

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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, OCTOBER 10, 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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Dennis Thornbury – Board Member:	559-732-4401		
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## At the **SEPTEMBER general club meeting**:

It was announced that Vice President Terry Fawkes will be our “Fill In” President until the December election of officers and board members.

Jim Mayfield announced that he is looking for some .218 BEE brass or ammo for a project he is working on. Jim also announced a voluntary “building fund” donation drive to help assist with upgrades to the club grounds (the gate and controller and new fencing.) He also mentioned that the “Lead Sled” is missing from the range. That item is kept as a benefit to all whom may wish to use it...now it's no longer available. Whomever, please return it!!

Eddie Thomas indicated that there will be a meeting in November to talk archery, get ideas from interested members and to move forward. Date of the meeting to be determined.

The range will be closed to members and RSOs on Friday, October 11, from 8 am to noon for a special shoot.

Terry Fawkes confirmed that the water well at the range is producing good water. The “porta-potty” has been removed and the restrooms are in working order. How ‘bout a big “HOORAH!!!”

Jeff Dearborn constructed and installed a new table top on one of the cleaning tables at the range. It is 1.5” thick with a high-pressure laminate surface that wraps around the edge. What a big improvement!! Thank you Jeff! We are waiting for word from the Benchrest competitors about the durability due to the clamps the *BR* shooters use to hold their reloading presses before more are made.

A new swamp cooler has been installed on the blockhouse at the range. The fiberglass/resin housing should last for years and will reduce maintenance and the chance for leaks.

Terry Fawkes, our Chief Range Safety Officer, reviewed the range sign-in pages in the log books and calculated that there were over 6,000 visits (shooters) at the range in the first six months of this year. (That raw number really touches on why we need three RSOs per day and why we need more members to become RSOs to join the fun.)

Dennis Thornbury stated that the Labor Day Bench Rest shoot had an average of 37 shooters per day!! With 28 shooting benches, participants had to shoot in rotation! Dennis stated that the BBQ crew headed by Sean Vedenoff created one of the best lunches ever presented with the use of the new smoker grill.

Sean Vedenoff mentioned to me that the smoker grill has a lot of versatility. By adjusting dampers, fuel and air intake the meat can be cooked any number of ways for flavor. With the approaching club family dinner season we are looking forward to some outstanding meals. (The first dinner is usually in November. More info later.)

Royce Nalls presented some info to follow up with the installation of the new driveway gate at the club house. Coordinated with the installation of a keypad entry system, look for new fencing to follow along Roosevelt Ave.

2 Wed Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Leroy Chism/John Gerard	2 Sat <b>RANGE CLEAN UP DAY</b>
5 Sat Public Shoot Lee Miller/Mark Deitor/Brian Simmons	3 Sun Public Shoot Jim/ Mark/Aric Price
6 Sun Public Shoot Kyle Kinsel, Manuel Garcia/Jim Johnson	6 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/John Hedrick/???
9 Wed Public Shoot John Gerard/Darrell Smith/???	9 Sat Public Shoot J Sindlinger/T Holmes/T Davenport
11 Fri <i>Closed from 8am to noon for reserved function</i>	10 Sun <b>High Power Match/Jr. Rifle &amp; High Power Practice/ 4-H at 3:30pm</b>
12 Sat Public Shoot Jim/Mark/Aric Price	13 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Pat Irving/???
13 Sun <b>High Power Match/Jr. Rifle/High Power practice</b>	16 Sat Public Shoot Kyle Kubik/??/?/?
16 Wed Public Shoot Brett Allen/Darrell Smith/???	17 Sun Public Shoot L Cote/Jeff Dearborn/Jeff Brummer
19 Sat <b>CBRSA</b> Benchrest Shoot	20 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/??/?/?
20 Sun <b>CBRSA</b> Benchrest Shoot	23 Sat Public Shoot Tom Davenport/Leo Espino/???
23 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/Pat Irving/John Gerard	24 Sun <b>Black Powder/Jr. Rifle &amp; High Power Practice</b>
24 Thur Range is closed for special DFW shoot (formerly Fish & Game)	27 Wed Public Shoot No RSO sign ups at this time
26 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/Tom Davenport	28 Thurs <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>
27 Sun <b>Black Powder Match/Jr Rifle &amp; High Power practice</b>	30 Sat Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/??/?/?
30 Wed Public Shoot Richard Harris/Pat Irving/Stephanie Deniaola	

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 **may** 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.

### **More from the September meeting:**

Royce Nalls presented to the attending members the desire to install a permanent flagpole the exterior grounds of the club house. He had presented the idea at the September board meeting and it was suggested to present the idea at the club meeting. Royce presented pricing on a 35-foot aluminum pole with additional costs for night time lighting and the construction of a cement base. A motion was made to approve and seconded. (Royce brought his father to the club and as a veteran touring our facilities, he brought to light that we did not have a flag on our grounds. Sometimes it takes “fresh eyes” to notice things that the rest of us pass by on a daily basis. Thanks.)

Jim Mayfield presented new VSA logo hats. They are orange in color with our club logo. (New RSO hats are fluorescent green.) The VSA hats are \$10 each. The RSO hats are \$10 each.

RSOs were reminded to check your calendar with the open opportunities to serve at the range. Members were reminded to check the calendar in the newsletter and to call the range before travelling to the range for the possibility of having restricted access or a closed range. If there are only 2 RSOs on duty the pistol lanes may be off limits for everyone. If there is only one RSO, the range will be closed for safety requirements. (As a side note, if you call the range and do not get someone to answer, please call again a few minutes later. The RSOs may be busy at the time or the noise factor may be too much to try to get to the phone.)

