

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013, **6:00 pm**. If you want to present an item for discussion at a board meeting, please contact a board member to be on the agenda. (Board meetings are held on the Tuesday before the general club meeting.)

The next **GENERAL MEETING** will be THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013, **7:00 PM**. Held on the second Thursday of the month, the general club meetings are open to all club members. New members are encouraged to attend the meetings to become more informed and more active in the club functions. The club is located just north of downtown Visalia at 500 E. Roosevelt Avenue, one block south of Houston Ave, just east off of Sante Fe. If you see the giant water tower...you found us!

Please contact any of the officers or board members for any issue or concern you may have regarding your Visalia Sportsmen's Association.

Club House phone # (answering machine):	559-635-7172	Dennis Thornbury – Chairman of the Board:	559-732-4401
Don Wilson – President:	559-901-7606	Mike Stimson – Board member:	559-280-3020
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Eddy Thomas – Board member	530-391-8661	Bob Marsh – Board member:	559-901-4882
Dirk Steelman – Executive Vice President (FFL operations):	559-732-7726	Robert Seitz – Sergeant at Arms	

The **JANUARY** club meeting was the seating of the new club President – Don Wilson; the acknowledgment of the club officers and the introduction of the board members. Don Wilson introduced the four appointed board members: Royce Nalls, Loren Metzler, Eddy Thomas and Bob Marsh. Congratulations to everyone on the board and executive positions. Don stated that he is proud to serve... a great club that focuses on gun safety and education, kids, families, participation, and the Second Amendment (and more).

There were about 10 new members at the meeting. It was reported that there are about 1,400 current names in the membership data base. That would include individual members, spouses and juniors. Amazing how our club has grown. With the growth in membership and the increased participation at the range, Terry Fawkes reported that he is looking for more volunteers to serve as **Range Safety Officers (RSOs)**.

Part of the process of serving as an RSO is learning about shooting and imparting that knowledge to others. **RSOs** need to be punctual, detail oriented, work well with others, confident in their ability to enforce safety guidelines, and flexible to handle the different personalities and abilities of our members. Can you serve four (4) days throughout the year? Would you enjoy the benefit of being allowed to access the range after hours and on closed days? Call Terry Fawkes at 559-967-4854 for more info.

Jim Mayfield reported that there were 39 one-day shooters at the range in December. He also mentioned that our family dinners are produced with 100 percent volunteer labor. They are a benefit to all club members and are not designed to be a big money maker. We would like to have you attend (and if you RSVP your attendance, please attend). There is a lot of great food and great fun! Thank you to Linda Kaiser and family and friends for the Christmas décor!!

Jim explained that the demand for VSA 3-Gun Raffle tickets has outpaced the number of tickets that have been returned. If you are not able to purchase the tickets that were mailed out, please return them so they can be dispersed to others. The drawing is one of the major fundraisers held by the club to keep our programs and facilities operating at current levels and to help cover unexpected costs due to maintenance and repairs, etc. Winning tickets will be drawn at the **Wild Game Feed** on **April 13th**.

The **Wild Game Feed** on April 13th can only be a success if we receive enough meat, fish and poultry donations to make it happen. We need all kinds of wild game! Did you have a successful harvest? Call Jim at 802-7967 to arrange for your donation. Our W-G-F is free to all club members and is a whole lot of fun! Save the date!!

Terry Fawkes re-iterated that only members are allowed to shoot at the pistol lanes. The shooters that pay the \$10 "One-Day Shooter" fee are not eligible to use the pistol lanes.

2 Sat Public Shoot Ted Phipps/John Hull/Russ Broyles	2 Sat RANGE CLEAN UP We need your help. C U there
3 Sun Public Shoot Ted Phipps/John Hull/Russ Broyles 4-H at 3pm	3 Sun Public Shoot L Cote/ J Dearborn/ G Brummer 4-H at 3 pm
6 Wed Public Shoot Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/Riley Darby	6 Wed Public Shoot Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/M Malone
7 Thur Tac-Trainers 9 to 12 (Basic Handgun course)	9 Sat Public Shoot F Tebeau/C Norman/Ray Larson
9 Sat Public Shoot Steve Brelsford/Lee Miller/R Darby	10 Sun High Power match/JR. Rifle/High Power practice 4-H at 3 pm
10 Sun High Power/JR. Rifle/4-H at 3 pm	13 Wed Public Shoot J Mayfield/John Hull/Bob Marsh
13 Wed Public Shoot Mike Renzi/John Gerard/B Marsh	14 Thur Tac-Trainers 9 to 1pm
16 Sat CBRSA Help keep the shooters going,	16 Sat Public Shoot Lee Miller/Jim Shaw/Matt Hopper
17 Sun CBRSA volunteer to help BBQ lunch	17 Sun Public Shoot Kyle Kinsel/B Simons/J Johnson
20 Wed Public Shoot Bill Lee/Mike Renzi/John Gerard	20 Wed Public Shoot Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/Gene Lickey
23 Sat Public Shoot B Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Cornelison	23 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/T Holmes/B Bruno
24 Sun Black Powder/High Power/JR. Rifle/ 4-H at 3 pm	24 Sun Black Powder/High Power/JR. Rifle/ 4-H at 3 pm
27 Wed Public Shoot Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/Mike Benyo	27 Wed Public Shoot Bill Lee/Riley Darby/Gene Lickey
	28 Thur Tac-Trainers 9 to 1 pm
	30 Sat Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/B Bruno
	31 Sun Public Shoot Mike Benyo/??/?/??

