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NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas!!!! Happy Holidays!!!!

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 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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Dennis Thornbury – Board Member:	559-732-4401		
Dirk Steelman – Executive Vice President (FFL operations):	559-732-7726		

The **DECEMBER 12, 2013, general club meeting** will be our annual ELECTION of OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS. You must be a current club member to vote. Don't wait for the last minute to renew your membership. Taking part in our elections is an important step in choosing the direction of the club and range operations. As announced in last month's newsletter, 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 nomination committee no later than the December 10 board meeting. Please contact Jim Mayfield, Terry Fawkes or Jeff Dearborn (phone numbers are above) with your intentions.

Thank you to the following individuals for running for the following positions:

President: Terry Fawkes - Dennis Thornbury

Vice President: Russ Beechinor – Jeff Dearborn

Secretary: Debbie Taylor

Treasurer: Stephanie DeNicola

Elected Board member (vote for only four):

Jeremy Chavez	Mark Dieter	Don Fowler	John Gerard	Gene Lickey
Bob Maxwell	Jim Mayfield	Loren Metzler	Royce Nalls	Mike Stimson
Frank Tebeau	Eddie Thomas	Sean Vedenoff		

The elected president will appoint four (4) board members in the near future as outlined in the club bylaws. The remainder of the general club meeting will continue after the ballots are cast and are being tabulated.

1 Sun Public Shoot Leo Espino/???/???	1 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/???/???
4 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno/Pat Irving/???	4 Sat Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/???
7 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix M. del Campo/???	5 Sun Public Shoot Russ Broyles/Ted Phipps/???
8 Sun High Power Match/Jr. Rifle/4-H at 3:30pm	8 Wed Public Shoot John Hull/Jim Mayfield/Ken Schmidt
11 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Leroy Chism/???	11 Sat Public Shoot Justin Smith/Bill Lee/Richard Harris
14 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix M. del Campo/???	12 Sun Junior Rifle/High Power/4-H
15 Sun Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/Richard Harris/Leo Espino	15 Wed Public Shoot J Hedrick/K Schmidt/S Brelsford
18 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno/???/???	18 Sat Public Shoot Bill Lee/Pat Irving/???
21 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix M. del Campo/???	19 Sun Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/Bill Lee/Jim Johnson
22 Sun Black Powder Match/4-H	22 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Bill Lee/Darrell Smith
25 Wed CLOSED Merry Christmas!!!	25 Sat Public Shoot Bill Bruno/???/???
28 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix M. del Campo/???	26 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H/Black Powder
29 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H	29 Wed Public Shoot Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/???
<i>Help! Help! Our range and our members need your help. Members, Existing RSD's, reach deep to fill in the days.</i>	<i>please call Terry to start your on-the-job RSD training.</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.

From the NOVEMBER meeting:

Club members were introduced to Dave Whaley, candidate for Sheriff, Tulare County. He has held the position of undersheriff for 9 years. As undersheriff he has been the main point of contact for those applying for their CCW permits. He stated he has over 20 years' experience in law enforcement. He would like your vote.

Club members had a chance to visit with the folks from *The Gun Safe Company*, Exeter, and to view firsthand some of their safes they had on display at the patio area. (Did you see their double door safe? Impressive!)

Members were introduced to the candidates running for the officer and board member positions.

Marty Malone wants you to join him on Saturday, December 28, for an all-day fishing trip with *Avila Sportfishing*. This is an "open" boat (not a charter) and the more VSA members that reserve early means more fun for our members. This will be a crab and rock cod combo trip. (\$74.00) Call Marty at 559-331-2098 for details.

FAMILY DINNER - Hats off to the gang that prepared one of the best meals I have had at the club. The smoked turkey – fantastic. The ham – unbelievable!! The rest of the dishes to fill the plate – Oh My!! We had about 50 members for dinner, plus a special birthday party on the patio that brought another 35 or so folks for dinner. Let's see how many can join us for dinner in December.... Thank you to Dave Hamilton for donating the pecans for the homemade pies for dinner.

The **December Family Dinner** will be held Saturday, December 14, at the VSA club house. Royce Nalls is planning and preparing a VSA first – **prime rib and chicken** with all the trimmings. A special price of \$25 per couple, or \$15 per single is all we ask. Doors open at 5pm, dinner is served at 7:00pm. Please call in your RSVP for an accurate count. Jim Mayfield: 802-7967; Royce: 730-8485; club phone: 635-7172. Thanks. See you there!

