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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! HoHoHo! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

*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, DECEMBER 10, 2015, 7:00 PM**. It is time for the **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS at this meeting**. 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.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Royce Nalls – Board Member:	559-730-8485
Melissa Jones – Treasurer:	559-636-2434	Mike Stimson – Board Member:	559-280-3020
Debbie Taylor – Secretary:	559-802-3426	Frank Tebeau – Board Member:	559-562-2448
Dirk Steelman – Exec.VP ( <b>FFL operations</b> ):	559-732-7726	Sean Vedenoff – Board Member	559-786-6184
Eddie Thomas – Board Member:	530-391-8661	Bob Maxwell – Board Member	559-733-5501
Loren Metzler – Board Member	559-280-8287	Ed Thomas – Sergeant-at-Arms	

At the **NOVEMBER 2015, general club meeting** – Dennis Thornbury called the meeting to order. Frank T. led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. New members, “lost” – but now found members, and guests were asked to introduce themselves. We met Richard L. (Hanford), Don C., Justin W., and Jim R.

Melissa read the treasurers report. Here are the monies as reported (pennies rounded off for newsletter reporting): Bank of the West (checking) = \$13,712; Bank of Sierra (checking) = \$31,210; Bank of the West (fundraiser account) = \$94,826; Bank of Sierra (fundraiser account) = \$35,116. The fundraiser accounts were established for the 100+ GUN FUNDRAISER DINNERS to assist with upcoming range improvements and more. For more information about the accounts, please talk to an officer or board member.

V.P. Range Operations – Russ Beechinor - reported that the 2016 Range RSO calendar is currently open for scheduling your RSO service days. Russ stated that pistol range improvement plans have been submitted to an architect and should be available sometime in December.

Jim Mayfield reported that tickets are available for the upcoming FAMILY DINNER (note: they are now available for the December dinner). A club member donated a dressed elk (game meat) for the April *Wild Game Feed!* Thank you! Long-time club member and a great friend to the club, Walt Story, passed away. He will be greatly missed. The entry drive planter boxes have been completed, but needs irrigation run and installed. If that's something you can help with, please call Jim Mayfield. Jim expects the front fence to be completed soon as well. A flag pole has been ordered (voted on and approved by members a while back).

Sean gave an update on the Thanksgiving Family Dinner at the club. As usual, he understates how FANTASTIC and SAVORY the food and fun really is!! If you haven't been to a family dinner before, why not join us at the December dinner on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at the clubhouse. Doors open at 5, dinner at 6:30 or 7pm. Tickets are \$16 per adult and \$10 for kids under 10 years. Give Jim a call for your ticket(s): 559-802-7967.

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2 Wed Public Shoot Richard Marshall/Felix MD Campo/M Sumida	2 Sat Public Shoot Allen Horsely-???-???
5 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix MD Campo/Marc Sumida	3 Sun Public Shoot Allen Horsely-???-???
6 Sun Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix MD Campo/Marc Sumida	6 Wed Public Shoot R Tashjian/D Smith/Kenneth Rahn
6 Sun <b>3PM-Hi Power/Junior Rifle &amp; Hi Power/4-H</b>	9 Sat Public Shoot ???-???-???
9 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Rod Williams/Jack Leeth	10 Sun <b>High Power, 4-H, Junior Rifle Club</b>
12 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Dearborn/Leonard Cote/Galen Brummer	13 Wed Public Shoot John Gerard/Jim Mayfield/John Hull
13 Sun <b>High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H</b>	16 Sat Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/Ernie Gomez/M Renzi
16 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno/Matt Hopper/Jack Leeth	17 Sun Public Shoot John Threadgill Sr., & Jr./Bill Fulmer
19 Sat Public Shoot Leo Espino/Randy Tashjian/Allen Horsely	20 Wed Public Shoot Darrell Smith/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer
20 Sun Public Shoot Lee Miller/Jeremy VanNess/Russ Beechinor	23 Sat Public Shoot G Brummer/J Dearborn/Leonard Cote
23 Wed Public Shoot Matt Hopper/J Threadgill, Sr. /J Threadgill, Jr.	24 Sun <b>Black Powder, 4-H, Junior Rifle Club</b>
26 Sat Public Shoot Allen Horsely/???/???	27 Wed Public Shoot J Gerard/Keith Perkins/M Morrow
27 Sun <b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle/Hi Power practice</b>	30 Sat Public Shoot F Tebeau/Jon Jones/Melissa Jones
30 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/John Threadgill, Sr./-???	31 Sun Public Shoot F Tebeau/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer

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 NOVEMBER club meeting:**

Royce announced the 2016 VSA 100+ Gun Fundraiser Dinner will be held May 14, 2016. Anyone interested in assisting in the planning and production of this fundraiser is encouraged to contact Royce at 559-730-8485. Volunteers are needed for all aspects; sales, donations, set up, silent and live auction, cooking, clean up, etc.

Frank T. provided an update about what's happening in Sacramento regarding our gun rights.

Manuel Garcia follows events in Sacramento pretty closely. