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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, MAY 14, 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, MAY 19, 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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Loren Metzler – Board Member	559-280-8287	Ed Thomas – Sergeant-at-Arms	

At the **APRIL 9, 2015, general club meeting** – It was announced that the annual VSA Swap Meet will be held **SATURDAY, JUNE 13**, at the VSA clubhouse. Limited to sporting goods (boats and trailers, too) and militaria, and MORE!! Please call Linda Kaiser at: 559-308-6906, to reserve your table (a small fee) indoors or outdoors on the covered patio or in the parking lot! This event is well publicized and well attended. See you there!

Members heard from John Borba, a University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Advisor. John is in charge of the state shooting program and he said one of the largest 4-H shoots in the country is held at our range! “To be a shooting sports leader, you must have certification for one of the six disciplines. We need more instructors and participating ranges to get instructors up to speed. We will be training and shooting at Camp Rogers this year and need donations to help pay for the range(s) at Camp Rogers,” he said. A motion was made for the club to donate \$500.00 (passed) and agreed to “pass the hat”...members added another \$345.00 for the cause!

As quoted from the website zoominfo.com here's more info: “John Borba is the 4-H Youth Development Advisor in Kern County, California and the co-chair of the California 4-H Camping Advisory Committee. His managerial experiences in camp settings include both residential and day-camp programs. He has supervised military camping programs for the dependent youth of service personnel in California and Germany. Borba has also been active in promoting wildlife and outdoor education programs in conjunction with 4-H, the Boy Scouts of America, and the California Department of Fish and Game.”(editor's note: That's a small description of some of what he does.)

The **VSA 100-GUN DINNER** will be held Saturday May 16th at the Tulare County Fairgrounds – Building 3. Doors open ~ 5:00pm, dinner ~ 6:30pm. Not much time left to secure your tickets for this event that raises funds for *our VSA range* improvements. Call Jim Mayfield 559-802-7967, Ester Gipson 559-732-7638 for tickets.

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2 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Dearborn/Leonard Cote/Galen Brummer	3 Wed Public Shoot needs to be filled
3 Sun Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Lee Miller	6 Sat Range Clean Up
6 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/John Hedrick/Marty Malone	7 Sun Public Shoot J Chavez/S DiNicola/R Beechinor
7 Thur Closed for DWF function - 9 to 5	10 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/???
9 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/Ernie Gomez	13 Sat Public Shoot J Sindlinger/T Holmes/C Henning
10 Sun Hi Power/ Junior Rifle/4-H	14 Sun Hi Power/Junior Rifle/4-H
13 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/Bob Marsh	17 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/??/???
15 Fri CBRSA Benchrest set up and practice	19 Fri CBRSA
16 Sat CBRSA Benchrest Observers are always welcome. Come	20 Sat CBRSA
17 Sun CBRSA Benchrest on out and see awesome shooting!	21 Sun CBRSA
20 Wed Public Shoot John Hedrick/??/?? needs to be filled	24 Wed Public Shoot Chris Norman/??/???
23 Sat Public Shoot not filled/needs to be filled	27 Thu Public Shoot Leo Espino/??/???
24 Sun Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/Jeff Dearborn/Dennis Lehman	28 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle.4-H
27 Wed Public Shoot Pat Irving/??/?? needs to be filled	
39 Sat Public Shoot James/Mark/Aric Price	
31 Sun Black Powder/Jr. Rifle/4-H	

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.

More from the APRIL club meeting:

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES have been set for the following Saturdays: JUNE 20th, and AUGUST 8th. Registration will be at Easley Shooting Supply and at Extreme Shooting Sports. Club members are free but you must show your membership card when signing up. Don't wait for the last class in August which fills quickly and may leave you scrambling to find a class somewhere out of the county.

Royce Nalls stated that donations of any goods or services that could be used to support the **100-GUN DINNER** would be greatly appreciated. Tool kits; tackle boxes; oil changes; certificates for dinners; jewelry; pest control services; PC repairs; website or graphic arts talents; ammo; optics; etc. Whatever you can donate, thanks.

The VSA 100-Gun Fundraiser Dinner will be held **Saturday, MAY 16th** at the Tulare County Fair-grounds, 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

From the APRIL Board meeting: Royce and Sean expressed their thanks and gratitude for all of the cooks and helpers who assisted with the successful *wild game feed* and all of the monthly family dinners. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and added tremendously to the great meals and fun times for all of the folks that attended! Board members want to remind everyone that outside alcohol may no longer be brought to club meetings or dinners as it may jeopardize the liquor license. Any questions about the no outside alcohol rule..? Please contact Jim Mayfield or a board member. A couple of our regular club volunteers have had recent hospital procedures; please wish Cal Davis and Don Fowler a speedy recovery and good health in the future. Their tickers have been brought back up to speed!! (Editor's note: If it doesn't feel right, doesn't work the way it used to, or doesn't respond to regular treatment, please have it checked out! You are responsible for your health!) Thanks!!

