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NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, JULY 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, JULY 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.

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At the **JUNE general club meeting**:

Jim Mayfield introduced Montana Tarkington and presented her with the Dennis Patterson Rifle Competition trophy for her marksmanship skill in winning the 2013 4-H County Match Shoot. Montana has won this annual competition for the past four years. She thanked the club for its support of the youth shooting sports and for the support she has personally received.

A representative from the COS Women's Equestrian team presented a plaque to the club in thanks for the support of the club and the membership.

Jeff Dearborn gave a review of the recent women's beginning handgun class (held in May). Jeff stated that there were about 35 ladies for the classroom and range portion of the instruction. The ladies' experience ranged from novice to advanced beginner stages. The overwhelming response from the ladies was very positive and informative! Jeff mentioned that he would like to have another class of this type in the fall. He also thanked Ray Larson, Floyd Hord and Leonard Cote for their assistance and instruction.

Several ladies suggested having some "Ladies Only" range time as well as having some "Friends and Family" range time. Range time will be set aside as the interest increases. It may be afternoons or evenings or some week-end time...what that means, ladies, is that we need to hear from you! Please call Jeff Dearborn at **559-731-1829** if you are interested in having some range time and to help with the logistics of keeping track of the participants.

Frank Tebeau provided an update on some of the bills in the California legislature. If you are not monitoring and keeping up to date of what's going on in slamming the 2nd Amendment and limiting Californians abilities to own, buy and use firearms and ammo, you better get the shades off! The next step is to make those phone calls to our legislators and those in the committees hearing these bills to let them know how you stand. If you, and collectively – we – do nothing, it will be own fault when your ability to buy or use the guns you already own "goes south".

Terry Fawkes stated you are welcome to come out to the range over Labor Day to observe the benchrest shooters. Their skills are equally impressive as are the rifles that are used!! The shooters are at the range on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Sean Vedenoff is looking for a few volunteers to assist with the BBQ lunch for the benchrest shooters. Having lunch at the range keeps the participants focused on their targets and the club gets to make a little bit of money as well in the sales of the food and drinks. Sean has a great menu for the lunches. If you have a couple hours in the morning leading up to lunch on one or more days of the weekend (especially for Labor Day) and can help, please call Sean at: 559-786-6184.

3 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/Harold Schmidt/L Chism	3 Sat RANGE CLEAN UP DAY
6 Sat Public Shoot Doug Barnhart/L Metzler/Sean Vedenoff	4 Sun Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/David Brown/???_____
7 Sun Public Shoot Doug Barnhart/L Metzler/Sean Vedenoff	7 Wed Public Shoot Earl Grimes/Rick Souza/Richard Harris
10 Wed Public Shoot Bill & Alane Shearer/Rick Souza	10 Sat Public Shoot Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn/Mark Dieter
13 Sat Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/Jeff Dearborn/Ray Larson	11 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle practice
14 Sun High Power match/JR practice/H P practice	14 Wed Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism/Pat Irving
17 Wed Public Shoot Rick Souza/Ken Schmidt/Mike Benyo	17 Sat Public Shoot Bubba Pullin/Mark Dieter/David Brown
20 Sat Public Shoot Matt Hopper/Bubba Pullin/???_____	18 Sun Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Leo Espino/???_____
21 Sun Public Shoot Chuck Henning/Leonard Cote/J Dearborn	21 Wed Public Shoot Jim Johnson/Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism
24 Wed Public Shoot Bill & Alane Shearer/Earl Grimes	24 Sat Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Sal Vasquez/???_____
27 Sat Public Shoot Doug Barnhart/L Metzler/ Sean Vedenoff	25 Sun Black Powder
28 Sun Black Powder/ JR practice/ High Power practice	28 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/Mike Benyo/Pat Irving
31 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Bill & Alane Shearer	30 Fri Range is closed for benchrest set up & practice
	31 Sat CBRSA Benchrest Shoot – Labor Day competition held Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Watch some great shooting, help out with the BBQ lunches, etc.

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.

More from the June meeting:

Riley Darby reminded everyone of the VSA Swap Meet on June 22nd. He said that Esther Gipson donated 200 soft drinks and Don Fowler donated 200 hamburgers for the event.

Terry Fawkes reported that the City of Visalia is still considering the extension of the Club's lease for the rifle range. They have requested more information regarding the proposed pistol range expansion/extension.

Chris Norman was introduced as the newsletter editor (*that's me*) and it was mentioned that if you or someone you know is not receiving the newsletter to please contact Chris to get your current or correct email address or mailing address. It is the member's responsibility to make contact if you are not receiving the newsletter. Thanks.

Chris Norman announced that the success of the **Friends of NRA** fundraising events in Central California means that there will be money available through a grant process for shooting related programs, safety, research, and *Youth Education Summit* scholarships. If you know of an organization that could benefit from a grant to fund an eligible program and are eligible to receive a grant, encourage them to apply! Please go to: www.friendsofnra.org for program details. If you need assistance in the grant process, help is available locally or from NRA Foundation Headquarters.

