



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club
December 2023 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match: January 21, 2024

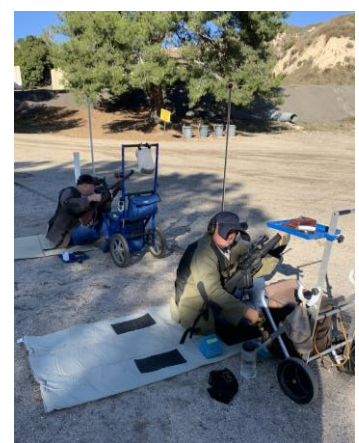
Hard to believe, but 2024 is soon upon us, and the first match of the year will be January 21st, 2024. We'll be on Fort A which is right across the street from Moore-N-Moore sporting clays. Match cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Arrive early, and you can park behind the firing line as space allows.

Club Meeting Notes:

Elections – We'll have the same group of club officers next year as everybody agreed to continue with their current roles. President: Darren Rosenbaum, Vice President: Ron Tirado, and Secretary: Mark Bower. Thanks to all for their continued support. Thanks to Rob Abelson for typically handling our check-in/check-out with Angeles Ranges and keeping all our paperwork in order.

Membership Renewals – You can send a check payable to SCGB to SCGB, 23901 Calabasas Road #2003 Calabasas, CA 91302. Cost is \$35 and additional donations are greatly appreciated and help us continue our shooting program.

Financial Report – We'll be sharing our container rental cost with the JPL Gun Club in 2024. Current club account balance is sufficient that we'll be able to pay next year's insurance. With good match attendance, we'll be able to cover container rental and save some money for the following year's insurance.



2023 Harker Memorial Match and More – M. Bower

We doubled up for the November match and had the Harker Memorial Match followed up the Turkey Shoot. We had more than a bit of wind before we started, and we asked, "What would Alan do?". It was unanimous that he would shoot, so we setup for the match, and the wind diminished a bit. We had mild temperatures and clear skies, so the iron sight shooters had excellent conditions. No turkeys were harmed in the completion of the contest nor were any shooters hit by hot flying brass or suffer a case of "M1 Thumb".

We honored Alan Harker who was one of the club's founders and a long-time member. He generously supported competitive shooting as an instructor and supported our troops when doing training of squad

designated marksmen. For this match, participants can shoot either a Vintage or Modern rifle with the match winners getting their name added to the Harker Trophy, see photo. This year’s match winners were Steve Caplan (Vintage) and Rob Abelson (Modern). Steve has won the Vintage category four of the last five years.

After the match, Turkey was on the menu. We placed the turkey target at about 50 yards and each shooter was given one offhand shot. Special thanks to Darren Rosenbaum who provided the rifle and ammunition. When the dust settled, Steve was the winner with his shot being closest to the center mark. Steve took home a crisp \$20 bill and will put it in the pile that he uses to light his cigars.

CMP 2024 Rule Change – M. Bower

For 2024, you’ll now be able to use short magazines. This means that you don’t need to have a 10-shot magazine with a 20-shot body. This can be helpful if in offhand and makes it easier to keep the magazine from resting on an arm in prone position. If you want to use one, you’ll need to make sure they have a fluorescent yellow or orange marking on the bottom which is visible when the magazine is fully inserted. This will make it easier to check rifles before calling the line “safe”. I’ve got some of these for my match rifle and will be checking them out in my service rifle.

Results – Golden Bears Match Scores: – M. Bower

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)							
Note: Not all shooters record scores							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
80 or 50 Shot Match – October 15, 2023							
Blake		SR	184.05	194.04	195.02	189.04	762.15
Eddie		SR	183.02	188.02	192.02	178.04	741.10
Garrett		SR	172.01	164.00	143	160.01	639.02
Harker Memorial Match – November 19, 2023							
Rob Abelson		SR	91.02	99.04	97.01	193.09	480.16
Blake Aaron		SR	83.00	97.02	99.05	184.04	463.11
Steve Caplan		VSR	89.01	90.01	92.02	193.06	464.10
Darren Rosenbaum		VSR	80.00	88.00	96.02	189.03	453.05
80 or 50 Shot Match – December 17, 2023							
Rob Abelson		SR	192.07	200.10	196.07	200.08	788.32
Blake Aaron		SR	185.03	199.07	194.06	194.05	772.21
Steve Caplan		SR	180.01	192.04	190.02	188.04	750.11
Ron Tirado		SR	173.00	190.04	188.03	189.03	740.10
Garrett Cheyno		SR	165.01	145	183.01	180.01	673.03
Nuran Derigmen		SR	143.00	145.01	167.01	154.00	609.02
Ray Cruz	- 50 Shot	SR	86.01	77.00	87.00	163.01	413.02

Affiliations and Support

The Golden Bears are proud to be CRPA and CMP supporters.



Club Officers – 2024

President	Darren Rosenbaum
Vice-President	Ron Tirado
Treasurer	None
Secretary	Mark Bower