



# Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

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## Next Match November 20<sup>th</sup> – The Great Turkey Shoot

Next month's match will be on Sunday **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. While we won't be shooting real turkeys, we will be sending some rounds downrange at Turkey targets. 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 winner (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 – Another Rollover .... M. Bower

With a light turnout, the odds were slim for pulling a winner and Lady Luck didn't smile this month, so we'll have over a \$100 at the November match. Now that the maximum number of X's is only 25, the likelihood of getting a winner is greater. For Lucky X, a number is drawn at random at the end of the match. If your X count matches the number drawn, you win the pot. If there isn't a match, then the pot rolls over to the next match.

## CMP Service Rifle and Garand Clinic –

October 30, 2016 - M. Bower



**Instructors and assistants needed!** We will be having a CMP clinic on October 30, 2016. Nelson Green will be instructor for the clinic, and students will shoot the A Course (10 shots slow prone, 10 shots rapid prone, and 10 shots offhand, plus five sighters) after the classroom portion of the clinic. Additional help will be needed to setup, breakdown, and to help students with individual instruction. Contact Mark Bower ([secretary@goldenbears.org](mailto:secretary@goldenbears.org)) if you'll be able to attend and assist.

## After Action Report – Golden Bears Match 10/16/2016– M. Bower

Special thanks to Joe Riordan for running the match. With the Western Games being the week before and the Creedmoor Cup running through the last day of the match, it was a light turnout.

## Creedmoor Cup Report – M. Bower

I pointed my red truck eastward, and after several hours of stop and go traffic broke free from the gravity of the LA basin and making good time on Interstate 10. After a quick stop for fuel, 87 Octane for the truck and Carl's Junior for the driver, I was back on the road as the sun started to sink down in the rear-view mirror. I checked in with Ken Letwin and heard that the California Condor Crew had done well in the

team match taking third and fourth places. The CMP Team which included Southern Cal's own Johnny Fisher and Central Cal's Bob Gil took first place with a 1555-46X. A great start to the Creedmoor Cup event.

Every year, the CMP hosts the Western Games at the Ben Avery Range in Phoenix, Arizona. The Games are then followed by a highpower clinic hosted by Team Remington, a 4 man team match, the Creedmoor Cup, and then a CMP Excellence In Competition (EIC) match on Sunday. This year, the Cup took place on October 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Each day consists of an 80 round match with the Cup being the aggregate of the three matches. Most shooters shoot all three days, but a good number come out for one or two days as a tune-up to the Sunday EIC Match.

Squadding starts promptly at 7:30 am, and the first round is headed downrange by about 8:00 am. If this sounds like a Bears match, it's partly the case as Southern Cal's Tom Temple is the Chief Range Safety Officer running the firing line. Tom and the CMP crew kept the event running smoothly with the matches finishing by no later than 3:00 each day. Pit changes were fast as a people mover was used to shuttle the shooters between the pits and the firing line.

I squadded with Nelson Green and Steve Caplan, and we rotated relay numbers each day. This ensured that we each got to shoot on every relay number. Each relay has its advantages and disadvantages, and you get the full experience by doing relay rotations. I was treated to great pit service and tried to deliver the same in return.

Nelson Green shot well and ended up taking second place in Master Class. Great shooting with some excellent strings. I shot inconsistently with the high point being a 100-5X in Rapid Sitting. I then looked over at Sara Rozanski's rapid sitting target....100-8X. You could have covered the 8 X's with a quarter and the other two were just outside the line. **Sara was the overall winner of the Cup, and she shot it all with a Service Rifle and iron sights.** If you can see the front post, no need to use a scope! Steve shot well with one exception. An extra shot fired in a rapid string cost him a 100 points. Unfortunately, if you shoot more than 10 shots in a rapid string, you get a zero and not the low 10 shots. Ouch!

I camped out at the range and the weather was perfect for my tent. I only saw a single scorpion and a coyote in camp. There were a good number of other shooters camped at the range with some having RV's with full amenities. With an abundance of local hotels, most shooters took advantage of those offerings. I pulled out early Sunday and was headed down the road well before sun up. It was a great trip with plenty of familiar faces and perfect weather. Next year's Western Games and Creedmoor Cup will be a week later. Plan on attending one or both events as you will have a great time.

## CMP Advanced Maintenance Class – M. Bower

The Civilian Marksmanship Program describes their "Advanced Maintenance Class" as "for individuals interested in knowing how the M1 Garand rifle functions in detail, as well as those desiring to know how to properly perform advanced maintenance procedures to their personal rifle(s)."

There was a full review of the course at the calguns.net website. It's insightful and gives some great information about the M1 Garand. After reading it, you may even want to make the trip to Anniston Alabama to build one of your own. Check it out

<http://www.calguns.net/calgunforum/showthread.php?t=944059>



## Upcoming Matches and Shoots

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

**October 30 - CMP Clinic at Fort Angeles. More information to follow.**

November 6 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - Midrange 3x600 - [www.ovgc.org](http://www.ovgc.org)

**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

Contact Tom Temple ([tmtemple@pacbell.net](mailto:tmtemple@pacbell.net))

December 4 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - XTC 800 - [www.ovgc.org](http://www.ovgc.org)

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

December 25 - Special Practice Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Ranges Complex

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