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NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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, AUGUST 8, 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 **JULY general club meeting**:

Club members were reminded about the upcoming **range clean up day** on Saturday, August 3. There is a job requiring some heavy lifting – replacing the steel upright posts on one of the target stands at the end of the range.

Russ Beechinor, website creator and IT security expert, reported that the club website got hacked and that there were dozens (if not more) service provider computer centers that were taken over (servicing thousands of websites). Russ moved our website (www.visaliasportsmens.com) to a new provider and it is running again. He mentioned that there may be some missing info and that members will need to register on the website to gain access to the members only portion of the website.

ARCHERY – Eddie Thomas reported that there was strong interest from members to have some archery events and possibly dedicated range time. Eddie mentioned that if you have not called him to express your interest in participating to please do so. The range schedule for the next year (2014) is usually firmed up in October and if there is enough interest in archery, the range schedule will include some dedicated time.

Please call Eddie Thomas at: 530-391-8661. (Yes, the area code is 530.) Call him now to talk archery at the club.

Jeff Dearborn reported about the successful “Ladies Only” shoot at the range. Some participants had little to no experience and others had a good grasp of the shooting sports. Jeff thanked everyone who assisted with the shoot and was appreciative of the ladies willingness to learn more about shooting and gun handling and safety. He is anticipating another shoot in the future (cooler weather).

Jeff Dearborn also reported on the progress of the water well at the range. Jeff stated that the city gave approval to “get drilling” and that a well that is protected from sand infiltration may be done in 30 days or so. This is a city funded expense. The well services the city property that has our range, the police range and the shotgun range.

Labor Day weekend is the three-day benchrest competition at the range. The shoot is open to the public to observe some great shooting. Sean Vedenoff coordinates a volunteer crew to prepare and serve lunch at the range for the shooters, assistants and volunteers. 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 and can lend a hand, please call Sean at: 559-786-6184. The range will be closed on Friday, August 30, for set up and practice. The competition is Saturday, Sunday and Monday (August 31, September 1 and 2).

This just in: The CCW class for September has been cancelled due to the holiday.

The August 24th Hunter Ed class at the clubhouse is full and registration is closed! This is the last one of the year.

3 Sat RANGE CLEAN UP DAY	1 Sun CBRSA Benchrest Shoot
4 Sun Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/David Brown/Brett Allen	2 Mon CBRSA Benchrest Shoot
7 Wed Public Shoot Earl Grimes/Bill Shearer/Richard Harris	4 Wed Public Shoot Pat Irving/James Johnson/Rick Souza
10 Sat Public Shoot Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn/Mark Dieter	7 Sat Public Shoot Seth Whitmire/Jeremy Chavez/???
11 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle practice	8 Sun High Power Match/Junior Rifle & H P practice
14 Wed Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism/Pat Irving	11 Wed Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism/R Harris
17 Sat Public Shoot Bubba Pullin/Mark Dieter/David Brown	14 Sat Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Sal Vasquez/???
18 Sun Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Leo Espino/Brett Allen	15 Sun Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Chris Norman/???
21 Wed Public Shoot Jim Johnson/Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism	18 Wed Public Shoot M Malone/James Johnson/Jim Johnson
24 Sat Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Sal Vasquez/Brett Allen	21 Sat Public Shoot Seth Whitmire/Mark Dieter/???
25 Sun Black Powder	22 Sun Public Shoot Jim Price/ Mark Price/Aric Price
28 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/Mike Benyo/Pat Irving	25 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/Pat Irving/James Johnson
30 Fri Range is closed for benchrest set up & practice	28 Sat Public Shoot Tom Davenport/???
31 Sat CBRSA Benchrest Shoot – Labor Day competition held Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Watch some great shooting, help out with the BBQ lunches, etc.	29 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle and High Power Practice

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 July meeting:

Riley Darby thanked everyone for a successful VSA swap meet (June 22nd): Mark Henderson, Leonard Cote, Jim Mayfield, Gordon Price, Ed Thomas, Kevin Wynkoop, Esther Gipson, Don Fowler, Doug Barnhart, Glenn Gerard, Royce Nalls and “the gang in the kitchen”. Thank you to the representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for manning a booth at the club house.

Jim Mayfield reported that the club has a 12 gauge reloader and supplies available for sale. Phone: 559-802-7967.

If you attended the July meeting you may have noticed the additional speakers that were installed in the club house. Those sitting towards the back can hopefully hear a bit better. Plans are to add some speakers to the patio seating area for those wishing to remain outdoors during the meetings.

Thank you to Bob and Linda Kaiser for their donations to the club meeting drawings. Each month they provide several gift items to be given away to lucky club members. They have not neglected our female members, as they provide gift items that appeal to the ladies as well. Thank you for your generosity!!

Recent developments: Just before this newsletter deadline, Terry Fawkes reported that industrial duty ceiling fans have been installed at the range to help move air over the shooting bench area. There has been talk to place fans over the cleaning tables as well. Terry also said that the water well has been drilled and is being finalized. Water may be flowing by the first week in August.

RSO's – as you see in the September range schedule on page 2 of the newsletter, there are some vacancies for RSO duty. Please check your calendar and availability; give Terry a call to fill in the openings. (Oct., Nov., Dec., too.)