FOR SALE: 1) Browning X-Bolt .300 WinMag, synthetic stock. New in box. 2) Remington SPS Camo, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation edition, .280 Remington with 24" barrel. Only fired about 20 times for sight-in. No scope. With original box. 3) RCBS 5-0-5 powder scale new in box-\$75. 4) RCBS inflow powder measure, new in box-\$85; 3.RCBS powder measure stand, new in box, \$20. Call Don for pricing and info at: 559-799-5555.

FOR SALE: 1) Remington 700 SPS .308 Varmint Excellent condition. Aftermarket Choate synthetic varmint stock with aluminum v-block for accuracy. \$625. 2) For Sale - Thompson Center Encore handgun (stainless) with grip and forend in excellent condition. Club FFL required for transfer. Asking \$400, trade options welcome. Call Randall at 559-747-4645.

FOR SALE: Three Thomas Kinkade paintings, custom framed. 1) Pools of Serenity. Signed and Lampost trademarked on the back, 32" x 40". \$2400. 2) Garden of Hope, 18" x 24", \$1200. 3) Graceland 50th Anniversary, 18" x 24", \$1200. All three 4000.00. Call Darrel Smith at 559-731-0196.

FOR SALE: 2006 Chevy Equinox, 84K miles, very clean, with 50-gallon fuel tank, airbag rear suspension, tool box and K&N filter. \$27,000. Ready to go where you want to go! Darrell Smith: 559-731-0196.

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JUNIOR CLUB NEWS: Summer Session Orientation = We will be finishing our 4H season in late May and will have openings for new junior shooters. Passing the Orientation class is required for anyone to be able to participate in the program. The next Orientation Class will begin June 10th and continue on June 14th and June 17th. The Orientation covers all aspects of firearms safety and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. The Orientation is only offered 3 times a year in January, June and October. This training is also available to adults on a space available basis. Contact: Steve Quinn. 559-686-1945, 559-471-8143, steveq@carifle.com

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.

Coming up: The best in bargains dedicated to the sportsmen will be found at the annual VSA SWAP MEET - Saturday, June 13th. Vendors with new and used goods, neighbors and members with treasures to pass on to others!!

Let's get ready to go *FFFIIIISSSSHHHHHHIIIIIIINNNNNNNNNGGGGGGGGGG* with Marty!!!!!!!!!!

The date has been set for Saturday, July 18. Stardust Sportfishing in Santa Barbara is the charter. More info soon!

CCW PERMIT CLASS: *Legacy Defense* is offering a CCW permit class on Thursday, May 21st, 6-10pm, at the Visalia Sportsmen's Association clubhouse. (No other details were provided in the email I received.) Please Call Russ Beechinor for more info at 559-280-4061 and he should get you to the right person.

FYI: If you hang around sportsmen for any length of time, it won't be long before you will hear the conversation turn to "What kind of steel is best for a knife cutting edge?" The answer to that question will be as widely and varied as an answer to what gun is best for deer (or ___(fill in the blank)) hunting. Here is some info I found in the *Taylor Brands* 2014 catalog (makers of the Smith and Wesson trademarked pro quality tools):

Taylor Brands uses specific blade steels to create the most efficient balance of properties based on the anticipated applications of our products.

Steel is an alloy of iron, other metals, and carbon. Stainless steel refers to a family of corrosion-resistant alloy steels which contain a minimum of 10.5% chromium. A common misconception is that stainless steels will not stain, rust, or corrode, stainless steels will simply stain less than other steels that do not contain chromium. Each alloy in the various steels lends unique properties to the stainless steel.

When selecting the steel for various products we factor in the overall performance requirements of what the tool will be used for, the goal, price range for the end product, and the costs of manufacturing and finishing the item(s). As with any materials there are generally trade-offs. For instance while higher alloy levels and final hardness levels keep an edge longer they also will make it more difficult to field sharpen a blade. Some alloys can be found to be low in nickel, which will result in increased staining if not kept regularly oiled and cleaned after use. Knives that will be placed to hard use must be constructed with very tough steel materials so we will use steels with that are considered to have high ductility (or toughness) over a higher hardened steel. Please note that final hardness levels are achieved not only by factors of composition but from proper heat treating and quenching. Knife steels:

1095: This is a plain carbon steel which means it has a low resistance to corrosion and low to medium edge retention. The benefit of this steel is that it is very easy to sharpen and will take an extremely sharp edge.

AUS-8: A very high quality stainless steel known for extreme toughness and excellent edge retention. This steel has great corrosion resistance and is easy to sharpen.

D2: An air hardened tool steel. Sometimes called a “semi-stainless” steel because it does contain 12% chromium. This steel offers exceptional edge retention as well as decent corrosion resistance. Somewhat difficult to sharpen, this steel can be finished to a high polish shine.

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.

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