



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

June 2017 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match July 16th, 2017

Next month's match will be on Sunday **July 16th, 2017**. We'll be starting at 0800 with first round down range at 0900. Two relays with the non-shooting relay helping with traffic control and serving as line officers. Finish will be around noon.

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 – Better Lucky Than Good M. Bower

Jeff Ramadan got out for the first time in a while, and he was smart and played the Lucky X. Jeff had 8 X's with his new optic upper, and it was a match! He won \$207 and took the whole crew to lunch at 7-11. Shooters had a choice of a donut, Twinkie, Ho Ho's, or cupcake. While we appreciated Jeff's generosity, we all took a pass. 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 – 5/21/2017

Treasurer's Report

We have approximately \$1350 in our accounts and don't have any outstanding expenses.

Cool Tools – Dies and Case Gauge – M. Bower



You can make great ammo with just basic equipment, but you might want to upgrade or go "all in" when getting set up the first time.

If you're looking for some of the finest dies and other tools check out Whidden Gun Works (www.whiddengunworks.com). John Whidden is a National Champion shooter and he makes some of the best and slickest products available to shooters.

In addition to standard dies, Whidden dies are available with bushings. The standard dies are set up to work without touching the shell holder. This gives you flexibility when setting up for hard-to-size brass. The seater comes with a micrometer top as well. Using a micrometer seater makes it pretty simple when getting bullet seating depth set up. Whidden also makes a case gauge. This allows you to precisely measure the base to shoulder length, so you can set up your sizing die for proper shoulder setback. This extends brass life and minimizes potential for case separations. You need a case gauge for each cartridge family. Moe's Gauges are another alternative. You can also make these measurements with a "bump gauge". Hornady makes a bump gauge as does Sinclair. I've found the Sinclair to work better as it aligns with the shoulder angle instead of the datum line.



If you're looking for a set of dies for your service rifle, check out www.whiteoakarmament.com. They've put together a set of dies that includes a Redding sizer and two Bonanza micrometer seater dies. You can set one seater up for short line and the other for 600 yard loads. A bushing die allows you to control neck tension by selecting the appropriate size bushing for your type of brass.

After Action Report – Golden Bears Match 6/18/2017– M. Bower

We changed up the format and ended up posting four targets for every shooter and shot all the way through. It was good and hot, and I could just about wring the moisture from my shooting sweater when we finished. I had plenty of cold water to go with the light breeze, so it was only a minor bump in the road. I'd like to blame the heat for my less-than-stellar shooting, but I've shot better in hotter weather. Congratulations to Rob Abelson who bested all shooters with a 482-14X.

Southern California Golden Bears – June 18th, 2017 – XTC on reduced size targets

	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
50 round course of fire							
Rob Abelson	MA	SR	93.02	98.05	96.02	195.05	482.14
Steve Caplan	EX	SR	88.01	100.04	97.05	196.08	481.18
Hector Miro	EX	SR	95.01	94.02	91.02	188.06	468.11
Kwang Kim	EX	SR	91.01	98.03	94.01	184.02	467.07
Mark Bower	EX	SR	81.01	93.01	94.02	198.07	466.11
Jeff Ramadan	EX	SR	88.01	97.01	96.02	185.04	466.08
Ron Tirado	MK	SR	83.00	91.00	94.02	172.02	440.04
Dave Wilson	MK	SR	72.00	88.01	94.00	166.02	420.03



I checked Murphy's Guide to rifle shooting to see why I had a couple of errant shots in my slow prone. I found the target analysis diagram to the left. There was also a footnote that said, "just put the sight in the middle and don't move the gun when you pull the trigger". On a good day when everything is working right, it can be that simple. On other days, the chart says it all.

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	495-14X	Paul Schultz
Offhand – 10 Round	97-0X	Paul Schultz
Rapid Sitting – 10 Round	100-4X	Paul Schultz
Rapid Prone – 10 Round	99-6X	Mark Bower
Slow Prone – 20 Round	199-13	Rob Abelson
800 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	778-22X	Paul Schultz
Offhand – 20 Round	192-4X	Darren Rosenbaum
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.

- June 24 – Camp Pendleton Santa Margarita Gun Club – LR 3x1000 – www.smgunclub.org
June 25 – Camp Pendleton Santa Margarita Gun Club – LR 3x1000 – www.smgunclub.org
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 – Camp Pendleton Santa Margarita Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.smgunclub.org
July 29 - Open Practice – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
July 30 – Camp Pendleton Santa Margarita Gun Club – XTC 80 NMC – www.smgunclub.org
- 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
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