FOR SALE: 1) Bushmaster Carbon 15 rifle. Chambered for 5.56/.223, barrel is 1:9 twist. Flat top with top rail and Bushmaster “Trophy” dot scope. The gun is complete with the original manual and sling with some additional accessories. 2) American Tactical 5.56/.223 ammo; 1,300 rounds available. Asking \$2,000 for both; may sell separately. Contact Bob at: 559-972-1893. Please leave a message if he does not answer.

FOR SALE: Ruger Mini 14 target model (.223) with Simmons 4-12x scope. Hardly used and in great shape. Asking \$800.00. Call Jeff Dearborn@ 559-730-1829.

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.

The September CCW class at the club house has been cancelled.

New gun store: KING'S GUN CENTER.COM, 520 W. LACY BLVD., HANFORD, CA 93230 559-585-2000

RANGE CLEAN UP DAY IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 3. GATES OPEN AT 6:45 AM. FREE BBQ LUNCH and plenty of cold drinks.

This article appeared in the February 11, 2013 issue of *Gun Digest the Magazine* and is adapted to fit here. In the July newsletter we read Part 1 about choosing a new carry gun (revolver) and some points on “*How will it be carried?*” and “*How much recoil can you stand?*”. Here is the rest of the article:

How Often Will You Shoot?

In one sense, this is related to the last question (*How much recoil can you stand?*); the more the gun hurts, the less you'll want to shoot the thing. If this is a gun that you're going to carry to defend yourself, I (and most other defensive shooting instructors) would wholeheartedly encourage you to practice and train with that gun regularly. If you don't, or worse yet can't, train with it often, you'll be at a serious disadvantage when you really need to use it.

How much you actually shoot the gun also has a large bearing on the longevity of your revolver. A wheelgun that ends up shooting a lot of rounds over its lifetime will experience more wear than a gun which is shot only occasionally. It's those very lightweight revolvers, the ones made from light alloys, which tend to wear more quickly than their exact-sized steel versions.

Part of that is due to the higher recoil impulse of the lighter gun, which hammers parts more than the lower recoil of the heavier models. It's also because the alloys used in their manufacture are less robust in some respects than steel. Those materials deform easier and are generally less resistant to wear than steel. A lightweight revolver with a high round count will generally require more maintenance, or even outright replacement, sooner than a steel example will.

If you plan to shoot it a lot, a steel gun will last longer than an alloy version.

How Big Are Your Hands?

One of the big advantages of the revolver is the fact that the grip panels aren't just replaceable, but also available in varying sizes. It's generally not a problem to fit grips to a revolver to make it a little easier for larger or smaller hands to operate. Yes, some autoloaders now have this feature, but they still don't have the sheer range of adjustment that the revolver does.

There are limits to everything, however. Small guns and large hands are always a problem, as finding a place for the thumbs proves difficult on very compact revolvers. The worst combination, however, is the person with small hands and a revolver whose trigger reach is too long. If the size mismatch can't be fixed with narrower grips, the shooter is never going to be as efficient as he or she could be. In some cases the only choice is to go with a smaller framed (and usually smaller capacity) wheelgun.

When it comes time to begin shopping for your next revolver, be sure you go to the gun counter and try out several models. Some ranges may even have different models you rent and shoot. Pay close attention to the fit of the gun you choose.

If it's too large you might be able to compensate a little with grips. If the gun is too small, it's easier to take up room with bigger grips, but you might have other fit-related issues. Pay close attention as the fit will have a large bearing on how well you shoot the gun.

And remember — you can always buy more than one revolver to carry depending on the situation.

ARCHERY – This article - “Limb Savers” - is from the February 2009 issue of *Outdoor Life*, page 22.

“Now's the time to trouble-shoot your bow. Off season service is faster and less expensive, and it lets you avoid the crowds that jam the archery shops right before deer season. There are also a number of inspections you can make yourself. Follow these tips as you tune up for the deer season.

***Inspect limbs** – Problems to watch out for include chips, splinters or cracks. Look carefully, then gently run your fingers over the limbs to check for hairline defects.

***Pluck” the string** – The vibration created will reveal any nuts, bolts or screws that have loosened. Tighten them to specs.

***Remove broadheads from arrows** – Store these prickly critters somewhere other than with your bow. Honed edges seem to have a propensity for finding strings and cables.

***Cull your arrows** – Flex each shaft to check for damage. If defects are found, remove these arrows from your quiver. Additionally, check vanes and nocks for damage. Check that nocks are aligned correctly.

***Check the cams** – Look for any foreign debris that may have become lodged there.

***Watch your peep** – Peep sights have a tendency to move. Draw your bow to make sure the peep sight is aligned.

(Editor's note: You have probably experienced how helpful the majority of club members are at the range with firearms. Now's your chance to help others or to get the help you need with ARCHERY. Contact Eddie Thomas.)

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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 is willing 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.)

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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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Editor's note: I have received word that Vern Davis has retired and is no longer offering CCW classes or training. Best wishes to Vern. Thank you for your many years of club membership and dedicated service to the club.
WE NEED YOU FOR THE RANGE CLEAN UP DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, GATES OPEN AT 6:45 AM Bring your basic yard and hand tools and "git 'r done!" Refreshments and a BBQ lunch will be provided for everyone.