



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club
October 2017 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match November 19th, 2017

Get ready for Thanksgiving with a trip to the range. **We will be moving our start time back to 8:15 am,** and you'll also get the option to shoot an 80-round match. It's your choice, and I always say "Shoot the 80 rounds as we go to the range to SHOOT!" We'll be starting sign-ins at 0730 with first round down range at 0815. We'll still be running two relays with the non-shooting relay helping with traffic control, providing instruction, and serving as line officers. Finish will be around noon. If you know you'll be going, send us an email at matches@goldenbears.org. This will help us get organized. Cost is only \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when accompanied with an adult.**

Assault Weapon Registration – Deadline Extended

The deadline to register assault weapons has been extended to June 30, 2018. Changes in California's law have made "bullet-button-equipped AR-15's and AR-10 variants" into assault weapons. This new class of "assault weapon" must be registered to make them legal. The fee to register a weapon is \$15, and you must do it online at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>

I suggest you review the material at the website and determine whether or not you want to register any of your lowers. If you don't register your lower, then you'll need to make it featureless. Some shooters have said that using it exclusively as a rimfire will be another alternative. Check it out and start to figure you what you want to do.

Reading the Wind

When shooting matches at Fort Angeles, you have to watch the wind to make sure it doesn't knock down your spotting scope. If you're not careful, you could end up with a repair bill of \$130, the voice of experience speaks. If you've shot at Coalinga and/or Pendleton you start to see how the wind can make it challenging to keep your shots centered. Get an early wind, and your offhand will also suffer. Miss a switch, and you can shoot a seven out the other side. If you shoot Long Range at 1000 yards, you'll find your shots off the target if you're not paying attention. A friend moved to Montana and said California winds were mild, and he routinely shot two targets over to keep his shots centered up. He even sent me a picture of the close wind flag from his home range. Don't be afraid to turn the knobs and don't get caught in a switch.





Harker Memorial Match – December 17th

In honor of the Golden Bears founder, we'll be having our annual Alan Harker Memorial Match. Look for more details in next month's newsletter and "save the date" 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	495-14X	Paul Schultz
Offhand – 10 Round	98-2X	Darren Rosenbaum
Rapid Sitting – 10 Round	100-4X	Paul Schultz Steve Caplan
Rapid Prone – 10 Round	100-2X	Boris Batkin
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.

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

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

November 11 – 1800 Americana --CMP Match – www.1800info.org –
Cam Loessberg Jr. (camljr@juno.com)

November 18 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.brrc.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)

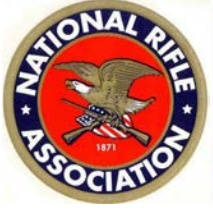
Dec 3 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org

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
Secretary	Mark Bower