

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, December 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, December 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
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 THIS MONTH!! Our annual elections for officers and Board members will be officially held at the December meeting. At the November meeting it was announced that no names had been placed in nomination. The nomination committee, Esther Gipson and Linda Kaiser had polled the current Board members and officers and all had agreed to put their names in again. So, they moved that the members present elect the current Board and Officers by acclamation. The motion passed. This vote will be ratified by members present at the December meeting.

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

December 2014

January 2015

3 Wed Public Shoot: Marty Malone/ David Malloy/Kenneth Rahn
 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 Dieter/David Malloy/Kenneth Rahn
 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: Kenneth Rahn/Pat Irving/Jackie Leeth

3 Sat Public Shoot: Tony Marler/ ???/? ???
 4 Sun Public Shoot: Ted Phipps/Russ Broyles/Jeremy VanNess
 7 Wed Public Shoot: John Gerard/Ken Schmidt/????
 10 Sat Public Shoot: Tony Marler/ Mike Renzi/????
11 Sun High Power Match/ Junior Hi Power Practice/4H
 14 Wed Public Shoot: Bill Lee/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer
 17 Sat Public Shoot: Bill Lee/Craig Calloway/????
 18 Sun Public Shoot: Frank Tebeau/Bill Lee/Craig Calloway
 21 Wed Public Shoot: Darrel Smith/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer
 24 Sat Public Shoot: Jeff Dearborn/Leonard Cote/Dennis Lehman
25 Sun Black Powder/ Jr.Rifle & Hi Power Practice/ 4H
 28 Wed Public Shoot: Darrell Smith/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer
 31 Sat Public Shoot: Mike Renzi/????/????

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: MK 85 Knight muzzle loader rifle, 50 cal., laminated stock, excellent condition. Also, 2X7 Leupold scope. Make offer. Contact **Gary Bailey @ 625-3248**.

South Bend Lathe For Sale: Older South Bend lathe with 4 ½ foot bed. Excellent for Gunsmith. 3 and 4 jaw chucks, center rest, live center, collet set and many more accessories. \$750.00. **Call Darrell @ (559) 731-0196**.

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.

Sean and Royce announced that there will be a **DECEMBER DINNER** held at the clubhouse on December 13th at 6 pm! It will be a **prime rib dinner** with lots of side dishes!! Because it is difficult to gauge the amount of food needed for the dinners, they are again **pre-selling the tickets**. So, if you want to attend, call Sean @ 786-6184 or Royce @ 730-8485 to reserve your seat(s)!

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/legacydefense .

Canned food drive!! Each year the club collects canned foods to donate to the Rescue Mission located near the club house. Please bring canned goods or a cash donation with you to the December meeting or the December dinner to donate to this worthy cause. Jim Mayfield will deliver the donations to the Mission. Thank you!

Loren Metzler, our hunter safety education lead instructor, announced that the **annual Pheasant Hunt** held at the Guns n' Roosters facility will be held on January 24th. This hunt is limited to 30 junior (16 years and under) and women. First choice is given to shooters who have completed Loren's hunter safety class and who are current VSA members. If you are interested, please contact Loren at 559-280-8287 or e-mail him at lorenmetz@aol.com. Loren also said that **volunteers** are needed to help with cooking, planting the birds, etc.

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. Please contact Russ Beechinor at 280-4061 if you have questions. **Also, remember that on foggy days, there is to be no shooting until the back berm is clearly visible.**

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.

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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