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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, NOVEMBER 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, NOVEMBER 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
Dennis Thornbury – President	559-732-4401	Jeremy Chavez – Board Member:	559-302-8718
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At the **OCTOBER 2015, general club meeting** – Dennis Thornbury called the meeting to order. Frank T. led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. At each meeting new members and guests are asked to introduce themselves. We met Beatrice, Allan H., Andre (from Lemon Cove), Larry N., and Dave M. Each meeting also has a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report. (For more info about the minutes and the treasurer report, please contact any board member or officer.)

Russ reported that he has been stopping out at the range several days each week and has noticed a sharp increase in the unkempt nature of the range on the normally closed days of the range. Actually, he said, "On non-open days, the range is a mess. Everyone needs to pick up targets, pick up trash, and pick up brass. It's not necessarily that the trash cans need to be taken to the dumpster." Russ stated that these are the range safety officers that use the benefit of shooting at the range on "off" days. From the amount of indicated usage on a normally closed day, he can see that some RSO's are not signing in on the range log book/sheets. Everyone who uses the range must sign in! EVERY TIME!

Russ thanked Esther Gipson and her son, Bob, for all of their work on the new roll-up door at the block house.

Frank Tebeau gave a legislative update and encourage everyone to stay abreast of what is happening in Sacramento and that members should call the governor's desk to voice how you want him to vote on proposed laws. Governor Jerry Brown: Phone: (916) 445-2841, Fax: (916) 558-3160. <https://govnews.ca.gov/gov39mail/mail.php>

Jim Mayfield stated that the Wild Game Feed on April 9, 2016, will need donations of meat, game and fish to help make the dinner a success. The dinner is free to club members. Tickets are available for your chance to win: 1st) FMK AR-15, 2nd) Smith & Wesson Body Guard .38+P, and, 3rd) Ruger 10-22 rifle. Jim asked for the club member that borrowed a key to please return the key where you found it! Jim also asked that the club member that brought some kids to the clubhouse while game was being cleaned, needs to come back to remove the graffiti that the kids left on the tables – we know their names – it's in marker on the tables!

Sean reminded everyone that the Family Dinners will resume in November with a traditional feast! This dinner will be Nov. 14th. (The Saturday after the club meeting.) Tickets are \$15 per person, \$10 kids under 10 yrs. **PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172. FOR THE RANGE: 651-1415 PAGE 2**
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1 Sun Public Shoot Loren Metzler/Doug Barnhart/Sean Vedenoff	2 Wed Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix MD Campo/M Sumida
4 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Ken Rahn/Wade Roberts	5 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/FMD Campo/Marc Sumida
7 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/ Tom Holmes/John Gerard	6 Sun Public Shoot R Marshall/FMD Campo/Marc Sumida
8 Sun Hi Power Match/Junior Rifle & Hi Power/4-H	6 Sun 3PM-Hi Power/Junior Rifle & Hi Power/4-H
11 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Mick Hogan/Jack Leeth	9 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Rod Williams/???
12 Thursday – Range is closed all day for DWF event.	12 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Dearborn/L Cote/Galen Brummer
14 Sat Public Shoot Jon Jones/Melissa Jones/Jeremy Van Ness	13 Sun Public Shoot High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H
15 Sun Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Stephanie DiNicola/R Beechinor	16 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno-??-???
18 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno/Wade Roberts/Allen Horsely	19 Sat Public Shoot ??-??-???
21 Sat Public Shoot James – Mark – Aric Price	20 Sun Public Shoot Lee Miller/J VanNess/R Beechinor
22 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/Hi Power practice	23 Wed Public Shoot ??-??-???
25 Wed Public Shoot Keith Perkins/Merritt Morrow/???	26 Sat Public Shoot ??-??-???
28 Sat Public Shoot Levi Routh/Cary Reese/Jeremy Van Ness	27 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/Hi Power practice
29 Sun Public Shoot Jeff Dearborn/Leonard Cote/Dennis Lehman	30 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone-??-???

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 OCTOBER club meeting: Jim reminded club members that if you have a deer or bear hunting tag that you need to notify DFW of the status of the tag – filled or not filled. Jim said the club received \$3,530.00 in new and renewal memberships, and \$550.00 in one-day shooter fees (for the month of September).

Royce gave more details on the November Family Dinner: smoked turkey and ham and all the usual side dishes. Pre-sale tickets are available now by calling Jim at 559-802-7967, Royce at 559-730-8485, Sean at 559-786-6184. Call now to get your tickets! Only a limited number are available. Don't wait for the last day or so!

Royce announced the 2016 VSA 100+ Gun Fundraiser Dinner will be held May 16, 2016. The planning committee will start meeting soon and he invited anyone interested in helping with the dinner to contact him at 559-730-8485. Following on the heels of the success of the 2015 dinner, Royce said the 2016 dinner will be bigger and better. Volunteers are needed for all aspects; sales, donations, set up, silent and live auction, cooking, clean up, etc. The first meeting will be Tuesday, November 17th, at the club house immediately following the board meeting.

It was announced that Luke Burns, 16, an Exeter Union High School student, was hunting with family and friends just before 8 a.m. near Horse Meadow when he wandered in front of hunters. He was hidden behind some brush when another hunter fired and struck the boy in the torso. Family and friends tried to give CPR and first aid, later rushing the boy to the California Hot Springs Ranger station, where he died. Luke is a twin. He is survived by his brother Levi.

