



**\*\*\*\*\* THE BEAR FACTS \*\*\*\*\***  
**JULY 2008**

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

**NEXT MATCH - ANNUAL SERVICE RIFLE MATCH -  
JULY 20, 2008 - Meeting and pot lunch to follow.**

**OTHER MATCHES:**

**Gopher Flats High Power Rifle Match at Lopez Canyon - July 26 - 50  
shot National Match Course at 200 yards - Sign in at 0730 - Contact Tom  
Temple at [tmtemple@pacbell.net](mailto:tmtemple@pacbell.net) or 323-664-5287**

**Ojai Valley Gun Club - August 3 - A 60 shot prone match at 600  
yards - Starts at 7:30 AM - Check with Alan.**

# MINUTES CLUB MEETING

Minutes for June 15, 2008

Meeting called to order at 12:00

10 members present

Treasurers report

The club has about \$400 in account

Membership update: there are 22 members in club

The club needs to file the state incorporation form.

Old/New Business

The clubs website needs history and photos update.

The July match is scheduled as a Service Rifle match.

There will be a pot luck lunch after the match.

Discussion of popup and silhouette targets

Tom showed his Hawaii pics

Fort Mac will be (was) on July 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>

Tom mentioned the Gas company range at Lopez Canyon is a 10 position/200yd range.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

## \*\*\*\*\*BEAR NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

### **OJAI NATIONAL MATCH REPORT – JULY 2008**

**No information of this match. See Alan**

### **Gopher Flats High Power Rifle Match Report, June 28, 2008**

**“Seoul Falls to the Communists”**

The Gopher Flats High Power Match was attended by 13 competitors in June. Attendance was down partly due to team practices being held at Coalinga in preparation for the National Matches at Camp Perry. The Margarita Gun Club at Camp Pendleton sponsored an M1 Match on the same weekend. Thanks to the regulars for your support and to Doan Trevor for attending his first match at Lopez Canyon.

The event was blessed with warm but not oppressive temperatures. The winds were light and variable and the biggest gripe from competitors was regarding the indistinct lighting on the target faces at this time of year. The position of the sun was such that sunlight did not strike the target faces until noon. By 12:30 PM the targets were well illuminated and

Victor Murillo hammered a 196-8X in slow prone with his AR15. Doan Trevor carded the only higher score in that stage with a 197-4X fired with his match rifle. Good job guys. John Laurent won the match with a score of 482-11X followed by Martin Tardif with 478-9X. Nile Ragusin was third overall with a 472-7X.

This match we utilized the NRA alternate scoring system that places all value points below target center. With the catwalk in place, everyone can now reach without straining to place the value disks on target and no one exposes his or her hands above the berm. This is a plus factor on the side of range safety and I thank all competitors for adapting so well to a new system.

All firing was complete by 1:45 PM. Some competitors indulged in the lunch provided by the Gophers while others had obligations and left as the match ended. Thanks to Chuck and Alex for working the galley.

As a reminder, please try to confirm your attendance the week before the match. Pre-squadding the relays simplify the match execution and allow for an estimate on drinks and snacks. Stand by for the July Match announcement.

<b>June 28, 1950, Seoul Falls to the Communists</b>										
Match Date June 28, 2008										
50 Round National Match Course of Fire										
Tommy M. Temple, Match Director										
No.	Competitor	Paid	Class	Rifle	Off-Hand	Rapid Sitting	Rapid Prone	Slow Prone	Match Total	
1	John Laurent	\$15	M	SR	92-0X	99-4X	97-1X	194-5X	482-11X	
2	Martin Tardif	\$15	M	SR	90-1X	98-4X	95-0X	195-4X	478-9X	
3	Nile Ragusin	\$15	M	SR	92-1X	96-1X	100-1X	184-4X	472-7X	
4	Robert Coffey	\$15	UNC	SR	88-0X	98-2X	99-1X	184-2X	469-5X	
5	Doan Trevor	\$15	M	MR	88-1X	96-1X	87-0X	197-4X	468-6X	
6	Steve Caplan	\$15	EX	SR	88-0X	98-2X	95-1X	179-2X	460-5X	
7	Victor Murillo	\$15	EX	SR	63-0X	89-0X	88-0X	196-8X	436-8X	
8	Mike Stern	\$15	SS	SR	89-0X	86-1X	82-1X	185-3X	442-5X	
9	Dean Hendrickson	\$15	UNC	SR	72-1X	90-1X	84-0X	185-4X	431-6X	
10	Mike Avooske	\$15	SS	SR	78-0X	89-0X	73-0X	153-2X	393-2X	
11	Nelson Green	\$15	UNC	SR	85-1X	71-0X	61-0X	153-3X	370-4X	
12	Ed Brown	\$15	UNC	SR	72-0X	64-0X	76-0X	141-0X	353-0X	
13	Byron Slater	\$15	UNC	SR	72-0X	67-0X	61-0X	146-0X	346-0X	

**\*\*\*RANGE TALK\*\*\***

The June match was a NRA approved match. We had 15 shooters come out. Nice turnout. I have no information on individual shooters. Below is the match results submitted to the NRA.

