



# Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club  
May 2020 Newsletter

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## Next Match: 6/21/2020

Our next match will be on June 21, 2020 which is Father's Day this year. What better way to honor your father or please your child/children than spending a morning at the range? You'll be home in time to get that special lunch or brunch, too. Look for more details in the email announcement, but I'm sure we'll still be staring shortly after 8:00 am. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when accompanied with an adult.**

## Nosler Bullet Order – M. Bower

I've received the Nosler pricing for 2020, and there are some price reductions. If we can meet the minimum to get free shipping (\$2500), then I'll place an order in early July. Nosler provides special club pricing, but there are some restrictions. Pricing cannot be shared. You let me know what you want, and I'll tell you the price, but you can't tell anybody else. Bullets cannot be resold. You're buying them for your use and not selling them to mall ninjas or gong monkeys. If you're a mall ninja or gong monkey, that's okay as I've been known to clang some steel while at the range and have an ACOG for one of my rifles. You can email me directly or send an email to [secretary@goldenbears.org](mailto:secretary@goldenbears.org). Bullets will be delivered to a local match, and you pay upon delivery unless they're an uncommon bullet (one that I wouldn't shoot). If that's the case, then I'll want you to pay in advance. Nosler also has brass if you want some of that. It's great brass. If you have Ruger .204 it's great, and if you're putting together a .20 Vartarg, then their 221 Fireball brass is the way to get that done.

## SIG Fury – Ultimate Barrel Burner – M. Bower



The U.S. Military is looking for a new belt-fed machine gun, and they specified a 6.8 caliber bullet. SIG's response to the RFP was the SIG .277 Fury. A 6.8 cartridge isn't new as the 6.8 SPC cartridge is somewhat common, but the SIG Fury is a little bit different. It achieves 3,000 fps (yes, three thousand). That's with a 140 grain bullet and a SIXTEEN INCH BARREL.

It has the same head size as a .308, but it uses a 3-part cartridge which includes a stainless-steel head and the bonding piece that attaches it to a brass case, see picture with .308 for comparison. The stainless-steel base is needed to support the 80,000 psi operating pressure which is about a third higher than a .308. SIG also developed new propellants to push those bullets and now offers a rifle in this cartridge. Of course, they make the ammo for it as well. I don't see one in my future, but the Precision shooters may be their target audience (pun intended). Just do an internet search for it, and you can read more about it. An interesting concept if nothing else.

## Meeting Update – 5/17/20 – M. Bower

We practiced social distancing and kept the meeting short and to the point.

**Maintenance** – We need to get some painting and repairs done along with replacing some cardboard on about half the target frames. For now, we'll be holding off on these activities and waiting till cooler weather. Mark Bower noted that he'll try to get some cardboard backers and then glue on fresh faces. We can then pull the old cardboard and staple the new ones in place before the start of a match. We did this for about half of the targets about a year ago.

Nelson Green is going to check out the hardware store for some metal numbers to replace the painted ones on the firing points. Those numbers are on the endangered species list and are rapidly disappearing. Once we have a sample, we can determine our next steps.

**Financial Report** – We have a little over \$1100 and have already paid our insurance through the first quarter of CY 2021. While match attendance has been down a bit, we've been able to pay our range fees and storage unit rental with the match proceeds. Now that we're having matches again, we're optimistic that we increase our balance and be ready for next year's insurance bill. Thanks to all those that continue to support the Bears through their memberships and match attendance.

## Results – Golden Bears Match: 5/17/20 – M. Bower

A great turnout of 9 shooters which would have been maximum capacity of 10 had there not been a late cancellation. We limited attendance to 10 shooters to ensure adequate spacing on the firing line and also wore face masks except while in prep and shooting. Rob Abelson led all shooters with a 789-30X with Boris Batkin just behind him. We had minimal traffic breaks and a few of us got in a bit of practice afterwards. Thanks to Nelson for coming out and helping me manage the match by keeping traffic under control. We didn't run the Lucky X this month. I expect we'll run a similar program for June, so keep an eye out for the email announcement.

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)								
		NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
50 or 80 shot course of fire								
1.	Rob Abelson	HM	SR	195.04	200.14	195.03	199.09	789.30
2.	Boris Batkin	HM	SR	190.06	199.09	198.05	199.11	786.31
3.	Paul Schultz	HM	SR	185.00	199.04	196.06	197.09	777.19
4.	Ron Tirado	HM	SR	170.00	193.01	194.04	187.05	744.10
5.	Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	185.04	188.02	195.02	190.04	758.12
6.	Dave Ellis	EX	SR	179.01	191.02	183.01	181.02	734.06
7.	Martin Kosla	SS	SR	184.02	178.00	192.07	180.02	734.11
8.	Chris Birchard	UNC	SR	169.02	189.02	180.02	164.04	702.10
9.	Gil Vargas (50 rnds)	UNC	SR	91.01	80.00	56.00	126.02	353.03

<b>Golden Bears Member Records</b>		
<b>2014 to Present</b>		
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)

## Upcoming Matches and Shoots

The following matches and practice sessions are coming up in June and July 2020 within our local area.

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, be sure to verify before making the trip.

June 13 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Across the Course Match – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

June 20 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

June 21 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles

July 5 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange Match – [www.ovgc.club](http://www.ovgc.club)

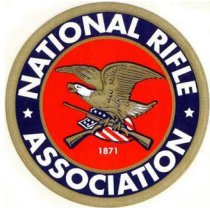
July 11 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – All Offhand Match with early start – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

June 18 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

July 19 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles

## Affiliations

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



## Club Officers – 2020

<b>President</b>	Mark Bower
<b>Vice-President</b>	Rob Abelson
<b>Treasurer</b>	None
<b>Secretary</b>	Martin Kosla