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.

FOR SALE: 1)Leupold VariX 3x9 rifle scope, \$200.00. 2)Bushnell ScopeChief 3x9 cross hair and post reticle rifle scope. Very clear glass. \$100.00. Please call Riley Darby at 559-625-1048.

USS IOWA TOUR: Mark your calendar now to join us for a tour of the "Presidents Battleship" in San Pedro Harbor, on March 8, 2014. The USS Iowa is the only battleship open to the public on the west coast and is the 2013 winner of the SSHSA Museum Ship of the Year. Also named as one of the "Best Cool Exhibits to see with Your Kids." Adult tour price (\$70.00) includes bus trip, box lunch and docent lead tour. (Under 18 = \$60.00). For reservations or for more information, contact Harold Pope at: 559-730-6652.

RSO's: The 2014 range calendar is now available for you to choose your service days. Don't delay!!

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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. (Jan 2013)

To place a "want" / "for sale" or any other news in the newsletter, please contact Chris Norman, newsletter editor, at 661-805-0164, visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com.



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Miscellaneous Corner:

"Ladies, here's a trick that will change your (virtual) life: If you are heading for a party where you know you will be posing for pictures and you plan to post them later, go for a foundation without SPF. The chemicals used to shield your complexion from the sun can make skin look chalky in photos."

Better Homes and Garden, December 2013.

Thank you to the following individuals (and RSOs) for your attendance at the November range cleanup day:

L.F. Cote Ted Phipps Russ Broyles Steve Quinn Tom Holmes Jeff Sindlinger Bob Marsh
Chris Norman Matt Hopper John Hedrick Jim Mayfield John Gerard David Bird Craig Calloway
David Amaral Bill Lee John Hull Tom Bell Ken Schmidt Frank Tebeau Doug Barnhart
Esther Gipson Chuck Henning Stephanie DeNicola And a few others not on the list.
Jim Johnson Miss Theodora Johnson

(Miss Johnson, I wanted to list you last on the list because I wanted to take some extra time to personally thank you for your good attitude, your can-do style of getting work done, and your willingness to help others. You make work fun with your great smile! It was good to see you and your father at the cleanup day.)

This just in: The VSA *Wild Game Feed* has been set for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Please donate any wild game, fowl or fish that you can. The club has the freezer space for your successful hunt proceeds. There will be a drawing for a Remington 770 .30-06 rifle with scope and a Weatherby Vanguard .308 rifle. Contact Royce at: 559-730-8485, or Jim at: 559-802-7967.

Don't forget to call in your reservation for the December 14, Family Dinner prime rib and chicken extravaganza!

Junior Rifle Club News

Steve Quinn, Program Coordinator

History: The VSA Junior Rifle Club is in its 5th year. We started in 2009 with some loaned and old club rifles. A *Friends of NRA* grant for \$15,000 was awarded which allowed the purchase of additional rifles and equipment. The program has grown from a handful of members to 26 members last year (2012). The program has trained about 100 shooters plus their parents so far. We currently have 16 active members. With the number of shooting positions (benches/lanes) available on the VSA range and the number of assistant trainers, membership is limited to no more than 20 participants.

Program: The Junior Rifle Club is open to 9- to 19-year old members. They are taught firearm safety, the basics of accurate shooting and a winning attitude. Members begin the basics with a .22 caliber rifle. As they progress in their skill level the goal is to have them begin to shoot High Power centerfire rifles. Beginning instruction starts several times throughout the year.

News: One of our High Power shooters, Justin George, shot in the Kern Shooting Sports (Bakersfield) 200-yard match on October 26, 2013. He scored 446 out of a possible 500 which is an NRA EXPERT score. He placed 3rd overall and shot a 100 out of 100 possible score in the rapid fire prone stage. You will hear more about Justin in the future.

Note: Hunter Safety Education class? Sorry, this is not it. We just shoot paper and learn to shoot smaller and smaller groups.

Contact: Steve Quinn: 559-686-1945, 559-471-8143. Email: steveq@carifle.com

Vote Vote Vote Vote Vote

See you at the December 12 general club meeting for the election of officers and board members. Doors open early. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

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Please join us for the December 14 Family Dinner for *prime rib and chicken* plus all the side dishes. See ya!