<b>S. CALIF. GOLDEN BEARS HIGH POWER RIFLE TOURNAMENT RESULTS</b>						
		<b>6/15/2008</b>		<b>Angeles Range, San Fernando CA</b>		
		<b>NRA APPROVED MATCH</b>				
No.	COMPETITOR		NRA NUMBER	NUMBER SHOTS	SCORE	ADDRESS
1	Alan	Harker	3762373	80	773	1213 La Brea Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
2	Gary	Carter	16420667	80	770	24434 La Glorita Circle, Newhall, CA 91321
3	Judy	Harker	5151257	80	758	1213 La Brea Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
4	Robert	Coffey	18549129	80	756	353 Dryden St., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
5	Victor	Murillo	36224412	80	751	320 N. Mission Dr., San Gabriel, CA 91775
6	Jeff	Ramadan	7397565	80	743	21002 Ave. San Luis, Woodland Hills, CA 91364
7	Steve	Caplan	39081500	80	740	3084 Jessica St., Newbury Park, CA 91320
8	Robert	McMillin	142583246	80	686	1521 W. Rialto Ave, Apt. 133, Fontana, CA 92335
9	Nelson	Green	57682458	80	645	144 Oak Meadow Rd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
10	Michael	Lukachie	144829381	80	520	111 Calle Renata, San Dimas, CA 91773
11	Richard	Rebele	138122775	80	343	27031 Edgewater Lane, Valencia, CA 91355
12	Pat	Hector	FCE4623T	50	489	6600 Shoup Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91307

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

**It's Just a Sling**

*By SFC Lance Dement, USAMU Service Rifle Team Member*

I feel there are only two things more important to a rifle shooter than a sling; these are the gun and ammo! The service rifle sling is often underrated or even misused. If you are reading this article you have probably used a service rifle sling in one way or another. The best way to learn how to correctly put a sling on a rifle is to talk to experienced shooters. Then try their various methods to see which one or perhaps a combination of methods will work best for you. There is no one absolute right way, but I will give you some things to consider in helping you use your sling more effectively.

The first and, probably most important, thing is to mark your sling. I prefer my sling to be numbered rather than marking it for each position. Numbering your sling will allow for changes in the future. For example as your sling gets older it may stretch, or a younger shooter may grow and have to move their sling setting. I have also learned on some ranges the angle to the target or the slope of the firing line will cause me to take up or let out one notch on my sling. I frequently see new shooters using half of their prep time relearning their sling settings. However, marking your sling won't do you any good if you don't record

the settings you use for each position.

I have seen some shooters use very elaborate methods of rigging their slings for the offhand position. They will inevitably use a lot of their sitting prep time to remove and reset their slings. I like to keep things simple, for standing I use a parade sling (the sling is tight on the right or left side of the magazine well.) As soon as I fire my last shot standing I put in my ECI, and remove my magazine. Before I move off the line I adjust the length of the sling for the sitting position. I unhook the bottom part of my sling and remove it from the rear sling swivel and hook it on to itself. I do this to keep the unused part of the sling out of my way. Some shooters leave this end attached to the butt of the gun or wrapped around their upper arm. Both methods are fine; they can just take more time or make movement with the rifle more difficult. By making these adjustments after my last shot standing, I do not use up my sitting prep time messing with the sling.

The last thing I would like to cover is maintenance of your sling. Keeping your sling in good working condition is easy and requires only minimum time and effort. I have used the same sling for nine years. It has been rained on and snowed on; it has been in hot and humid conditions and has also seen the high desert. I inspect my sling on a regular basis, usually in the morning when I am prepping my rifle to go down range. I check for cracks in the leather, which are most often found near the front sling swivel. I then check the sling keepers, paying close attention to the stitching, here you need to check for dry rot, or if the stitching itself is coming undone. I use a leather conditioner on my sling every three to four months or after the sling is exposed to rain or snow. When the sling itself is getting thin or showing excessive stretch it is time for a new one. I also carry a back up sling with me. My back up sling is not brand new; it is one I have used before during practice or for dry firing. Brand new slings tend to be hard to adjust and feel very different when in position. They may stretch excessively during the first month or two of usage. It is good to check your back up sling against your primary sling to ensure the markings are the same or if not, make note of the difference.

Shooters who are familiar with their sling, know how it works and have it properly marked will have greater consistency from day to day whether in training or in matches. The few extra minutes it takes to ensure that your sling is in working order may be the difference between your best day on the range and a wasted trip.

(From the CMP online newsletter "The First Shot")

**\*\*\*\*\* 2008 CALENDAR \*\*\*\*\***

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