

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, September 16, 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, September 11, 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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As reported last month, the **Bylaws Revision Committee** has finished its work and submitted a proposed set of new bylaws to the Board. They have tentatively approved these bylaws and they were sent out to the membership for review. You should have received a copy. Please take some time to review them and if you have any questions, additions or changes to propose please contact an Officer or Board Member in writing before the September Board meeting. The final draft of the bylaws will be brought to the general membership at the October meeting for ratification. There will be no discussion at that time and no changes can be made at that meeting. Of course, the bylaws contain provisions for later changes and these can be made at any later date. However, this involves administrative procedures and time so please make your suggestions now. Thank you.

PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172. FOR THE RANGE: 651-1415

September 2014

October 2014

<p>1 Mon CBRSA (Bench Rest) 3 WED Public Jim Johnson/David Ishiski/???? 6 SAT Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Melissa Jones/Jonathan. Jones 7 SUN Public Shoot L. Cote/Jeff Dearborn/G. Brummen 10 WED Public Shoot M Benyo/Earl Grimes/???? 13 SAT Public Shoot Rubin Espino/Bob Gill/???? 14 SUN High Power Match/ Junior Hi Power Practice/4H 17 WED Public Shoot ???/???/??? 20 SAT Public Shoot Jason Garcia/Jeremy Van Ness/??? 21 Sun Public Shoot Aric Price/Jim Price/Mark Price 24 WED Public Shoot Mike Benyo/Keith Perkins/???? 27 Sat Public Shoot Jerry VanNess/???/??? 28 Sun Black Powder/Jr.Rifle & Hi Power Practice/ 4H</p>	<p>1 WED Public Shoot Keith Perkin/John Gerard/Merritt Morrow 4 SAT Public Leo Espino/Jon Jones/Melissa Jones 5 SUN Public Shoot Mark Price/Aric Price/Jim Price 8 WED Public Shoot Riley Darby/Mike Benyo/??? 11 SAT Public Shoot T Holmes/J. Sindlinger/Terry Fawkes 12 SUN High Power Match/ Junior Hi Power Practice/4H 15 WED Public Shoot Marty Malone/Mike Benyo/??? 18 SAT CBRSA (BENCH REST) 19 SUN CBRSA (BENCH REST) 22 WED Public Shoot Riley Darby/???/??? 25 Sat Public Shoot Jerry VanNess/???/??? 26 Sun Black Powder/Jr.Rifle & Hi Power Practice/ 4H 29 WED Public Shoot Keith Perkins/John Gerard/Merritt Morrow</p>
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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.

Good News!: As we go to press, VSA is in possession of a liquor license! Official approval has come through and so **alcoholic beverages** may now be sold/served at the clubhouse. This means that the bar will be open at the September meeting. The Board would like to thank the membership for their cooperation and understanding during the application period.

FOR SALE: Club and Personal Items: 2 BBQ Smokers \$150/\$200; 2 Cast Kitchen Stoves (let’s talk); 1 Office Desk \$5.00; 1 8ft x 30 in Steel Work Bench \$200; 1 Old Office Safe 34/56 in (let’s talk); 1 dishwasher \$25; contact **Jim Mayfield @ 802-7967.**

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. **NOTICE: THERE WILL BE NO CLASS IN SEPTEMBER!**

JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Our big item this month was the Junior High Power Clinic on Aug 23rd. We had 10 local junior shooters between the ages of 13 and 16 who received 8 hours of one-on-one training in CMP/NRA high power competition shooting. Instructors were coaches and top shooters from the California Grizzlies State Junior Rifle Team. The Grizzlies won all 5 Junior team matches this year at the Camp Perry National Championships.

All comments about the event were very positive from both shooters and parents. Esther Gipson and helpers provided both breakfast and lunch for all who attended. Planning is already underway for next year.

We also will have at least one new shooter in my high power program.

We also have acquired three new coaches: Alex White, Keith Perkins and Bill Ferguson. I am glad to have them aboard. My other assistant coaches are Mike Benyo, Steve Ellison, and sometimes Rich Albright. Of course Esther is a huge help with the administration duties.

Our program is slowly growing and thriving. We are looking forward to a new crop of 4H shooters starting in late September.

Anyone interested in enrolling a child or grandchild or any kid aged 9 to 19 in the Junior Club or if you are an adult and wish to help us out or an adult wishing to attend our safety training please contact me.

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

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Range Clean-up: A big thank you for all those who helped. Here is the list of people who signed in (sorry if we missed anyone): Mike Benyo, Jeremy Chavez, Jim Mayfield, Riley Darby, Leonard Cote, Bobby Allen, Brett Allen, George Ferguson, Alex Wright, Jonathan Jones, Melissa Jones, Daniel Jones, Timothy Jones, John Hull, Tom Bell, Bill Fulmer, Mike Cote, Steve Cote, Keith Perkins, Theadora Johnson, Jim Johnson, David Amaral, Rin Watt, John Hedrick, Russ Broyles, Jeremy VanNess, David Bird, Tony Marler, Richard Harkis, Esther Gipson, Steve Quinn, Rod Pomp, Russ Beechinor, Russell Beechinor. Also we could not have completed all the work without the tractor which was used to rebuild the berms and the bobcat that was used to move in the new railroad ties for the first target line. Plus all the help to drill new holes in all the railroad ties. A large amount was completed in a short time and it was a very hot day!

Attention RSOs!! The range will be re-keyed in the near future. Any RSO who has not completed his/her range service commitment or who has not signed up for their days will need to do so soon in order to receive a new key. Also, **there will be an NRA RSO class at the club house on November 2nd at 10:00 am for any RSO who has not taken the class or wants to be an RSO.** Please contact Russ Beechinor at 280-4061 if you have questions.

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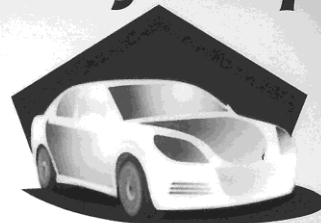
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