

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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, APRIL 11, 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
Terry Fawkes – Vice president:	559-967-4854	Frank Tebeau – Board member:	559-562-2448
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Eddie Thomas – Board member	530-391-8661	Bob Marsh – Board member:	559-901-4882
Dirk Steelman – Executive Vice President ( <b>FFL operations</b> ):	559-732-7726	Robert Seitz – Sergeant at Arms	

**REMINDER:** The club's annual **WILD GAME FEED** will be held April 13, at the VSA club house. Doors will open early in the morning for set up and food prep. If you can spare a little bit of time head down to the club to help pitch in. Someone will be there throughout the afternoon; we'll need some help later in the afternoon as well. Most importantly we'll need some hands-on food servers to feed the hungry masses. Please call Royce Nalls at 559-730-8485, to let him know you are available to assist (walk-on teammates are always welcome).

Dinner is served about 7 pm and is FREE to club members and their families.

At the **MARCH** club meeting, we had a chance to meet some of the members of the COS Women's Equestrian Team and their coach, Kim Pitigliano. These young ladies are riding high in the saddle after some impressive competition results. The team has made it to the semi-finals, and if they place third or better they progress on to Nationals! Did you know that when an equestrian team travels out of town for a competition they do not take their own horses? The horses they will compete with are "drawn" from the hosting team's stable. Every horse has its own personality and abilities and these ladies need to quickly set the pace for the competition.

Club members at the meeting were generous in their support when the young ladies passed out some great cookies and "passed the hat" as well. With the club contributing some funds combined with the members donations we were able to support their program to the tune of \$800.00! (Way to go fellow club members!)

The **Beast Feast** dinner fundraiser will be held May 18, at the new COS Tulare Campus in the Show Pavilion. There will be a wild game dinner with live music, drawings, silent auction and riding demonstrations. For more info about the equestrian team and their program, or for donations or sponsorship opportunities, please call coach Kim at 559-731-1010. For **Beast Feast** dinner tickets, please contact the COS Foundation at 559-730-3861.

Don Wilson, president, stated that Mike Stimson resigned his position as a board member and has retired as our "head chef". On behalf of all our members, Don expressed his thanks and gratitude for Mike and his years of hard work and dedication. Mike worked hard to present the club in a positive and professional manner and strove for fairness and equality for all our members. If by chance you see Mike enjoying some of his new-found "free time" at the range, please say thanks for providing some fantastic meals for the family dinners and for all of his hard work over the years.

In accordance with club by-laws, the board of directors will appoint a successor for the vacancy. Don Wilson asked that anyone interested in filling the open position on the board to please attend the APRIL BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

For more info about volunteering as a board member, please give Don a call at 559-901-7606.

3 Wed Public Shoot Chris Norman/Don Wilson/Gene Lickey	1 Wed Public Shoot C Norman/S Breslford.R Souza
6 Sat Public Shoot Jim-Mark-Eric Price	4 Sat <b>County 4-H Match</b> (all day)
7 Sun Public Shoot Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn/Mark Dieter	5 Sun Public Shoot Bri Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Br Simmons
10 Wed Public Shoot David Maloy/Riley Darby/Gene Lickey	<b>4-H at 3:30 pm</b>
11 Thur <b>Tac-Trainers</b>	8 Wed Public Shoot David Maloy/Don Wilson/???
13 Sat Public Shoot J Sindlinger/T Holmes/J Shaw/M Dieter	9 Thur Tac Trainers
14 Sun <b>High Power Match/Jr. Rifle/HiPower Practice</b>	11 Sat Public Shoot J Alcorn/R Rodriguez/M Stimson
<b>4-H at 3:30 pm</b>	12 Sun <b>Hi Power Match/Junior Practice 4-H</b> (all day)
17 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/Darrell Smith	15 Wed Public Shoot R Darby/D Smith/Ken Schmidt
20 Sat <b>CBRSA (Benchrest) Match</b>	18 Sat Public Shoot R Rodriguez/M Stimson/Jim Shaw
21 Sun <b>CBRSA (Benchrest) Match</b>	19 Sun <b>Black Powder/High Power/Jr. Rifle/4-H</b>
24 Wed Public Shoot Bill Lee/M Malone/Bob Marsh/M Dieter	22 Wed Public Shoot Bill Lee/S Brelsford/Earl Grimes
25 Thur <b>Tac-Trainers</b>	23 Thur Tac Trainers
26 Fri morning special event at the range	25 Sat Public Shoot J Sindlinger/T Holmes/Manuel Gar.
27 Sat Public Shoot Chuck Henning/M Benyo/Matt Hopper	26 Sun Public Shoot Chuck Henning/Kyle Kinsel/???
28 Sun <b>Jr. Rifle/High Power practice/4-H at 3:30 pm</b>	27 Mon Memorial Day
(no Blackpowder action today, 4-28)	Remember and Honor our fallen veterans. Thank a
Range schedules are subject to change without notice. If you are	veteran or serviceman/woman for their service.
driving a fair distance to get to the range you may want to call	29 Wed Public Shoot M Benyo/S Brelsford/Jim Johnson
the range to confirm its status. Same for RSO's traveling to the	
range on a "closed" day.	

