



# Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

February 2017 Newsletter

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CMP and NRA Affiliated Club

## Next Match March 19th, 2017 – NRA Approved!

Next month's match will be on Sunday **March 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 – Getting Bigger .... M. Bower

Even more shooters on the line than last month but still no winner. Come to next month's match, and you might win big, over \$160. I don't recall what number was drawn, but I do remember that Boris had either one too many or one too few X's. It's not like horseshoes, so it didn't help to be close. 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 – 2/19/2017

**Membership Dues** - Annual membership dues are now payable. You can pay at the March 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](mailto:secretary@goldenbears.org))



## After Action Report CMP Service Rifle and Garand Clinic

**Feb 12, 2017** - M. Bower

We held our third clinic and while the rain stayed away, it was more than a bit windy. Tom Temple was lead instructor and Nelson Green assisted. We had a mix of AR's and Garands. We had enough instructors to give attendees individual instruction. We modified the course of fire and substituted an extra prone string in place of offhand as even Carl Bernonsky would have had trouble keeping them on the paper with the windy conditions. Looking forward to the next clinic and seeing the attendees at future matches.

## NRA Online Score Lookups

While you could check on your current classification at <http://compete.nra.org/shooter-classification-lookup.aspx>, you couldn't see your NRA shooting history. The NRA now has a page where you can look up your shooting history and then drill down to see the results for the entire match. Check it out at <http://compete.nra.org/competitor-activity.aspx>. If you're wondering why you don't see any X counts, it's because we only report total score and number of shots when submitting scores.



### Go Featureless – M. Bower

Lots of options for turning your rifle into a “featureless” rifle and not have to register it later this year. A friend of mine recently converted one of his lowers to featureless and passed along some of his recommendations. For a stock, he used a Thordsen Customs FRS-15 (see picture). He gave the ergonomics a “thumbs up” and said that it worked best with a 60-degree ambidextrous safety. The 60-degree configuration allows the shooter to easily reach the safety. He used a Noveske STS 60 Ambi safety (<http://www.noveske.com/products/short-throw-safety>). He also added a XMR Extended Mag Release from Odinworks. Overall quite a nice setup and fun to shoot.

### After Action Report – Golden Bears Match 2/19/2017– M. Bower

It wasn't quite a perfect day to shoot, but as it was only a heavy mist to light drizzle, so it could have been worse. Ken Letwin shot a 787 with 27 X's and took home a box of Nosler 69's. Jason Zhu led the Expert Class to win a box of Nosler Custom Competition 77 grain bullets.

**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 – February 19th, 2017 – XTC on reduced size targets							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
<b>50 or 80 round course of fire</b>							
Robert Coffey	HM	MA	97.02	96.05	100.02	197.10	490.19
Ken Letwin	MA	SR	193.04	197.08	198.04	199.11	787.27
Boris Batkin	M_UNC	SR	184.01	196.06	195.01	195.04	770.12
Nelson Green	MA	SR	192.01	189.04	193.04	194.02	768.11
Rob Abelson	M_UNC	SR on SR1	187.02	181.03	200.08	199.10	767.23
Robert Walker	M_UNC	SR	150.04	190.02	182.01	173.01	695.08
Duy Le	M_UNC	SR	128.00	173.00	176.01	184.03	661.04
Jason Zhu	EX	SR	184.01	195.05	195.05	197.05	771.16
Steve Caplan	EX	SR	181.02	198.06	191.05	195.11	765.24
Darren Rosenbaum	EX	SR	179.03	194.03	194.08	190.05	757.19
Kwang Kim	EX	SR	184.01	190.03	193.06	183.02	750.12
Joe Riordan	EX	SR	175.02	180.01	177.00	165.01	697.04
Mark Bower	EX	SR	87.02	98.03	88.00	197.07	470.12
Dave Wilson	MK	SR	158.01	189.03	180.01	164.01	691.06

## After Action Report – Ojai Valley Gun Club 2/5/2017 – m. bower

Six of us took the line on Super Bowl Sunday, and we still managed to make it back before kickoff. Nelson Green led all shooters with a 779-20X and shot a pair of tiny groups to go clean at 300. I'm sure the pit puller should get some of the credit for his shooting. The wind cooperated for shooters on the last relay at 600 yards. The wind was in the process of changing direction and the flags were hanging straight down for about 12 minutes. Unfortunately, it took me about 14 minutes to finish which ended up costing me two points at the end.

**Next month's match will be a Midrange match on March 5<sup>th</sup>, so make plans now.**

Ojai Valley Gun Club – February 5th, 2017 – XTC 200/300/600 Yards						
	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
<b>50 or 80 round course of fire</b>						
Nelson Green	SR	188.04	198.04	200.08	193.04	779.20
Kwang Kim	SR	186.02	197.09	183.03	196.06	762.20
Blake Aaron	SR	171.01	197.06	195.05	194.06	757.18
Mark Bower	SR	173.01	185.04	195.01	196.09	749.15
Steve Caplan	SR	173.00	193.06	193.01	180.04	739.11
Ronald Tirado	SR	152.01	174.00	186.02	183.07	695.10

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## Records – M. Bower

As I'm the only person to shoot a 50 round match this year, I'm the current record holder by default. I'm sure it won't last for long. If you have a match rifle and/or Vintage Service Rifle bring it out and get your name in the records.

2017 Golden Bears Member Records		
500 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	471-12X	Mark Bower
Offhand – 10 Round	192-1X	Mark Bower
Rapid Sitting – 10 Round	98-3X	Mark Bower
Rapid Prone – 10 Round	88-1X	Mark Bower
Slow Prone – 20 Round	197-7X	Mark Bower
800 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	771-19X	Blake Aaron
Offhand – 20 Round	192-1X	Nelson Green
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.**

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](http://www.ovgc.org)  
March 11 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 – [www.brrc.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.brrc.org)  
April 15 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – [www.brrc.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.brrc.org)  
May 20 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – [www.brrc.org](http://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](http://www.ovgc.org)  
June 10 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)  
June 17 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – [www.brrc.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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
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