

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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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, March 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, March 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.

Club House phone # (answering machine):	559-635-7172	Jeremy Chavez – Board member:	559-302-8718
Dennis Thornbury – President	559-732-4401	Sean Vedenoff – Board member:	559-786-6184
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Royce Nalls – Board member:	559-730-8485	Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board:	559-802-7967
Eddie Thomas – Board member:	530-391-8661	Mike Stimson - Board member	559-280-3020
Dirk Steelman – Executive Vice President (FFL operations):	559-732-7726		

USS IOWA Tour: We are sorry to announce that the trip to visit the USS Iowa has had to be cancelled due to the fact that not enough people signed up. If you did sign up for the trip, you may contact Stephanie DiNicola, the Club Treasurer, for a refund. Her number is 559-936-5657.

LIQUOR LICENSE UPDATE: President Dennis Thornbury announced that he has secured a single-use liquor license for the February meeting. The lady at ABC in Fresno assured him that he can get March and April licenses in advance. The permanent license for which the club will be applying will cost \$680 the first year and \$580 for each following year. However, during the two to three month application period (May through July) there will be **no liquor allowed** on the clubhouse property at any time. Anyone bringing liquor to the clubhouse will be asked to leave. We must not jeopardize our license application!

PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172. FOR THE RANGE: 651-3063

MARCH 2014

APRIL 2014

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 3:30 PM**
 12 WED Public Shoot John Hull/Jim Mayfield/Steve Brelsford
 15 SAT Public Shoot T Holmes/J Sindlinger/Tarry Fawkes
 16 SUN..RSO Training Club House New ROS only 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 Call Russ Beechinor 559-280-4061
 16 SUN Public Shoot J Chavez/Stephanie Denicola/M Benyo
 19 WED Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Riley Darby/Darrell Smith
 22 SAT Public Shoot Russ Broyles/Ted Phipps/Craig Calloway
 23 SUN **Black Powder /Jr. Rifle**
 26 WED Public Shoot John Gerard/Rick Souza/???
 29 SAT Public Shoot Justin Smith/ Richard Harris/M Jones
 30 SUN Public Shoot Keith Perkins/David Ishizaki/Merritt Morrow

2 WED Public Shoot John Hedrick/Marty Malone/Pat Irving
 5 SAT Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Justin Smith
 6 SUN Public Shoot Russ Broyles/Ted Phipps/Frank Tebeau
 9 WED Public Shoot John Hull/ Jim Mayfield/Riley Darby
 12 SAT Public Shoot T Holmes/J Sindlinger/Matt Hopper
 13 SUN **High Power Match/ Jr High Power Practice/4H**
 16 WED Public Shoot Steve Belsford/John Gerard/?????
 19 SAT **CBRSA (BENCH REST)**
 20 SUN **CBRSA (BENCH REST)**
 23 WED Public Shoot / John Gerard/ Jim Johnson/Riley Darby
 26 SAT **4-H Tulare County Match**
 27 SUN **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice**
 30 WED Public Shoot/ Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/Darrell Smith

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.

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The **MARCH DINNER** on Saturday, March 15 will be "comfort food" (ham, meatloaf and pot roast, mashed tators & gravy with homemade buttermilk biscuits and cobbler and apple crisp for dessert). Dinners are \$12.00 and kids are \$6.00. Please call in your RSVP for an accurate count: Jim Mayfield: 802-7967; Royce Nalls: 730-8485; Sean Vedenoff: 786-6184. Dinner held at the clubhouse; doors open at 5pm, dinner is served at 6:00pm.

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JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

History: The VSA Junior Rifle Club is in its 6th year. We started in 2009 with some loaned and old club rifles and a Friends of NRA grant for \$15,000 to buy additional rifles and equipment. The program has grown from a handful of members to 21 members this year. We have trained about 100 shooters plus their parents so far. We currently have 19 active members. With the number of positions available on the range and the number of assistant trainers, we have to limit membership to no more than 20.

