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NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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, JUNE 13, 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.

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Loren Metzler – Board member 559-280-8287

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Robert Seitz – Sergeant at Arms

At the **MAY general club meeting**:

Loren Metzler, **Hunter Safety Education** instructor, reports that the next class will be held **JUNE 8th** at the VSA club house. The class is free for club members. You must call Loren Metzler (**559-625-5229**) in advance of the class 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. The other scheduled class is August 24. **DON'T WAIT** for the August class which will be fully booked well in advance of the August date.

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.

The **RSO** instruction/certification class was cancelled (May 5) due to a missed calendar date by the instructor. The class will be rescheduled for a future date.

Several months ago at a club meeting it was announced by Don Wilson, president, that tentative plans to revamp the range layout to better incorporate the pistol lanes was a future goal of the club. In order to help protect the investment necessary for the improvements, efforts are being made to extend/make a new lease with the city of Visalia for a 20-year term. (It was reported at the May meeting that we currently have 9 years remaining in the lease extension currently in effect.)

It was mentioned that the treasurers bank balance report as provided in the April board meeting minutes did not add up correctly. Officers mentioned that it was a minutes of the meeting recording error.

Don Wilson and Royce Nalls, board member, announced plans that the board approved the purchase of a Heartland Smoker Cooker (www.heartlandcookers.com). The board has chosen a smoker rotisserie cooker trailer with five rotating shelves capable of handling approximately 300 pounds of meat with a cost of over \$5,000.00 plus shipping from Missouri.

A discussion followed the announcement by the board to purchase the trailer smoker cooker. Comments included that board members and officers need to show more transparency in making these types of non-typical purchases and decisions, and that they need to seek the input of the membership before making these types of decisions. Discussion ensued whether the purchase of the smoker cooker was an effective use of club funds vs. using these funds for future range improvements or for other future projects. After more discussion, a motion was made and passed by the general membership in attendance to purchase the smoker cooker.

1 Sat Public Shoot C Calloway/Sindlinger/Tom Holmes	3 Wed Public Shoot J Hedrick/H Schmidt/L Chism
2 Sun Public Shoot C Calloway/Jeff Dearborn/R Larson 4-H at 3:30 pm	6 Sat Public Shoot D Barnhart/L Metzler/S Vedenoff
5 Wed Public Shoot David Maloy/Mike Benyo/D Brown	7 Sun Public Shoot D Barnhart/L Metzler/S Vedenoff
8 Sat Public Shoot J Sindlinger/T Holmes/G Brummer	10 Wed Public Shoot Bill & Alane Shearer/Rick Souza
9 Sun High Power Match/JR Practice/4-H	13 Sat Public Shoot F Tebeau/J Dearborn/R Larson
12 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/ John Hull/M Malone	14 Sun High Power match/JR practice/H P practice
15 Sat CBRSA Benchrest shooters will also arrive on	17 Wed Public Shoot Rick Souza/Ken Schmidt/M Benyo
16 Sun CBRSA Friday to set up the range.	20 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Alcorn/Matt Hopper/Bubba P.
19 Wed Public Shoot Bill Lee/Mike Benyo/Earl Grimes	21 Sun Public Shoot C Henning/L Cote/j Dearborn
22 Sat Public Shoot Lee Miller/M Hopper/K Schmidt	24 Wed Public Shoot Bill & Alane Shearer/Earl Grimes
23 Sun Public Shoot C Henning/K Kinsel/K Schmidt	27 Sat Public Shoot D Barnhart/L Metzler/ S Vedenoff
26 Wed Public Shoot D Maloy/R Darby/Don Wilson	28 Sun Black Powder/ JR practice/ High Power pract.
29 Sat Public Shoot D Barnhart/L Metzler/S Vedenoff	31 Wed Public Shoot M Malone/Bill & Alane Shearer
30 Sun Black Powder Match/High Power/JR practice 4-H	

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 may have the range 2nd and 4th 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.

At the **MAY Board Meeting**: (From minutes of the meeting provided to the newsletter editor. Last name of member is deleted unless they are noted in other areas of the newsletter.)

President Don Wilson called meeting to order at 6:00pm. Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer Jeff Dearborn reported that our beginning balance was: Beginning Balance \$50,920.00; Deposits \$9,430.00; Checks \$9,086.00; Ending balance \$51,265.00.

Harold (x) addressed the board and requested copies of board meeting minutes, budget and by laws. Dirk Steelman made a motion to give Mr. Pope copies of the by laws and minutes from board meetings January to March 2013. Don Fowler seconded, motion passed by hand vote. Loren Metzler made a motion that the board minutes be posted on the club website. Ed Thomas seconded, motion passed by hand vote.

Jim Mayfield reported that Raul (x) donated salad dishes, chaffing dishes, tongs in return for a lifetime membership.

Riley Darby reminded everyone about the up coming swap meet on June 22. He advised we now have between 45 and 50 vendors signed up. He requested that board members attend. Kevin Wycoff will act as FFL dealer. Don Fowler donated 100 hamburgers and buns to be sold at swap meet.

Dirk Steelman made a motion to raffle off the three guns Esther (x) donated. Proceeds to go to 4-H. 300 tickets to be sold at \$10 each for a progressive drawing. Jeremy Chavez seconded, motion passed by hand vote.

