



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

December 2015 Newsletter

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CMP and NRA Affiliated Club

First match of the year will be January 17th.

Next month's match will be January 17, **2016**. This will be an NRA Approved match. If you don't have your NRA classification, shoot the 80 round match, and you'll either complete your classification or be only one match away from getting it done. We'll award prizes to winners in each NRA Class.

As always, our matches are held on the third Sunday of the month (see full schedule at end of Newsletter) and take place at the private Fort Angeles range in the Angeles Range complex. Don't forget that you can also shoot on the public line after the match if desired. Sign-ins start at 0730 and first shot goes downrange about 0815 with the match finishing up at about 1000.

Cost is only \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. Add three dollars if you'd like to send your scores to the NRA. **Juniors shoot for free when shooting with an adult.**

Lucky X Progressive Purse –Back to Zero.... M. Bower

Tom Temple reached in and pulled lucky number 22. For Nelson Green, he was glad that he pushed that last shot a little right and ended up with 22 X's. The pot had been inching up every month, and Nelson won \$208 and can now get that new trigger or barrel or brass or bullets or something.

The rules are simple, if your X count matches the number drawn, you win the pot (ties divide). If we don't have an exact match, the pot carries over to the next month

Club Meeting Notes – 12/20/2015.... M. Bower

Election Results – By unanimous vote, the existing slate of officers will serve another term in office. See officer listing at the end of the newsletter

Membership Dues – The membership year starts in January, and thanks to those that paid at this month's meeting. Our membership continues to grow and last year was the highest it's been in the tenure of the past two Secretaries and perhaps the highest in over a decade.

Treasurer's Report – Our Treasurer was not present, but we continue to be in good financial health. The only major expense in the past month was website hosting reimbursement.

Taladega Marksmanship Park (TMP) Report – Tommy Temple and Johnny Fisher worked and participated in the inaugural Taladega 600 matches. At least one other Southern Cal shooter made the trip as well. The TMP is the most modern rifle range in the United States and perhaps the world. The entire Highpower range uses electronic targets, and the CMP has been working hard to get them working perfectly. The consensus was that they're working very well with some opportunities to refine the rules surrounding their use and continue to make incremental improvements in the software. Shooters can also offer some improvement in keeping their bullets in the scoring rings, so they're not shooting microphones and/or communication cables during the course of fire.

As shooters don't have to pull targets, they can go to the clubhouse and watch match results in real time. Scorekeepers are now called verifiers and are able to verify the round count on rapid strings and assist in

communications with the line staff and statistics/scoring officers. Overall a great experience with more time to shoot without having to pull targets.

Check out more at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/talladega-marksmanship-park/>

After Action Report – Golden Bears Match 12/20/2015– M. Bower

Once again we had great weather. A little rain on Saturday knocked down the dust but didn't leave us with a muddy mess. We setup and got ready under overcast skies with wind, but the wind subsided and the sun came out as we started the match. An Appleseed clinic was being taught at one of the upper ranges, so we had an extra traffic break during our offhand slow fire stage. To get a refresher on position shooting and learn more about how our country got its start, then sign up for an Appleseed clinic. Check it out at www.appleseedinfo.org.

On the shooting side of the match, we had 14 shooters in attendance. Ken Letwin bested all shooters with two of the four stages being "cleans". Ken was high in the slow prone stage and took home the free match entry.

December 20, 2015 – XTC on reduced size targets							
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
50 or 80 Shot Course - All Modern Service Rifles including a good number of M1A's!							
Ken Letwin	MA	MR	187.02	200.11	197.04	200.10	784.27
Paul Schultz	MA	MR	182.00	198.06	199.06	196.07	775.19
Brian Maguire	EX	SR	188.02	195.02	198.07	196.09	777.20
Nelson Green	MA	SR	189.06	195.05	193.05	195.06	772.22
Kwang Kim	EX	SR	182.03	194.05	187.02	191.05	754.15
Darren Rosenbaum	EX	SR	189.02	190.03	186.02	181.03	746.10
Mark Bower	EX	SR	161.00	191.03	194.02	183.03	729.08
Johnny Fisher	MA	SR-M1A	190.05	168.02	174.00	184.05	716.12
Mike Smith	UNC	SR	153.00	192.02	192.05	168.01	705.08
Dave Wilson	MK	SR-M1A	168.00	184.03	176.01	172.02	700.06
Steve Caplan	EX	SR	180.02	99.06	193.02	187.03	659.13
Guilbert Baradas	EX	SR	85.00	78.00	79.00	173.02	415.02
Gil Vargas	UNC	SR-M1A	73.00	60.00	89.00	172.00	394.00

Match Rifles in Black and Green. The good news is you have lots of adjustments you can make and the bad news is trying to figure out what adjustments to actually make. Both in 5.56/.223.



