



Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

January 2020 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

Next Match: 2/16/20

Our next match will be on February 16, 2020. Please arrive by 7:00 a.m. to sign in, as we will try to start the match at 8:00 a.m. If you can show up a few minutes early or stay a little afterwards, we'll appreciate your help in setting up and breaking down the range. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when accompanied with an adult.**

Club Meeting Minutes: 1/19/20 – M. Kosla

Bears CMP Clinic – Last month, we discussed holding a clinic this year in order to increase our membership numbers. We now have the tentative date of April 26, 2020 which the Angeles Range Complex is holding for us. (We are also looking at a possible date in May.) The clinic will be geared at new shooters and we are aiming to have a shooter to instructor ratio of 2:1. As such, we will be looking for experienced club members to volunteer to be instructors at the clinic. Space will be limited to 20 shooters (as we only have 20 targets). In terms of the format, we intend to provide instruction before each of the four stages, as opposed to shooting all four stages after one long instruction session. This might be less overwhelming for new shooters. The clinic will be CMP approved.

Practice After Matches – We have the Fort Angeles range booked until 1:00 p.m. on Sundays but are usually finished with our monthly match and club meeting by around 11:00 a.m. As such, those who would like to do so will be able to use that extra time following a match for practice. However, any such practice session will need to have an RSO.

Conex Container Storage Fee – The Angeles Range Complex was initially going to charge us \$37.50 per month for our share of the rental fee for the Conex storage container. The LARC was going to be charged the other \$37.50 per month. The Angeles Range Complex has kindly decided to charge us only \$25.00 per month for a total yearly fee of \$300. (Our yearly expenses are currently around \$1,500 per year.)

Club Patches – We will be selling our club patches for \$2 each. The patches come in a small or large size. The large patch is an ideal size for the back of a shooting coat while the small patch could be sewed onto the front of a cap. In addition to selling the patches, we are giving one patch (small or large) to anyone who joins the club or renews their annual club membership.

Match RSO – Thank you to Hector Miro for being the RSO at last Sunday's match.

Results – Golden Bears Match: 1/19/20 – M. Kosla

We had good turnout at our first match of 2020 with nine shooters competing. It was a clear and sunny morning that day although we occasionally encountered a strong 12 o'clock wind. Rob Abelson was the overall match winner with a score of 782-27, which included a 200-9 in the rapid sitting stage. Mark

Bower, who came second with a score 770-28 and who was the highest placed Expert, set a new club record in the slow prone stage. Mark's score of 200-14 in slow prone beat the club's previously set record of 200-13 for that stage. The Lucky X pot rolled over to the next month.

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)								
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total	
80 shot course of fire								
1.	Rob Abelson	HM	SR	188-2	200-9	197-7	197-9	782-27
2.	Mark Bower	EX	SR	174-0	198-9	198-5	200-14	770-28
3.	Steve Caplan	EX	SR	183-2	192-6	196-6	197-6	768-20
4.	Nelson Green	MA	SR	184-0	184-5	187-1	192-6	747-12
5.	Dave Ellis	EX	SR	168-1	194-1	190-1	195-6	747-9
6.	Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	179-1	184-3	189-3	192-4	744-11
7.	Martin Kosla	SS	SR	166-2	186-4	192-3	185-4	729-13
8.	Nuran Degirmen	UNCL	SR	168-0	182-2	192-3	178-1	720-6
9.	Eric De Guia	UNCL	SR	147-0	149-0	129-0	194-2	619-2

Results – Ojai Valley Gun Club: 1/4/2020 – M. Bower

We previously used an electronic target at Ojai, but we doubled down this month and had two ShotMarkers in the air. We used one for F-Class and the other for sling shooters. It was below freezing when we started, but it warmed up quickly and was a near perfect day. Kurt Ingham led all shooters with a stellar 599-39X with the lone 9 resulting from cold fingers in the first string. Gene York edged out Jon Blackman for F-Class high honors. Blake and Mark split the RSO duties, so they didn't complete a full match. Mark your calendars for March 1, 2020 for the next Midrange. If all goes as planned, we should be using three ShotMarker targets.

Ojai Valley Gun Club Midrange – 3x20 Midrange (with unlimited sighters)		
Name	Rifle Type	Total Score
Kurt Ingham	MR	599-39X
Marco Rojas	MR	59-19X
Manny Oropessa	MR	581-18X
Roman Ladaw	Both	567-10X
Bud Gilbertson	MR	558-14X
Mark Bower	MR	387-12X (2 strings)
Blake Aaron	SR	148-0X (1 string)
Gene York	F-Class	584-18X
Jon Blackman	F-Class	584-15X

Pick Up Your ... Polymer? – M. Bower

I don't think we'll see this on the firing line in the near future, but it might show up in the hands of our soldiers. True Velocity (www.tvammo.com) has numerous patents for their new polymer cased ammunition and its manufacturing process. For the military, the primary benefit is of weight savings. A pallet of .308 ammo goes on a diet with a reduction of about 900 pounds (3090 lbs compared to 2168 lbs). Heat transfer is higher for brass, so the polymer will keep chamber temperatures lower. Sierra has teamed up with True Velocity, so we should see some Match Kings in these cases some time in 2020. Check out their website for more information.



Golden Bears Club Records

Golden Bears Member Records		
2014 to Present <small>(review still in progress for 800 Point Match and 500 point Service Rifle)</small>		
800 Point Aggregate – Match Rifle	789-33X	Rob Coffey
Offhand – 20 Round	191-3X	Rob Coffey
Rapid Sitting – 20 Round	199-8X	Paul Schultz (2018)
Rapid Prone – 20 Round	200-12X	Rob Coffey
Slow Prone – 20 Round	200-13X	Rob Coffey (2013)
500 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	495-14X	Paul Schultz (2017)
Offhand – 10 Round	99-4X	Nelson Green (2018)
Rapid Sitting – 10 Round	100-7X	Guilbert Baradas (2014)
Rapid Prone – 10 Round	100-2X	Boris Batkin (2018)
Slow Prone – 20 Round	200-9X	Nelson Green (2018)

800 Point Aggregate – Service Rifle	792-27X	Rob Abelson (2019)
Offhand – 20 Round	195-4X	Nelson Green (2018) Rob Abelson (2019)
Rapid Sitting – 20 Round	200-15X	Rob Abelson (2019)
Rapid Prone – 20 Round	200-9X	Kwang Kim (2015)
Slow Prone – 20 Round	200-14X	Mark Bower (2020)

Upcoming Matches and Shoots

The following matches and practice sessions are coming up in February 2020 within our local area.

February 15 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange 3x600 – www.brrc.org

February 16 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles

Affiliations

The Golden Bears are proud to be a CRPA, NRA, and CMP affiliated club.



Club Officers – 2020

President	Mark Bower
Vice-President	Rob Abelson
Treasurer	None
Secretary	Martin Kosla