The **Tulare Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet and Auction** will be Saturday, July 27th, 2013, 5:30 pm at the Tulare Veteran's Memorial Hall, 1771 E Tulare Ave., Tulare, CA 93274 Contact Chairman Glen Black at 559-303-3164 for tickets or more info. Individual tickets are \$45. The basic "package" at \$375 is a great deal with two dinner tickets, NRA merchandise and raffle tickets included. Table packages are available.

Congratulations to Dave Phillips for winning the club meeting gun or safe drawing and to Jim Mayfield for winning the club general drawing.

Marty Malone reported that the July 13 Ling Cod fishing trip has sold out with all 35 spots on the boat called for. On the other hand, he said, only 11 people have paid for their trip and that everyone else needs to be paid up ASAP to keep their place on the boat. He is making a "stand by" list for those wanting to go. Call Marty at 559-331-2098.

At the **JUNE 11 Board Meeting:** Board meeting notes were not provided for this newsletter.

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.

RSO's – There are a hand full (5 or so) of RSO's that have not signed up for their duty at the range. Are you waiting for the call that you have been assigned your days to be at the range? Well, that's not how the range operates...never has, probably never will. YOU are responsible for choosing your days. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR KEY PRIVILEGES if you do not fulfill your obligations. Your membership may be at stake as well. Please serve your days, or return your key. Call Terry Fawkes at 559-967-4854 with your response.

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.

This article appeared in the February 11, 2013 issue of *Gun Digest the Magazine* (I have adapted it to fit here).
So you're shopping for a new carry gun, and you've decided that it needs to be a revolver? Good for you. The revolver definitely has a lot to offer, even in the heyday of compact autoloading pistols, but there are still many things to consider before making your purchase. Here are some key considerations to think about.

How will it be Carried?

How you plan to carry the gun has a huge impact on your range of choices. For instance, if you plan to carry it in a pocket, you're obviously not going to want a full-size 4-inch revolver.

Pick the gun for the most restrictive carry method you'll be using. If you're going to carry it in an ankle holster as a back-up during the week, but as your primary gun in an appendix holster on weekends, pick the one that works on the ankle. You can always carry a small, light revolver on your belt, but the opposite isn't always true for a similarly sized steel model.

If you're going to wear this gun in an ankle holster you will find that it will get very dirty quite quickly. The Smith & Wesson Centennial series guns like the 442 and 642, don't have exposed hammers, nor the opening in the frame through which the hammer protrudes. As a result they're better sealed against dirt and lint. That's not to say that they're impervious to filth getting inside them, just that they're more resistant to getting fouled than their exposed hammer brethren.

Don't forget about corrosion resistance either. If your carry method is a pocket holster you're likely to discover that the pocket is a surprisingly humid place — particularly in the summer months. A gun with any amount of carbon steel (like the barrel and cylinder of the Smith & Wesson 442) will rust pretty quickly, as I can personally attest. For pocket carry, an all alloy or alloy/stainless steel alternative, like the S&W 642, is a better choice. Nothing, mind you, is corrosion proof, but stainless steel is far more corrosion resistant than any kind of carbon steel.

The new polymer revolvers, like the Ruger LCR, may be among the most corrosion-resistant revolvers yet for concealed carry.

How Much Recoil Can You Stand?

You can't fight city hall and you can't fight the laws of physics, either. Regardless of the caliber you've picked, a small light gun will have more perceived recoil than a larger, heavier gun. Once you've narrowed your choices into the size and caliber range that makes the most sense for your use, you'll often have the choice between an ultra-lightweight model (polymer or alloy) and a heavier, all-steel model.

Naturally the lighter models, while easier to carry in places like pockets and ankle holsters, have a higher level of recoil than their heavier counterparts. There is no free lunch; to get the nice weight, you'll have to put up with more pain — and the pain can be severe!

I'm no stranger to recoil, but even I find the kick of an ultra-lightweight gun, loaded with a good +P defensive load, to be more than I really want to handle. I've even shot one with full-house .357 Magnum rounds. You'll notice I said "one," and I say that because my reaction was immediate: "Never Again!"

Remember that recoil affects not just your comfort, but also your ability to deliver additional shots to your target; one round of any caliber is unlikely to stop someone cold in his or her tracks, so you have to plan to shoot more than that. Each additional round from a light but high-recoiling gun will be slower to shoot than from the same sized gun made of heavier material, because you have farther to bring the gun back on target. The lightweight guns are certainly comfortable to carry, but they will impact your ability to deliver the rapid, multiple, combat-accurate hits that actually stop bad guys.

(Hang in there, the rest of the story will appear next month. Thanks.)

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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.
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Advertisements in the VSA newsletter are only \$100.00 per year. That's \$8.33 per month to reach over 1,500 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.

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ARCHERY – Are you looking for a place to practice? Looking for a friendly atmosphere to talk shop and hone your skills? Want to learn more about archery for yourself or for your kids? Your **Visalia Sportsmen's Association** would like to hear from you if you are interested in having an established area for practice and friendly competition. The club would like to invest in targets and other supplies, but we really need to know what the interest is. Please call Eddie Thomas at: **530-391-8661**. (Yes, the area code is 530.)