Carbine with collapsible stock which will be considered a Service Rifle by the CMP after new rules are adopted in 2016. Tom Temple running the line and providing instruction during post-match practice.



After Action Report – Ojai Valley Gun Club 11/1/2015 - M. Bower

Darren and I headed into the hills after passing through Ojai and guessed how cold it would be at the range when we arrived. I told him that the over/under number was thirty degrees, and he took the “under”. While it was 40 degrees when we made the turn into Rose Valley, it dropped as we headed down into the valley. It ended up being 29 degrees when we stepped out of the jeep. While it was a bit chilly when we started, it warmed up quickly, and we had a great day of shooting. I used my scoped service rifle (it’s now a scoped match rifle as the new rules haven’t been published yet). I learned that I can still turn the knobs the wrong way at 300 yards, and I had some off call shots at 600 yards. Overall, an interesting experience and looking forward to continuing to shooting it. No score submitted by yours truly. Some great shooting by competitors with half of the shooters recording a “clean” in at least one stage of the competition.

December 6, 2015 – XTC Full Distance						
	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
80 Shot Course						
Ron Wager	MR	191.02	200.10	196.10	193.02	780.24
Ken Letwin	MR	183.02	199.14	200.10	196.11	778.37
Brian Fisher	MR	178.02	192.05	193.03	189.04	752.14
Kwang Kim	SR	178.01	193.06	188.01	189.03	748.11
Darren Rosenbaum	SR	174.00	191.02	190.03	190.02	745.07
Steve Caplan	SR	187.04	200.06	188.03	169.02	744.15
Blake Aaron	SR	171.02	191.02	196.02	184.02	742.08
Bob Gill	MR	195.03	139.05	199.11	200.10	733.29

This and That – m.bower

Optics are on the way and shooters are starting to experiment. The final rules are to be published in early January 2016. If you’re considering a scope, then you should wait to buy until the rules are published. The big question with scopes is how repeatable and accurate they’ll be when making elevation and

windage changes. A challenge is finding a mount that will work for XTC shooting and still give a reasonable eye relief and head position as you move between stages. Rumor has it that adjustable stocks will be allowed, so that might provide some flexibility in dealing with the eye relief challenge. Check out www.usrifleteams.com to see what others are saying about scopes and adapting to their use in XTC. I shot my scope for the second time at this month's club match. In short, it's very obvious where you were holding when breaking a shot and there are still many things to figure out about using one. While I find it easier than shooting irons, I haven't seen much change in my scores.

Many shooters are going to get a National Match Carry handle, get an A4 stripped upper, and then take their A2 upper and move the barrel and other parts to the A4 upper. You then get an upper that can be used for irons or use it with a scope by taking off the carry handle. The Front Sight disappears when using a scope at 4x. If you're considering this route, then you want to look at your barrel and see what type of extension it's using. You then need to make sure and get a stripped upper that will work with your barrel. Two kinds of extensions and two kinds of uppers gives you four options. The picture below explains it all.



Upcoming Matches and Shoots

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We've included additional matches within the local area. Shoot early and often.

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December 20 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

December 26 - Lopez Canyon – Gopher Flats Match Contact Tom Temple (tmtemple@pacbell.net)

December 27 – Special Practice Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Ranges Complex

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2016

January 17 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
February 21 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
March 20 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
April 17 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
May 15 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
June 19 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
July 17 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
August 21 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
September 18 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
October 16 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
November 20 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex
December 18 - Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles in Angeles Range Complex

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Club Officers - 2015	
President	Joe Riordan
Vice-President	Darren Rosenbaum
Executive Officer	Tom Temple
Treasurer	Blake Aaron
Secretary	Mark Bower