches this past summer and will continue to come to our matches this fall, shooting **Friday Night Under the Lights**. These indoor matches are held on the first and third Fridays of the month, October thru April. USPSA indoor matches will also be held on the same weekends (except during December). Online squading has been working well and is done through Practiscore. Sign up with your friends and create a squad. If you are interested in shooting but do not quite understand how it all works just give me a call. I will make sure you have all the necessary information you need before you begin as well as addressing equipment concerns. A safety briefing will be given and you will be coached during your first match so you will feel comfortable and can be as prepared as possible.

Friday Night Under the Lights is a perfect time to come out and experience the excitement, talent, sportsmanship, and camaraderie of Practical Pistol in a more laidback setting! We usually offer two challenging stages for you to enjoy.

Don't forget about our **Annual Toys For Tots Match on November 20th - 22nd**. For more information feel free to contact me at practicalpistol@gemcitygunclub.org or my cell.

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TRAP SHOOTING

Ben Jendruczak

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS the 2020 trap shooting season at Gem City Gun Club will have been concluded. We had very good attendance; many members who had not previously shot at the club showed up to give it a try. We would like to encourage all members, and their guests, to come by on Monday afternoons next spring. As it has been, the trap program is administered "by committee" consisting of Joe Lander, Rick Bush and me. Anyone interested in getting involved in trap shooting need only contact one of us. Shooting begins at 4:00 PM every Monday and we will continue to shoot as long as there are shooters or until it gets too dark.

The season runs from the first Monday in May until the last Monday of October and the cost is \$4.00 per round for members, \$4.50 for non-members.

We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to bring along your young shooters to experience trap shooting and get involved in the sport. Also, if there is an organization like 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 their own, or purchase shells at the trap range.

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HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR FALL Hunter-Trapper Education (HTE) class was cancelled due to Commonwealth COVID restrictions. At this writing, COVID restrictions for in-person HTE classes have been lifted by the Game Commission, so we will schedule a session for the spring of 2021 at a date to be determined. Alternatively, an online course is available for a fee (\$19.95).

Check the Game Commission website early next year for our posted class date. All registrations are now done online; to register, go to www.pgc.pa.gov and click the "Education" dropdown menu.

There is no fee for the in-person course; HTE is just one of the several public service functions in which Gem City Gun Club is involved, providing both the facility and volunteer instructors.

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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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GEM CITY X-MEN COMPETING IN THE REPLACEMENT NATIONAL MATCHES

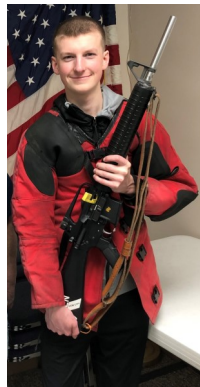
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNIORS who shot at the Camp Perry Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) and Across the Course (XTC) Replacement Matches held at the Reade Range in Central Pennsylvania this past summer. Returning shooters were **Gavin Matrogran, Amanda Wright, Chris Hess, Zack Sanders and Alex Brendlinger**. Also, **Wyatt Wilcox, Hunter Cunningham, Josie Hicks, and Zach Fritz** participated in the 2- and 4-person team matches.

In the EIC Match **Amanda** gained more leg points toward the coveted Distinguished Rifleman Badge. Also a special congratulations to **Amanda** for being accepted to shoot on the All Guard Marksmanship Team. Not bad for an 18 year-old!!! Also, congratulations to **Jim Wright, Bill Matrogran, Steve Slomski, and Tom Gonda** who also participated. A special thanks goes out to the support people helping to keep the Juniors in line this year: **Jim Wright, Mark Hess, Bill Matrogran, and Christi Wright**. This program would not be able to continue without their support.

At the State Service Rifle Championship Match, **Wyatt Wilcox** became the 2020 Service Rifle State Champ and **Amanda Wright** took High Lady. Other Juniors attending the State Match were **Gavin Matrogran, Alex Brendlinger, Zach Sanders and Zach Fritz** and Seniors **Jim Wright, Bill Matrogran and Tom Gonda**.

On September 12th and 13th, 2020, the Solon Sportsman Club hosted a dual EIC and CMP match. **Wyatt Wilcox** was High Junior both days. He picked up a gold— winning the EIC Match. Not bad for a 15 year-old!!!



JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe J. Paradisi

ABOUT THE NRA DISTINGUISHED RIFLEMAN AWARD: This award is earned when a Junior Rifle shooter 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. By the time a shooter completes the Distinguished Expert rating in rifle, he or she has attained a proficiency level paralleling that of a competitively classified adult-level Sharpshooter.

Qualification shooting is conducted at our club range in our Junior Rifle Program. Again, we are proud to be graduating another youth from our program this year: **Zach Sanders**. Unfortunately, the award was not yet presented to Zach due to the coronavirus.

As the Junior Rifle and High-Power Coach and mentor for these youths, it is a long, hard road to its competition. Many start at age 10 or 11 and, if they apply themselves well, attain Distinguished Expert rating around age 15 to 17. Many rounds are shot down range; many targets are scored; many are close but not able to be counted for score... but some do score and, over time, it all adds up.

Precision rifle shooting is a very intense discipline that many try and many fail at. The shooters that stick with it till the end take with them a skill set that will accompany them thru life, and whether it's shooting, or life in general, accomplishments are earned and achieved thru hard work... and are not a given.

The first Junior Rifle match of 2021 will be held on Monday, 4 January at the clubhouse.

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For membership information go to www.gemcitygunclub.org or contact J.R. Paradisi at membership@gemcitygunclub.org

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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 we are hosting our 16th Annual Gun Show. Due to COVID, the 2020 show was cancelled. We're not out of the woods yet with the coronavirus but hopefully by April 2021 things will ease up. Watch for the spring newsletter. I also suggest to everyone that they get on Joe R. Paradisi's email list so we can keep you updated on this and other important information. 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

THE OPEN INDOOR RANGE is open to all club members and their guests (not open to the public) for handgun and .22 rifle shooting from **11 AM to 2 PM** and from **5 PM to 8 PM... every Thursday - November thru April.** And by the way, we could always use a hand!

FRIDAY NIGHT 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 (around 8PM)
- Cost: \$4.00 range + \$4.00 per division (per gun) +\$2 Non-club members
- Course of Fire is two IPSIC-style challenging stages.
- This is a perfect for someone who would like to prepare for IPSIC shooting.
- **STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS**

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