Practice: The Junior Rifle Club runs year round practicing twice a month on Sunday afternoons following the High Power matches on the 2nd Sunday and the Black Powder matches on the 4th Sunday. These days are closed to public and senior club shooters due to the timing of target changes and the noise factor which affects training dialogue and noise reaction of inexperienced shooters.

Program Basics: The programs are open to 9 to 19 year olds. Our primary focus is on firearms knowledge and safety. We are also involved in training young shooters in competition shooting and the 5 basics of firing the accurate shot. Although our program is not hunter safety, firing an accurate shot will always benefit the hunter or competition shooter. We begin our programs (JRC & 4H) with an Orientation Class that involves 8 hours on instruction on all aspects of firearm safety and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. The shooter must pass the Orientation to be allowed to continue to the twice a month practices. The Orientation classes are only offered three times a year. We start groups in Jan, June and Sept. If there is room in the training group we can also include adults wishing to learn about safety and marksmanship. The JRC program recognizes progress by participating in the NRA/Winchester Qualification program. This recognizes progress on a step-by-step basis through the 4 competition shooting positions. The 4H program runs from September through June and offers 4 matches in the spring on both a county and state level. We have found that participation in both programs offers the best experience to our shooters. About 90% of my shooters participate in both programs.

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

SPORTSMEN'S BAND
BLUE GRASS, COUNTRY AND GOSPEL TUNES
Phone: 559-730-6652/email: hspope@excite.com

A Blue Grass, Country and Gospel Band is being formed to perform for monthly Membership and/or Dinner Meetings beginning in April 2014. Performances will be 45-50 minutes prior to a dinner or meeting. The Club House is our social place.

Interested persons should contact Harold Pope at the above phone or email. Be the first to sign up! You can become a Band Member at any time. Open-Enrollment is encouraged.

The purpose of this message is to recruit men and women from the ranks of the Visalia Sportsmen's Association. The Band will be called The Sportsmen and every member will be named "Sport". If she be a woman, then it's "The Sportsmen and _____" or "_____ and the Sportsmen". We'll figure it out if the name becomes a problem.

The Band practices at the Club House on the last Thursday of the month, beginning in April, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Always come prepared to play to the best of your ability. A willingness to learn is more important than prior musical training. We'll teach you -- keeping it simple and elementary. We want to have fun!

Band members are expected to provide their own instrument, music stand, tuning device and music book entitled, "You Can Teach Yourself _____" (Guitar, Uke, horn, banjo, tambourine, etc.) by Mel Bay, available at White's Music or Amazon.com for \$20.00. Cheap is good! Used is better! No amplifiers needed!

Hopefully, we'll eventually have singer/s, keyboard player/s, banjoist/s, percussionist/s, etc. --- about 5-10 or more people, so members can fill-in. All Band Members get to perform. We'll make the Weavers proud!

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FOR SALE: Like new in box MOSSBERG 500 **Tactical** 12-ga. shotgun with heat shield. Only ten rounds fired through this gun. Asking \$400.00. Please contact Ralph Hernandez at 559-786-4864.

FOR SALE: Like new Savage 12 FCV Varmint Series bolt-action .223 rifle. Has AccuTrigger, 26" free-floating heavy barrel, black synthetic AccuStock with dual pillar bedding and detachable box magazine. Fired 20 rounds factory ammunition only. New is \$700.00; asking \$600.00. Call Floyd at (559) 625-4194.

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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.

Board Member Loren Metzler is in contact with Jason Phillips on a date that the Forest service can come down and give a talk on the trail maintenance program. It will be a Saturday at the clubhouse and the tentative date is March 29. Once we have that meeting we can set a weekend in May to go up and help Jason with his adopted trail. After that we will see if there is enough interest in the club to adopt our own trail. Contact Loren if you are interested: 559-280-8287

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TWELVE (12) ARE
ONLY ALLOWED TO SHOOT A RIM-FIRE HAND GUN.
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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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