

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, July 15, 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, July 10, 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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At the June general meeting, Frank Tebeau informed members about two new anti-gun laws which are working their way through the legislature. SB53 is a bill that, if made law, would require all persons wishing to purchase ammunition to do so face-to-face (no more online purchases) and to obtain yearly a permit to do so. Also, the bill would prohibit private sales or transfers of ammunition. AB1014, the "Gun Violence Restraining Order" bill, would require courts to issue a restraining order against a gun owner if another person files a complaint alleging that the gun owner is a danger to himself or others. The gun owners firearms would be confiscated pending investigation. Frank asked that members contact their state representatives and ask them to vote against both bills.

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

July 2014

August 2014

2 WED Public Shoot: Rick Souza/John Gerard/????
 5 SAT Public Shoot: Mike Benyo/Doug Barnhart/Sean Vedenoff
 6 SUN Public Shoot: Jeremy Chavez/Stephanie DeNicola/
 Kyle Kinsel
 9 WED Public Shoot: Marty Malone/Mike Benyo/John Gerard
 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/John Gerard/????
 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: John Gerard/????/????

2 SAT Range Cleanup Day Range Closed
 3 SUN Public Shoot Chuck Henning/Lee Miller/Russell Beechinor Jr.
 6 WED Public Shoot Merritt Morrow/????/????
 9 SAT Public Shoot Mike Benyo/Russell Beechinor/Russ Beechinor
 10 SUN **High Power Match / Junior Hi Power Practice/4H**
 13 WED Public Shoot Pat Irving/????/????
 16 SAT Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Leo Espino/Rubin Espino
 17 SUN Public Shoot Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn/Galen Brummer
 20 WED Public Shoot Harold Schmidt/Keith Perkins/Leroy Chism
 23 SAT **High Power Special Event Range Closed to Public**
 24 Sun **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice**
 27 WED Marty Malone/Mike Benyo/Merritt Morrow

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.

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.

The next **Hunter Education** class is scheduled for August 2nd. 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.

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.

JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Junior Club Summer Session: We have eleven new shooters in our summer group who have already completed their safety orientation and started shooting. Along with the 10 existing shooters I expect back, we will have 21 shooters. We have a limit of 20 due to range capacity, available rifles and personnel, but we will fit the extra in.

While we have 3 certified instructors, we can always use more help to provide more one on one training to our shooters. If you would like to help us out, we can train you on either instruction or rifle maintenance tasks. We usually practice on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from noon to 2:30 so the hours are good and the pay is the satisfaction of working with young shooters who want to learn.

Good News: Due to a Federal Ammunition program and the NRA grant, we have recently expanded our 22 ammo inventory and now have enough to last 1 year. We also have acquired and loaded adequate supplies of 223 ammo for the High Power Program into 2015.

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

Marty's Fishing Charter! July 26th! Stardust Sportfishing (stardustsportfishing.com) in Santa Barbara at 301 Cabrillo Blvd. Cost is \$75.00. Call Marty at 331-2098. 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 or call (805) 686-5054.

RSO Meeting Held: A meeting for RSOs was held at the clubhouse on Saturday, June 7th. VP and Chief RSO Russ Beechinor hosted the meeting to bring RSOs up to date on changes in the Range Rules and to receive input from RSOs on problems/suggestions for the running of the range. There were 30 RSOs in attendance and another 15 RSOs contacted Russ by phone who could not make the meeting. Russ reviewed the VSA website (which he administers) showing RSOs where information is located and showing them how to access it. He announced that the range will be re-keyed in the near future and that the RSOs will be issued new keys. He went over a few issues which have arisen at the range and then opened the meeting for discussion. Some excellent suggestions and questions were put forward.

The RSOs present were also asked to fill out a new personal information sheet so that Russ can create a new database with current addresses, phone numbers, etc. **We are attaching a copy of this form to the newsletter for all RSOs who have not filled one out. Please do this and get it to Russ asap.** Russ said that he would like to reduce the required number of days for RSOs back to three per year but to do so we need to have more members step up and volunteer. Thank you to our RSOs for so generously volunteering their time and knowledge!

RSOs: please fill this form out completely! We have a new Membership Computer program that needs to have all the data verified. All the data from the old program was imported into the new Membership program but a number of members had duplicate records with several addresses and phone numbers so all the DATA in the system needs to be checked. By filling this out you will help us speed up the process of correcting any errors.

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Range Safety Officer Info	2014
First Name	
Last Name	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
State	ZIP
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Home Phone () -	
Work Phone () -	
Email Address 1	
Email Address 2	
<p>Note: if you don't Remember the Month and Day that's ok but we need the year for the two questions below</p>	
First Year you Joined the Club MM/DD/YYYY	/ /
First Year you were an RSO MM/DD/YYYY	/ /
RSO Key Number Should Start with 05-	05-

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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)

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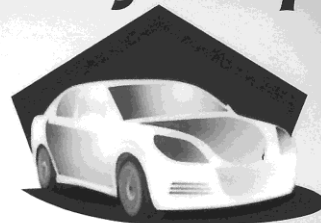
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