Royce Nalls would like the club to purchase a smoker bar-b-q. He suggested that we could have a raffle to offset costs. Dirk Steelman made a motion to purchase the smoker. Don Fowler seconded, motion passed by hand vote.

Dirk Steelman made a motion that the club pay for certification for Jeff Dearborn to be an NRA safety course instructor. Terry Fawkes seconded, motion passed by hand vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Fishing with Marty – JULY 13. Marty Malone is planning a great charter fishing trip for up to 35 people with *Patriot Sportfishing*, Port San Luis. 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 on tickets, gear, licenses, food, where to meet, etc., please call Marty Malone at 559-331-2098.

The **Junior Rifle Club** shooting program will start a **new orientation class on Wednesday, June 5th**. Please contact Steve Quinn before that date for more info. He may be reached at 559-686-1945, 559-471-8143, or email steveq@carifle.com. (The next junior program orientation will be September 24, 2013.)

Steve Quinn would like to thank everyone for their donation of ammo for the junior shooting program. "Your generosity is greatly appreciated and got us through a rough patch," he states. In addition to a recent program by *Federal* ammo to make a short run of ammo available for junior programs, the kids will be shooting through the end of the year.

CCW Permit Classes: Daniel Mansergh conducts the CCW permit classes once a month, at the VSA club house. Classes are held the first Monday of the month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and are free to club members. There is no need to call ahead, just show up with your California ID and proof of current VSA membership. *He will not accept membership applications or renewals at the CCW class.* Non-members are welcome to attend for \$30.00 per person. Receive **Arizona or Florida CCW permit instruction** for an additional \$30.00 per person and an extra hour of class. He is approved for Tulare, Kings and Fresno Counties (*Kings* and *Fresno County* residents must qualify with their carry weapons. Range time will be scheduled at the class. No need to call first.) For more info, please call Daniel Mansergh at 559-741-3774; danielmansergh@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: 40 rounds of .38acp ammo (yep, that is .38 ACP!). Asking \$30.00. Give Cal a call at 559-741-3600.

FOR SALE: *Freedom Arms* single action revolver in .454 Casull with an additional .45ACP cylinder. Stainless steel Model 83 (Virginian?) with 7.5" barrel with muzzle brake. Not for the faint-of-heart shooter, this gun is unique, and in new-in-the-box condition. Call Don Fowler at 559-799-5555 for more info.

In other news:

The road and camping facilities to Big Meadows is now open and waiting for your enjoyment!

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) – A gated California senior community overrun by deer has decided to sterilize the critters. The deer population has doubled in two years to a herd of 170 at The Villages in the San Jose foothills. The 1,200-acre development has 4,000 residents.

The deer are no longer intimidated by people and they are sometimes aggressive, including attacks on dogs. Additionally, the deer destroy about \$150,000 worth of landscaping each year. The San Jose Mercury News says the wildlife management company White Buffalo is tranquilizing and spaying the does in a mobile medical lab each night through February 4 (2013). The state Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the sterilization plan.

(The above article came from: www.grandviewoutdoors.com, 1-22-13. Sign up for the shooting sports news updates as well as subscribing to their free online magazines. Chris.)

Terry Fawkes, vp/range operations, recently reported to me that activity at the range has slowed down in the past two weeks. Perhaps this is an effect of the ammo shortage. The weather has been great recently and Terry mentioned that the range is nearly deserted by 2:00 pm. the past several public shoot days. This is a good time to remind everyone that RSO's are scheduled to be on duty for the full day. RSO's need to have the range ready to go at 8:00 am; doors open, log books out, flag on the pole, range lights on, etc. Regular range hours are **8 am to 3 pm**.

RSO's need to be on duty through the 3-o'clock hour. How many times have you had the phone call at the range late in the day from someone inquiring about memberships and what the club and range has to offer? What if there are only one or two shooters at 2:45 and they still aren't packing up? Yep, shooting hours are till 3 pm. What if the shooters showed up at 2:30? Try to accommodate them and see if you can stay a bit later after 3 pm for them.

RSO's – you are the public face that many of our members and the public will encounter. Our members are what keep our club and facilities strong. Our RSO's are what keep our members coming back to enjoy the range. They know that they can have a safe and controlled shooting environment. They know that our range is clean and efficiently operated. So, if there is some down time while you are on duty, walk the grounds and pick up items as needed; do an inventory of range supplies and note any shortages; check that there is TP in the porta-johns; etc.

Members are reminded that they need to sweep up their brass and dispose of it in the large red drum. Time your clean up duties so that you are not trying to approach the bench during a cease fire. Just don't push the brass – especially those pesky .22 casings – onto the dirt in front of the benches. Once the first person does it and the brass starts to accumulate out front it becomes easier for the rest of people to give it a flick of the broom into the dirt.

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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.

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

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

ALL MINORS 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 1,500 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.

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.

COMING UP: The "First Annual" Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America, programs in our area and to provide camp scholarships for Scouts to attend Camp Chawanakee. Event date: Saturday June 8, 2013, at Sun Mountain Gun Club, Coarsegold, CA. Deadline for registration is May 31, 2013. For more info please contact John Richers at 559-320-2100 ext. 106, (john.richers@scouting.org).