Regular range hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for public shoot days. **Range Safety Officers** need to be on duty for the posted times. Please contact the following for more info on the special shoots scheduled at the range: **Black Powder** – Alan Reed 739-7402, **High Power/Jr. Rifle Club** – Steve Quinn 686-1945, steveq@carifle.com **CBRSA** – Dennis Thornbury 732-4401. **TacTrainers** – John Linenbach 559-451-1132 will have the range 2nd and 4th Thursday, 9a.m. to 1 p.m. each month.

The range is closed to all other shooters on match shoot days, observers are always welcome.

More from the January club meeting:

Loren Metzler, Hunter Safety Education instructor, reported that classes will start in April. Dates to be determined. The February **FAMILY DINNER** will be Saturday, February 16th. The family dinners are held the Saturday after the general club meeting and are open to all club members, family and their guests. Please call the club phone number [559-635-7172] for your RSVP count. Would you consider making a side dish or desert to bring? It would be greatly appreciated. We are always in need of a few hands to help set up during the day, cook and serve at dinner as well as lending a hand to clean up afterwards. (Just come to the club early in the day or jump in when you see where you can be of help! Dinners are \$10 for adults and \$5 for the smaller kids. There is extra parking in the side lot adjacent to the inside regular parking area. The outside patio has screens and heaters for your comfort.

A *Friends of NRA* banquet and auction is coming to your town! *Friends of NRA* is an exciting grassroots fund-raising program that fosters community involvement, raises money and gives 100% of the net profits to qualified local, state and national shooting sports programs. Learn more about *Friends of NRA* at www.friendsofnra.org.

The **Visalia Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet and Auction** will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Visalia Son's of Italy hall. Your help on the committee would help make a difference in the success of the dinner and the programs it supports. Give Don Wilson a call at 559-901-7606, or Mike Stimson at 559-280-3020 for more information on donations, fundraising and ticket sales. The Visalia dinner committee is one of the most successful in the state of California! Let's get moving and break some records!!

Coming to a town that many of our members call home – **EXETER** – will be the *Exeter Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet and Auction* on Thursday, MARCH 28, 2013, at the Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave. For more information about sponsorships, donations, table packages, or to buy dinner and drawing tickets please contact Dan Weare at 559-309-8857 (email: drwnra@gmail.com); or Glen Black at 559-303-3164.

To find an FNRA dinner close to home or anywhere in the country, go to the website: www.friendsofnra.org/events. Of 48 dinners in California, here is a sampling of some dinner dates: Feb. 1 – Bakersfield; March 2 – Paso Robles; March 8 – Clovis; March 23 – Lemoore; March 28 – Exeter; April 27 – Visalia; May 10 – Bakersfield; May 15 – Woodlake.

Another choice for your **CCW PERMIT CLASS** is certified instructor VERN DAVIS. Vern holds the class on Saturdays (at least 2 times per month) in Springville. Classes fill quickly. Plan ahead before your current permit expires! Cost for the class is \$35.00. Call Vern Davis at 559-539-0282 for info.

FOR SALE: Taurus PT 145 Pro Millennium Sub-compact, .45 acp with two magazines. Asking \$400.00. Please contact Jestin at 559-799-9988.

FOR SALE: 2 Boxes of AMMO - .357 SIG, Winchester target load, 125 grain, 50 per box. Asking \$32.00/box. Please contact Jeff Dearborn at 559-730-1829.

CCW Permit Classes: Daniel Mansergh conducts the CCW permit classes once a month, at the VSA club house. Classes are the first Monday of the month. **(2-4-2013.)** Classes are held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and are free to club members. He is an approved instructor for Tulare, Kings and Fresno Counties (*Fresno County* requires live fire range time which will be at the range at 3:00 p.m. Please call Daniel to confirm your range time.). Daniel said there is no need to call ahead, just show up with your California ID and current VSA membership card or processed yellow copy of the application. *He will not accept membership applications or renewals at the CCW class.* Non-members are welcome to attend for \$30.00 per person. **Florida CCW permit instruction** is now available for an additional \$30.00 per person and an extra hour of class.

For more information please call Daniel Mansergh at 559-741-3774; danielmansergh@gmail.com.

