



# Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club  
January 2022 Newsletter

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## Next Match: 2/20/2022

Our next match will be February 20, 2022. Look for more details in the email announcement. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when accompanied with an adult.**

## Meeting Update – 1/16/2022 – M. Bower

We practiced social distancing and kept the meeting short.

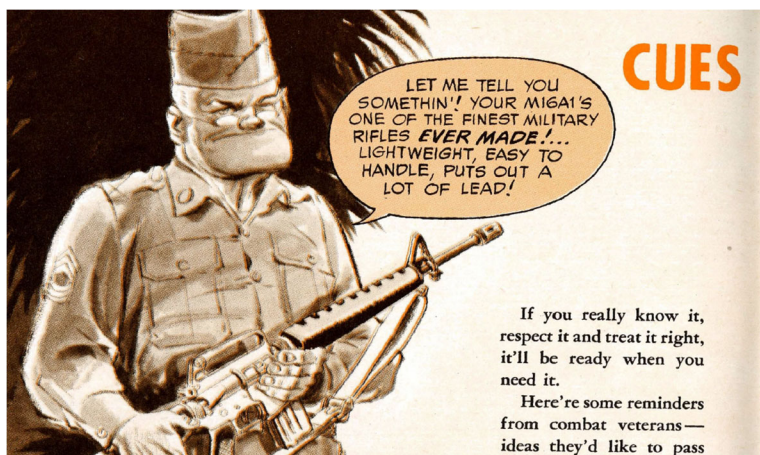
**Maintenance**– The large sign-in table needs to have the top repainted, and we'll be doing it after the February match if the weather and wind cooperate. If you have a palm sander, please bring it along with an extension cord and sandpaper in multiple grits. We're going to sand the top a bit and then apply a coat or two of paint.

**Financial Report** – We now have over \$1900 in the bank and will be able to pay our upcoming 2022 insurance bill which will be over \$1100. Thanks to the generous donation of Nelson Green our monthly storage container rental of \$37.50 per month, \$450 per year, has been paid for 2022.

**Membership** – If you haven't paid your dues, you can send a check to SCGB, 23901 Calabasas Road #2003 Calabasas, CA 91302. If you're getting this newsletter and don't regularly make the matches, we would greatly appreciate your support. You'll be supporting a great organization with a long history and help to ensure the availability of a private range for our matches and practice. Membership is only \$35 per year and additional donations are greatly appreciated.

## Care and Feeding of Your Rifle – M. Bower

An interesting read with some information that's still relevant today. The pamphlet "The M16A1 Rifle – Operation and Preventative Maintenance" was printed in 1968 by the Department of the Army. Below is part of page 6 which starts the section about reminders for keeping the M16A1 in proper working order while deployed to Vietnam. You can see the whole pamphlet online at <https://archive.org/details/1968m16A1/mode/2up> Future newsletters will include some of the other parts of this great piece of history.



## Results – Golden Bears Match: 1/16/2022– M. Bower

We had near perfect weather and only a few traffic breaks. Thanks to Rob Abelson who handled the RSO duties and Gil Vargas who assisted in the offhand stage after completing his string. Mark Bower led all shooters in the 80 round group with a 771-14x while Dave Wilson shot his M1 Garand and posted a 459-7X for high score in the 50 round group. (Editors Note: Steve put a few shots on my target during rapid sitting which helped me on the first string. You know the old saying about crossfires....There are those that have crossfired, those that will crossfire, and those that will again. I fall into the last category, and I think most shooters are similarly afflicted) Hope to see you at the February match.

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
<b>80 or 50 Shot Match</b>							
Mark Bower	EX	SR	182.01	198.03	196.03	195.07	771.14
Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	173.03	188.03	192.00	185.02	738.08
Steve Caplan	EX	SR	178.00	156.01	192.02	194.07	720.10
Nuran Degirmen	UNC	SR	177.00	181.03	185.00	168.00	711.03
Garrett Cheyno	UNC	SR	162.00	168.02	157.00	130.01	617.03
Dave Wilson	MK	VSR	87.01	90.00	91.00	191.06	459.07
Gil Vargas	UNC	SR	71.00	81.00	85.00	180.02	417.02
Ray Cruz	UNC	SR	75.01	77.01	69.00	151.00	372.02

## Looking Back to 2002 – M. Bower

Thanks to Tom Temple who brought some old newsletters to the November Bears match. I found one of the 2002 newsletters, and it noted that the Bears had been running strong for fifteen years. **Yes, that means it's our 35<sup>th</sup> year in 2022.**

From that same newsletter, a short article on F-Class will bring a smile to the “sling shooters” - For 2002 “The NRA is working to define the rules for F-Class Prone Class for Highpower Shooting. The basic idea is the old guys and silhouette shooters who need scopes to see the target can now compete and set records. We can see how this will fit into our matches at the January meeting.”. Fifteen years later, 4.5 power scopes on Service Rifles and anything you want on a Match Rifle would be permitted.

## Upcoming Matches and Shoots

**The following local matches are coming up in February 2022**

February 6 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – XTC Match on electronic targets – [www.ovgc.org](http://www.ovgc.org)

February 12 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC Match – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

February 19 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

February 20 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles

## Affiliations

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



## Club Officers – 2022

<b>President</b>	Darren Rosenbaum
<b>Vice-President</b>	Rob Abelson
<b>Treasurer</b>	None
<b>Secretary</b>	Mark Bower