



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

April 2022 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match: 5/15/2022

Our next match will be May 15, 2022. Look for 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 Updates – M. Bower

Membership – If you haven't paid your dues or just want to help support the Bears, 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 supporting Second Amendment rights in California. Only \$35 per year and additional donations are greatly appreciated.



New Service Rifle – M. Bower

Sig Sauer won the contract for two new squad weapons that will replace the M4/M4A1 carbine and M249 Squad Automatic Weapon better known as the SAW. These will be 6.8 mm cartridges using a new cartridge, the .277 Fury. Amazingly, it will achieve 3000 fps from a 16-inch barrel. Pushing bullets that fast in a short barrel requires a special cartridge case with a stainless-steel base attached to a brass body. Picture to left shows a 6.5 Creedmoor, 277 Fury, and a .308 Win cartridge. The Fury also uses specialized powder as it operates at 80,000 PSI compared to only 60,000 PSI for a .308. Needless to say, it will take some specialized dies and one has to wonder how the high pressure will affect barrel life.

This and That – M. Bower



For those that like a cup of coffee or a snack on the way to/from the range, the new 7-11 near the freeway is now open. Plenty of parking and bring your own coffee cup and save big on a refill. Darren was going to visit on the way home, so he can give us "the full report" at the next match. The architecture is a cut above a typical 7-11, and it boasts some water-wise landscaping.



Tree tobacco was introduced to California over a century ago, and it's an invasive tree/shrub. One of them was growing near the range tower, and it was blocking the ladder to the platform. I used my new Ryobi sawzall with a pruning blade and made short order of clearing it out. I also cleaned up some yellow star thistle and mustard that was in the parking area for firing points 19/20. Special thanks to Darren who policed the brass on the firing line, and thanks to "Mr. Magnet" for helping me pick up the steel cases. Mr. Magnet is a magnetic pick up stick which makes short order of cleaning up shotgun hulls and steel cases. Apparently some people don't understand "your brass is your trash, pick it up!".

NRA National Matches – M. Bower

This year's NRA National matches will be held at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. Electronic targets will be used for the XTC, Midrange, and Longrange matches. Matches will take place from July 8th through July 28th. There will even be an CMP EIC Rifle match on July 14th. If you're into Extreme Long Range (one mile and more), that will happen in August. Do an internet search to learn all of the details.

Results – Golden Bears Match: 3/20/2022 and 4/17/2022– M. Bower

While March was a bit windy, it didn't pick up until the match was completed. April weather was perfect with a hint of wind and cool in the morning and very nice by the time we finished. We didn't have the first vehicle head up the hill until thirty minutes after the match. The Easter Bunny delivered chocolate and Starbursts, so there was plenty of sugar and caffeine for the ride home. RSO duties were handled by yours truly, and I look forward to shooting in the May match. See you then.

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
80 or 50 Shot Match - March 20, 2022							
Name	Class	Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
Jason Zhu	EX	SR	176.02	195.05	199.09	197.09	767.25
Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	181.00	194.03	193.03	191.05	759.11
Nuran Degirmen	UNC	SR	148.01	177.00	174.03	161.01	660.05
Garrett Cheyno	UNC	SR	158.01	176.00	107.00	140.00	581.01
Ray Cruz (50 round)	UNC	MR	75.00	94.02	87.01	167.01	423.04
80 or 50 Shot Match - April 17, 2022							
Rob Abelson	HM	SR	191.03	199.07	198.07	196.08	784.25
Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	184.04	198.08	197.04	187.06	766.22
Jason Zhu	EX	SR	186.02	186.03	177.00	169.00	718.05
Garrett Cheyno	UNC	SR	146.04	168.00	170.00	143.02	627.06

CMP Metal Men – M. Bower



A recent article in the CMP's Shooting News newsletter featured these metal men built from old Garand receivers, barrels, gas tubes, and bolts. They're quite impressive at over ten feet tall and can be found at Camp Perry, Talladega Shooting Park, and the Anniston Competition Center. Check out the article for more pictures and details on their construction.

<https://thecmp.org/towering-reclaimed-rifle-statues-now-on-display-at-cmp-facilities/>

Upcoming Matches and Shoots

The following local matches are coming up

May 1 - Ojai Valley Gun Club Midrange Match on electronic targets – www.ovgc.org

May 14 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC – www.brrc.org

May 15 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles

May 22 – 1800 Americana Club – CMP GSMM Match contact camljr@juno.com– www.1800infor.org

June 5 – Ojai Valley Gun Club XTC Match on electronic targets – www.ovgc.org

Affiliations

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



Club Officers – 2022

President	Darren Rosenbaum
Vice-President	Rob Abelson
Treasurer	None
Secretary	Mark Bower