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](mailto:steveq@carifle.com) **CBRSA** – Dennis Thornbury 732-4401. **TacTrainers** – John Linenbach 559-451-1132 will have the range 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 9a.m. to 1 p.m. each month. The range schedule is subject to change without notice.

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

Loren Metzler, Hunter Safety Education instructor, reports that the first class of the year will be held Saturday, APRIL 6, at the VSA club house. The HSE class is free for club members. You must call Loren Metzler in advance of the class **559-625-5220**, to receive your registration and study materials. Non-members will need to pick up their materials and pay a \$10 fee at *Easley's Sporting Goods*, 8627-G Goshen Blvd., Visalia, phone 651-2525. Class size is limited. There are **FOUR CLASSES** this year held at the VSA club house. The other dates are May 18, June 8, and August 24. **DON'T WAIT** for the August class which is fully booked well in advance of the August date.

**RSO's:** The next "official" NRA **RSO training class will be SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup>** at the VSA club house. Have you started or completed your on-the-job-training but have not been through this training class? ...then this class is for you! Interested in becoming an RSO for our club or for any other organization?...this class is for you.

The **Wild Game Feed** on April 13<sup>th</sup> is looking for your donations of any kind of game meat: fish, poultry, reptile, or tree or land dweller. Call Jim for details: 802-7967. Would you consider making a side dish or desert to bring for one of the family dinners or for the wild game feed? Surprise us with your one of your family favorites!

We will have the three-gun drawing and the Ruger Mini-14 Ranch rifle drawing at the **WGF**.

**Fishing with Marty** – JULY 13. He is planning for a great trip out to sea from the central coats area. To help offset the cost of the charter, there are drawing tickets available for your chance to win a gun. Marty needs some volunteers to help sell the tickets to family, friends and co-workers. For more info, please call Marty Malone at 559-331-2098.

The **Visalia Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet and Auction** will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Visalia Sons 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!!

The annual **VSA SWAP MEET** is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, at the clubhouse. Please call Riley Darby for more info or to reserve your table space: 559-625-1048. Members will have free table or parking lot area space. Admission is free to everyone. New and used sporting goods items: boats, camping, hunting, fishing, etc.

Get your **UTAH** and/or **ARIZONA CCW PERMIT**. The class will be 9 am to 1 pm, Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at the VSA club house. The cost is \$100 for Utah, \$40 for Arizona, and \$120 for both. The cost of the class includes fingerprinting, passport-size photo and CCW applications for the states. Please call Jeff Dearborn to reserve your spot. The phone number is 559-730-1829.

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.

**HELP!!** Our Junior Rifle Program needs AMMO right away! The VSA junior programs will be running out of ammo in the near future without your help. It would be a shame to have to suspend the program. It's not a matter of not enough \$\$\$'s (funds), it is the ability to have ammo on hand for the kids. Do you have some .22LR ammo you could donate; any ammo you could part with for an IOU when it becomes available; any ammo you would consider selling to the kids program? Please contact Steve Quinn at 559-686-1945, [steveq@carifle.com](mailto:steveq@carifle.com)

**FOR SALE:** AMMO – 7.62x25 pistol (Tokarev?) 1,000 rounds. Contact Eric at: [mdens@comcast.net](mailto:mdens@comcast.net).

