

# 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 **GENERAL MEETING** will be THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 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, JUNE 16, 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 **MAY, 2015, general club meeting** – It was announced that the annual VSA Swap Meet will be held **SATURDAY, JUNE 13**, at the VSA clubhouse – **8:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Limited to sporting goods (boats and trailers, too) and militaria, and MORE!! Please call Linda Kaiser at: 559-308-6906; Esther Gipson at: 559-732-7638, to reserve your table (\$10.00) indoors or outdoors on the covered patio or in the parking lot! Firearms may be displayed, but not sold on the VSA grounds. Please follow all applicable laws for firearms sold to others. Gate will opens at 6:30 for vendors. This event is well publicized and well attended. See you there!

Congratulations to our VSA BBQ cooks - they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Exeter Eagles **RIB COOK OFF!!** The competition was tough – the ribs were tender – and our guys showed they can mix it up with the best and smoke the rest!

Dave Hamilton, owner of *Guns and Roosters Hunting Preserve*, recently returned from the National Gun Dog Trials with one of his dogs placing #1 in the country – a National Champion! – and another dog making a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place! Congratulations!! Dave presented a plaque to the club in appreciation of our support.

Chuck Henning won last month's big club drawing and chose the **wild pig hunt** from Giant Sequoia Guide Service. Chuck stated that the service was top-notch and Neil got him on hogs with no problem as was able to take a nice 180- to 200-pounder! GSGS has tens of thousands of acres available to hunt (bear, birds, hog, etc.) in the central valley. Find them on Facebook, or email Neil at: [GiantSequoiaGS@gmail.com](mailto:GiantSequoiaGS@gmail.com). And, by luck of the draw, Chuck won the big drawing for May and chose the hog hunt for his daughter to enjoy. (They must be good!)

Hunter Safety Education – Eddie Thomas stated that HSE is **NOT** a club function. It is a sanctioned educational class offered by State of California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife instructors. Class size is limited and

there were **ten NO SHOW club members** in April! He said, "That's really disappointing to those that really need to get in! There were kids on a waiting list and the "day of event" no shows prevented those kids from attending."

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3 Wed Public Shoot Scott James/Mike Green/Riley Darby	1 Wed Public Shoot ???/??/???
6 Sat <b>Range Clean Up</b>	4 Sat Public Shoot Chuck Henning/??/???
7 Sun Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/S DiNicola/Russ Beechinor	5 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn, L Cote, Dennis Lehman
10 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/???	8 Wed Public Shoot Riley Darby/Chris Norman/???
13 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/C Henning	11 Sat Public Shoot ??/xxx/???
14 Sun <b>Hi Power/Junior Rifle/4-H</b>	12 Sun <b>Hi Power, Junior Rifle/4-H</b>
17 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Bob Knutson (sp?)/???	15 Wed Public Shoot ??/??/???
19 Fri CBRSA	18 Sat Public Shoot ??/xxx/???
20 Sat CBRSA	19 Sun Public Shoot Lee Miller/Leo Espino/Manuel Garcia
21 Sun CBRSA	19 Sun <b>3:00 PM – 4-H has the range</b>
24 Wed Public Shoot Chris Norman/Jim Johnson/???	22 Wed Public Shoot Riley Darby//Chris Norman
27 Sat Public Shoot Leo Espino/??/???	25 Sat Public Shoot ??/xxx/???
28 Sun <b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle.4-H</b>	26 Sun <b>Black Powder</b>
<b>RSO's – There are lots of holes that need to be filled in our range</b>	<b>calendar. Call Russ to schedule those days. Thanks.</b>

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](mailto: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 MAY club meeting:

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES** have been set for the following Saturdays: JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, and AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. Please attend if you sign up!

**4-H County Match Shoot** at the VSA Dale Wimp Rifle Range was won by Jeremiah Lucas. His High Score of 99 earned him the county championship. His name was placed on the perpetual plaque as well as receiving a great trophy. Jeremiah has two more years of 4-H shooting before he "ages out". Congratulations!

**Range Clean-Up Day** is scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Gates will be open a bit before 7 (when the first RSO/guy with a key arrives). Drinks and food provided for all the volunteers. Bring your basic hand tools, yard tools, sprinkler repair parts, cleaning rags and detergents, and youngsters that are able to assist with odd jobs.

