



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

May 2016 Newsletter

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CMP and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match June 19th, 2016

Next month's match will be **June 19th 2016**. This will be Father's Day and what better way to celebrate with a morning match and home in time for lunch. Sign-ins start at 0730 and first shot goes downrange about 0815. The match is completed by about 1015. For each match, we award the match winner \$10 and an NRA Class (chosen by random) \$7.

Cost is only \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when shooting with an adult.**

Lucky X – 3 Way Tie.... M. Bower

The good news is that we had a winner at this month's match. The bad news is that three shooters ended up splitting the pot. Each shooter won \$23 as they all had 8 X's. We'll start with \$1 at next month's match. Check out the match report to see who won and will be receiving a 1099 in the mail.

Club Meeting Notes – 5/15/2016.... M. Bower

Membership Cards – Membership cards are available for pick up at the match. If you want to have your card mailed to you, send an email to secretary@goldenbears.org, and we'll get it mailed out to you.

New Life Member – There was a motion to confer Tom Temple with a Life Membership. The motion was quickly seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Tom becomes the club's second Life Member along with Judy Harker. Judy and Alan Harker were instrumental in the founding and development of Southern California Highpower. Tom was part of that founding group and has been a continuing force in promoting and developing the sport locally. Tom has provided unmeasurable hours in making improvements to the range and keeping everything running smoothly. He also serves as the club's Chief Range Safety Officer. For those that don't know, Tom also works for the CMP as their Chief Range Officer at the traveling Games matches. Tom is a CMP Master Instructor and provides instruction at clinics throughout the local area.

Nosler Bullet Buy - If you're an active member, let me know what you want. We can get them in all of the popular sizes. Buy more and shoot more. An email reminder will also be sent. The order will be placed in June.

Treasurer's Report – The club is in excellent financial shape. We've already paid this year's insurance and are in good financial condition with over \$2,000 in the bank. If you have some ideas for club purchases that can better the club, let one of the officers have your ideas.

After Action Report – Golden Bears Match 5/15/2016– M. Bower

Once again Nelson Green led all shooters with a 775-18X to take home the prize for match winner. Darren Rosenbaum and Mark Bower tied for High Expert with a 758-11X. Special thanks to Johnny Fisher who ran the match and kept us on schedule. He only had two cars nearly run him over as they made their way to the top. You have to wonder why a person passes a long line of cars and then tries to speed past the person standing next to a stop sign at the front of the line. Then again, there isn't any explaining something like that.

May 15, 2016 – XTC on reduced size targets							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
50 or 80 Shot Course							
Nelson Green	MA	SR	191.04	195.04	197.06	192.04	775.18
Darren Rosenbaum	EX	SR	184.02	187.04	194.00	193.05	758.11
Mark Bower	EX	SR	176.00	193.02	195.03	194.06	758.11
Hector Miro	EX	SR	176.01	193.04	191.04	188.04	748.13
Joe Riordan	EX	SR	179.00	188.02	174.02	175.01	716.05
Jason Zhu	EX	SR	183.03	190.03	150.01	187.05	710.12
Kwang Kim	EX	SR	169.00	176.01	179.02	185.05	709.08
Robert Coffey	HM	MR	95.01	99.04	96.03	200.12	490.20
Kevin Jew	EX	SR	88	96.01	98.04	189.03	471.08
Robert Walker	UNC	SR	88.00	105.03	110.03	176.02	479.08
Jack Wickersham	UNC	VSR	87.01	87.00	95.01	187.05	456.07
Brian M.	MA	SR					NSR
Evan G.	UNC	SR					NSR



Labradar Chronograph...M. Bower

Fast as a speeding bullet. More powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Look! Up in the sky! It's a 5.56 bullet traveling to the target and its velocity is being measured as it speeds to the target. It's the LabRadar Chronograph, and it's on the firing line next to the shooter. Special thanks to Dennis Santiago for bringing out his recently received LabRadar.

As the name implies it uses a Doppler radar to track the bullet to the target and then provides the velocity. It's capable of providing the velocity along multiple points to the target, and it can do this for about 75 yards on a .22 caliber bullet. Larger caliber bullets can be tracked for longer distances. Shooters at this month's match were able to step to the line, shoot at the specified target, and get instant velocity readings. No need to set up anything in front of the firing range. No need to worry about the muzzle blast blowing over the chronograph. No bullet passing through the skyscreens or chronograph. This might be worthy of reconsideration for a club purchase based on some of the feedback from shooters. Check it out at www.labradar.com



Iron Sights Rule the Day – m. bower

The Afghanistan Security Forces are showing that iron sights can still get it done. Highpower shooters that have moved on to optics have been packaging and then sending their uppers to Afghanistan. Here we see a shooter trying to figure out if 77 grain bullets can make it all the way to 600 yards. This is a hotly debated topic here in the states as well as abroad. On a serious note, this picture comes from the Los Angeles Times and shows that some combat AR's still have iron sights. I'll continue to use my optics as it has improved my scores,

but I've yet to attend a match where I didn't finish behind several shooters using irons. If you can shoot the post, no need to change. If you can't see the post well enough, then you might want to give optics a try. Still much being learned, and you can join in the grand experiment. If you want to try out an optics equipped upper, let me know. I'll loan you one at the next match.

Upcoming Matches and Shoots

We've included additional matches within the local area. Shoot early and often.

2016 Matches

June 11 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 – www.brrc.org

June 11 & 12 - Santa Margarita Gun Club – Long Range 3x1000 – www.smgunclub.org

June 18 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.brrc.org

June 18 – Santa Margarita Gun Club – XTC 800 – www.smgunclub.org

June 19 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

June 26 – Special Practice Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Ranges Complex

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July 17 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

July 24 – Special Practice Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Ranges Complex

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August 21 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

August 28 – Special Practice Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Ranges Complex

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September 18 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

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October 16 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

October 23 – Special Practice Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Ranges Complex

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November 20 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

November 27 – Special Practice Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Ranges Complex

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Club Officers - 2016

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