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JUNE 2008

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NEXT MATCH - NRA MATCH - JUNE 15 - Only Two this year. Don't miss this one. \$15 dollars - CAR POOL, SHOW UP, AND SHOOT

OTHER MATCHES:

Lopez Canyon - 50 shot National Match Course at 200 yards - Sign in at 0730 - Contact Tom Temple at tmtemple@pacbell.net or 323-664-5287

JULY 6- OJAI VALLEY GUN CLUB - July is an 80 shot XC Match at 200-300-600 yards - Starts at 7:30 AM

MINUTES CLUB MEETING

Meeting called to order 11:25

4 members

Treasures report

About 500 in account

One more member sent dues. We now have 21 members in club

Old/New business

Discussed ways to promote club

Talked about Lopez Canyon and the Gas Co. range

Tom talked about Fort Macarthur up coming activities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

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

OJAI NATIONAL MATCH REPORT – May 2008

There were 15 shooters for the Ojai 600 yard match.. Nile Ragusin and Blake Aaron ran the match and all went reasonably well. July 6th will be a XC match 800 points. \$15 for quests and \$5 for OVGC members. Scopes, iron sights, Match rifles, or military rifles welcome. Sign up start around 7:30AM the first Sunday of the month.

Gopher Flats, High Power Rifle Match Report, May 24, 2008 “The Battle of the Atlantic”

Despite a weather forecast that included a chance of thunderstorms, hail and tornadoes, over a dozen competitors waited in the rain to get aboard at Lopez Canyon Range. Rain delayed the delivery of the targets by 15 minutes but all hands were aboard the Big Bore Range at 7:45 AM. Sixteen competitors signed in and were squadded in three relays. The match commenced at 9:15 AM.

This month we had new equipment in the form of berm mounted number boards to aide in target identification. Mike Miller, CRPA representative, provided an able assist in assuring that the event ran smoothly. Thanks to Mike for his input. We were able to complete the match shortly before 2 PM.

Cool, cloudy conditions prevailed with a shifting breeze that made several complete reversals. Light conditions varied as the sun peeked through and vanished. Light's up-sights up. Light's down-sights down. Most shooters didn't lose many points as the changes occurred.

High Master, Martin Tardif, won the match with a 492-16X out of 500 points possible. Nile Ragusin, Master, was second with a 481-17X fired with his AR 15. I am pleased to report that many of the regular competitors are improving steadily. Victor Murillo in particular has been holding hard lately. Classified as an “Expert” if he continues to improve, he may earn a Master classification. Congratulations! Even those who shot below their average scores observed that they learned from the experience. Positive attitude equals positive results.

My personal thanks go out to competitors John Laurent and his Grandson, Payne Kelly, who fired his first match at Lopez, as well as to Jose Garza and his son, Richard who participated in pit duties. These young men are the future of our sport and of our nation. It is a pleasure to observe your involvement.

For those with a historical perspective, one of our competitors, Richard Rebele, emailed a follow up to the

Bismarck and Prinz Eugen vs. HMS Hood. Richard made several dives on the wreck of the Prinz Eugen while living on Kwajalein. The Allies captured the German battle cruiser at the end of WWII. She was part of the fleet anchored at Bikini Atoll for the first H-bomb tests in the Pacific. She did not sink and was towed out of the area and scuttled near Kwajalein. Richard reports that torpedoes are still visible in the launch tubes on the deck of the Prinz Eugen. Small world.....

