

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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, NOVEMBER 14, 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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| Club House phone # (answering machine): | 559-635-7172 | Jeremy Chavez – Board member: | 559-302-8718 |
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At the **OCTOBER general club meeting:**

Officer and board member elections will be held at the December 12 general club meeting. Nominations for the officer and four elected board positions are being taken at this time. If you are interested in running for a position, you must personally inform Terry Fawkes, Jeff Dearborn, or Jim Mayfield (phone numbers are above). Third party nominations will not be accepted (where someone "nominates" someone else for a position). Those running for a position need to make their intentions known to the board no later than the December 10 board meeting. At the December general meeting before the members vote, you will be asked to introduce yourself and tell a bit about yourself and your interest in the *Visalia Sportsmen's Association*.

Range cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, November 2. Gates open at 7am. There is some light weeding, raking and other minor landscaping chores. We need several people to check the irrigation for the trees around the property. A good cleaning of the blockhouse and the restrooms including the fluorescent light fixture covers is needed. Take inventory and organize items in the blockhouse. (Which reminds me, does anyone have a good, fairly new refrigerator to donate for the blockhouse?) The pistol trap and the lanes need a good cleaning. The range yard and meter marking posts need to be painted red and numbers applied. Gutters need to be checked and cleaned out if needed. Come on out to lend a hand. In the meantime if you are at the range and see something that needs to be fixed, moved, cleaned or otherwise remedied, please take care of it or bring the necessary items to the range cleanup day to get it done. See you there! (Please sign in on the check-in sheet when you arrive.)

RSO's: The first time the range calendar for 2014 RSO service days will be available is at the range cleanup. When you arrive at the range, please contact Frank Tebeau to sign in and receive a numbered ticket that will be drawn for your turn to choose your calendar days.

Terry Fawkes indicated that there are 107 public shoot days scheduled for 2014. With three RSOs needed for each day, the need is great for your service. Please check your calendars to see what will work for you – especially those dates later in the year. There are a lot of positions to fill!

USS IOWA Tour: We heard from Harold Pope introducing a planned bus trip to San Pedro to tour the battleship *USS IOWA* on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Harold introduced this as a VSA member event, but stressed that anyone in the community can participate. Registration forms will be available in the near future. Adult tour price (\$70.00) includes bus, box lunch, and docent lead ship tour. (Persons 18 and under = \$60.00.) For more information, Harold may be reached at: 559-730-6652.

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| 2 Sat RANGE CLEAN UP DAY (First opportunity for RSO calendar sign ups is at the cleanup.) | 1 Sun Public Shoot Leo Espino/???/??? |
| 3 Sun Public Shoot Jim/Mark/Aric Price | 4 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno/???/??? |
| 6 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/John Hedrick/John Gerard | 7 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/F. del Campo/Darwin Hac. |
| 9 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/Tom Davenport | 8 Sun High Power Match/Jr. Rifle/4-H at 3:30pm |
| 10 Sun High Power Match/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice/4-H at 3:30pm | 11 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/???/??? |
| 13 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Pat Irving/???/??? | 14 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/F. del Campo/Darwin Hac. |
| 16 Sat Public Shoot Kyle Kubik/Jim Shaw/Justin Smith | 15 Sun Public Shoot F Tebeau/Richard Harris/Leo Espino |
| 17 Sun Public Shoot Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn/Galen Brummer | 18 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno/???/??? |
| 20 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/John Gerard/???/??? | 21 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/F. del Campo/Darwin Hac. |
| 23 Sat Public Shoot Tom Davenport/Leo Espino/Jim Shaw | 22 Sun Black Powder Match/4-H |
| 24 Sun Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice | 25 Wed CLOSED Merry Christmas!!! |
| 27 Wed Closed? Possibly! No RSO sign ups at this time | 28 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/F. del Campo/Darwin Hac. |
| 28 Thurs HAPPY THANKSGIVING! | 29 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H |
| 30 Sat Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Jim Shaw/???/??? | <i>Help! Help! Our range and our members need your help. Members, please call Terry to start your on-the-job RSO training. Existing RSO's, reach deep to fill in the days.</i> |

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 October meeting:

Members at the meeting were introduced to Kevin Wynkoop, owner of *Gun Culture*. Kevin opened the retail firearms store about 5 months ago located at 2028 West Ashland Ave., Visalia, CA 93277 (across from Howies Pizza). Kevin mentioned the shop is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 6pm. Specializing in new, used and historical firearms, he said that special orders and requests are welcome and that he will try to locate what you are looking for if it is not currently stocked at the store. In addition, they do low cost transfers. They also offer custom laser engraving on almost any type of material such as glass, wood, metal, and leather. He brought several examples, one being a beautiful scene on a wood rifle stock. Keep them in mind for those unique holiday, wedding, anniversary and graduation gifts. He can be reached at the store: 559-713-6771.

A new PA (public address) system was unveiled at the club house for the meeting. Life member Brett Allen researched, sold and installed the system that enabled everyone in the building to clearly hear what was being presented. This is a great improvement that will be appreciated for years to come.

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. Call Eddie at 530-391-8661 for info.

FAMILY DINNER – The first family dinner of the season will be Saturday, November 16th, at the clubhouse. Our traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the fixings is a real crowd pleaser. Great flavors can be expected with the new BBQ smoker this year! Only \$10 per adult and \$5 for persons 12 years of age and under. Doors open at 5 and dinner is served about 7pm. Please feel free to bring your favorite dessert dish, we would love to sample your creation! Please call Sean at 559-786-6184, or Royce at 559-730-848, if you can help with the cooking, serving and clean up. For dinner reservations, call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967, or the club phone at 559-635-7172. We are emphasizing RESERVATIONS to know how many people we can expect for dinner to have the correct amount of food to prevent waste and control costs. Stick around after dinner for *SPORTCO!*”

Three Gun Drawing – Jim Mayfield announced a 3-gun drawing to help support the 4-H shooting teams that use our facilities. Three tickets will be drawn for a chance to win 1) Colt New Frontier Buntline .22 mag; 2) Colt New Frontier .357; 3) AMT .45ACP BackUp pistol. 250 tickets, only \$10.00 each.

