



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

January 2017 Newsletter

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CMP and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match February 19th, 2017

Next month's match will be on Sunday **February 19th, 2017**. Sign-ins start at 0730 and first shot goes downrange at 0815. The match is completed by about 1015. For each match, we will be awarding a box of Nosler bullets for the match winner and an NRA Class winner (chosen by random). The match winner gets to choose between a box of 77's and 69's, and the Class winner gets the other box.

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

Lucky X – Not so Lucky M. Bower

Missed by a few. With a nearly full line, the odds were good to have a winner, but it didn't happen. The number 15 was drawn, but nobody had it. The pot is now over \$150, so make sure to play at the February match. 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.

Meeting Notes – 1/15/2017

Membership Dues - Annual membership dues are now payable. You can pay at the January match or mail your check (Payable to Golden Bear) to the address below.

Send a check for \$35 (or more if you're feeling generous) to:

Blake Aaron – SCGB
1000 Business Center Circle #200
Newbury Park, CA 93120

Membership Cards – For those that have already paid, membership cards will be available for pick up at the match. If you want your card mailed out, let the secretary know (secretary@goldenbears.org)

Range Upgrade by Tom Temple – Tom Temple, Life Member and Range Safety Officer (RSO), designed, built and installed a new sign-in and target table. It has plenty of room and is rock solid. The RSO tower was a casualty in the last windstorm. With gusts over 60 miles per hour, the tower was blown over and damaged. Tom has salvaged the lumber and will be working to put together a replacement.

Coalinga Clinic and Practice – If you're interested in attending the National Matches this year, plan on attending the practice this month. The dates are January 28th and 29th. The practices are held at the Coaling Rifle Range. Camping is available at the range and there are also nearby hotels. Email secretary@goldenbears.org if you have questions. .

NRA and CMP Rule Changes

- Both governing bodies have updated rules for 2017. The CMP rules have been published, and the NRA rules will be published in the near future.
- One of the significant changes is that match rifles can now use scopes. The CMP limits optics to 4.5X while the NRA doesn't have any limitations on magnification.

- Service Rifle Scopes – You can now put a scope on your M1A if desired.
- The NRA will be expanding their Smallbore and International Distinguished programs to include XTC, Midrange, and Long Range. Competitors will be able to earn awards for both Service and Match Rifles. This will be an especially challenging goal. The only way to earn points will be to be in the top 10% of ALL competitors. Points will only be awarded at Regional, State, and National competitions.
- The CMP will be implementing a classification system similar to that of the NRA Classification system. In fact, it has the same classification names but differing cutoff percentages.
- While match rifles can shoot in Excellence in Competition (EIC) events, they can't earn leg points and get a CMP Distinguished honor.
- You can now use an "alternate rifle" in CMP EIC events. Alternate rifles have been defined and included in the rules to allow the use of "featureless" service rifles. This is a nod to those states that have implemented restrictions on AR-15 rifles. Shooters have been trying "Monster Man Grips" and expect the California Grizzlies Junior team to be using them this year.
- If all of this confusing to you, you're not alone. Don't worry about it in the near term and continue to shoot and have fun.

California Law Changes – The slate of changes relating to AR-15's went into effect January 1, 2017. Look for more information as the details of implementation become more clear. As always, make sure that your firearms are secured and safe for travel.

Lopez Canyon Matches – The Lopez Canyon matches that took place on the fourth Saturdays have been canceled till further notice. The recent rains have eroded the pit walls to the point where only two targets are safe to use for matches with pit pullers.

Saturday Shoot Dates – Check the schedule and website for Saturday practices at Fort Angeles. Tom Temple will be running these and contact him for details.

Treasurer's Report – Approximately \$2700 in the bank. We still need to pay our insurance for 2017 and will have ample reserves for unexpected expenditures.



CMP Service Rifle and Garand Clinic

Feb 12, 2017 - M. Bower

Mark your calendars and save the date. The clinic will cover the basics of Across the Course (XTC) rifle shooting and will be followed by a 30-round match. The classroom portion starts at 8:15 am, and we'll finish the match by 12:30 pm. If you know how to use a sling and spotting scope, plan on attending and helping us coach our students. Let Mark know if you can assist with the event.

After Action Report – Golden Bears Match 1/15/2017– M. Bower

With just a bit of overcast and cool temperatures, it was a perfect day to be on the range. Justin George, California Grizzlies Junior Team Member, was match winner with 776 with 19 X's. Justin took the box of Nosler Custom Competition 77 grain bullets. Expert Class winner was Steve Caplan who won the box of 69 grain bullets and graciously donated them back for next month's club match. Much thanks Steve, and hopefully I'll find a few extra points and edge him out next month.

DON'T FORGET – If you attended the match, you've got a ticket in the pot for the April Drawing. The only way you can enter is by attending a match. We're not sure what the prize will be, but it's likely to be green and big enough to get you (and maybe a light eating friend) lunch at the Ranch Café.