May 24, 1941, The Battle of the Atlantic										
Match Date May 24, 2008										
50 Round National Match Course of Fire										
Tommy M. Temple, Match Director										
						Off-	Rapid	Rapid	Slow	Match
No.	Competitor	Paid	Class	Rifle	Hand	Sitting	Prone	Prone	Total	
1	Martin Tardif	\$15	HM	MR	97-3X	96-2X	100-5X	199-6X	492-16X	
2	Nile Ragusin	\$15	M	SR	92-2X	97-4X	97-3X	195-8X	481-17X	
3	Bruce Kawaguchi	\$15	UNC	SR	90-1X	98-3X	96-1X	191-8X	475-13X	
4	Victor Murillo	\$15	EX	SR	84-1X	91-0X	100-3X	195-5X	470-9X	
5	Craig McCormick	\$15	EX	SR	86-0X	94-2X	96-1X	189-6X	465-9X	
6	Mike Barranco	\$15	M	SR	86-1X	96-0X	89-2X	193-9X	464-12X	
7	Mike Miller	\$15	M	SR	89-1X	92-0X	89-1X	190-9X	460-11X	
8	George Gaskill	\$15	EX	MR	87-0X	90-1X	92-0X	186-4X	455-5X	
9	Mike Stern	\$15	SS	SR	86-1X	86-0X	87-1X	187-5X	446-7X	
10	Robert Coffey	\$15	UNC	SR	78-1X	83-0X	89-1X	190-5X	440-7X	
11	Byron Slater	\$15	UNC	SR	65-0X	89-0X	93-2X	161-1X	408-3X	
12	Frrred Mathews	\$15	UNC	SR	73-0X	59-0X	86-0X	188-4X	406-4X	
13	Mike Avooske	\$15	SS	SR	69-0X	86-0X	83-0X	166-5X	404-5X	
14	Payne Kelly	\$15	UNC	SR	95-1X	54-0X	83-0X	147-2X	379-3X	
15	John Laurent	\$15	M	SR	99-5X	99-1X	69-0X	91-1X	368-7X	
16	Nelson Green	\$15	UNC	SR	88-1X	75-0X	72-0X	123-0X	358-1X	

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

The May match had the lowest turn out in years. Alan and Judy were in Nevada and the most others had similar reasons for not being there. Car pool and come on out in July. Victor was high score with a very nice 475, followed by Steve Caplan with a 460. **The JUNE MATCH IS NRA APPROVED AND** - there will be a full up AMU-SDM (squad designated marksman) rifle available for viewing/shooting at the next match. Come out and up your qualification score and see how the SDM rifle works on the small targets.

S. CALIF. GOLDEN BEARS HIGH POWER RIFLE TOURNAMENT RESULTS
18-May-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	Victor Murillo	S	91	1	92	2	93	2	199	5	475	10	95.0%
2	Steve Caplan	S	90	0	98	2	93	2	179	5	460	9	92.0%
3	Robert Coffey	S	89	2	86	3	94	0	191	2	460	7	92.0%
4	Nelson Green	S	86	1	87	0	90	2	139	1	402	4	80.4%
5	Eric Block	S	0	0	17	0	41	0	32	0	90	0	18.0%

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

With Army designating the M4 as the firearm of choice for the near future there is a strong move by a lot of shooters to put together or buy an M4 clone. The rationale for the M4 adoptio



n is that the firearm is light, highly mobile, and adaptable to optics, night vision gear, and numerous accessories. The major down side is the burst fire trigger, that has a pull weight higher than that of the firearm itself. Alan is holding one of the Army issue flat top M4 carbines with quad rail and the TAO1SN ACOG in the photo from Camp Rilea OR. Firing the M855 green tip bullet, the rifle is reasonably accurate on a man sized target to 500 yards.

The main difference in the rifle (other than length) is that the upper receiver and barrel extension have been modified with feed ramp cuts the AR-15 and M-16 do not possess. Hence putting an M-16 barrel on an M-4 upper is discouraged, while putting an M4 barrel on an M-16 upper is less than optimal. See the picture. The goal of the cuts is better feeding. One of the typical failures that occurs with the M-4 is bullets riding up into the upper and sticking during burst fire. The deeper ramps reduce this problem.

Feed Ramps Comparison [AR15 BARRELS.COM](http://AR15BARRELS.COM)

M4 ramps are cut deeper into the barrel extension and require a receiver with matching cuts to extend feed ramps closer to the magazine.

Standard M4



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

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