Detectives from the Sheriff's Departments Violent Crimes Unit were called to investigate the shooting, which they called an accident. The Sheriff's Department is using the incident to bring words of caution to hunters.

"The Sheriff's Department would like to take this time to remind hunters during this hunting season to practice good firearm safety measures," according to a statement. "Know the direction you are shooting, what you are shooting at and what your shooting backstop is." (Visalia Time-Delta, 10-5-15)

Linda Kaiser introduced Allen Hunsaker. Allen had drawing tickets available for members to buy; proceeds go towards transportation expenses for medical needs for his six-year old daughter with cerebral atrophy – a terminal brain disease. In addition, Allen stated that a fundraiser dinner would be held October 18th, at Sportsman's Park(?). For more information on how you can help the Hunsaker family, please call Linda K. at 559-308-6906.

ELECTIONS: Esther Gipson is heading up the election committee and is ready to answer any questions you may have about running for an officer or Board of Directors position for the December elections. Bylaws call for one half of the elected directors/board members (four are elected, two are open for election) to be elected. One half of the appointed directors to be named by the club president (two directors to be appointed this year). The officer positions are open for election: President, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Contact Esther at 559-732-7638, esther502626@att.net.

Justin George, age 17, was introduced to the members. Justin recently returned from competing at Camp Perry in the CMP and NRA program competitions. Justin shocked many veteran competitors with his poise and skills on

the shooting line by placing 44th overall out of more than 1,000 shooters. One of the competitions Justin competed in was the NRA Remington Trophy Match. Targets are at 1,000 yards! (continued on page 3)

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With targets at 1,000 yards, 200 points are possible. Justin scored 199 with 7x (7 “x” ring hits)!!

Justin was also selected to shoot in the Palma World Championship held at Camp Perry. He received a SILVER MEDAL!! The Palma category is shooting at bulls-eye targets with iron sights only at 800-, 900-, and 1,000-yards. There were over 20 countries represented. The Palma shoot is held every four years in a different country. 2019 will see the competition in New Zealand. Justin is a senior at Corcoran High School. It’s quite possible his skill could take him to New Zealand or perhaps the Olympics!

Justin started shooting at the VSA Dale Wimp Rifle Range in the Junior Rifle program. He only started shooting High Power on February 28th of this year (2015)! What skill! Justin presented a plaque to the Visalia Sportsmen’s Association in appreciation of our support.

Want great odds on winning a gun or a gun safe or a wild pig hunt? Those are your choices each month at the club meeting. Tickets are sold only the night of the meeting and odds depend on the number of folks that show up and buy tickets. Congratulations to Jim Mayfield, he chose the safe. Other winners were Art D., Charles K., Brooke D., Richard P., Jeff K., Chris D., Dave M., and Carol T. Carol had her eye on a particular knife sharpener on the “bar” raffle item table. Made her day to hear her name called!!

Policy update: At the October 13, 2015 Board of Directors meeting, the topic of donation requests was addressed. The *board of directors* decided the following:

1. Donation requests will go through the Board of Directors first, before being presented at the next monthly meeting.
2. An approved donation request will be noted in the next month’s newsletter.
3. Donation requests need to be in harmony with our mission statement.

Quite a few people may think that carrying a concealed weapon is glamorous and easy and will solve many problems. If you read the article in the CRPA magazine *The Firing Line*, Sept/Oct. 2015 issue regarding the *Ten Commandments of Concealed Carry* you will know that it is serious business to carry a concealed weapon. Massad Ayoob, one of the greatest shooting sports writer developed the following:

1. If you carry, always carry. 2. Don’t carry if you aren’t prepared to use it. 3. Don’t let the gun make you reckless.
4. Get the license! 5. Know what you are doing. 6. Concealed means concealed. 7. Maximize your firearms familiarity. 8. Understand the fine points. 9. Carry an adequate firearm. 10. Use common sense. “The gun carries with it the power of life and death. That power belongs only in the hands of responsible people who care about consequences, who are respectful of life and limb and human safety. Carrying a gun is a practice that is becoming increasingly common among ordinary American citizens. Common sense must always accompany it.”

From: <http://www.tactical-life.com/tactics/10-commandments-of-concealed-carry/#10-commandments-of-concealed-carry-1>. This is the much shortened version of the article. Other adaptations with editor’s comments can be found online, just search for Ten Commandments of Concealed Carry.

Here are some highlights from “*Today’s Hunter in California – a guide to hunting responsibly and safely*”, the study book for the hunter-ed class. One of the first things you will learn is to **Watch that muzzle!** Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times. **What is a firearm** and can you name the **basic part of a firearm?** A firearm is a mechanical device and modern firearms have three basic groups of parts: action; stock; and, barrel. Did you know that **fully-automatic firearms may not be used for hunting?** Approaching a downed deer or other large animal should be approached carefully from _____ (fill in the blank). You can be certain that an animal is dead if _____ (fill the blank).

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.

RSO's: The 2016 range calendar is now open to schedule your service days. Call Russ 280-4061.
Email: cflytech@pacbell.net. The signup calendar will be at the range as well.

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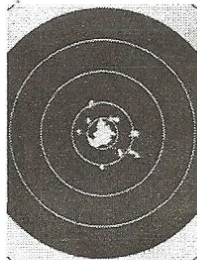
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