Southern California Golden Bears – January 15, 2017 – XTC on reduced size targets

	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
50 or 80 round course of fire							
Justin George	MA	SR	189.04	193.04	196.05	198.06	776.19
Blake Aaron	MA	SR	180.03	199.07	195.04	197.05	771.19
Nelson Green	MA	SR	189.04	191.02	192.04	195.09	767.19
Boris Batkin	M_UNC	SR	190.04	187.04	169.06	191.06	737.20
Robert Walker	M_UNC	SR	160.02	170.01	177.01	190.01	697.05
Erik Cheung	M_UNC	SR	101.02	179.00	168.00	160.01	608.03
Steve Caplan	EX	SR	183.01	195.05	194.04	193.07	765.17
Mark Bower	EX	SR	177.01	189.05	197.01	200.13	763.20
Darren Rosenbaum	EX	SR	184.00	189.03	198.08	192.03	763.14
Hector Miro	EX	SR	184.02	195.06	189.01	187.04	755.13
Mike DeSantis	EX	SR	182.00	176.01	194.01	199.09	751.11
Kwang Kim	EX	SR	178.00	194.05	186.03	177.01	735.09
Dave Wilson	MK	SR	143.01	178.03	177.01	162.00	660.05

After Action Report – Ojai Valley Gun Club 1/1/2017 – m. bower

We started the New Year with a bang, in fact about 800 of them. We had 12 shooters come out for the first mid-range match of the year and had a mix of F-Class and sling shooters. With unlimited sighters at each stage, you can try out a different rifle at every stage. I went ahead and shot a 6MM HAGAR match rifle for my first two stages, and then my Service Rifle for the last stage. The old saying is “Beware the man who has one rifle for he surely knows how to shoot it”. In my case, the familiar Service Rifle beat my untried match rifle. A little more time is needed to get the HAGAR tuned.

Next month’s match will be a XTC match on Feb 5th, so make plans now.

January 1, 2017 – Midrange Match 3x20 – 600 yards

Name	Rifle Type	First	Second	Third	Total
Three stages of 20 shots each with unlimited sighters					
Brian Fisher	MR	198.07	196.10	196.04	590.21
Mark Bower	MR (1,2)SR(3)	186.02	192.04	195.05	573.11
Bud Gilbertson	MR	173.05	195.04	188.02	556.11
Steve Caplan	SR	187.03	182.05	185.04	554.12
Ronald Tirado	SR	181.03	184.03	183.02	548.08
Roman Ladaw	SR	160.03	184.02	168.00	512.05
Hector Miro	SR	130.00	180.03	184.02	494.05
Patrick Stanistreet	SR	11.00	69.00	64.00	144.00
Jon Blackman	F/TR Class	196.10	196.07	195.06	587.23

Club Records – M. Bower

If you have a match rifle and/or Vintage Service Rifle bring it out and get your name in the records. We’ll also list them for 500 point matches.

2017 Golden Bears Member Records		
500 Point Aggregate		
800 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	771-19X	Blake Aaron
Offhand – 20 Round	190-4X	Boris Batkin
Rapid Sitting – 20 Round	199-7X	Blake Aaron
Rapid Prone – 20 Round	198-8X	Darren Rosenbaum
Slow Prone – 20 Round	200-13X	Mark Bower

Upcoming Matches and Shoots

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

January 21 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.brrc.org
 January 22 – California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
 January 28 – Open Practice – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Feb 5 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org
 Feb 11 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 – www.brrc.org
 Feb 11 – Open Practice – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Feb 12 – CMP Service Rifle and Garand Clinic – www.goldenbears.org

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

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

Feb 22-26 - California State Fullbore Championship – Coalinga Rifle Club

Feb 26 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Feb 27-28 - California State Palma Championship – Coalinga Rifle Club

March 5 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.ovgc.org

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

March 1-5 – California State Palma Championship – Coalinga Rifle Club

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

March 26 – California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

March 29-31 – California Service Rifle Championship – Coalinga Rifle Club

April 2 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org

April 1-2 – California Service Rifle Championship – Coalinga Rifle Club

April 8 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 – www.brrc.org

April 15 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.brrc.org

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

April 23 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

April 29 - Open Practice – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

May 7 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.ovgc.org

May 3-7 – California Service Rifle Championship – Coalinga Rifle Club

May 13 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 – www.brrc.org

May 20 - Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club - Midrange 3x600 - www.brrc.org
May 21 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
May 28 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

June 4 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - XTC 500/800 - www.ovgc.org
June 10 - Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club - XTC 500/800 - www.brrc.org
June 17 - Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club - Midrange 3x600 - www.brrc.org
June 18 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
June 25 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

July 2 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - Midrange 3x600 - www.ovgc.org
July 16 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
July 23 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
July 29 - Open Practice - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

August 6 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - XTC 500/800 - www.ovgc.org
Aug 12 - Open Practice - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
August 20 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
August 27 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Sept 3 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - Midrange 3x600 - www.ovgc.org
September 17 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
Sept 24 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
Sept 30 - Open Practice - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

October 1 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - XTC 500/800 - www.ovgc.org
October 15 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
October 22 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

November 5 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - Midrange 3x600 - www.ovgc.org
November 19 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
November 26 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Dec 3 - Ojai Valley Gun Club - XTC 500/800 - www.ovgc.org
December 17 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
Dec 23 - Open Practice - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
Dec 24 - California Condors - Fort Angeles - Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

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Club Officers - 2017

President	Darren Rosenbaum
Vice-President	Steve Caplan
Executive Officer	Tom Temple
Treasurer	Blake Aaron
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