



# Bear Bites

Southern California Golden Bears High Power Rifle Club  
December 2021 Newsletter

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## Next Match: 1/16/2022

Our next match will be January 16, 2022. Look for more details in the email announcement. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. **Juniors shoot for free when accompanied with an adult.**

## Meeting Update – 12/19/2021 – M. Bower

We practiced social distancing and kept the meeting short.

**Elections** – Next year's officers will be President – Darren Rosenbaum, Vice President – Rob Abelson, and Secretary – Mark Bower. Thanks to Martin Kosla, Rob Abelson, and Mark Bower for serving as officers in 2021.

**Match Fee Increase** – Match fees will increase to \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members starting in January 2022. We've kept the fee at the current price for many years and are raising it to address increased costs. Our storage container rental cost has increased by 50% and insurance has also increased, albeit by a smaller amount. Angeles Ranges has increased their daily range fee to \$25, so our cost is still less than shooting on the public line. Don't forget that you can always shoot on the public line after the Bears match and can also shoot on the Fort Angeles Range till 12:30 pm if you want to practice afterwards.

**Financial Report** – In reasonably good shape with over \$1000 in the bank which will cover our 2022 insurance bill. The biggest challenge will be another potential increase in our storage container rental. We currently share costs with one other club, and if that club goes out of existence, the rental cost will double.

## Results – Golden Bears Match: 12/19/2021 – M. Bower



It was our annual Harker Memorial Match and Turkey Shoot. Alan Harker was one of the founders of the Golden Bears and was always willing to help out a fellow shooter. He helped many a shooter to improve their skills and helped put together more than a few rifles together for Bears shooters. He trained Army Designated Marksman and was a regular at Camp Perry Nationals shooting in both NRA and CMP events. To have been "Harkerized" meant that you weren't following directions and were between the yellow lines where you didn't belong during a cease fire. Allen quickly got your attention and ensured you moved to a safe area. Nobody ever made that mistake twice.

Steve Caplan found out that it's hard to hit the target when your front sight is working loose and then falling off in Rapid Sitting. This knocked him out of the competition for the Vintage Military award with Darren Rosenbaum (453-4X) (on right in picture above) winning in that category. For modern service rifle, Rob Abelson shot a 484-19X. Special thanks to Mark Bower for handling RSO duties. We also got some assistance from one of the groups

using the upper range as they managed road traffic for us. We completed the match with zero traffic breaks which always makes for an easier day.



After the Harker match, we headed downrange to do some damage to a turkey...target. Darren provided the rifle, ammunition, and the prize of an In-N-Out gift certificate. Shooters supplied their skill and a bit of luck. The rifle had been resting for at least a year, and nobody was sure of the zero. We didn't allow coats or gloves hoping that the sights were zeroed for 50 yards. I volunteered to go first and found that his A303 was well balanced and had a perfect service rifle trigger. I saw my shot break high and center, and it was right on call. If only it had been about 5 minutes lower! Darren shot last, and karma won out as his shot was just inside of Rob's for a winner. It was near perfect weather, and we had a great day at the range. Hope to see you at the January match.

Southern California Golden Bears – XTC (on reduced size targets)								
		NRA Class	Rifle Type	OH	RS	RP	SP	Total
<b>50 Shot Harker Memorial Match</b>								
1.	Darren Rosenbaum	MA	Vintage SR	79.0	85.01	94.01	195.02	453.04
2.	Steve Caplan	EX	Vintage SR	85.0	33.0	85.0	197.03	401.03
3.	Rob Abelson	HM	Modern SR	86.04	100.07	100.05	198.03	484.19
4.	Nuran Degirmen	UNC	Match Rifle	80.01	77.0	76.0	157.02	390.03
5.	Garrett Cheyno	UNC	Modern SR	76.0	80.0	76.01	170.01	402.01

## Upcoming Matches and Shoots

The following matches and practice sessions are coming up in January 2022 and within our local area.

January 2 – Ojai Valley Gun Club – Midrange Match – [www.ovgc.org](http://www.ovgc.org)

January 8 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – XTC Match – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

January 15 – Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club – Midrange – [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org)

January 16 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles

February 20 – Golden Bears Monthly Match at Fort Angeles

## Affiliations

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



## Club Officers – 2022

<b>President</b>	Darren Rosenbaum
<b>Vice-President</b>	Rob Abelson
<b>Treasurer</b>	None
<b>Secretary</b>	Mark Bower