



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club
December 2018 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match January 20, 2019

The January match will start at 0800 with sign-ins being taken at 7:30 am and first round downrange by 8:15 am. We'll have a single relay. If you can show up a few minutes early or stay a little afterwards, we'll appreciate the help setting up and breaking down the range. Cost is only \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when accompanied with an adult.**

Club Meeting 12/16/18

Match Logistics – We'll be going back to our traditional 8:15 match starting time in January and will only run a single relay. Plan on setting your alarm clock a bit early. The tradeoff is that you'll get home in time to watch a ball game or have brunch with family or friends.

Treasurer's Report – The club is in good financial condition with nearly two years of operating expenses in the bank, over \$2200.

Elections – The President position is currently open, and we hope to fill it at the January meeting. If you're willing to take on this role, let us know. You can send an email to president@goldenbears.org. The duties are light, and you'll get support from the outgoing officers. Rob Abelson will be taking over as Vice President and Martin Kosla will be assuming the Secretary role. Special thanks to Darren Rosenbaum for serving as President and Steve Caplan for serving as Vice President for the past two years and to Mark Bower for being Secretary for over five years.

Renewals – 2019 Dues are now payable. 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.

E-target Update – M. Bower

Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club (BRRC) approved the purchase of five ShotMarker e-targets, and they should be received before the start of the New Year. Look for them to be used first in the Midrange matches and then become integrated into the Across The Course (XTC) matches. Ken Letwin, new XTC Match Director at BRRC, received one of the first ShotMark targets, so he's very familiar with them. He's been looking at options to implement them in the XTC program, and he may start with a hybrid approach, a stage or two using e-targets and the remaining stages using pulled targets.

The Coalinga Rifle Club used them in their Long Range program at one of the championship events that they host. Personally-owned systems were used on some firing points while participants pulled targets on the remaining firing points. This freed up shooters to help manage the line and provided an extra set of hands in the pits.

In a recent trip to the Burbank Range, we ran five e-targets from 200 to 1000 yards. Shooters were able to shoot XTC, Long Range, and/or Midrange strings of fire. We had seven shooters participating, and the barrel makers were happy as we sent an abundance of projectiles downrange.

Results – Golden Bears Match 12/16/18 – M. Bower

Another great day to shoot and be at the range. This was the final match of the year, and some great scores were posted. Lucky X rolled over once again, and the pot is approaching \$60.

Southern California Golden Bears – December 16, 2018 – XTC on reduced size targets							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
80 or 50 shot course of fire							
Rob Abelson	HM	SR	185.03	198.08	197.02	197.09	777.22
Nelson Green	MA	SR	191.04	189.02	197.07	196.05	773.18
Blake Aaron	MA	SR	174.00	191.04	185.00	196.05	746.09
Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	183.02	132.04	192.03	195.06	702.15
Steve Caplan	EX	SR	184.02	194.08	196.07	197.09	771.26
Ron Tirado	EX	SR	170.02	196.07	188.03	199.10	753.22
Cameron Loessberg	MK	SR	176.01	181.02	197.05	189.07	743.15
Dave Wilson	MK	SR	81.01	90.01	90.02	175.02	436.06
Martin Kosla	UNC	SR	166.00	171.00	195.05	193.04	725.09
Nuran Degirmen	UNC	SR	177.03	181.04	176.00	180.03	714.10

* 50 shot match

Results – Ojai Valley Gun Club 11/4/18 – M. Bower



The weather was perfect, and **we used an e-target for the first time in an Ojai Match.** The ShotMarker e-target worked perfectly even though the shooters using it weren't quite that good. Steve Caplan came close but missed. He had one shot that just missed the 10 ring. Mark Bower brought his ShotMarker, and Steve Caplan helped get it set up and calibrated on the frame. At the end of the event, we left the sensor brackets installed on the frame, so it will take less than five minutes to set it up at our next match. If all goes as planned, we'll get a second frame set up and run two targets. As always, we had two relays and finished about 12:30. The next Midrange Match will be January 6, 2019.

Ojai Valley Gun Club Midrange – 3x20 Midrange with unlimited sighters					
Name	Rifle Type	1 st String	2 nd String	3 rd String	Total
Rob Abelson	Match	194.07	197.14	194.03	585.24

Bud Gilbertson	Match	190.06	192.07	199.06	581.19
Ron Tirado	Service	190.05	190.07	194.03	574.15
Roman Ladaw	Match	183.02	178.02	181.00	542.04
Jon Blackman	F-Class	196.07	197.10	188.03	581.20
Steve Caplan	Match	199.10	196.04	NA	395.14
Mark Bower	Match	196.07	188.03	NA	384.10

Club

Records

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	199-8X	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.

2019

January 5 – CMP Sanctioned Match – Americana 1800 Adventure Club - www.1800info.org

January 6 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange 3x600 - www.ovgc.org

January 12 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC 500/800 - www.brrc.org

January 19 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 - www.brrc.org

January 20 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

January 27 - California Condors – Fort Angeles – Tom Temple (ttemptle@pacbell.net)

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



Club Officers - 2019

President	Open
Vice-President	Rob Abelson
Executive Officer	Tom Temple
Treasurer	Blake Aaron
Secretary	Martin Kosla