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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015, **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, JANUARY 8, 2015, **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	Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the board:	559-802-7967
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Loren Metzler – Board Member	559-280-8287	Robert Seitz – Sergeant-at-Arms	

The **DECEMBER 11, 2014, general club meeting** was our election of officers and board members. On behalf of the officers and board members of the club I would like to thank those that ran for a position as an officer and as a board member. The nominating committee of Esther Gipson and Linda Kaiser confirmed at the close of the nomination period that there was only one person nominated for each position (ie. uncontested election) and they were confirmed as “elected” at the meeting.

It was announced at the **December 16 board meeting** that members should save the date – **Saturday, MAY 16th** – for the VSA benefit fundraiser dinner. Funds are earmarked for the proposed eight-lane pistol shooting area expansion at our range. Details of the improvements are still being worked out, but the amount of work is extensive (costly). Guns, guns, and more guns will be given away in addition to shooting accessories, artwork and specially sourced items just for this dinner event. Mike Stimson is the committee chair for this event. Please contact Mike if you would like to be involved in helping out. More details to follow as the event draws nearer.

Our tireless club cook coordinators, Royce and Sean, would like to thank all the assistant cooks and other volunteers who donated numerous hours this year helping to make sure our dinners are a success. Members have helped by cleaning the clubhouse, setting up tables and chairs and decorating, preparing food, serving and cleaning afterwards. The dinners have been very successful in large part because of the help of the volunteers...THANKS!

The JANUARY 10 – Saturday – **FAMILY DINNER** will be a Mexican food fiesta! Art Dorado and Cruz Huerta will be cooking up the delectable dishes. Tickets to the dinner are on sale now - \$13.00 per person. This is one of those memorable meals that shouldn't be missed! If you are a new member or a member that hasn't made it to one of our family dinners, this is an excellent informal event to attend. Great food, great drawings, great fun with good friends. Hope to see you there! For your pre-sale tickets, call Jim at 802-7967, Royce at 730-8485, Sean at 786-6184 or the clubhouse phone number at 635-7172.

Talking about dinner...better plan ahead for *Valentine's Day Family Dinner* at the club. Don't stress about the “*where do you want to eat?*” issue. You won't beat the cook-your-own rib eye steak dinner with all the fixings. (Yes, cooks will be available to tend to your steak if you wish.)

Please give a big **THANK YOU** to Floyd Hord for taking care of the newsletter editor duties for the past year. He did a great job and his help is greatly appreciated.

See the bottom of page 2 of this newsletter for info regarding a special women and juniors pheasant hunt on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172.

FOR THE RANGE: 651-1415

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3 Sat	Public Shoot	Tony Marler/Seth Whitmire (spelling?)/????	1 Sun	Public Shoot	Ted Phipps/Russ Broyles/C Calloway
4 Sun	Public Shoot	Ted Phipps/Russ Broyles/Jeremy Van Ness	4 Wed	Public Shoot	M Morrow/Keith Perkins/Ken Schmidt
7 Wed	Public Shoot	John Gerard/Ken Schmidt/Merritt Morrow	7 Sat	Public Shoot	Tony Marler/John Gerard/Bill Bruno
10 Sat	Public Shoot	Tony Marler/Mike Renzi/????	8 Sun	High Power Match/Jr. Rifle/Hi Power practice/4-H	
11 Sun	High Power Match/Jr. Rifle/Hi Power practice/4-H		11 Wed	Public Shoot	Darrell Smith/John Hedrick/Bob Marsh
14 Wed	Public Shoot	Bill Lee/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer	14 Sat	Public Shoot	Tony Marler/Mike Renzi/Rod Williams
17 Sat	Public Shoot	Bill Lee/Craig Calloway/Jim Shaw	15 Sun	Black Powder/Junior Rifle & Hi Power practice/4-H	
18 Sun	Public Shoot	Bill Lee/Frank Tebeau/Craig Calloway	18 Wed	Public Shoot	Darrell Smith/Ken Schmidt/John Gerard
21 Wed	Public Shoot	Darrell Smith/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer	21 Sat	CBRSA – Bench Rest	
24 Sat	Public Shoot	Jeff Dearborn/Leonard Cote/Dennis Lehman	22 Sun	CBRSA – Bench Rest	
25 Sun	Black Powder/Junior Rifle & Hi Power practice/4-H		25 Wed	Public Shoot	Merritt Morrow/Keith Perkins/K Schmidt
28 Wed	Public Shoot	Darrell Smith/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer	28 Sat	Public Shoot	Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Bill Bruno
31 Sat	Public Shoot	Mike Renzi/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 is closed to all other shooters on match shoot days; observers are always welcome.

The range schedule is subject to change without notice.

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.

WANTED: Gary Bailey is looking for hunting partners to share the fun and excitement of wingshooting, pig and deer hunting, etc. Flexible on time and locations. Gary can be reached at 559-625-3248 or 559-799-6435.

FOR SALE: Savage Axis bolt action rifle in .270 caliber with 22" free floating barrel and Redfield Revenge Hunter scope. Includes ten (10) boxes of new Winchester Super X ammo. \$275.00 firm. Like new condition. (This Axis rifle model does not have the Accu-trigger.) Please call Phil at 559-308-2641.

WANTED: Club members interested in exercising their musical talents with fun and informal jam sessions at the club prior to the club meetings. Bluegrass, jazz and more. Contact Harold Pope at 559-730-6652.

NRA BASIC PISTOL CLASS will be held at the VSA clubhouse on Thursday, January 22, and Friday, January 23. The two-evening class will be from 5:00pm to 10:00pm each evening, with proficiency shoot at the range on Saturday, January 24. Shooting at the range will consist of 50 rounds (minimum) during the regularly scheduled public shoot day. Members cost is \$150.00; non-members cost is \$200.00. Students learn to shoot revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting positions; cleaning; and more. You will receive a study book and other materials and an NRA certificate of completion. This class is an excellent choice for those with no to moderate shooting knowledge and skills.

RANGE SAFETY: There is **NO** shooting at the range on foggy days until you can clearly see the back berm.

Club Website: For more info about the club, programs and activities please go to: <http://vsma1.com/>

PHEASANT HUNT: Loren Metzler, hunter safety education instructor, has announced that there are a limited number of openings for junior and women VSA club members to participate in the **pheasant hunt** scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2015. Limited to just 30 junior and women hunters, they are first selected from those that have successfully completed the hunter safety classes. At this time, Loren has 13 openings available for any junior member, junior of a club member, women club members or wives of club members. Interested members must call Loren Metzler at 559-280-8287 (you can leave a message) or email him at lorenmetz@aol.com. You must provide a name and address so a cover letter, registration form and a map can be sent to you. This is a first come first served basis. This hunt is provided at no charge to the hunters and is funded by a Friends of NRA grant. Volunteers are needed to help plant pheasants, cooking and organizing the shooters and helpers. Please call Loren to lend a hand.

HIGH POWER RIFLE – Steve Quinn, VSA High Power and Junior Rifle Team coordinator, announced that a new High Power class is being formed to introduce all members young and “older” to the AR service rifle shooting basics following NRA class structure. Contact Steve at: steveq@carifle.com, 559-686-1945.

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