

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 105 VISALIA, CA 93279

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JUNE 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, June 17, 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, June 12, 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
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A note from our Vice-President/Chief RSO **Russ Beechinor**: "I encourage all of our club members to attend the swap meet on June 14th and bring a friend! Besides sale items, there will be demonstrations of activities related to the outdoor sports. I will be doing a demo on a sport that I love and have been involved in since I was 8 years old: Fly Fishing & Fly Tying. Below is a link to some of the patterns I use here in our own back yard: [www.flytierspage.com/rbeechinor/rbeechinor.htm](http://www.flytierspage.com/rbeechinor/rbeechinor.htm). Check it out!"

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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 moved to the weekend of July 12th. Call Loren Metzler at 280-8287 for more information.

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

**June 2014**

1 SUN Public Shoot Loren Metzler/Doug Barn/Sean Vedenoff  
 4 WED Public Shoot Pat Irving/Richard Harris/John Gerard  
 7 Sat **Club House RSO Meeting for all RSO's.**  
 7 SAT Public Shoot T. Holmes/ J. Sindlinger/ Chuck Henning  
 8 SUN **High Power Match/ Jr High Power Practice/ 4H**  
 11 WED Public Shoot John Hull/Jim Mayfield/Earl Grimes  
 14 SAT Public Shoot Loren Metzler/Doug Barnhart/ Sean Vedenoff  
 15 SUN Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Stephenie DiNicola/Kyle Kinsel  
 18 WED Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Keith Perkins/Leroy Chism  
 21 SAT **CBRSA (BENCHREST)**  
 22 SUN **CBRSA (BENCH-REST)**  
 25 WED Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Keith Perkins/Leroy Chism  
 28 SAT Public Shoot Aric Price/Jim Price/Mark Price  
 29 Sun **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice**

**July 2014**

2 WED Public Shoot: Rick Souza/????/????  
 5 SAT Public Shoot: Loren Metzler/Doug Barnhart/Sean Vedenoff  
 6 SUN Public Shoot: Jeremy Chavez/Stephanie DeNicola/  
 Kyle Kinsel  
 9 WED Public Shoot: Marty Malone/Mike Benyo/????  
 12 SAT Public Shoot: Chuck Henning/Kyle Kinsel/Manuel Garcia  
 13 SUN **High Power Match/Junior Hi-Power Practice/4H**  
 16 WED Public Shoot: Rick Souza/Merritt Murrow/????  
 19 SAT Public Shoot: Craig Calloway/Jeff Dearborn/Leonard Cote  
 20 SUN Public Shoot: Frank Tebeau/Jim Johnson/Craig Calloway  
 23 WED Public Shoot: Harold Schmidt/Keith Perkins/ Leroy Chism  
 26 SAT Public Shoot: Lee Miller/Manuel Garcia/????  
 27 SUN **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle& High Power Practice**  
 30 WED Public Shoot: ???/???/???

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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**REMINDER:** we are now in the application period for the Club's liquor license and there can be **NO alcoholic beverages** at the clubhouse or on its grounds (parking lot, etc.) for the duration of this time! The Board will notify members when the process is complete. Please observe this restriction and **do not bring any alcohol on to the property** during this time period. Thank you.

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The next **Hunter Education** class is scheduled for June 21st. 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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**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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## JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

**Summer Session Orientation:** We will be finishing our 4H season on May 25<sup>th</sup> and starting our summer (June) VSA group. Even though we have 7 new members signed up for orientation, we still have openings for a few more 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> (or 5<sup>th</sup>) and continue on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Orientation covers all aspects of firearms safety and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. The Orientation is only offered 3 times a year in January, June and October. This training is also available to adults on a space available basis. Contact me if you have a child or grandchild interested in learning firearms safety and marksmanship.

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

**Junior Rifle Club High Power Program Update:** We have some exciting news in our Junior High Power program. Robert Taylor II is the Leader and head coach of the California Grizzlies Rifle Team. This is the team that represents our state Junior Shooters at the CMP and NRA National Matches held in Camp Perry each summer. This has been one of the most successful Junior programs at these matches for many years setting many records and winning numerous awards and trophies, (see [www.teamgrizzlies.org](http://www.teamgrizzlies.org) for more info). Since the Grizzlies are based in Sonora, CA most of their shooters have come from that area. It has always been my intention to channel my 4H and VSA shooters into a "Farm Club" for the Grizzlies. In meetings with Robert we determined that since our club hosts the 4H championship match each April, I have access to all the top shooters in Tulare county.

We want to capitalize on that by holding a Junior High Power Clinic in August where 10 of Robert's advanced champion shooters will work one on one with the 10 top 4H shooters in Tulare County in order to train them to be able to compete in local CMP and NRA High Power Matches with the hope of having them join the California Grizzlies Team. The current list of invitees numbers 19 4H shooters from the Elbow Creek, Exeter, Pleasant View, Springville, St Aloysius, Vandalia, and Wilson/Dinuba 4H shooting clubs. We will accept the first 10 who apply. This Clinic will be held at our range on August 23 from 8:00AM until 4:00PM. There will be no cost to the participants with all rifles, ammo and equipment provided along with free breakfast and lunch.

Any club members wishing to observe this clinic are welcome to observe. If you have an itch to try a high power match, there is no better way to find out how it is done. There are very few sports that offer National Class Coaching at no cost to prospective participants.

Hope to see you there.

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**Marty's Fishing Charter!** July 26th! Stardust Sportfishing ([stardustsportfishing.com](http://stardustsportfishing.com)) in Santa Barbara at 301 Cabrillo Blvd. Several people are taking trailers and staying at the Santa Barbara County Park at Cachuma Lake off of Hwy 154 about 29 miles north of Santa Barbara. The park has full hook-ups for \$45 per night and partial hook-ups for \$43 per night. Tents for \$25 per night. For park space reservations go to [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org) or call (805) 686-5054.

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**Volunteers are needed to help with the Swap Meet!! Call Linda at the number below!! And please attend this worthwhile event!!**

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

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

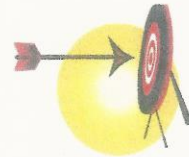
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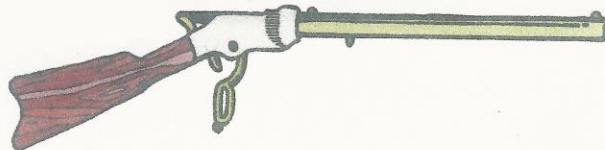
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RSO's and members: First time minors with their family/guardian/responsible adult requesting to shoot a handgun will be required to have RSO observation. (Jan 2013)

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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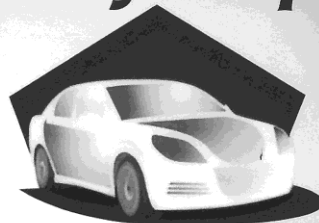
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