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March 2009

Southern California Golden Bears Highpower Rifle Club, Inc.
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NOTICE!....2009 CLUB DUES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED. At the December 2008 meeting the club voted to increase the annual dues to \$35 for active members and \$17.50 for inactive members. Please pay at the next matches or mail check to the club address above.

NEXT MATCH – CLUB MATCH – March 15 – This match will be a club match. This will be our 50 shot match on reduced targets. Meeting to follow.

OTHER MATCHES:

Gopher Flats High Power Rifle Match at Lopez Canyon - March 28 - The course of fire will be the 50 or 80 round (your choice) National Match Course on reduced targets for 300 and 600 yard phases. The match will be conducted as a “walk down” event as the pit wall is unsupported and unstable. No steel core or steel jacketed ammunition will be allowed. We have all six target carriers operational and can accommodate up to 24 shooters in 4 relays. - Sign in at 0730 - Contact Tom Temple at tmtemple@pacbell.net or 323-664-5287

Ojai Valley Gun Club - The April 5 match will be a 60 shot Midrange Prone match at 600 yards - Starts at 7:30 AM - The matches are open to both members and non-members, and new shooters or beginners in the high power discipline are welcomed and encouraged. Check with Alan or Blake.

*****CLUB MEETING MINUTES*****

Minutes for February 15, 2009

Meeting called to order at 11:25

5 members attending

Treasurers Report

Club has about \$1020 in account

Wrote checks to CMP for affiliation and to State of California for incorporation fee.

As of 2/15/2009 15 members have paid 2009 dues.

Old Business

CMP Affiliation process is continuing

Discussed new rules regarding rapid stages.

Not standing vs. standing, NRA vs. CMP

Club will not require standing for now.

New Business

Discussed coaches school at LARR. March 28th and 29th.

Nelson handed out copies of the clubs bylaws for review.

Discussed juniors joining the club.

The bylaws allow “associate members”, under the age of 18, to join the club.

Members voted to set associate members annual membership at \$15 and the fee to shoot the match at \$10.

Meeting adjourned 12:08

*****BEARS RANGE TALK*****

We had seven shooters for this match. Alan was high score with 481-8x's. Gary Carter was high offhand with a 95-4x and high rapid sitting with 98-4x. Alan had high rapid sitting with 97-1x and high slow prone with 194-3x. Thanks Tom again for running the match.

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February 15, 2009											
	Competitor	OH	x's	RS	x's	RP	x's	Prone	x's	Total	x's
1	Alan Harker	94	3	97	1	96	1	194	3	481	8
2	Gary Carter	95	4	95	0	98	4	190	0	478	8
3	Bruce Kawaguchi	91	2	95	2	94	2	189	4	469	10
4	Robert Coffey	89	1	94	0	97	5	182	4	462	10
5	Steve Caplan	86	1	96	0	90	0	183	3	455	4
6	Victor Murillo	89	0	92	2	94	1	179	2	454	5
7	Nelson Green	79	0	82	0	68	0	148	1	377	1

*******OTHER MATCH NEWS*******

**Gopher Flats, High Power Rifle Match Report, February 28
200 Yard Improvised Walk down Match**

Sorry, no match results at this time.

OVGC National Match Report, March 1, 2009

Sorry, no match results at this time.

*****FOR YOUR INFORMATION*****

LATEST CMP SALES NEWS:

ORDER BACKLOG. Normally, we average receiving 2,000 - 3,000 sales orders per month and ship an order in 2-3 weeks. However, these are not normal times. Since October, 2008 we have been receiving 5,000 - 10,000 orders per month, which is several times normal. As a result, we are very backlogged and running several weeks behind on processing orders. Our staff is working up to 12 hours per day 7 days a week, and only today finished the 4,000 orders we received on 1 December alone (except for those 1 Dec orders with credit card or other problems). Customers with outstanding orders should expect orders to ship approximately 100 days from the date the order was received by CMP. We expect to recover from this surge in another 3-4 months (assuming the number of orders being received drops somewhat).

COMMUNICATION RESPONSE DELAYS. CMP is receiving hundreds of calls a day, as well as hundreds of emails. Each morning there are dozens of voicemails from the night before. Because of the large volume of constant calls in the daytime, it may take a few days for response. We have a state of the art phone system for a company our size, but the volume of calls is causing the system to do unexpected things. We apologize for any delay in responding to emails or telephone calls.

