

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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COMMENTARY

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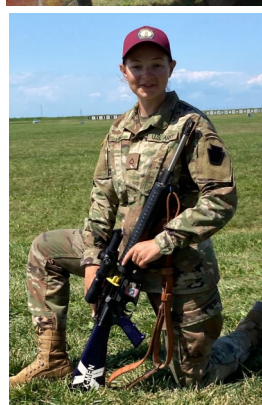
The weather is starting to turn, but that doesn't mean the shooting activities at Gem City are going to take a break. There are plenty of activities planned for the indoor range over the winter months. Although ammunition availability continues to be an issue compared to years past, it seems to be getting a little better. Hopefully the trend continues and things will return to normal sooner rather than later. Hope to see you on the range for some practice or a little friendly competition.

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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

GREETINGS FROM BRIAN AND JIM JOHNSON, your **USPSA Practical Pistol** co-match directors. As you are reading this we will be wrapping up our 2021 season. Despite the lumpy start with Covid-19 issues and ammo shortages, we had very good attendance. Our stages were challenging, competitive and great fun. We thank all of the members and non-members who supported us this year!

We always welcome new shooters! Every competitor in this sport is more than willing to assist a "rookie." Come join us, bring a friend and experience the excitement! We held an "Introduction to Practical Pistol" class in October and hosted 19 eager new shooters. We hope to see them all again soon.

Our 2022 season starts in January with two indoor shoots a month until April, then we move outdoors with one, five-stage match a month. During the winter months the matches are held on Saturday and Sunday (you only need to attend one day) on the same weekends as **Friday Night Under the Lights**. Summer matches are held on Saturday and Sunday of the 1st Sunday weekend of each month. There are morning and afternoon squads each day. Online squadding is encouraged and done through *Practiscore*.

Friday Night Under the Lights is held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, October through April, and is run by Joe J Paradisi. "Fridays" is a more laidback setting and a great way to get started in Practical Pistol shooting. Please come and experience the excitement and camaraderie of this sport!

November 19-21, 2021 is our annual *Toys for Tots* weekend. Please come and shoot for free with the donation of a toy.

Most importantly, we can't forget to applaud our dedicated helpers! **Joe J Paradisi, Denny Michali, Bill Wherle, David Bardo, Lane Nelson and Magnus Krohn**. We couldn't have done it without you!

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TRAP SHOOTING

Ben Jendruczak

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, THE 2021 TRAP SHOOTING SEASON at Gem City Gun Club will have been concluded. We had good attendance in spite of the lack of availability of shot shells and the increased cost of them. We would like to encourage all members to come by on Monday afternoon to bust a few birds. 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 there or it gets too dark. Please note that on Mondays when we are trap shooting, the rifle range (R2) closes at 3:00 PM. The season runs from the first Monday in May to the last Monday of October. We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to bring 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 at no charge. Shooters would have to supply or purchase their own shells. There are shot shells available for purchase at the trap range.

Ben Jendruczak

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HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

OUR NEXT HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held in the spring of 2022 at a date to be determined.

Check the Game Commission website early next year. All registrations are now done online; to register, go to www.pgc.state.pa.us/ and click the "Education" link.

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 the 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



GEM CITY X-MEN SHOOTERS AGAIN RISE TO THE OCCASION 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 **Zack Sanders, Alex Brendlinger, and Wyatt Wilcox. Hunter Cunningham, Josie Hicks, Zach Fritz** all participated in the Marine Clinic, the President's 100, and the NTI matches, along with the 2- and 6-person team matches.

New juniors attending the Small Arms firing and participating in the SAFS EIC matches where **Cameron Larson, Tanner Cunningham, James Farrar, Brian Petsch and Sabrina Smith** who also competed in the 2- and 6-person team matches.

Congratulations to **Cameron Larson** for finishing in the top 10% in the SAFS EIC match, earning his first 4 leg points towards the Distinguished Marksman badge. Great job Cameron!

In the EIC match, **Amanda Wright and Wyatt Wilcox** each earned 10 more leg points, and this gave **Amanda** enough points to achieve Distinguished Rifleman status.

Also, a special congratulations to **Amanda** for finishing 37th in the President's 100 match!

Congratulations to **Jim Wright, Bill Matrogran, Steve Slomski, Tom Gonda and Ben Jendruczak** who also participated in the National Matches.

A special thanks goes out to the support people helping to keeping juniors in line this year: **Jim Wright, Mark Hess, Bill Matrogran, Christi Wright, Amy and Matt Wilcox, Jake and Julie Hicks.** This program would not be able to continue without their support.

At the Pennsylvania State Service Rifle Championship Match, **Wyatt Wilcox** became the 2021 Junior Service Rifle State Champion, with **Amanda Wright** taking High Lady.

Those attending the State Match were **Alex Brendlinger, Amanda Wright, Wyatt Wilcox, Zach Fritz, Cameron Larson, James Farrar, Bryan Petsch, Josie Hicks,** and senior's **Jim Wright and Bill Matrogran.**

On September 11th and 12th, 2021, the Solon Sportsman Club hosted a duel EIC/C.M.P. match. **Wyatt Wilcox** was high junior both days and earned 6 more points towards Distinguished Rifleman.



JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe J. Paradisi

THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM will begin on **Monday, January 3rd** with the registration beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing until 7 p.m. After shooters fill out the registration forms, and pay the registration fees and dues, they will be assigned rifles for the 2022 season. Also, each week shooters will sign up for their relay for the following week.

New shooters who did not take the NRA Firearms Instruction, Responsibility, and Safety Training (FIRST Steps Rifle) that was held in October will have an opportunity to take the course in two-hour sessions beginning on January 10th and continuing for two or three weeks, depending on the class size. Attendance in all sessions are required to be able to participate in the Junior Rifle Program.

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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 we are hosting our 17th Annual Gun Show. Due to COVID, the 2020 and 2021 spring shows were cancelled, but we did have a successful fall 2021 show. We do not expect to have another fall show if a spring show is held. We're not out of the woods yet with the coronavirus but hopefully by April 2022 things will ease up. Watch for the spring newsletter. **I suggest to everyone that they get on Joe R. Paradisi's email list so we can keep you updated on Gun Show status 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. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to support this worthy effort.

Admission is still just \$3.00.

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**



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THIS DIVISION!
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