



# *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association* **NEWSLETTER**

## *PGCA and the Pandemic*

Like a tidal wave off shore, we all could see it coming, but didn't realize it would be this bad. As school districts, corporations and small businesses struggle to deal with this new reality, so is PGCA.

Unlike a lot of other non-profits, PGCA can weather this storm. Fortunately, we did not enter into a lease arrangement for a new show site before the virus struck. I shudder to think how much money the association would have been hemorrhaging over the last several months. Instead, our funds are securely earning interest until the time comes that we can get back to normal.

As far as future shows are concerned, we believe that given the restrictions being mandated and current recommendations, no shows could be successful at this time. Occupancy limits and social distancing requirements would be major obstacles to any event. Even with every precaution in place, the safety of our membership as well as the public would still be in question. This is especially true for the older individuals and their families that make up a large portion of our attendees.

Ultimately, it will be the COVID virus that will decide for PGCA when we can resume our shows. With "herd immunity" or a successful vaccine as well as the grace of God, the numbers will eventually go down and life will return to some semblance of the old normal. At that time, we hope to resume our regular schedule of events. Given the information available to us at this time, it appears that this will not be until the first part of 2021, at the earliest.

## *Current PGCA Dues*

The Board of Directors has determined that since the pandemic has prevented us from scheduling any events this year, members whose dues are already paid up through 2020 will have their membership extended through 2021. Any member whose dues were due in 2020 (According to the By-Laws: "...by the second show of the calendar year."), will have the option to pay them by the second show of 2021 to remain in good standing.

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