By now, you have either made it a point to attend NEXT year's VSA 100-Gun Dinner, or, you are kicking yourself for not attending this year's blowout success!! (You might be doing both.) **HOLY COW!!!** The May 16<sup>th</sup> dinner was fantastic! Everything from the location and set up to the delicious dinner to the HUGE selection of GUNS and drawing items was well presented and nicely done. Thank you to all of the corporate sponsors, table buyers, and individual ticket buyers for making this a great fundraiser for your club to make much needed improvements to our rifle and pistol range. 100 percent of the net proceeds remain with our club! More details next month on this great event.

**SequoiaShuttle.com** Enjoying the Sequoias has never been easier! Sit back and relax while the Sequoia Shuttle transports you from Visalia to Sequoia National Park. The Sequoia Shuttle operates all summer long and departs from local hotels throughout Visalia several times a day, every day. Round trip tickets are \$15 and include the park entry fee and unlimited in-park shuttle service. Reservations are required. To book your reservation, call 1 (877) BUS-HIKE or visit [SequoiaShuttle.com](http://SequoiaShuttle.com) (starts May 21<sup>st</sup>.)

Make a donation by shopping...? Affinity programs are not a new concept, but there is a way for sportsmen to support *The CALGUNS Foundation*. When you use [Shop42A.com](http://Shop42A.com) to shop at Amazon, up to 25% of your total purchase amount goes to support your Second Amendment rights by helping to fund CGF's pro-gun lawsuits and educational programs at no additional cost to you. Simply go to [Shop42A.com](http://Shop42A.com) every time you want to purchase something at Amazon. You'll be taken to the Amazon homepage. It will look like this:

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 Add items to your cart and make your purchase as you normally would.

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

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

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Attention all centerfire rifle shooters – especially those AR/MSR and High Power Shooters:

The HIGH POWER matches held on the second Sunday of each month at the range will be opening the match to **tactical and bench shooters as an OPEN Class** for informal competition to shoot concurrently with the NRA match.

Open Class will be **any rifle, any sight, and any position**. How you shoot the match is up to you. The only rules are to shoot the NRA targets and timing for each stage. You can shoot each stage from the specified position or from the bench. NRA matches include both slow and rapid fire stages with a magazine change in each rapid fire stage.

All shooting will be at 100 yards on NRA “reduced course” targets. There are 4 stages with either 10 or 20 shots in each stage plus 2 sighters in each stage for a total of either 58 or 88 rounds for the match.

Rifle requirement: Centerfire, any sight (including optical), any position – NRA or bench. The rifle should have the means to accomplish a magazine change in the rapid fire stages.

Entry fee is \$15.00 with a “random draw” cash prize. Next match is Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. First shot is promptly at 8:00 am. Check-in for the match is from 7:15 to 7:55 am. Thanks, Steve Quinn, High Power match coordinator.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> and continue on June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:danielmansergh@gmail.com).

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

**FYI:** Last month we learned a bit about what goes into knife steels and how manufacturers balance the choice of steel for a given knife. From the “Taylor Brands/Smith & Wesson” 2014 product catalog, here are some additional steel descriptions:

**420J2:** A good quality stainless steel commonly used in knife blades as well as for impact cutting tools such as axes, hatchets, and machetes. Known as a hard, strong, steel, this steel has decent edge holding capabilities and is easy to sharpen; a good balance of the most desirable traits for knife steel.

**7Cr17MoV:** A good quality stainless steel that has a high tensile strength. This steel has excellent corrosion resistance and can be honed to a razor sharp edge.

**S30V:** This steel contains carbon along with high amounts of chromium, molybdenum, and vanadium. Double tempered for hardness and edge retention this steel has excellent corrosion resistance but is somewhat difficult to sharpen.

**What are the benefits of various elements?**

Carbon – Increases edge retention, hardness, tensile strength, and wear/abrasion resistance.

Chromium – Increases corrosion resistance, hardness, tensile strength, toughness, and wear/abrasion resistance.

Nickel – Increases corrosion resistance and hardness.

Manganese – Increases hardenability, tensile strength, and wear/abrasion resistance.

Vanadium – Increases hardness, tensile strength, and impact strength.

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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