

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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, SEPTEMBER 12, 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	Jeremy Chavez – Board member:	559-302-8718
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At the **AUGUST general club meeting**:

At the close of the August meeting, Don Wilson announced his resignation as club president. Don stated that his time as club president was rewarding, and that he was honored to serve in the position. Don and his family are starting a new chapter in life, relocating to Tennessee.

It was brought to the attention of club members that we are seeking a fairly new, standard size refrigerator to replace the old, rusty, crusty energy hog fridge at the range. Do you have one that you would be willing to donate? We need a full-size fridge to handle the occasional needs for the benchrest BBQs as well as other special events. Please contact Chris Norman at 661-805-0164, or Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. Pick up may be available.

Members are reminded that the club has a game cleaning station and a walk-in cold box for club members to use at no charge after your successful hunting adventure. Contact Jim Mayfield (802-7967) for details on access. Please keep the area clean and sanitary!

Easley's Gunshop – Has a new owner! We met Seth Richman at the club meeting and he introduced some of his staff. Seth stated the shop will be open on Saturdays as well (9am to 5pm Tues thru Friday; 10am to 4pm Saturdays). He is excited to have an active presence in the community and to meet and assist our club members. The shop is located at: 7941 West Goshen Blvd., Visalia. Phone 559-651-2525. (In May of this year, the post office changed the street numbering affecting this part of Goshen Blvd. You may find two different street numbers listed for Easley's. Rest assured, they have not moved; they are next to RainScape Nursery.)

The water well at the range is nearly complete according to Jeff Dearborn. Actually, at newsletter press time, the well **IS** complete and the restrooms should be fully functional.

A new entrance gate for the club property will be installed soon. The plans are for a new gate that will be much more secure than the existing one. Future plans are to install power to the gate for opening and a key pad (or similar) for entrance to the property.

Royce Nalls presented plans to construct a masonry block wall along the north side property line of the club (parking lot) to further secure the club and the grounds. Recent intrusions to the grounds have occurred around, over and through the existing chain link fence from neighboring properties. Built to code, reinforced and cement filled, Royce had pricing of materials at \$5,544.00. Royce stated that he would provide the labor for the actual construction at no charge. Volunteers will be needed to keep the block and supplies at hand to the actual labor crew. A motion was presented and seconded and passed for the work to begin in the near future.

The CCW class for September has been cancelled due to the Labor Day holiday.

1 Sun CBRSA Benchrest Shoot	2 Wed Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism/???
2 Mon CBRSA Benchrest Shoot	5 Sat Public Shoot Lee Miller/Mark Deitor/Brian Simmons
4 Wed Public Shoot Pat Irving/James Johnson/Rick Souza	6 Sun Public Shoot Kyle Kinsel, M Garcia/Jim Johnson
7 Sat Public Shoot Seth Whitmire/Jeremy Chavez/Galen Brummer	9 Wed NO RSO SIGN UPS – The range will be closed unless there are RSO's on duty
8 Sun High Power Match/Junior Rifle & H P practice	12 Sat Public Shoot Jim/Mark/Aric Price
11 Wed Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism/???	13 Sun High Power Match/Jr. Rifle/High Power practice
14 Sat Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Sal Vasquez/Richard Harris	16 Wed Public Shoot Brett Allen/???
15 Sun Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Chris Norman/???	19 Sat CBRSA Benchrest Shoot
18 Wed Public Shoot M Malone/James Johnson/Jim Johnson	20 Sun CBRSA Benchrest Shoot
21 Sat Public Shoot Seth Whitmire/Mark Dieter/???	23 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/???
22 Sun Public Shoot Jim Price/ Mark Price/Aric Price	24 Thur Range is closed for special DFG shoot
25 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/Pat Irving/James Johnson	26 Sat Public Shoot J Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/T Davenport
28 Sat Public Shoot Tom Davenport/Brian Simmons/???	27 Sun Black Powder Match/Jr Rifle & High Power practice
29 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle and High Power Practice	30 Wed Public Shoot Richard Harris/???

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 August meeting:

The hot topic of **archery** at the *Visalia Sportsmen's Association* was updated by Eddie Thomas. He is trying to coordinate with members and club officers about scheduling time at the range. If you haven't contacted Eddie, now is the time. He can be reached at 530-391-8661. He will need help in determining types of targets, backstops and layout. Please give him a call to lend a hand.

The Labor Day Benchrest competition will have the range Friday, August 30, through Monday, September 2. Are you available to assist with the BBQ lunches? Please call Sean at 559-786-6184 to help out.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife wardens will be using our range October 24th, 2 pm to 10pm. Our range is centrally located for their use and provides a safe environment for their night shooting practice.