**IN OTHER NEWS:** Terry Fawkes wants to remind everyone (all members) that the board is forming a nominating committee for the upcoming elections in December. If you wish to be on the committee please contact Terry. More info regarding the committee will be available after the October 8 board meeting. All officer and board member positions are open for election (there are 4 appointed board positions). Please consider an active role in the *Visalia Sportsmen’s Association* by running for an officer or board position.

**FOR SALE:** Mauer 98, M24/47, excellent condition. Includes 350 rounds of 8mm ammo. \$400.00. Call Ray Tarquinio at 559-734-3955. All calls left on the answering machine will be returned.

**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](mailto:danielmansergh@gmail.com).

**LADIES BASIC HANDGUN CLASS** – This **FREE** class will cover all the basics: safety, parts of the gun, ammo, grip, aiming, trigger control, shooting, cleaning and more. The first part of the class is a three-hour classroom session at the VSA club house on Monday, October 14, starting at 6pm. The class is limited to 30 ladies (all ages). The range time shooting portion will be divided into two evenings with 15 students each evening (15 participants on Wednesday, October 16, at 5 pm; 15 participants on Thursday, October 17, at 5 pm.) Please contact Jeff Dearborn at 559-730-1829 or Ray Larson at [usp40sw@gmail.com](mailto:usp40sw@gmail.com).

Here are the minutes from the September 10 board meeting:

VSA

Board Meeting-September 2013

Minutes

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

Vice President Terry Fawkes gave the treasurers report:

Beg. Bal \$52,694.00

Deposits \$ 6,777.00

Checks \$ 7,102.00

Ending balance \$52,369.00

Terry advised that the well is completed. The bathrooms are up and running. There has been a new swamp cooler installed at the range. Our staple guns are missing. John Gerard would like to attend a general meeting and present survival tips. Don Fowler made a motion to table discussion in regards to John's presentation until next board meeting. Sean Vedenoff seconded. Motion passed. Bret from Shooting Star would also like to give a 10 minute presentation to the club on reloading, powder and bullets. Don Fowler made a motion to table this discussion until next board meeting. Frank Tebeau moved to amend the motion to allow Bret to bring his trailer and equipment to the October meeting where he can then do a presentation at the end of the meeting. Dirk Steelman seconded, motion passed by hand vote. It will be announced in the newsletter. Terry also advised that Jeff's first table top has been installed at the range. It was decided that before more are made we need to see how well this one is going to hold up.

Royce Nalls mentioned that we do not have a flag and pole. He got prices for a quality pole and flag. A 30 ft pole would cost \$2,088 and a 5'x10" flag would be \$119. Dirk Steelman made a motion to bring the issue before the general meeting on Thursday. Don Fowler seconded, motion passed by hand vote.

Harold P. asked the board for permission to research a group trip to visit the USS Iowa. Sean Vedenoff made a motion to allow Mr. P. to do research. Don Fowler seconded. Motion passed by hand vote.

Dirk Steelman inquired as to what the plan is with Don Wilson leaving. Terry Fawkes advised he will gladly take over the remaining meetings until the December election. Frank Tebeau made a motion for Terry Fawkes to sit in as president until the next election. Don Fowler seconded. Motion passed by hand vote.

Leonard Cote commented on all the time Jeff Dearborn spends doing club business. Perhaps we should give him a life time membership. Dirk Steelman made a motion to give Jeff a lifetime membership. Frank Tebeau seconded. Motion passed by hand vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45

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**Have you thought about becoming an RSO?** I thought I would relate a few observations from my recent RSO day at the range to help you determine if it may be just the thing for you.

One of our shooters was breaking in a new *Springfield Armory MIA Scout* rifle. The owner asked me what kind of sight might be best to add to the gun to help him with his aging eyes. The gun came equipped with a rail already installed so it would be easy to mount a Burris TAC30 scope (1x-4x-24mm) that comes as a package with a *FastFireIII* red dot reflex sight and P.E.P.R mount. (The reflex sight is mounted on top of the scope. Stock #20433FF) The scope will provide a reticle for mid-range shooting, the reflex sight makes it quick and fun to acquire targets. I know, entire articles have been written about what kind of scope or sight...etc., etc.

I was at the drop down door of the block house when I got a real surprise - two brothers showed up and wanted to know what they need to do get shooting at the range. (My partner RSO was observing the shooters.) The first thing I had them do was to put their un-cased firearms on the block house door and then carefully show me that the two rifles were unloaded. A situation such as this becomes a teaching moment by "helping" them see our signs and to know our range procedures as well as transporting firearms and ammo in a vehicle. They had the guns in cases in the trunk and brought the bare guns down from the parking lot. (Members, if you see this happening in the parking lot, please kindly point out our safety signs!)

We had a lady shooter plinking away with a Ruger 10-22 on a paper target. For the next line break I had attached a thin wire to the pull tab on a soda can and had her husband hang it on her target frame. I challenged her that with practice she could try to shoot the wire (25 yards, open sights)...she hit the wire on the fourth shot! Unintentionally!

Give it a shot...RSO duty is rewarding; and its fun. Call Terry to get started with on-the-job training.

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"The result is often called "rainbow swing." For this reason, it is important to identify the "sweet spot" of your swing and preposition yourself so that you will be breaking the clay within that sweet spot.

"Good shooting form is every bit as important as equipment modifications in managing recoil. Good form would include proper foot position and body position relative to the break point, a slight forward lean placing most of your body weight on your forward foot and keeping your cheek tight to the stock until you see the target break. Hand placement and the amount of grip also play an important role in recoil management."

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