



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

March 2017 Newsletter

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www.goldenbears.org

CMP and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match April 16th, 2017 – NEW STARTING TIME!

Next month's match will be on Sunday **April 16th, 2017**. **Sign-ins start at 0715 and first shot goes downrange at 0800.** The match is completed by about 1000. We're going to start earlier to see if we can reduce the number of traffic breaks in the Offhand stage.

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.

Remember, we'll also be drawing for prizes at the end of the match. The only way you can get in the drawing is to attend a match and either shoot or assist in running the match. You must be in attendance to win.

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

Lucky X – Another Month and Another Rollover 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, about \$200. It was unlucky number five that was drawn. Unlike hand grenades, close doesn't count, and Dave Wilson missed by a single X. 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 – 3/19/2017

Membership Dues - Annual membership dues are now payable. You can pay at the March match or mail your check (Payable to Southern California Golden Bears) 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)

Match Start Time - There was discussion about how to reduce the number of traffic breaks during the offhand stages. There was consensus that an 8:00 am starting time should have a positive impact. Most of the classes on the ranges up the hill start at 9:00 am and the traffic is at its worst between 8:20 and 9:00. Starting earlier should have reduce the traffic's impact.

CRPA Member Club - We are now a CRPA affiliated club. If you're not a member of CRPA, you should consider it. They provide support for the State Championships and also have a lobbyist in Sacramento. They work hard to try and preserve our right to keep and bear arms. www.crpa.org.



M16 A1 Comic Book – M. Bower

I'm not sure who left it in my truck, but I'm glad they did. When the M16 was first being issued, a training manual was put together, and it was done in a comic book format. See picture to left. It's a great read and provides a lot of tips that are still applicable to today's AR-15's. It not only covers the care of the rifle but proper care of magazines and other tips for the Vietnam era soldier. The early M16's had problems with corrosion building up in the chambers and weren't nearly as reliable as today's versions. There's an emphasis on keeping them clean, 3-5 times a day to achieve optimal performances! Maybe somebody was telling me that I need to more diligent in my cleaning regime. Midway USA carries them for only \$3.99, and you can add them to an order without increasing your shipping costs.

After Action Report – Golden Bears Match 3/19/2017 – M. Bower

The weather was perfect. Ken Letwin was Match Winner with a 788-29X, and Darren Rosenbaum won Expert class with a 766-12X.

DON'T FORGET – We'll have a drawing in April. 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 – March 19th, 2017 – XTC on reduced size targets							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
50 or 80 round course of fire							
Ken Letwin	MA	SR	193.06	200.09	197.07	198.07	788.29
Paul Schultz	MA	SR	188.02	192.05	194.05	196.04	770.16
Dave O'Neill	MA	SR	183.01	194.01	196.07	194.01	767.10
Nelson Green	MA	SR	190.02	188.02	190.02	178.03	746.09
Boris Batkin	M_UNC	SR	193.01	197.06	195.05	196.09	781.21
Rob Abelson	M_UNC	SR	185.03	190.02	195.03	196.04	766.12
Jack Wickersham	M_UNC	SR	174.03	180.01	184.02	174.05	712.11
Nuran Degirmen	M_UNC	SR	162.00	162.00	176.01	156.02	656.03
Darren Rosenbaum	EX	SR	183.05	191.04	198.06	194.07	766.22
Steve Caplan	EX	SR	184.02	193.04	190.02	195.09	762.17
Kwang Kim	EX	SR	188.01	193.03	185.01	187.05	753.10
Dave Ellis	EX	SR	162.00	184.02	193.02	192.05	731.09
Mark Bower	EX	SR	92.00	98.01	98.03	195.04	483.08
Hector Miro	EX	SR	96.02	99.05	98.05	188.05	481.17
Dave Wilson	MK	SR	179.02	190.03	161.01	161.00	691.06

After Action Report – Ojai Valley Gun Club 3/5/2017 – m. bower

Only one string was completed before the rain forced cancellation of the remaining strings. **Next month's match will be a XTC match on April 2nd, so make plans now.**

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.

Golden Bears Member Records		
2017		
500 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	483-7X	Mark Bower
Offhand – 10 Round	96-2X	Hector Miro
Rapid Sitting – 10 Round	99-5X	Hector Miro
Rapid Prone – 10 Round	98-5X	Hector Miro
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
2014 to present <small>review still in progress</small>		
800 Point Aggregate – Match Rifle	789-33X	Rob Coffey
Offhand – 20 Round	191-3X	Rob Coffey
Rapid Sitting – 20 Round	199-7X	Rob Coffey
Rapid Prone – 20 Round	200-12X	Rob Coffey
Slow Prone – 20 Round	200-5X	Rob Coffey

Upcoming Matches and Shoots

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

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)

The Golden Bears are proud to be a CRPA, NRA, and CMP affiliated club.



Club Officers - 2017	
President	Darren Rosenbaum
Vice-President	Steve Caplan
Executive Officer	Tom Temple
Treasurer	Blake Aaron
Secretary	Mark Bower