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.

FYI: Note that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 2:00 AM. Set the clocks back 1 hour.

From the website www.pacificbattleship.com:

The Battleship IOWA Educational Museum & Attraction

“Celebrate the American Spirit at the Battleship IOWA educational museum & attraction - the West Coast’s only Battleship open to the public and 2013 winner of the SSHSA Museum Ship of the Year. Considered one of the “Best Cool Exhibits to See with Your Kids”, your tour takes you on a journey through World War II, the Korean War, and the Cold War to experience the life of a sailor on the lead ship of the last class of gunships. Walk the wood decks of a battleship and see areas such as the 16” guns, 5” guns, missile decks, bridge, mess areas, and the world famous Captain’s Cabin - with the only bathtub installed on a battleship for a President. Known as “The Battleship of Presidents”, IOWA has hosted three Presidents - Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush - and numerous dignitaries during almost 70 years of service. Battleship IOWA is located at the L.A. Waterfront, former home to the US Navy Battleship fleet prior to World War II and an area rich in maritime history. The Battleship IOWA museum is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

MISC:

Re: Women’s Basic Handgun class. Jeff Dearborn and Ray Larson want to thank all of the participants for their willingness to learn about safe gun handling and shooting. They also express great appreciation to the *Police Association* for the use of their lighted range. The use of the range allowed everyone to have a complete experience. Another class is planned for this spring. Additional range support was added by Leonard Cote and Floyd Hord.

“Do You Need Headspace Gauges?” *Shooting Times*, November 2013, by Reid Coffield (adapted to fit the newsletter).
 “...In the case of headspace gauges, they simply measure the distance between two points. One of these is the face of the surface that supports the rear, or vertical surface of the back end, of the cartridge case.

The other point can vary depending on the type of cartridge. If it is a rimmed cartridge case, such as a .22 rimfire, the .30-30 or the .38 Special the second point will be the vertical surface on the face of the barrel next to the chamber; often referred to as the rim seat, and it may be recessed. If you have a straight-walled or nearly straight-walled rimless cartridge (.45 ACP or 9mm Luger), the second point is inside the chamber, but it’s the vertical surface that supports the front end or edge of the cartridge case mouth.

Headspace gauges are available in sets of two or three. In a set of three you will have Go, No-Go, and Field. A set of two will have a Go and No-Go. The Go measures the minimum distance between the face of the breech and the second indexing point. Ideally, you want the gun to lock up or go in full battery on the Go gauge. If it doesn’t fully close and lock up for a bolt-action, or the cylinder won’t close on a normal double action revolver, or the slide of an auto pistol does not go fully forward and lock, then you know your headspace is below generally accepted industry standards. Normally, that means your chamber is too short.

If it closes on the GO, you next use the No-Go gauge, which sometimes measures the maximum acceptable headspace. The bolt should not lock up, the cylinder should not close, or the slide should not lock. If any of those do take place, that normally indicates excessive headspace and your chamber is potentially too long.

The Field gauge is basically just a bigger No-Go gauge. Generally, the Field gauges are about four thousandths larger than the No-Go gauge. If the gun closes on the Field gauge, you’ll have a better idea as to your headspace.

Do you need headspace gauges? If you’re a collector and shooter of older military firearms, you may want a set. The reason for this is a great many military bolt actions have had parts, including the bolts, swapped or changed over the years. Sometimes this was done while the rifle was still in active service and the headspace was checked by trained armorers. Of course, sometimes it wasn’t. As a general rule, I would encourage anyone who purchases an older military bolt action to have it checked by a knowledgeable gunsmith to ensure the headspace is within acceptable limits and there are no other safety problems before shooting it. This is especially true for rifles that do not have original or matching parts. “

Safety Recall Notice: Thompson/Center Arms has identified a condition that may cause the safety lever on certain ICON, Venture, and Dimension rifles to bind, preventing the safety from becoming fully engaged. In this situation, closing the bolt may move the safety lever to the “Fire” position. The rifle will not fire unless the trigger is pulled, however. T/C is recalling the rifles so that they may be inspected to insure that it operates as designed.

The recall applies to all ICON, Venture, and Dimension rifles manufactured by Thompson/Center Arms prior to June 13, 2013. Contact T/C’s customer service to receive instructions and a pre-paid shipping label. www.tcarms.com or call 800-713-0355.

Quote: “If you stop eating doughnuts you will live three years longer, but it’s just three more years that you’ll want a doughnut.” *Lewis Black*

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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)

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"DUI Fines Rise", *Westways*, November/December 2013, (p. 9)

If you drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs (even certain prescription medications), you not only are risking your life and the lives of others on the road, you are also risking the chance you will be hit with some whopping fines.

Here is a breakdown of what those may look like for a first-offense misdemeanor DUI conviction for an adult age 21 or older. (Some costs are much higher for an underage DUI offender.)

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| County Penalties | \$1,245 |
| Vehicle tow/storage | 350 |
| Alcohol education class | 575 |
| Victim restitution fund | 140 |
| DMV license reissue | 125 |
| Booking (fingerprinting) | 170 |
| Auto insurance increase | 10,154 |
| Attorney and legal fees | 2,500 |
| Totalcost: | \$15,649 |