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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 **GENERAL MEETING** will be THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 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!

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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.)

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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At the **FEBRUARY 12, 2015, general club meeting** – **1.** Credit cards will now be accepted forms of payment for your memberships, drawing tickets and dinners. Card readers and instructions on how to use them will be in place at the club and range in the next week or so (the end of February/first of March). **2.** Melissa Jones gave some insight on the “homeschool day at the range” and her need for volunteer RSO’s. **3.** Table package buyers for our 100-gun fundraiser will also receive a one-year VSA membership in addition to the *handgun*, raffle ticket package, and dinner tickets!! **4.** The COS Ladies Equestrian Team **BEAST FEAST** fundraiser dinner will be held Saturday, April 18th. **5.** VSA is an NRA Recruiter...that means we can process your new or renewal NRA membership *and* save you money on your NRA membership. Membership books are at the club and range. The club makes a small commission on each membership. **6.** The March 14 Family Dinner menu is down-home cookin’. **7. Range Clean Up** day has been set for **Saturday, March 7**. Russ indicates that improvements to the steel gongs and hanger system will make future repairs easier, but we need some stronger (less old) bodies to do some heavy lifting to get things in place on the 7th.

Speaking of the range cleanup day, bring your basic yard tools, cordless tools and maybe a couple extension cords and a miter saw or circular saw to accomplish some repairs. Work on the steel gongs will require some lifting while precariously perching on soft dirt at a significant slope...we know it can be done!

The VSA 100-Gun Fundraiser Dinner will be held **Saturday, MAY 16th** at the Tulare County Fairgrounds, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, Tulare (Building 3). Doors open ~ 5:00pm, dinner ~ 6:30 pm. Please contact Mike Stimson: 559-280-3020; Jim Mayfield: 559-802-7967; Esther Gipson: 559-732-7638.

RSO Training Class will be held Saturday, March 28, 9am to 6pm, at the clubhouse. More info on page 2.

1 Sun Public Shoot Ted Phipps/Russ Broyles/Jeremy Van Ness	1 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Bill Ferguson/????
4 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/????	4 Sat Public Shoot Bill Fulmer/Brian Fulmer Ernie Gomez
7 Sat Range Clean Up Day – Range is closed to shooters	5 Sun Public Shoot Loren Metzler/D Barnhardt/S Vedenoff
8 Sun Hi Power Match/Junior & Hi Power Practice/4-H	8 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/Mike Green
11 Wed Public Shoot Merritt Morrow/Keith Perkins/John Gerard	11 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/????
14 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/Bill Lee	12 Sun Hi Power Match/Jr. & Hi Power Practice/4-H
15 Sun Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/Jeff Dearborn/Dennis Lehman	15 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/John Hedrick/Bob Marsh
18 Wed Public Shoot Riley Darby/John Hedrick/Bob Marsh	18 Sat CBRSA Benchrest
21 Sat Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Ernie Gomez	19 Sun CBRSA Benchrest
22 Sun Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & Hi Power Practice/4-H	22 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/Bob Marsh/????
24 Tue Closed 8am -1pm special event – Homeschool Shoot	24 Friday Closed 8am -1pm for a reserved special event
25 Wed Public Shoot Merritt Morrow/Keith Perkins/John Gerard	25 Sat County 4-H Match
28 Sat Public Shoot Loren Metzler/Doug Barnhart/Sean Vedenoff	26 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle & High Power
29 Sun Public Shoot Ted Phipps/Russ Broyles/Jeremy Van Ness	29 Wed Public Shoot J Headrick/M Malone/Bill Ferguson

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.

The MARCH 14 – Saturday – **FAMILY DINNER** will be down-home cooking “as good as grandma’s”! With our talented group of guys cooking up a storm you can count on a tasty meal that will be *shut the front door* fantastic. Ham, meatloaf, mashed taters & gravy, chicken & dumplings, green salad, rolls, apple crisp!! Tickets are on sale now – only \$13.00 per person. Buy soon...or be left on the porch...hungry...with an “*I wish I was there*” sulking posture. There will be drawings for sporting gear merchandise; a gun drawing; dinner tickets and raffle tickets for the VSA 100-Gun Fundraiser Dinner; and more!! Doors open at 5:00 pm; dinner at 6:30. 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.

WILD GAME FEED tickets are on sale now! The dinner will be Saturday, April 11th. Tickets are \$10.00 each – includes a raffle for (1) Tikka T3 rifle, .270 WSM. (2) Ruger Super Blackhawk, .44mag. (3) Diamond Infinite Edge Bow package. Buy as many tickets as you want to enter the drawing multiple times! Contact Jim, Royce, or Sean.

FREE: Jim Mayfield/the club has a non-working fridge available. He says it would make great dry storage for powder or whatever. Give him a call at 559-802-7967.

WANTED: The following barrels for a Thompson/Center Contenders - 10” octagonal – flat bottom – roll pin
 17 Bumblebee 17 K-Hornet 17 Hornet 22 LR 22 LR Match 22 Mag 30 M1 Carbine
 32-20 Win 38 Super 38 Special 9mm 357 mag 41 mag 44 mag 45 acp
 357 mag external choke 45 LC external choke 45 LC vent rib 357 mag vent rib 44 mag vent rib
Contact: Greg Martella at (559) 707-7499.

