

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

This is the last newsletter that you will receive via e-mail or by USPS mail. In an effort to save club funds and man hours, those means of delivery are being eliminated. Starting with the March issue, the VSA Newsletter will only be posted on the VSA website at <http://vsma1.com/> where it can be read and/or downloaded and printed.

Visalia Sportsmen's Association is a non-profit organization which is governed by the regulations set forth in The Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The section of the code which we fall under states that we are to be exclusively a social club, organized and operated for the pleasure and recreation of our members. The specific purposes of the club are: 1) to unite in the effort of solving local, county and statewide problems pertaining to the protection and propagation of fish and game and other natural resources in our area; 2) the conservation of our natural resources through the promotion and fostering of good public sentiment for better fish, game and forest management; 3) the encouragement of organized shooting activities among adult and junior members and the general public, so as to provide a better knowledge of safe handling and the proper use and care of firearms; and, 4) to take lawful steps to bring into effect those measures deemed to be in the interest of member sportsmen.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, February 11, 2014, **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, February 13, 2014, **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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A Message from Cal Davis, our Membership Chairman: When filling out the VSA membership renewal forms, please do not take "shortcuts" (e.g. - using "same") when filling in your information. Do not assume that we have your most current information. Addresses, phone numbers, etc. change and we may not have the changes recorded. And please write/print legibly. The information on your form is our means of contacting you with important information about the club. And it is frustrating to not be able to contact you when we need to do so. So, again, please always fill out the entire form legibly. It will enable us to be more efficient. We really appreciate it! Thank you!

Jim Mayfield and Royce Nalls would like to remind everyone of the February Family Dinner on Saturday, 2-15. Mexican food *FIESTA!!!* \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under 10 years. Call Royce at 559-730-8485. Call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967

**PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172.
FEBRUARY 2014**

**FOR THE RANGE: 651-3063
MARCH 2014**

1 Sat Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/???
2 Sun Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/L Cote/Jeff Dearborn
5 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/Bill Bruno/???
8 Sat Public Shoot Justin Smith/Matt Hopper/Jim Johnson
9 Sun **Junior Rifle/High Power/4-H**
12 Wed Public Shoot Ken Schmidt/J Hedrick/Steve Brelsford
15 Sat **CBRSA Benchrest**
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19 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Ken Schmidt/Darrell Smith
20 Thu Dept. Fish & Game - range closed 10am on
22 Sat Public Shoot Richard Harris/Mike Renzi/???
23 Sun **High Power/Junior Rifle/4H/Black Powder**
26 Wed Public Shoot Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/???

RSO Training will be held on March 9th! This is an all-day class and is required for all RSOs. Call Russ at 732-2943 to sign up.

1 Sat **RANGE CLEAN UP DAY**
2 Sun Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/J Cornelison
5 Wed Public Shoot John Gerard/Merritt Morrow/???
8 Sat Public Shoot Matt Hopper/Jim Johnson/Mike Renzi
9 Sun **High Power Match/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice/4-H at 3:30pm**
12 Wed Public Shoot John Hull/Jim Mayfield/Steve Brelsford
15 Sat Public Shoot T Holmes/J Sindlinger/Terry Fawkes
16 Sun Public Shoot J Chavez/Stephanie DeNicola/M Benyo
19 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Riley Darby/Darrell Smith
22 Sat Public Shoot Tom Davenport/Leo Espino/???
23 Sun **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice**
26 Wed Public Shoot John Gerard/???/???
29 Sat Public Shoot Justin Smith/ Richard Harris/M Jones
30 Sun **Black Powder /Jr. Rifle & 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. 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.

Three Gun Drawing – The 3-gun drawing to help support the 4-H shooting teams that use our facilities has been held and the winners were announced by Esther Gipson who graciously donated the guns. The winners were: for the Colt New Frontier Buntline .22 mag - Dustin Wilson; for the Colt New Frontier .357 - Jimmy George; and for the AMT .45ACP BackUp pistol - Sean Vedenoff. \$2500 was raised by the drawing!

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.

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.

The **Junior and Women's Pheasant Hunt** was held on Saturday, January 18th. Festivities started on Friday night with about 25 club members sharing a fantastic dinner cooked by Royce Nalls and Sean Vedenoff followed by a campfire gathering. Dave Hamilton planted about 100 pheasants and, following an Egg McMuffin breakfast put together by Royce, 22 juniors and women were ready to hunt by 8:00 am. Thirteen of the hunters were from last year's hunter education classes! Dave provided the dogs and handlers and they did a fantastic job! A BBQ chicken lunch was provided by Royce and Sean. After lunch each hunter received a blaze orange hat and tee shirt provided by Dave. Donated raffle prizes were given out and Dana Rosenberg won the shotgun donated by the club. About ten members stayed on Saturday night for a campfire. Royce again provided an excellent Sunday morning breakfast. All food for the weekend was purchased with Hunter Education fees. A great event and a lot of fun was had by all!

Dave Hamilton
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NO MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF TEN (10) YEARS OLD
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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
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