

THE GEM CITY GUN CLUB BULLET TEN



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

COMMENTARY

Chris Hanes

This past summer saw somewhat of a return to normal, so hopefully the pandemic is behind us. Match attendance was up compared to the past couple years, and ammo seems to be getting a little bit more reasonable. Now, if we could just find some primers! It's about time to head back inside again for the winter shooting season. By the time you read this the indoor activities will be in full swing at the Club, so come on out and enjoy the range.

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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

Jim Johnson

GREETINGS FROM BRIAN AND JIM JOHNSON, your co-match directors of the USPSA Practical Pistol division at Gem City Gun Club.

Our 2022 season just wrapped up after our November match. We wish to thank all of the participants this year (for a second time!). A new tradition was started this season, "Shooters Appreciation Match" held during our August match. We devised five fun stages for all plus a sixth head-to-head challenge stage for those that chose to call out a competitor. The match fee was reduced and a free lunch was served to all. Many shooters also took home some nifty prizes from our free Chinese auction. The event was so much fun that we are sure to host it again next season.

New shooters are always welcome! Come join the fun and experience the excitement that our monthly matches bring. Your match directors or any competitor are always willing to help you get started. You probably already have most of the equipment that you need.

Our 2023 season will start indoors in January. Indoor matches run from January through March, the first and third weekends. Morning and afternoon squads are available with registration done on "Practiscore.com".

Our dedicated volunteer crew sets up the stages for our outdoor matches on Friday afternoons. Thanks to **Denny Michali, Bill Wherle, Lane Nelson, Greg Fera, Magnus Krohn** and our stat man **Joe J Paradisi**. We couldn't do it without you! We always welcome and need more volunteers to help set up and tear down. Anyone helping with that will be able to shoot the match for free. This sport only survives when everyone does their share.

Don't forget about "Friday Night under the Lights". This is also an indoor Practical Pistol event that has similar stages as the USPSA matches but in a much more relaxed atmosphere. It is a great way to get into this sport. Contact Joe J Paradisi for more information. **November 18, 19 & 20, 2022 is our annual "Toys for Tots" match. Bring a toy or cash donation in lieu of an entrance fee.**

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TRAP SHOOTING

Ben Jendruczak

We had another successful trap shooting season at Gem City Gun Club in 2022. We had good attendance with the return of shot shell availability. 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 operated "by committee" consisting of **Joe Lander, Rick Bush** and myself. 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 to purchase for use at the trap range.

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HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

Dave Hanes

OUR NEXT HUNTER SAFETY CLASS will be held in the spring of 2023 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 J. 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 Fritz, Alex Brendlinger** and **Wyatt Wilcox. Tanner Cunningham, Josie Hicks, James Farrar, and Sabrina Smith** all participated in the Marine Clinic along with **Ashley Castle** and **Tad Horomanski**. All shot in the President's 100 and the NTI matches along with the two- and six-person team matches. New juniors attending the Small Arms Firing School and participating in the SAFS EIC matches were **Melanie Campbell** and **Katherine Raines**, who also competed in the two- and six-person team matches.

In the President's 100 Match, **Tad Horomanski** finished 29th, **Amanda Wright** 57th, and **Scott Smith** 77th. All three are Distinguished Riflemen.

After coaching and pulling pits for the Juniors, **Jim Wright, Bill Matrogran, Jake Hicks, and Steve Slomski** all shot in the Hearst Doubles Team. **Jim Wright, Bill Matrogran, Scott Smith, Steve Slomski, Ben Jendruczak, Jeff Hixenbaugh** and **Doug Staaf** participated in the M1 Garand Match. **Scott Smith, Doug Staaf, Jeff Hixenbaugh, and Ben Jendruczak** all shot in the Springfield Match while **Ben** and **Jeff** also shot in the M1 Carbine Match.

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

At the State Service Rifle Championship Match, **Wyatt Wilcox** became the 2022 Junior Service Rifle State Champ... but not without a fight! **Alex Brendlinger** was leading **Wyatt** by a point till 600-yard line where **Wyatt** tied **Alex**, but bested him on X's. Great job to both boys! **Amanda Wright** won Midrange High Service Rifle and **Josie Hicks** took High Junior Lady for the Mid-Range and X-Course State Championship Match. Also attending the State Match were Juniors **Zack Fritz, James Farrar, Katherine Raines, Tanner Cunningham, Sabrina Smith** and Seniors **Jim Wright, Bill Matrogran, Scott Smith, and Mike Orlandi** shooting his first 1000-yard match.

On September 10th and 11th 2021, the Solon Sportsman Club hosted a duel EIC-CMP match. **Tom Gonda** picked up some points on Saturday and was first on Sunday's match. **Wyatt Wilcox** was High Junior both days and, on the 11th, picked up six more points — legging him out with a Distinguished Rifle badge. **Alex Brendlinger** started his journey towards Distinguished Rifleman, gaining his first points.

Congratulations to all the adults and juniors who participated in this high-power season. Hope to see you all back in the spring.

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JUNIOR RIFLE

Joe J. Paradisi

THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM will begin on **Monday, January 2nd** with the registration beginning at 5 pm, running until 7pm. Returning shooters will need to fill out the registration forms and pay the registration fee and club dues. Shooters will be assigned rifles for the 2023 season and they can select relays for the following week.

New shooters who did not take the NRA Firearms Instruction, Responsibility, and Safety Training (FIRST Steps) that was held in October will have an opportunity to take the course in two-hour sessions beginning on January 9th and continuing for two or three weeks, depending on the class size. Attendance in all training sessions is required in order to shoot in the upcoming season.

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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 we are hosting our 18th Annual Gun Show. Due to COVID, the 2020 and 2021 spring shows were cancelled, but we did have a successful fall 2021 and spring 2022 show. This is an annual event we hold the day before Easter, so mark the date on your calendar. Show hours are **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** 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.

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: **Ben Jendruczak 814-969-1859**
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 opportunity to prepare for IPSIC shooting.

We're still Looking for someone to take over the division!

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