RSO TRAINING: Saturday, March 28, 9am to 6pm at the club house. NRA certification. If you are interested in becoming an RSO or have started your on the job training and need to take the class, please contact Russ. Wondering what all the fun is about and what are the benefits of being an RSO? Just ask RSO Jeff Dearborn...he just won a great handgun for serving his range duty. One of the perks is that each active RSO receives an entry for *each day* of service and at the beginning of the new year a handgun is given away to a lucky RSO. The board recently approved the expense for the 2015 service year! The more days served, the more entries you have! Contact Russ Beechinor at: 559-280-4061.

Upcoming range event/RSO's needed: Club treasurer, Melissa Jones, is coordinating a "Homeschool Day at the Range" to be held Tuesday, March 24, (8am to noon). She is looking for eleven (11) volunteer RSO's for the morning event. It will be for home schooled children ages 5 and up and their parents. Melissa can be reached at 559-636-2434.

The February newsletter had some selected paragraphs from the article "*The Best Way to Learn? Learn From The Best*" by David Fortier (Shotgun News, February 2, 2015. As a follow-up to the story, club member Jeff Sanders sent the following: "The NRA "*First Steps*" is a perfect starter for that (shooter instruction)". "**FIRST STEPS Pistol: Description** - FIRST stands for "**F**irearm **I**nstruction, **R**esponsibility, and **S**afety **T**raining", a program the NRA developed to meet the need for a firearms orientation program for new gun purchasers. This FIRST Steps program is a basic course abbreviated to the most fundamental shooting skills, and the specifics of a particular model of pistol.

"This course, because of its narrow focus, can be completed as quickly as three hours. Students will get the NRA's *The Basics of Pistol Shooting* handbook, and quick practical lessons on the safe use, cleaning, and storage of their pistol. The practical exercise covers a single pistol shooting position. As the number of participants and/or pistol types increases, the course will take proportionally longer.

Course Goal: To provide beginner shooters with an introduction to the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to own and use a specific pistol model safely.

Lessons: **1.** Introduction to pistol safety, parts, and operation. **2.** Introduction to ammunition and the fundamentals of pistol shooting. **3.** Introduction to pistol shooting from the benchrest position. **4.** Introduction to pistol cleaning, storage, and training opportunities."

Jeff Sanders is the owner/operator of "*Legacy Defense*". He is a Gunsmith/FFL; NRA and DOJ Certified Instructor for Firearms Training, CCW class, HSC (handgun safety certificate). He stated his FIRST Steps class course is \$75.00; and offers one-on-one fundamentals improvement (\$25/hour) tailored to the training needs of the individual. He also has a limited number of *Front Sight* Diamond Lifetime memberships at \$20.00 each. Jeff Sanders can be reached at 559-901-8360. Check his Facebook page: Legacy Defense.

FOR SALE: "*Sneaky Pete*" brand dress-leather holster for Ruger LCP with two belt loops. Slightly used only 3 times. New, these are \$60, asking \$40. Contact Cal D. at 559-741-3600.

Mosin Nagant and K-31 rifles are fun to collect and to shoot. Modifying and updating your rifles has been a challenge until now. Bluegrass Gunworks was a first-time exhibitor at the 2015 SHOT Show and they presented their line of products and services for these guns (and more). How about left-hand bolt handles? Accuracy may be improved with barrel shortening, crowning and threading for addition of a flash suppressor. How about an adjustable stock that's made from a number of hardwoods or synthetic? Scope mounts installed properly, or needing other services tailored to the Mosin Nagant and K-31. www.bg-gunworks.com.

VISTA OUTDOOR SPUN OFF FROM ATK . . . Vista Outdoor Inc., which previously operated as the Sporting Group of Alliant Techsystems Inc. (ATK), last week [announced its spin-off](#) from ATK as an independent publicly traded outdoor sports and recreation company (NSTE: VSTO). "Today marks the creation of a new leading commercial and consumer-products company focused on innovative solutions, strategic customer partnerships, execution excellence and creating long-term shareholder value," said Mark DeYoung, Vista Outdoor Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. With more than 30 brands, including Federal Premium Ammunition, Savage Arms, Bushnell, Primos and Blackhawk, [Vista Outdoor](#) serves a diverse customer base with a wide range of products. The company, which will operate in two segments—Outdoor Products and Shooting Sports—is headquartered in Utah and has a global workforce of 5,800 employees.

For any of your newsletter concerns, want or for sale items, please feel free to contact me, Chris Norman, editor, at visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com, or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.

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

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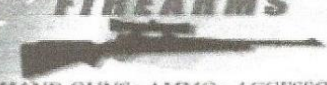
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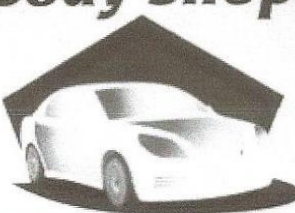
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