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February 2008

**Southern California Golden Bears Highpower Rifle Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 1362, San Gabriel, CA 91778-1362**

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ANNUAL DUES – WE NEED TO
KEEP UP THE MEMBERSHIP - \$30 for full membership.
\$15 for inactive.**

**NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS. Victor got us a new mail
box in San Gabriel**

NEXT MATCH – Feb 17, CLUB MATCH and MEETING

OTHER MATCHES:

February 23 – Lopez Canyon Match – see inside for details

**March 2 - OJAI VALLEY GUN CLUB –March is an NRA Approved
Regional Course Event. \$15 for the NRA Match in March. Starts at
7:30AM at the Rose Valley Range.**

MINUTES CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 AM January 20, 2007. The pledge to flag was made and the meeting brought to order by President Tommy Temple. The meeting was attended by 6 members .

Alan Harker provided a Treasurers Report. Basically the Club has about enough funds to pay for the 2008 insurance. Alan transferred the book keeping to Victor Murillo and it was agreed that Victor would move the Bears bank account to a WaMu branch near his home and get on the signature card for the checking account. Victor will also establish a new Post Office Box near to his home to facilitate his job as Treasurer.

Old Business: A discussion was held to establish the dates for NRA matches in 2008. The matches have to be far enough out (3 months) to get incorporated into the Shooting Times Magazine. Additionally it was pointed out that the Club could join the CMP and have a real CMP Approved Garand Match with National Medals. Tentative dates for the Matches of June and September were selected.

New Business:

Applying for CMP approval for a Garand match was tabled till the February Match to have more discussion. It was pointed out that so many matches are currently being held (mostly with Tommy as Range Officer) that a high degree of coordination is required to schedule something new.

Web Site: Updating web site was discussed. Jerome Hernandez set it up several years back and is not keeping it up to date. It was suggested that George Gaskill could assist in making it more current.

The club has 2 new members, Robert Coffee and Blake Aaron. Welcome to the Bears!!

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

*****BEAR NEWS*****

Change in Army Marksmanship Training: Alan has been informed that the CMP is now seeking volunteers from the SDM Instructors ranks to participate in two week long courses at Fort Benning as an integral part of a Basic Training Units BRM Activities (Basic Rifle Marksmanship). This involves the instructors being imbedded in the Basic Training Units for 14, 12 hour days as full up instructors. The goal is to get the new recruits the same level of training that the Marine Corps now provides. The Army has decided that teaching a ground pounder to shoot is not a bad idea. Alan volunteered for the first BRM training, but since he is going to do an SDM course at Fort Rilea OR next week, the SDM passed him over to give others a chance. The instructors are very enthusiastic about the new opportunity, and the BRM trainings will be run year round, rather than just in the fall and winter as is current done for the SDM courses.

The Flag Raising, “Reverence with Rifles”

Match at Lopez Canyon, February 23, 2008

Sign in at 0800 First round down range at 0900

Iwo Jima, a small pork chop shaped volcanic island lies halfway between Tokyo and Saipan in the Marianas. In Japanese hands, it provided an airbase to launch attacks against B29 bases in the Marianas. Japanese interceptors based on Iwo attacked the Super-forts on the missions to Japan. Iwo threatened the strategic air war by inflicting heavy losses on crippled B29s trying to reach Saipan.

This vital stepping stone in American hands could become an advance base for air operations. Fighters could escort the B29s on their raids and the island could provide an emergency field for those bombers damaged over Japan. The Fourth and Fifth Marine Divisions would take the island with the Third Marines in reserve.

On February 19, 1945, the invasion began. Over 23,000 tons of ordinance had been delivered by naval gunfire and air before the first wave of landing crafts went in. In the first 47 hours, Marines lost 3,650 men, killed, wounded or missing. Mount Suribachi was taken on the fourth day. Fighting continued for 26 days until the island was declared secure on March 16th. Marine casualties numbered 23,827, with 4,275 killed. The Japanese garrison was annihilated.

The preceding was from a 1945 “Book of the Year” of recent events, before the movies, before John Wayne. The flag raising was not mentioned. The conquest of Iwo Jima was the most costly in Marine Corps history. I spoke recently to a Marine who had been on the battleship Pennsylvania during WWII. He had participated in the bombardment and fire support of his fellow Marines at Iwo. This gentleman got the bulkhead stare, the thousand yard look and said, “It was a terrible place, just terrible.” Five of his neighborhood friends from Glendale, California died on that island.

Photographer Joe Rosenthal's famous photograph of the colors being raised on Suribachi is the most famous photo of WWII, perhaps of all time. His photograph says everything about Americans working together as a team. Enough said. Join us at the rifle match at Lopez Canyon on February 23, 2008, the 63rd anniversary of the Flag Raising. The match will be a 50 round National Match Course.

Due to increasing turn out, Please email or phone to confirm your participation

I will log in confirmations as they are received and notify you accordingly

This course of fire will be a 50 round National Match Course on reduced 200 yard targets

Rifles may be Service or Match

Match Fees will be \$15 per shooter

This is not an NRA sanctioned match

We have 6 targets operational and can accommodate up to 24 competitors in four relays

There will be a safety brief before the match begins

If necessary, we will conduct a pit service briefing to help new shooters understand pit duties

Facilities at the range include running water and bathrooms with flush toilets

If you are interested and believe you can attend, please respond in advance of the match via email or telephone to Tom Temple at tmtemple@pacbell.net 323-664-5287

FOR SALE (Alan and Judy moving stuff to NV sale):

Safe – 34” wide ~ 24 gun safe, SG Lock, CA approved (no fire protection) - ~450 pounds - \$400.

Springfields – Assortment – 1918's, MK II's, 03's & 03-A3's from \$550 to \$4000

Winchester deluxe short action M70 – Hunting Rifle or long range – not fast enough for course rifle – .243 new barrel and stock, Tubbs speed lock. \$400

Creedmoor Shooting Coat – Well used size 40, hard back - \$75

STUFF: Win 1976 LC 0.45 lever action, SA Army LC 0.45, Gloves, spotting scope, brass, M14 parts, M1 various parts. Mauser stocks, etc If you need something ask Alan.

******* 2008 CALENDAR *******

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