CMP STORES CLOSED 15-31 MARCH, 2009. In addition to the heavy volume of mail and estore orders, the shopping activity at both stores has been significantly higher than last year. As a result, we have had to divert more sales staff than planned from processing mail orders on the days the store is open. Both CMP stores will be closed 15-31 March. The Sales staff at both locations will work on processing mail orders in an effort to quickly reduce the backlog and shorten delivery time.

ORDERS OUT OF SEQUENCE. In normal times, CMP processes sales orders in date sequence as received, regardless of item being ordered. To help reduce the mountain of orders, we are separating the rifle orders from non-rifle orders. We have dedicated two of our staff to process the non-rifle orders without regard to dates of rifle orders still in the queue. This will result in an out of sequence delivery time for many orders, but will reduce the amount of pending orders quickly.

BUY NOW FEATURE ON CMP AUCTION. We have started using the "buy now" feature for selected items on the CMP Auction site. We are listing the M1A1 carbine, one at a time with this feature. Buy now price is \$3,000. We will also list some M1A1 carbines for the regular bidding process.

LAKE CITY. .30-06 SOLD OUT. On 20 February, we posted the Lake City .30-06 ammunition as sold out. We fully expect to be able to fill all orders already in house and those in the mail on 20 February. It may take another 100 days to ship some of the orders just received.

NEW CMP DISCUSSION FORUM COMING SOON. CMP has purchased new forum software. We plan to transition to it in April, 2009. Current member registrations and discussion topics will not be transferred to the new forum. Everyone wishing to post on the new forum will have to register again. Anyone wishing to save any information from the current forum should do so now.

ATTENTION HIGHPOWER AND AIR RIFLE SHOOTERS IN THE SOUTHEAST! The CMP will conduct its second test match for its new National Match Air Rifle discipline at the CMP Competition Center in Anniston, Alabama on 14 March.

If you live in the Southeast U. S. and are interested in an off-season event for highpower rifle shooters or are interested in finding a new recreation-oriented shooting game that is easy to start and promises to be a lot of fun, you are invited to come to Anniston on 14 March.

National Match Air Rifle features two courses of fire similar to the highpower rifle standing and John C. Garand courses of fire. It is shot on reduced highpower 200 and 600-yard targets on 10-meter ranges with air

rifles. Provisional rules provide for three rifle classes, sporter, match/precision and AR-type air rifles. The CMP invites both experienced highpower shooters and recreational air gun shooters to try the 14 March test match to learn more about this new rifle discipline and provide feedback to help finalize the rules. The CMP has produced 10-bull paper AR-SR and AR-MR targets that will be used in this match and will be available to shooting clubs. Industry prototype AR style air rifles from Pilkington Competition Equipment and Creedmoor-Anschütz will be available for examination and testing at the match.

o For program and registration information, visit

http://www.odcmp.com/Programs/AirRifle/NMARTestProgram_AN.pdf.

o Register on line for this match

<http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchInfo.cgi?matchID=4281>.

· A First Shot On-Line article on the first National Match Air Rifle Test Match is posted at <http://www.odcmp.org/1208/default.asp?page-NMAIR>.

Thank you for your support of the CMP in these historic times.

Orest Michaels
Chief Operating Officer

*****FOR SALE*****

A friend of Tom Temple is selling the following item:

US Rifle 1903 Springfield

Serial no. not noted but should be a late numbered receiver.

Stock is US GI "C" Type in good condition.

Barrel date unknown, manufacturer "HRA"

Rifle is equipped with issue sights and Lyman 48 long slide rear sight.

Previous owner used rifle in long range matches.

Throat erosion is a 3 on the gauge

Asking price is \$1000.

Contact Tom Temple 3236645287

tmtemple@pacbell.net

For Free!

Victor Murillo has several CMP shipping cartons w/ foam padding.

50" long (rifle), 37" long (carbine)

See me at the match or victor_murillo9@msn.com

If anyone has anything for sale let me know and I will post it in the newsletter.
(victor_murillo9@msn.com)

******* 2009 CALENDAR *******

<p>January (CLUB)</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p>	<p>February (CLUB)</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 8 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p>March (CLUB)</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 8 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p>April ()</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>
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