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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, AUGUST 13, 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, AUGUST 18, 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 **JULY 2015, general club meeting** – Russ Beechinor stated that he needs RSO's to review membership forms that are completed or turned in at the range. He has noted a spike in the rate of errors on the form. From missing info to incorrect additions of the dollar amounts of the type(s) of membership selected (spouse and number of kids, etc.). Please review the applications and make sure they are complete and legible.

Jim Mayfield said there was a total of \$3655.00 in memberships received last month; one-day shooters dollar amount totaled \$130.00. Jim also said that the entry gate project at the club house is back on the schedule. Fill dirt and labor for rock work (stone veneer) is needed. Please contact Jim if you can help out in any way.

There were three new members at the meeting: Jeannie, Allison and Ron. Sorry, no last names. Welcome!!

Loren Metzler announced that the Hunter Safety Education instructors are ready for the August 8 class at the club house. This is the last class of the year that is offered at the club. Call now if you need to get a hunting license!

Frank Tebeau gave his monthly update on legislative events in the state and in our area. One of the biggest changes is the requirement of NON-LEAD ammo in various zones throughout the state extending beyond the "Condor Area". Phase 1 of the statewide lead ammo ban takes effect as of JULY 1st. Frank encourages hunters to know what and where they can shoot (and carry) in certain areas by checking the CRPA website:

<http://www.carpa.org/warning-for-california-hunters/>

The California Department of Fish & Wildlife has created an information page that explains, among other things, where the affected areas are located. <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Nonlead-Ammunition#25046246-where-can-i-find-a-list-of-nonlead-ammunition-legal-for-hunting>

The ammo used needs to be certified by the DFW as lead free: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Nonlead-Ammunition/Certified> (This page can be found on the page directly above.)

There will be a memorial reception at the club on August 22nd at 2:00 pm to honor Dale A. Perry (1919-2015). Dale, 96, passed away on July 13. He joined the Visalia Sportsmen's Association after he returned home from World War II and was our oldest active member. Dale had a warm heart for his family and the VSA club.

1 Sat Public Shoot Manuel Garcia/Kyle Kinsel	2 Wed Public Shoot Pat Irving/Jackie Leeth/???
2 Sun Public Shoot C Henning/M Garcia/K Kinsel	5 Sat Public Shoot L Metzler/D Barnhart/S Vedenoff
5 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Richard Harris/Jackie Leeth	6 Sun Public Shoot S Whitmire/M Garcia/Jeremy VanNess
8 Sat Public Shoot ???/??/? Need 3 today	9 Wed Public Shoot Richard Harris/??/?
9 Sun Hi Power/Junior Rifle/4-H	12 Sat Range Clean Up Day – Closed to shooters Please put this on your calendar to help out.
12 Wed Public Shoot Alex Wright/Merrit Morrow/Jackie Leeth	13 Sun Hi Power/Junior Rifle/4-H
13 THURSDAY – CLOSED FOR DEPT of F&W EVENT	16 Wed Public Shoot ???/??/?
15 Sat Public Shoot Kyle Kinsel/Jeremy Van Ness/Ernie Gomez	19 Sat Public Shoot Ernie Gomez/??/?
16 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/L Cote/G Brummer	20 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/L Cote/G Brummer
16 Sun 3:00 PM – 4-H has the range	23 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/Riley Darby/???
19 Wed Public Shoot ???/??/? Need 3 today	26 Sat Public Shoot James, Marc, Aric Price
22 Sat Public Shoot Jeremy VanNess/Matthew Gill/???	27 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/4-H
22 Sat High Power After 3 pm? Not clarified on schedule.	30 Wed Public Shoot ???/??/?
23 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/4-H	
26 Wed Public Shoot ???/??/? Need 3 today	
28 Friday CBRSA	
29 Sat CBRSA all day at the range	
30 Sun CBRSA until 3 pm, 4-H at 3:00pm	

RSOs: Call Russ at 559-280-4061 to help fill in open dates. Members, please call Russ for more info on becoming an RSO.

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 JULY club meeting:

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASS: The last class of the year has been scheduled for 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 last minute. The August class fills quickly and may leave you scrambling to find a class somewhere out of the county. Please attend if you sign up!

We took a couple of moments at the meeting to remember two of our members that recently passed away: Dave Wilson and Tony Marler. They were valuable members and great friends that volunteered for many events.

Linda Kaiser thanked everyone for their help in making the swap meet a big success. See you next year!!

Russ stated that there is a lost and found box at the range. It has mostly clothing with a few accessory items in it now. There was a **money clip holding some cash** that was found by a member at the range and turned in to the RSO's on Wednesday, July 8. If you think you can identify the clip, please call Russ at 559-280-4061.

Congratulations to Ruben E. for winning the GUN SAFE in the club meeting monthly drawing. Lots of winners took home a variety of gift items generously donated by Linda Kaiser.

FOR SALE: Two travel trailers are available for sale. For details, please call Linda K. at 559-308-6906.

UPDATES: The **range will be closed on Thursday, August 13th – ALL DAY – for Fish & Wildlife event.**

Welcome to Phil Esbenshade to our newsletter advertiser/supporter page!! Members, please check out page three – **CCW permit class** - for more info about Phil Esbenshade and his services.

