



# Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club

August / September 2020 Newsletter

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CMP, CRPA, and NRA Affiliated Club

## Next Match: 10/18/20 - TBD due to Coalinga Matches

Our next Bears match is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2020. However, the Coalinga Rifle Club is hosting the California State Service Rifle Championship and CMP Leg Match on October 16-18, 2020. Because some of our club members will be going to Coalinga, and because we may not have an RSO, we may need to cancel our October match. We will send out an email blast prior to October 18 to update everyone on the status of the October Bears match.

If we do proceed with the October match, we will be implementing social distancing measures due to COVID-19. The measures will be listed in our match reminder email blast.

## Club Meeting Minutes: 8/16/20 – M. Bower / M. Kosla

**Pasted Targets** – Mark Bower has been pasting targets onto the cardboard of the target holders, which should increase the life span of the cardboard.

**Numbering on Firing Line** – We discussed the need to redo the numbers on the firing line, as the painted-on numbers have faded.

**Megaphone** – We used our newly purchased megaphone at the August match. At 135 decibels, it was nice and loud, and worked very well when giving range commands during the match.

**Match RSO** – Thank you to Mark Bower for being the RSO at last Sunday's match.

## Results – Golden Bears Match: 8/16/20 – M. Kosla

We had good turnout at our August match with eight shooters competing. It was a clear and sunny morning that day with no wind. Rob Abelson was the overall match winner with a score of 777-16 with Ken Letwin placing second with a 773-17, a mere 3 points separating the two. Due to social distancing, we did not do the Lucky X.

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)								
		NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
<b>80 shot course of fire</b>								
	Rob Abelson	HM	SR	185-0	197-7	196-5	199-4	773-13
	Ken Letwin	HM	MA	183-1	199-13	199-10	192-3	773-17

	Steve Caplan	EX	SR	184-1	195-6	195-5	194-5	768-17
	Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	183-1	193-3	191-4	193-4	760-12
	Nuran Degirmen	UNCL	SR	163-1	181-3	171-2	191-2	706-8
	Martin Kosla	SS	SR	170-2	58-3 [DNF]	39-2 [DNF]	43-0 [DNF]	310-7
	Gilbert Barados	UNCL	SR	Not Reported				
	Aaron McElrea	UNCL	SR	Not Reported				

## Club Meeting Minutes: 9/20/20 – M. Kosla

**Numbering on Firing Line** – We discussed the possible use of a branding iron to redo the numbers on the firing line, as the painted-on numbers have faded. The other option is installing metal numbers on the line. We will evaluate which option works best.

**Nosler Order** – We will be taking an order for Nosler bullets in October. Please let us know if you are interested.

**Alan Harker Match & Turkey Shoot** – We will be having the Alan Harker Match and our Turkey Shoot in November. The Alan Harker Match will be a 50-round XTC match shot on reduced targets. Shooters will be able to shoot the match using either a .30 caliber or modern service rifle. The winner from each category will have their name added to the Alan Harker trophy. With the Turkey Shoot, competitors will be shooting at a printed paper turkey target.

**Match RSO** – Thank you to Mark Bower for being the RSO two matches in a row.

## Results – Golden Bears Match: 9/20/20 – M. Kosla

It was another good turnout with no wind and temperatures that were not too hot. The match went very smoothly with only a few traffic breaks. Rob Abelson was the overall match winner with Ron Tirado being a close second. Due to social distancing, we did not do the Lucky X.

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)								
	NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total	
<b>80 shot course of fire</b>								
	Rob Abelson	HM	SR	176-1	198-8	196-5	198-8	768-22
	Ron Tirado	MA	SR	182-1	197-7	194-5	193-6	766-19
	Darren Rosenbaum	MA	SR	183-3	195-2	191-4	194-6	763-15
	Dave Ellis	EX	SR	171-1	193-3	193-3	189-1	746-8
	Martin Kosla	SS	SR	180-2	174-4	188-5	185-2	727-13
	John S. Child	EX	SR	80-1	93-1	92-0	180-5	445-7*
	Nuran Degirmen	UNCL	SR	141	177	165	147	630
	Craig Bessenger	UNCL	SR	Not Reported				

\* 50 shot match

## Results – Ojai Valley Gun Club: 9/6/20 – M. Bower

“The heat was hot and the ground was dry but the air was full of sounds” (from “A Horse with No Name” by America). Yes, the air was full of sounds. The sounds of rifle fire and an occasional shout of angst from a missed wind call. In my first visit in far too long, it was great to get back up to Rose Valley and the Ojai Valley Gun Club. With temperatures forecast to be in the 90’s, I came prepared with plenty of ice water and lemonade. I also brought the club’s ShotMarker electronic target plus two of my own. With eight shooters, we ran three targets and three relays and were leaving the range at 12:15 pm. Marc Mittry led all shooters with a 599-29X. He was shooting a .223 with Sierra 90’s and missed one wind change that left him just outside the 10-ring. We shot under the shade cover and plenty of room to practice social distancing, get some rest between strings, and enjoy a light breeze. As we didn’t need to complete pit changes, the Bullseye match on the main firing line didn’t have any disruptions and also finished early. Thanks to Rob Coffey for organizing the match and to Steve Caplan for serving as RSO. The October match will be XTC. See you at the range.



Ojai Valley Gun Club Midrange – 3x20 Midrange (with unlimited sighters)		
Name	Rifle Type	Total Score
Marc Mittry	MR	599-29X
Roman Ladaw	SR	569-14X
Bud Gilbertson	MR	557-10X
Ron Tirado	MR	556-8X
Steve Caplan	MR and SR	554-14X
Mark Bower (2 strings only)	MR	390-11X
Gene York	F-Class	584-26X
Steve Sanderson	F-Class	578-16X

## Golden Bears Club Records

<b>Golden Bears Member Records</b>		
<b>2014 to Present</b> (review still in progress for 800 Point Match and 500 point Service Rifle)		
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 October 2020 within our local area.

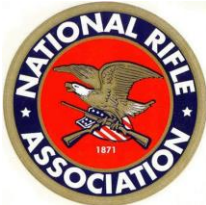
- October 10 – Burbank Rifle & Revolver Club – XTC Match – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)
- October 16 to 18 – Coalinga Rifle Club – California State Service Rifle Championship and CMP Leg – [www.coalingarifleclub.com](http://www.coalingarifleclub.com)
- October 17 – Burbank Rifle & Revolver Club – Midrange Match – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)
- **October 18 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles**
- October 24 – 1800 Adventure Club – CMP GSMM Match – [www.1800info.org](http://www.1800info.org)
- October 29 to November 1 – Coalinga Rifle Club – Bill Chapman Memorial Long Range Regional Championship – [www.coalingarifleclub.com](http://www.coalingarifleclub.com)

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, we suggest that you verify that these matches are taking place with the club hosting the match before making the trip.

We also suggest you verify that the matches are taking place due to the various wildfires currently burning.

## Affiliations

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



## Club Officers – 2020

<b>President</b>	Mark Bower
<b>Vice-President</b>	Rob Abelson
<b>Treasurer</b>	None
<b>Secretary</b>	Martin Kosla