Coming Up: The 16th Annual Sportsmen's Swap Meet at the Fresno County Sportsmen's Club, **Saturday, March 9, 2013.** The address is: 10645 North Lanes Road, Fresno. Gates open to buyers 8 am to 1 pm. Admission is \$8.00 per person. Want to rent a space to sell your wares? Reserve early and get a table inside, limited to 50 provided tables. The grounds have unlimited rental spaces and may be purchased and set up the day of the show, however, no tables are provided for outdoors. Rental space is \$10.00 per space. Reservations must be received by March 2. Seller helpers must pay a \$5.00 entrance fee. Swap meet will be held rain or shine. A pancake breakfast and deep-pit beef sandwiches for lunch will be available for purchase. For more information or for space reservations, please call Douglas Bowman, chairman, at 559-999-2346.

CRPA can use your help. They are looking for volunteers to assist in manning the CRPA table at the upcoming *Santa Barbara Historical Arms & Blade Show*. Dates and times are Saturday, Feb 9, (9am to 5pm), Sunday Feb 10, (9am to 3 pm). If you can help for even a few hours on either Saturday or Sunday, please call George Emmerson at 818-523-7586 or email: emme99@earthlink.net

For more info regarding the show at the Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, 93105, go to their website: www.sbhaa.org/. Early bird entry is available on Friday (\$15) and Saturday (\$10). General admission is \$8, Ages 16-18 is \$2, under 16 is Free. There is a \$2.00 off coupon at the website.

There are at least three gun show promoters that coordinate gun shows in central California. Chances are there will be one near you in the near future. The easiest way to get a discount coupon for admission is to go to the promoter's website. It is always wise to call to confirm the date of a show before travelling any distance to go to a show. Some websites that indicate they have a "list of gunshows" may not have a complete list. Keep searching. Some shows that are scheduled are: Santa Maria – Feb 23-24; Fresno – Mar 9-10, Apr 6-7, May 25-26; Visalia – March 30-31, May 11-12.

www.rockymountaingunshow.com www.centralcoastgunshows.com www.crossroadsgunshows.com

How fast are you going?

It's the New Year and your resolution is to get outside for some exercise. Let's get walking. A normal walking pace is 2 miles per hour. How fast is that in feet per second? That's 2.9 feet for every second. If you have a long stride length you can keep pace like a watch. Feel like running a marathon? The best runners can complete the 26 miles in around two hours. That's a pretty good pace of 13 miles per hour. Try keeping up that 19 feet per second pace for two hours and you'll be winning awards!


Not for me. In California we get in the car and drive to the neighborhood gym for our work out! (Not for me, either.) Just tooling around the neighborhood where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour means that we are closing the distance on the kids playing ball at 36 feet per second. Is your gym across town? Get on the highway and go 60 miles per hour...that ground squirrel on the edge of the road has figured out that you are closing in on him at 88 feet per second. (Ooooh, that was close.)

Want to go even faster? How 'bout if you can run the 100 yard kick off return from end zone to end zone in ONE second? You'll be booking it at 204 miles per hour.

The heck with exercise, let's go shooting! Winchester .22 Long Rifle Super X 40-grain hollow points will leave your barrel at about 1,280 feet per second = 872 mph. How did you miss that squirrel? He's pretty fast! Your classic 1911 pistol shoots a 230-grain full metal jacket bullet at about 830 feet per second = 565 mph. Remington 12 gauge Hyper Sonic 3", 1.25 ounce #6 shot is heading towards its target at 1,700 feet per second = 1159 mph. That's a lot faster than the clays and I can still miss the majority of them!

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RULES FOR CHILDREN AND HANDGUN SHOOTING

NO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TEN (10) YEARS OLD WILL BE ALLOWED TO FIRE A HAND GUN.

CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TEN (10) AND TWELVE (12) ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO SHOOT A RIM-FIRE HAND GUN.

CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF THIRTEEN (13) AND EIGHTEEN (18) WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT A CENTER-FIRE HAND GUN.

ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TEN (10) AND EIGHTEEN (18) ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ADULT WITHIN AN ARM'S LENGTH WHILE FIRING A HAND GUN.

RSO's and members: First time minors with their family/guardian/responsible adult requesting to shoot a handgun will be required to have RSO observation. (Jan. 2013)

Advertisements in the VSA newsletter are only \$100.00 per year. That's \$8.33 per month to reach over 1,300 total members! We have space to present your business or organization. Contact Chris Norman, newsletter editor, at 661-805-0164, visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com; or, Jeff Dearborn, Treasurer, at 559-730-1829.

Range clean up – Saturday, March 2nd!!

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Federal American Eagle .223 50-grain jacketed hollow points zip along at 3,325 feet per second = 2267 mph. I don't recommend that you go outside and shoot a gun in the direction of New York City – which is 2,462 direct miles from Los Angeles – but if we lived in an area without gravity and had really good air quality, your bullet traveling at 3,610 feet per second would arrive there in about an hour. (Remember, don't try this at home.) That's what the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird was for. On March 6 1990, SR-71 s/n61-7972 set four world records before being retired. One of the records was: Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., distance 2,299.7 miles (3,701.0 km), average speed 2,144.8 miles per hour (3,451.7 km/h), and an elapsed time of 64 minutes 20 seconds.