

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 105 VISALIA, CA 93279

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MAY 2014

## 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, May 13, 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 following the general club meeting.)

The next **GENERAL MEETING** will be THURSDAY, May 8, 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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Dirk Steelman – Executive Vice President ( <b>FFL operations</b> ):	559-732-7726		

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The **Wild Game Feed** was held on Saturday, April 12th. Turnout was very good with over 200 people attending. The food was delicious as always thanks to our talented group of chefs!! The favorite dish of the night seemed to be the bear sausage! The two rifles in the gun raffle were won by Sal Chiaramonte and Don Halstead. Congratulations, gentlemen!

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Vice-President/Chief RSO **Russ Beechinor** has announced that there will be an **RSO meeting** on June 7th from 9am to 11 am at the clubhouse. This is a meeting for all RSO's. Please make every effort to attend. Russ plans to have discussion of RSO/range needs, wants and problems. It is very important that you be there to give your input and join the discussion!! Call Russ (559) 280-4061 if you have any questions or if you have input but can't make the meeting.

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

**May 2014**

**June 2014**

3 SAT Public Shoot John Hedrick/Mike Renzi/ ????

4 SUN Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Stephenie DiNicola/Kyle Kinsel

7 WED Public Shoot Earl Grimes/John Gerard/David IshzKi

10 SAT Public Shoot T. Holmes/ J. Sindlinger/ Terry Fawkes

11 SUN **High Power Match/ Jr High Power Practice/ 4H**

14 WED Public Shoot Tom Beu/Bill Fulmer/????

17 SAT **CBRSA (BENCH REST)**

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21 WED Public Shoot Marty Malone/Pat Irving/????

24 SAT Public Shoot Matt Hopper/ Mike Renzi/ Mike Benyo

25 SUN **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice**

28 WED Public Shoot Rick Souza/John Gerard/Keith Perkin

31 Sat Public Shoot Loren Metzler/ Doug Barn, Sean Vedenoff

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15 SUN Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Stephenie DiNicola/Kyle Kinsel

18 WED Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Keith Perkins/Leroy Chism

21 SAT **CBRSA (BENCHREST)**

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25 WED Public Shoot Hazrold Schmidt/Keith Perkins/Leroy Chism

28 SAT Public Shoot Aric Price/Jim Price/Mark Price

29 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](mailto: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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Just a **friendly reminder** that during the application period for the Club's liquor license **starting May 1st** there can be **NO alcoholic beverages** at the clubhouse or on its grounds (parking lot, etc.)! Please observe this restriction and **do not bring any alcohol on to the property** during this time period. Thank you.

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### JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

**Summer Session Orientation:** A reminder that we will be finishing our 4H season in late May and will have openings for new shooters. Passing the Orientation class is required for anyone to be able to participate in the program. The next Orientation Class will begin June 4<sup>th</sup> The Orientation covers all aspects of firearms safety and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. Shooters cannot proceed in the process without first passing the orientation. The next orientation will be in September.

**Contact:** Steve Quinn. 686-1945, 471-8143, [steveq@carifle.com](mailto:steveq@carifle.com)

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Be sure to check out the last page of the newsletter. This is our **Advertiser's Page**. There we post information about the goods and services offered by businesses which are owned by members of VSA and/or are supporters of the club. This month we welcome a new business, **Gus' Body Shop** which is owned by new member, **Gus Gonzalez**. Please support these businesses!

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The next **Hunter Education** class is scheduled for May 10th. Registration is at Easley's Gun & Supplies, 8627 Ave 304, Suite G, Visalia. The class is free to club members (must show your membership card or you will have to pay the fee). Non-members pay a nominal \$10 fee. Information about the class is included with the registration materials. You must register at Easley's as there is no registration the day of the class. Call Loren Metzler at 280-8287 for more information.

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**Trail Adoption and Maintenance Program.** The date for the club to help club member Jason Philips with maintenance of his adopted trail, the Abby Rose Trail in Converse Basin, has been set for the weekend of May 31st. Call Loren Metzler at 280-8287 for more information.

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**FOR SALE:** Kimber 1911 Custom CDP .45acp pistol. Comes with 2000+ rounds of reloads, a .22lr conversion kit, dies, holsters and 3 magazines. Asking \$1,700.00. Contact Jack Shook at (559) 799-5176.

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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](mailto:danielmansergh@gmail.com).

Also, in response to requests for another **Utah CCW class**, Jeff Dearborn will hold one on a Saturday in June if there are enough applicants to fill a class. Contact him at (559) 730-1829 or e-mail him @ woodchuk51@aol.com if you are interested.

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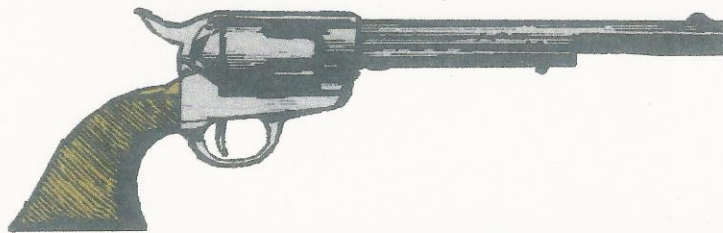
Club member **Mark Dieter** and his dog, Blue, competed in the **North American Gun Dog Association** national bird dog trials held in April in Colorado. They won Second Place in the Amateur Pointing division!! This is quite an honor! Please congratulate Mark when you see him!

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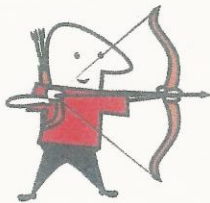
**Visalia Sportsmen's  
Association  
Annual Swap Meet**

**JUNE 14, 2014  
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
500 E. Roosevelt, Visalia, Ca.**

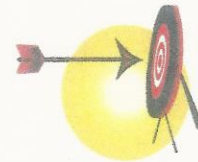
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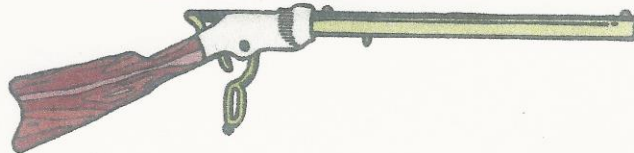
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RSO's and members: First time minors with their family/guardian/responsible adult requesting to shoot a handgun will be required to have RSO observation. (Jan 2013)

To place a "want" / "for sale" ad or any other news in the newsletter, please contact Floyd Hord, newsletter editor, at 559-625-4194 or [hord\\_floyd@yahoo.com](mailto:hord_floyd@yahoo.com).

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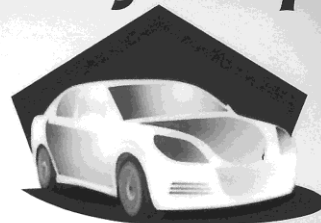
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