



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

July 2018 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match August 19th

In honor of the Golden Bears founder, we'll be having our annual Alan Harker Memorial Match on Sunday August 19, 2018. This will be a 50 shot match. Shooters are encouraged to shoot their .30 caliber rifles, such as M1s, M1As, or even Springfields. Bring extra ammo as, temperature permitting, we'll have the "Harker 100" as well. It is based upon the CMP National Championships President's 100 match. In our case the 100 means 100 yards, while the P100 is for the top 100 shooters. The course of fire is 10 rounds for each of the standing, rapid prone, and slow prone stages, with no sighters. We'll be starting sign-ins at 0800 with first round down range at 0900. The plan is to run 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 \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when accompanied with an adult.**

Club Meeting 7/15/18

We held a quick meeting so that we could get out of the heat and head home to the A/C or pool. The Lucky X drawn was 1, which was shot by Robert Walker, but he did not put his \$1 into the pot, so rolls over to next month. We wished luck to those attending the National Matches at Camp Perry at the end of the month.

Results – Golden Bears Match 7/15/18 – D. Rosenbaum

As the weather was very hot, we made the decision to shoot a 50 round match. The match winner was Rob Abelson who shot a 479-9X. Nine of the ten shooters reported their scores. Thank you to Paul Shultz for watching the road and handling traffic.

| Southern California Golden Bears – July 15, 2018 – XTC on reduced size targets | | | | | | | |
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| | NRA Class | Rifle Type | OH | RS | RP | SP | Total |
| 50 shot course of fire | | | | | | | |
| Rob Abelson | HM | SR | 94.01 | 97.0 | 96.02 | 188.06 | 475.09 |
| Nelson Green | MA | SR | 95.01 | 90.00 | 90.00 | 187.07 | 473.08 |
| Ron Tirado | EX | SR | 90.00 | 100.06 | 94.01 | 185.03 | 469.10 |

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| Darren Rosenbaum | MA | SR | 92.02 | 91.02 | 95.02 | 181.02 | 459.08 |
| Mike Taylor | UNC | VSR | 75.00 | 78.00 | 98.00 | 190.00 | 441.04 |
| Dave Wilson | MK | SR | 80.00 | 92.00 | 93.01 | 161.02 | 426.03 |
| Nuran Degirmen | UNC | SR | 87.00 | 78.00 | 81.00 | 171.03 | 417.03 |
| Robert Walker | UNC | SR | 75.00 | 80.00 | 80.00 | 160.00 | 395.01 |
| Michael Taylor | UNC | VSR | 73.00 | 74.00 | 63.00 | 182.00 | 392.05 |

E-target Update – M. Bower



If you attended the Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club (BRRC) match on July 14th, then you didn't have to pull targets as the entire match was completed on e-targets. As this was the first time running the entire match on e-targets, we learned a lot. This included understanding what devices seemed to work best (Kindle Fire, iPhone, Android Tablets, Surface Pros, etc), what browser was best (Chrome and then Firefox), and that iPad's had a tendency to overheat when left in the sun.

We used personally owned targets and had both ShotMarker and Silver Mountain targets represented. Slow fire worked extremely well, but both targets had dropped shots during rapid fire strings. Data was provided to the manufacturers and updated software has already been released for ShotMarker.

Shooters enjoyed being able to shoot and not needing to plot their shots. Data books were updated after the firing was completed as shooters could see their shots on the display as they were shooting and strings could be saved for later review and recording. A screen capture from my iPhone is to the left. I blame Ken L. for the 8 as he was lamenting the barking K-9 officer at the range as I was shooting. It wasn't distracting me till he mentioned it. In addition to getting plots of each shot, chronograph data is also available.



Through experimentation and data analysis, we've found that having a stable target is key to getting consistent results with the targets. The following week, Ken L. and I did some experimentation with mounting a target to 2x4's that were anchored in the ground. This provided a highly stable target and produced excellent results. I used 2x3's to mount the microphones, and we simply clamped the wood to the target and uprights, see picture. This method will allow me to take my e-target to other ranges and use the existing wooden frames. I'm looking forward to trying this out at Ojai.

A great benefit of having e-targets is that pits simply aren't required. In the case of BRRC, a 1000-yard program will be implemented without needing to have pits or carriers. If an existing club has pit walls that need repairs but the carriers are good, then e-targets can be a solution to expensive repair work.

Our next test will be to try a single target at 1000 yards. I'm hoping that there aren't any barking dogs or that the weather won't be too hot.

Results – Ojai Valley Gun Club 7/1/18 – M. Bower

The weather was a bit warm, but we had a steady breeze on our second and third strings, so it was only moderately hot. With minimal pit changes, each relay shot two of their strings back-to-back. We retreated to the shade cover between those strings, drank some water, and stayed cool. Kurt Ingham bested all shooters, and he had the high single string for the day. I take partial credit as I loaned him my hat. It might have also been that the wind wasn't doing much, and the temperature was still on the cooler side.

| Ojai Valley Gun Club Midrange – 3x20 Midrange with unlimited sighters | | | | | |
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| Name | Rifle Type | 1 st String | 2 nd String | 3 rd String | Total |
| Kurt Ingham | Match | 199.13 | 198.10 | 197.10 | 594.33 |
| Mark Bower | Match | 196.08 | 199.07 | 191.07 | 586.22 |
| Boris Batkin | Match | 195.07 | 195.12 | 193.04 | 583.23 |
| Bud Gilbertson | Match | 191.01 | 196.05 | 196.07 | 583.13 |
| Mark Mittry | Match | 185.10 | 197.07 | 199.14 | 581.31 |
| Ron Tirado | Service | 187.05 | 188.03 | 194.01 | 569.09 |
| Roman Ladaw | Match | 183.04 | 185.04 | 178.02 | 546.10 |
| Edward Johnson | Service | 91.00 | 143.01 | 154.02 | 388.03 |
| Gene York | F-Class | 188.06 | 193.05 | 194.06 | 575.17 |
| Jon Blackman | F-Class | 192.05 | 191.07 | 184.00 | 567.12 |
| Vladimir Sanda | F-Class | 192.03 | 181.02 | 187.02 | 560.07 |

Collapsible Stock?

When is an adjustable stock a collapsible stock? When you live in California and the law can be interpreted to your disadvantage. The two stocks below are considered collapsible and are thus “evil features”. If you have a stock like this on your lower, you better be attaching it a rimfire upper. If you're not doing that, then that lower better be registered as an assault weapon. Yes, I know it's only an adjustable stock, but apparently these are considered collapsible and/or telescoping and thus properly noted on your assault registration application. Don't try registering now as the deadline is past.



Club Records

| Golden Bears Member Records | | |
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| 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 | 199-8X | Paul Schultz (2018) |
| 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 | 99-4X | Nelson Green (2018) |
| Rapid Sitting – 10 Round | 100-7X | Guilbert Baradas (2014) |
| Rapid Prone – 10 Round | 100-2X | Boris Batkin (2018) |
| Slow Prone – 20 Round | 200-9X | Nelson Green (2018) |
| 800 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle | 789-26X | Rob Ableson (2018) |
| Offhand – 20 Round | 195-4X | Nelson Green (2018) |
| 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), Rob Abelson (2018) |

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. The Forest Service closures due to last year's fires are done and the club is back to its normal schedule.

2018

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
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| Club Officers - 2018 | |
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