As a reminder, our public range hours are, 8am to 3pm. RSO's and other arranged programs can enjoy the range from 8am to sunset. There is NO shooting before 8am! Please be respectful of our neighbors for daytime, afternoon and evening range time.

Frank Tebeau gave us an update on legislative activity in the state. If what he presented to us that is approaching the governor's desk doesn't scare you, you need to be more aware. You need to be concerned enough to voice your opinion to those in Sacramento. The need to call is strong. Make those calls to everyone who has a hand in these bills. Don't just call the folks who support gun rights, call those who want to take away our rights and privileges! **CALL NOW!**

Marty Malone stated that the July fishing trip was a big success. Fairly calm waters made for a great day of catching fish. The pictures that were posted on the bulletin board showed a lot of smiles and a lot of fish!!!

Jim Mayfield stated that the club will have a special drawing for a stripped AR lower. Funds will go towards club grounds improvements. 25 tickets at \$10.00 each!! Call Jim at 802-7967. More details on the club building fund program to follow.

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.

This just in (8-26): Sean Vedenoff mentioned that the new smoker BBQ trailer was fired up for the August Hunter Ed class attendees! Sean and Royce treated the class to *pulled pork sammies!!!!* A special thank you to Mark Cote (Buckman Mitchell Insurance Company) for donating the funds to provide lunch for everyone. Thanks Mark!

Here are the minutes from the August 6 board meeting:

VSA
Board Mtg-August 2013
Minutes

Vice President Terry Fawkes called meeting to order at 6:00pm. Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer Jeff Dearborn reported that our beginning balance was:

Beg. Bal	\$51,536.00
Deposits	\$8,762.00
Checks	\$7,605.00
Ending balance	\$52,694.00

Our money market account earned \$3.82 for a total of \$32.60 for year to date. (Jeff reported that) The well is almost finished, perhaps one more week.

Terry Fawkes advised that our DA, Tim Ward, would like to come and speak at a club general meeting. (Terry) He also advised that there are 5 new fans installed at the range. He is thinking we should install one or two on the patio at the clubhouse. Dennis Thornbury made a motion to approve the fans that have already been installed. Sean Vedenoff seconded. Motion passed by hand vote.

Jim Mayfield advised that Esther paid for half the price of the ice machine. Jim paid the other half out of the bar fund. He also advised that a new club gate will be installed. A member is bringing down his bobcat to dig the holes. The gate will be paid for out of the bar fund. The fair is coming up. Are we going to donate a lamb again this year? Royce suggested buying from a local FFA student.

Royce Nalls stated that he got a price to install a block wall on the north side of the property. If he does the work with the help of volunteers the cost of materials would be \$5,544.00. It was suggested he bring it before the general membership. Jim Mayfield made a motion for Royce to present his plan for a wall at Thursday's general meeting. Terry Fawkes seconded. Motion passed by hand vote.

Eddie Thomas advised that his phone has been ringing off the hook by people asking about archery at the range. The liability issue was brought up. NRA rules in regards to archery need to be looked at. Don Fowler suggested Eddie contact 5 Dogs Archery in Bakersfield.

Dirk Steelman presented a quote of \$300 for a new drop safe at the range. Dennis Thornbury made a motion to purchase the safe. Sean Vedenoff seconded. Motion passed by hand vote.

Sean Vedenoff advised that the club will need to purchase metal in order for him to make chicken and rib racks for the new Bar B Q/smoker.

Harold P. requested it be put in the news letter that members may use the walk-in to store their game.

Don Wilson advised he has drafted a letter to the city asking for rights to build a new pistol range. Jeff Dearborn will present the letter to the city. Dennis Thornbury offered to help Jeff. Don (Wilson) also advised that his last meeting with the club will be Thursday's general meeting as he is moving to Tennessee.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30

In other news, this just in:

“Ladies, as promised, Ray Larson and I are planning to hold a second Basic Handgun course covering things such as grip, aiming, cleaning and much more. **NOTE: This is not a CCW class.** The class will consist of a three hour classroom portion on Monday, October 14th, starting at 6 pm. The range time being held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 16th and 17th, from 5-8 pm. We will allow 30 students in the class, with 15 students on each shooting day. Cost is free and open to all ladies, VSA members or not. Contact me, Jeff Dearborn, for any questions at 559-730-1829 or reserve a place by emailing Ray at usp40sw@gmail.com”

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Club President Don Wilson announced his resignation at the August board and general meetings. Don and his family are starting a new chapter in their lives by relocating to Tennessee. Don is looking forward to some great hunting and fishing and a lower taxation level. Congratulations!!! Don, THANK YOU for your service as president! Under Don's leadership, groundwork has been laid for improvements to the club and range property and will benefit members in the future.

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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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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.)