From the RSOs: Russ has some reminders for our members as observed and related to him by those serving at the range: 1) Before entering the blockhouse, please ask an RSO. Even if you are an off duty RSO attending the range to shoot that day, please do not enter without asking. Not all of our RSOs know each other. 2) Please clean up your brass and shotgun wads in front of the benches during a cease fire. Hand a rake to your friend as well, two can cover more ground than one. 3) Some of the MSR's (Modern Sporting Rifles – aka AR's) have added accessories that may make them look "politically incorrect", but are allowed to be used at our range. 4) Fire-arms should have a chamber indicator in place when moved from the bench to the tables and vice versa. 5) Anyone can call a cease fire at any time for any reason. If you see something that doesn't look safe, please yell "cease fire" immediately. Don't wait for one of the RSOs! 6) Check the restrooms at the end of the day to flush the fixtures that need it, turn off the lights and close the doors.

Smokin' Barrel Firearms, has special pricing for services to VSA club members. Show your current VSA membership card and see how much you can save on firearms, ammo and accessories and transfers. See Bob at the shop: 3222 N. Demaree Street, Suite D, Visalia, CA 93291. Phone 559-625-5855.

Thank you to all of our advertiser supporters of the club. These business owners are working hard to provide services to our community and really appreciate the ability assist our club members and their families.

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.

Daniel Mansergh has announced that there will be a guest speaker at the next CCW class on Monday, August 3rd. Phil Esbenshade, retired Tulare County Assistant District attorney - now in private practice - and one of only three NRA affiliated gun attorneys in California, will present a half hour module on legal matters related to California CCW holders. He will be speaking in the first half hour of the class for those who would like to attend only for that portion. All club members are welcome to hear Phil speak on this important subject. Starts at 5:00 pm.

SCOPE RETICLES: Last month I reviewed Rear Focal Plane (aka Second Focal Plane) systems. In short, these reticle systems place the reticle to the rear of the erector assembly or zoom mechanism. This is the most common reticle system. Because the reticle is behind the zoom mechanism, the size of the reticle is constant and does not change. Reticle measurements will only be correct at one magnification setting (normally high power).

Front Focal Plane (FFP) reticle design, also called *first focal plane*, places the reticle in front of the zoom mechanism, allowing the reticle size to increase or decrease as magnification is increased or decreased. Trajectory compensation and reticle measurements are always correct and proportional for the selected power setting. Mostly used for mid- to long-range competitive and tactical shooting; big game, varmint, and predator hunting; and any mid- to long-range hunting. (Burris 2015 Full-line catalog, page 48.)

This just in (7-21-15): Steve Quinn, Junior Rifle Team coach, reports that team member Justin George has had a great showing at the 2015 National Trophy Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Justin shot in a number of matches, including the prestigious "Presidents 100 Rifle Match". He placed 44th overall, and was 3rd place Top Junior in the Presidents 100! Justin also shot in the National Trophy Rifle Junior Team where scores are accumulated from the Presidents 100, the 6-Man Team, and the CMP Match; he was 6th place top junior! Steve reported that Justin had a shooting "hiccup" early on, but was able to maintain composure and overcome the setback. Justin will be competing in the upcoming NRA Matches and NRA World Matches. Congratulations Justin...Way to go!

"The National Trophy Rifle Matches & Small Arms Firing Schools are annual national events established by Congress and President Roosevelt in 1903 that continue to be authorized by federal law. National Trophy Rifle Match week begins with the Rifle Small Arms Firing School and a M16 Rifle EIC Match. The week also includes service rifle competitions for military and civilian shooters including the President's 100 Rifle Match, the National Trophy Individual Match and National Trophy Team Matches.

"The National Matches were first held in 1903, moved to Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1907 and continue to take place every summer at Camp Perry. The National Matches have become a huge, national shooting sports festival with well over 6,000 annual participants. School students and competition event shooters range from beginners to many of the world's best." From: <http://thecmp.org/cmp-national-matches/> 7-21-15.

From the editor: At a recent RSO service day at the range there were a couple of interesting occurrences that I'd like to relate to you. One shooter was firing a centerfire handgun when he noticed that the sound and recoil was "off", fortunately he stopped firing and cleared the next live round and the magazine and noticed a bullet stuck in the barrel, just past the chamber. The case was ejected from the firearm. He disassembled the firearm and was able to use a punch and a few light taps of a hammer to dislodge the stuck bullet. He reassembled the gun and everything is well. He had been handloading ammo using a progressive press. He is now double checking his quality control.

Another shooter had to case his centerfire lever-action rifle with a live stuck round in the action and head for home (or the gunsmith). The lever was stuck in the full open position after a semi-wadcutter bullet got jammed in the area of the tubular magazine. The shooter thinks that the shape of the bullet and overall length of the cartridge was insufficient to properly feed into the chamber.

Our RSOs on duty made sure everyone proceeded in a safe direction and manner. Don't panic, and let's think about what steps we need to take to help resolve the issues. Just another day at the range. It's fun to be an RSO!

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

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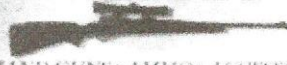
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