

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, November 18, 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, November 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 VP (FFL operations):	559-732-7726	Robert Seitz - Sergeant-at-Arms	

ELECTIONS ARE COMING!! Our annual elections for officers and Board members will be held at the December meeting. If you wish for your name to be placed in nomination, please contact either Esther Gipson @ 733-8456 or Linda Kaiser @ 732-7638 as soon as possible. Nominees must be members in good standing.

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

1 Sat: RANGE CLEANUP DAY
 2 Sun Public Shoot: Russell Beechinor, Stephoi Devird, Lee Miller
 5 WED Public Shoot: Pat Irving/Brett Allen
 8 Sat Public Shoot: T. Holmes/ J. Sindlinger/Jason Garcia
 9 Sun **High Power Match/ Junior Hi Power Practice/4H**
 12 WED Public Shoot: Brett Allen/Bill Ferguson/Alex Wright
 15 Sat Public Shoot: Aric Price/ Jim Price//Mark Price
 16 Sun Public Shoot: L. Cote/ J. Dearborn/ G. Brummer
 19 WED Public Shoot: Bob Marsh/ Bill Bruno/ Brett Allen
 22 Sat Public Shoot: Richard Marshall/ Felix DelCampo/ Marc Samida
 23 Sun **Black Powder/ Jr.Rifle & Hi Power Practice/ 4H**
 26 Wed Public Shoot: Russ Beechinor/Keith Perkins/????
 29 Sat Public Shoot: Richard Marshall/Felix Del Campo/Marc Samida
 30 Sun Public Shoot: Jeremy Van Ness/ Lee Miller

3 Wed Public Shoot: Marty Malone/ ???/? ???
 2 Sat Public Shoot: Bill Bruno/ Leo Espino/ Tom Davenport
 7 Sun Public Shoot: L. Cote, J. Dearborn/G. Bummer
 10 Wed Public Shoot: Tony Marler/ Seth Whitmire/ Keith Perkins
 13 Sat Public Shoot: Richard Marshall/ Felix Del Campo/Marc Samida
 14 Sun **High Power Match/ Junior Hi Power Practice/4H**
 17 WED Public Shoot: Mark Dreter/????/????
 20 Sat Public Shoot: Richard Marshall/Felix Del Campo/Marc Samida
 21 Sun Public Shoot: Lee Miller/ Jeremy Van Ness/????
 24 WED Public Shoot: Jeff Dearborn/ Mark Dieter/????
 27 Sat Public Shoot: Leo Espino/ Mike Stimson/????
 28 Sun **Black Powder/ Jr.Rifle & Hi Power Practice/ 4H**
 31 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 **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.

FOR SALE: Club and Personal Items: 2 BBQ Smokers \$150/\$200; 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**.

FOR SALE: 2 Remington 03A3 rifles, sporterized - \$300.00 apiece; contact **Riley Darby @ 625-1048**.

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.

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Sean and Royce announced that there will be a **NOVEMBER DINNER** held at the clubhouse on November 15th at 6 pm! It will be a Thanksgiving-style dinner with turkey, ham and all the fixings!! Because it is difficult to gauge the amount of food needed for the dinners, they would like to **pre-sell the tickets**. So, if you want to attend, call Sean @ 786-6184 or Royce @ 730-8485 to reserve your seat(s)!

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A **new business** of possible interest to members had opened in Tulare. It is **Legacy Defense** and is owned and operated by Jeff Sanders. Jeff is retired Air Force, an NRA instructor, a gunsmith and FFL, among other things! His business provides many types of firearms instruction and qualification for individuals or groups as well as custom reloading. You can contact Jeff at (559) 901-8360; or you can visit his page on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/legacydefence .

Members will be interested to know that on Saturday, November 8th there will be a **Veteran's Day Parade** on Main street in Visalia starting at 10 am. Please turn out and support our veterans!

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Loren Metzler wants members to know that the next **Hunter Safety class** will be on November 8 at 10 am. Please be sure to sign up in advance at Easley's Gun & Supplies and be sure to arrive at the clubhouse **before 8 am**. Loren also said that "Little" **Eddie Thomas** is now a certified Hunter Education instructor for the club!

Attention RSOs!! The range has been re-keyed! Any RSO who has not completed his/her range service commitment for this year or who has not signed up for those 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.

RANGE CLEAN-UP!! All members! Saturday, November 1st will be the date for the next range clean-up day. We need volunteers to help with cleaning, repairing, etc. This is an opportunity to do something for the club. Please bring small hand and garden tools and arrive between 7 and 8 am. **RSOs: this will be the day for sign-ups for next year's range days.** There will be a barbeque lunch for all workers!

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Jim Mayfield wants to remind members that only paid-up members may use the wild game **cold box storage facilities** at the clubhouse. Also, if you use the box, make sure there is no hair left on the game and that no blood drips on the floor. A donation of one package of meat for our annual Wild Game feed is also required. And thank you to **Hank Roldan** for donating a deer for the annual feed!!

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JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

We have now settled down to a group of 30 4-H and Junior Club shooters. Since that is over my previous limit of 20 shooters, we have split into 2 groups practicing 2 hours each to be able to accommodate 30 or more shooters.

This program keeps growing and with the completion of our \$7000 FONRA grant we can now equip all our shooters with basic competition equipment. We have received two Friends of NRA grants totaling \$22,000 since 2007. So, everybody please support the Friends of NRA dinners. Much of the money generated is used locally and we owe them a big thank you.

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 as a coach please contact me. WE can train you. If you are an adult wishing to attend our safety training we can probably include you in our next orientation class which will be held in late January.

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

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