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MARCH 2008

**Southern California Golden Bears Highpower Rifle Club, Inc.
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LAST CALL - 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 – March 16, CLUB MATCH and MEETING

OTHER MATCHES:

March 22 – Lopez Canyon Match – see inside for details

APRIL 6 - OJAI VALLEY GUN CLUB – April is a 600 yard Mid Range Prone Match- 60 shots + sighters. \$10 for the Match. Starts at 7:30AM at the Rose Valley Range.

MINUTES CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 at the Angeles Range. There were 9 members in attendance. Tommy Temple led the Flag salute

Victor Murillo provided the Treasurers report. The Golden Bears Account has been moved to a new bank branch nearer to Victor's home for convenience. The Account balance is OK to cover the new insurance policy which has arrived for payment. Target supplies are good for now.

Old/New business

Discussed popup target simulation
Club will apply for NRA approved matches in June and September
Discussed joining CMP?
Discussed Ojai XC match on March 2
Tom talked about the Fort MacArthur Air Raid on February 23
The club welcomes new member Andrew Estronick

Meeting adjourned 11:40

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

CAMP RILEA OREGON SDM TRAINING

Alan Harker

I had the opportunity to conduct a squad designated marksman (SDM) training last month for 35 members of the Oregon National Guard before their next deployment to Iraq. These guys are veterans of four deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Katrina. So they know the basics pretty well. The training was conducted by Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) Sergeants Dan Petry and Toby Tomlinson (National Champion) with the assistance of four instructors Alan, Lee McKinney (AZ), Carl Witterman (WA), Dave Merdich (WA).

Fort Rilea is an older training base on the Pacific Ocean right at the Oregon-Washington border and is quite reminiscent of camp Perry with the white and red cottages and buildings. The ranges face the ocean and are shared by elk and deer. We had to herd the elk off the range in the morning to shoot. The known distance (KD) range was only 300 yards, but served well for zeroing and position practice. The soldiers had M4 carbines with ACOG scopes for the effort, so we taught the sniper supported position as well as prone, kneeling, and off hand, using a hasty sling. We shot the 50 to 300m pop up range and finished on the 500m silhouette range where targets drop when hit. The M4. works quite well with the M855 62 grain bullet, tracers, and SAW ammo to 500m, no trouble. The tracers were great for showing the wind, of which we had plenty on the 500m range. We shot out of fire pits at 500m in blowing sand at about 30 mph.

We got do a little bit of sight seeing in the afternoons , when the ammo got in short supply. We also had the opportunity to use the Artificial Reality 3-D convoy trainer they have at Camp Rilea. We got to drive virtual Humvee's in a convoy through Iraq,

dodge IED's, and shoot it out with the Op Force guys with virtual 50 cal's. Very cool and very difficult. We also got to go through the new shoot house "Hostage Rescue" trainer they built to show troops how to take a house without killing friendlies. A good trip. The guys were very appreciative.

*****See the attached photos *****

OJAI REGIONAL COURSE MATCH – MARCH 2008

The March highpower rifle event was an 80 shot Regional Course NRA Approved Match. The event was held as an opportunity for Club members to shoot a full-up match and to improve their NRA competitor ratings. The weather was very windy and clear for the match. The wind made it difficult to get a great score, but that just leveled the course for everyone.

We had 5 club members and 7 guests compete in the match. Off hand was the most difficult, with the wind making the position very unsteady. Nile Ragusin was high in this stage with a very respectable 185, 14 points ahead of the nearest competition. Brian Fisher then got back in sync and fired the high score in the following three stages. His 198 out of 200 at 600 yards was exceptional, considering the wind. Brian won the match overall with a 749, followed by Alan Harker and Nile Ragusin. Nile was high Service Rifle.

The Ojai April Match (First Sunday April6) will be a 600 yard prone event (60 shots).

NRA APPROVED HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH March 2, 2008

Competitor		Offhand	Sitting	Rapid Prone	Slow Prone	Score
1	Brian Fisher	163	194	194	198	749
2	Alan Harker	171	190	186	183	730
3	Nile Ragusin	185	191	189	164	729
4	Robert Coffey	167	188	155	183	693
5	Tommy Temple	153	189	182	180	704
6	Bret Newton	166	189	175	167	697
7	Blake Aaron	157	165	187	175	684
8	Ed Jack	140	190	186	162	678
9	Michael Stern	165	171	176	162	674
10	Gregory Sullivan	158	154	169	154	635
11	Bruce Winker	148	162	160	164	634
12	Peter Korch	121	148	118	148	535

LOPEZ CANYON MATCH

“ETO, March 22, 1945, Patton FIRST to Cross Rhine”

Two days before Field Marshall Montgomery began “Operation Plunder,” the Allied assault on the Rhine, General Patton utilized rafts and assault boats to move six battalions across the Rhine. A single platoon of Germans guarded the far bank. Combat engineers quickly placed pontoon bridges as General Patton reported to General Bradley that he was already across. “Don’t tell anyone.....” Patton began, “there are so few krauts around, they don’t know it yet.”

M1 Rifle Match at Lopez Canyon, March 22, 2008

“The M1 Rifle is the greatest battle implement ever devised.” George S. Patton

To honor the spirit of excellence and achievement, break out your US rifle, caliber 30 M1 and turn to for an M1-Springfield-Vintage rifle match at Lopez Canyon hosted by the Gopher Flats Club.

For those interested who do not have an M1, give me 5 laps around the grinder with full field gear and then bring your rifle of choice, M1A, AR15, match rifle, match bolt rifle, or space gun. You may fire along with the others.

Sign in at 0800 First round down range at 0900

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

Match Fees will be \$15 per shooter

This is not an NRA sanctioned match

We have room for 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

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

*****RANGE TALK*****

The Bears Club Match was attended by 11 competitors, with Tommy serving as Range Officer again. The scores were pretty good as was the weather. The best looking target of the day was Alan Harker's 99-3X Off Hand. Alan was using Judy's old Rem 700 0.223, and this time he tightened the front sight. Gary Carter had high rapid sitting and prone, with a pair of 99's. Alan's 198-9X was high slow prone and his 490-18X was high overall. Robert Coffey was high Service Rifle firing an M1-A and scoring a 470-8X.

S. CALIF. GOLDEN BEARS HIGH POWER RIFLE TOURNAMENT RESULTS
17-Feb-08 Club Match

No.	COMPETITOR	Rifle	Angeles Range					San Fernando, CA					AVER.
			OFF-HAND	X	RAPID SITTING	X	RAPID PRONE	X	SLOW PRONE	X	TOTAL SCORE	X	
1	Alan Harker	M	99	-3	97	-5	96	-1	198	-9	490	-18	98.0%
2	Gary Carter	M	94	-1	99	-4	99	-5	195	-6	487	-16	97.4%
3	Judy Harker	M	90	-2	98	-4	96	-1	189	-4	473	-11	94.6%
4	Robert Coffey	S	91	-1	93	-2	97	-2	189	-3	470	-8	94.0%
5	Steve Caplan	S	90	-1	94		91		186	-5	461	-6	92.2%
6	Victor Murillo	S	90	-1	85		86		190	-6	451	-7	90.2%
7	Kevin Jew	S	87		93		94	-2	177		451	-2	90.2%
8	R> McMillin	S	86		77		85		171	-2	419	-2	83.8%
9	Nelson Green	S	84		78		84		136		382	0	76.4%
10	M. Lukachie	S	77		80		49		149		355	0	71.0%
11	Andrrew Estronick	S	43	0	63		71		64		241	0	48.2%

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

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