**FOR SALE/TRADE:** Gun Safe. 14-gun capacity with handgun pockets on the door. Wants to trade for a larger safe++. Asking \$650. Call Cal at 559-741-3600.

**FOR SALE:** AAC Blackout Model 51T flash hider with mount. Threaded 5/8"-24. Reviews on this flash hider say it eliminates muzzle flash in the dark. (Check it out at American Armament Corp. website.) The flash hider was removed from a new Remington 700 SDS rifle. Asking \$80. Please call Jeff at 559-859-3361.

**FOR SALE:** British Enfield .303 Mk2 #4, with Parker Hale sight. Asking \$400. Catch Ray at: [usp40sw@yahoo.com](mailto:usp40sw@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** 1) Remington Model 11 Semi-auto 12-gauge shotgun. The Model 11 was produced from 1911 to 1948. This is a classic! Asking \$240.00. 2) Winchester Model 71 lever-action rifle in .348wcf, 24" round barrel, checkered walnut stock, in very good condition. Asking \$1,450.00. For either firearm contact Frank at 562-2448.

**FOR SALE:** Archery equipment and miscellaneous related equipment: 1) Winchester Spotting Scope (SOLD). 2) Hoyt – Spectra-Light Hunter compound bow w/ PSE pen sights, 29" draw at 55- to 70- pounds, with soft case. Only \$100.00. 3) PSE Laser Infinity Bow w/ sights, arrow rest, stabilizer, bow stand, hard case and 12 each PSE Dominator carbon fiber field arrows. Only \$175.00. 4) Miscellaneous accessories: broadheads, more broadheads, 2 each pin sights, wrist guard, quiver, stabilizers, plus more, and more. Contact Frank at 559-562-2448.

**FOR SALE:** Black powder – **3F** (FFF) and **4F** (FFFF) – Contact Richard Caine at 559-733-9841.

**FOR TRADE:** Taurus .40 S&W pistol. Owner is looking to trade for a .38 revolver with 2-inch barrel. Contact Bob Martin at 559-904-8641.

**COMING UP:** The "First Annual" Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America. The proceeds will help further the Scouting program in our area and help provide camp scholarships to Scouts in need – to attend Camp Chawanakee on Shaver Lake. Event date: Saturday June 8, 2013, at Sun Mountain Gun Club, Coarsegold, CA. Deadline for registration is May 31, 2013. Registration will be accepted for individuals and corporate teams. (There will be squads of five shooters.) For info on fees, location, sponsorship opportunities, please contact John Richers at 559-320-2100 ext. 106. ([john.richers@scouting.org](mailto:john.richers@scouting.org)) or [www.seqbsa.org](http://www.seqbsa.org).

**Get moving on this:** Ticket sales and sponsor table sales are ahead of last year for the *Visalia Friends of NRA Dinner and Banquet*. Don't wait for April 26<sup>th</sup> to make that phone call for tickets that won't be available on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Get moving on this:** A simple phone call, a quick email, a short handwritten note (a handwritten note carries more weight than all the rest) to the state legislative committee members hearing the bills on the onerous anti-gun bills presented in California. Please kindly state your displeasure, urge a "NO" vote to these burdensome, troublesome, anti-business, anti-Second Amendment, infringing on legal gun and ammo owners and buyers bills that have been presented. How do you find what committee the bill in? Visit the websites of the following: [nraia.org](http://nraia.org), [calnra.org](http://calnra.org), [nramemberscouncils.com](http://nramemberscouncils.com), Cal-Guns, CRPA, 2nd Amendment Foundation. Sign up for the email alerts...AND, get moving on contacting as many legislators (their staff members keep statistics of the calls, faxes, emails and letters) as possible. Pour your frustrations and outrage into something productive. Keep it short, to the point and effective.

**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. (**4-1-2013.**) 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](mailto:danielmansergh@gmail.com).



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**RULES FOR MINORS AND HANDGUN SHOOTING**

**NO MINORS 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)

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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](mailto:visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com); or, Jeff Dearborn, Treasurer, at 559-730-1829.

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More news: There's a new microphone at the range (now if everyone would listen up!). The phone at the range is now operable after taking a short vacation (wonder where it went?). If you wish to present something or make a motion at a club meeting, please come to the front to use the microphone. Options are being explored for sound systems.  
**Call Terry for your mandatory RSO certification class.**