



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club
February 2018 Newsletter

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www.goldenbears.org

CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match March 18th

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.**

Membership Dues

Still only \$35 and one of the best ways to support shooting sports in Southern California! You'll save on your match entry fee and also get in on great buys for Nosler bullets and other goodies. We now even have new and improved membership cards. You can pay at the match or send a check (payable to Golden Bears) to SCGB, 1000 Business Center Circle #200, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320.

Club Secretary

Elections were held with all positions being filled by the current office holders, excepting the Secretary. Mark Bower will continue to do this work. If you're interested in becoming Secretary, send an email to secretary@goldenbears.org.



Biathlon Basics – M. Bower

I define the Winter Olympics as that quadrennial skiing and rifle shooting competition called the Biathlon with some additional skiing and skating events thrown in for everybody else. For those north of the border, they have curling for good measure. If you haven't seen the biathlon, it combines cross country skiing and rifle shooting. This partly sounds like a good way to mess up a perfectly good small-bore match, but it does make great theatre.

The rifles are specialized and then customized to the individual shooter when shooting at the world-class level. The rifle action is one of the slickest actions you'll ever see, and they make a Tubb T2K look like an M1903. Aperture sights are used, and they come with snow covers to keep them from getting blocked. The rifles stocks are made to hold the magazines that the shooters use, so the shooter can quickly load and get on target. They have a special sling, so they can be carried on the skiers back. A sling is used that gets attached to a cuff on the shooter's arm.



Biathletes complete a ski segment and then come to the shooting area. They will shoot a five-shot string either offhand or prone. The targets are 50M away, so the wind can be a factor. The offhand target is 4.5 inches (8.23 MOA) and the prone target is 1.7 inches (3.11 MOA). If you miss, you're penalized by having to make a lap around the penalty loop or having a penalty added to your finish time. As we saw in this year's Olympics, you can miss and still make it up on the skiing stage, but you better be damned good.

There are team events as well as individual events. Races vary in length, and there are different types of starts. Some have all of competitors starting at the same time (mass start). Others have shooters starting at different times. The time differences might be a specific time period or be defined by how well they finished in qualifier runs.

Check out some videos on the internetz, and you'll find some positive reporting on a shooting sports.

Results – Golden Bears Match 2/18/18 – D. Rosenbaum

We held the 2017 Annual Harker Memorial Match this month. That's right, 2017. Our plans to shoot the match during 2017 were foiled by fires and other disruptions. We plan to hold the 2018 match at a date to be determined. Remember to bring your .30 caliber rifle to the next Harker Match.

The weather was great and we had twelve shooters in attendance. We ran the match in two relays with the more experienced shooters on the first relay, who then assisted the newer shooters as they shot on the second relay. Rob Abelson had the high score in the Service Rifle class, missing the club record by one point. Paul Schultz had the high score in the Vintage Service Rifle class, beating Dave Wilson by three Xs.

Southern California Golden Bears – February 18, 2018 – XTC on reduced size or SR-1 targets							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
Harker Memorial Match, 50 round course of fire							
Rob Abelson	MA	SR	96.1	100.03	99.02	199.11	494.17
Dave Ellis	EX	SR	83.01	98.04	96.00	188.01	470.07
Hector Miro	EX	SR	87.00	97.05	99.02	185.04	468.11
Ron Tirado	SS	SR	91.1	95.03	99.04	191.02	477.10
Kenneth Craig	UNC	SR	81.01	87.01	84.01	169.02	411.05
Randy White	UNC	SR – SR-1	53.00	81.00	82.00	190.01	406.01
Gil Vargas	UNC	SR	72.00	89.00	83.00	126.00	370.00
Nuran Degirmen	UNC	SR	73.00	80.00	60.00	142.00	355.00
Paul Shultz	MA	VSR – SR1	92.01	94.02	95.05	190.02	471.10
Dave Wilson	MA	VSR – SR1	87.00	94.01	95.03	195.03	471.07
Darren Rosenbaum	MA	VSR – SR1	78.00	93.01	95.01	188.05	454.07

Golden Bears Member Records		
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	200-13X	Rob Coffey (2013)
500 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	495-14X	Paul Schultz (2017)
Offhand – 10 Round	98-2X	Darren Rosenbaum (2017)
Rapid Sitting – 10 Round	100-7X	Guilbert Baradas (2014)
Rapid Prone – 10 Round	100-2X	Boris Batkin (2017) Steve Caplan (2017)
Slow Prone – 20 Round	199-13	Rob Abelson (2017)
800 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	782-24X	Rob Ableson (2018)
Offhand – 20 Round	194-1X	Nelson Green (2016)
Rapid Sitting – 20 Round	200-4X	Nelson Green (2013)
Rapid Prone – 20 Round	200-9X	Kwang Kim (2015)
Slow Prone – 20 Round	200-13X	Mark Bower (2017)

Upcoming Matches and Shoots

We've included additional matches within the local area. Shoot early and often. Ojai Valley Gun Club has expanded their program with extra matches for both Across the Course and Midrange.

2018

Feb 24 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org

Feb 25 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

March 4 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.ovgc.org

March 10 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 - www.brcc.org

March 10 – CMP Sanctioned Match – Americana 1800 Adventure Club - www.1800info.org

March 24 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org

March 17 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.brcc.org

March 18 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

Mar 25 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

March 31 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange Practice Match – www.ovgc.org

April 1 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org

April 14 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 - www.brcc.org

April 15 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

April 21 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.brcc.org

Apr 22 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

April 29 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – CMP Clinic – Garand & AR/Modern Service Rifle – www.ovgc.org

May 6 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.ovgc.org
May 12 – CMP Sanctioned Match – Americana 1800 Adventure Club - www.1800info.org
May 20 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
May 27 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

June 3 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org
June 17 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
June 23 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org
June 24 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
June 30 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – CMP Clinic – Garand & AR/Modern Service Rifle – www.ovgc.org

July 1 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.ovgc.org
July 14 – CMP Sanctioned Match – Americana 1800 Adventure Club - www.1800info.org
July 15 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
July 22 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
July 28 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org

Aug 5 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org
August 19 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
Aug 25 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org
Aug 26 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Sept 2 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.ovgc.org
September 8 – CMP Sanctioned Match – Americana 1800 Adventure Club - www.1800info.org
Sep 16 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
Sep 22 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org
Sep 23 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)
Sep 30 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – CMP Clinic – Garand & AR/Modern Service Rifle – www.ovgc.org

Oct 7 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org
Oct 16 to 22 – CMP Western Games and CMP Cup Matches, Phoenix, AZ - <http://thecmp.org/>
Oct 21 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
Oct 27 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org
Oct 28 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Nov 4 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.ovgc.org
Nov 10 – CMP Sanctioned Match – Americana 1800 Adventure Club - www.1800info.org
Nov 18 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
Nov 24 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – 200 Yard Practice Match – www.ovgc.org
Nov 25 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

Dec 2 - Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC 500/800 – www.ovgc.org
Dec 16 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
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Club Officers - 2018

President	Darren Rosenbaum
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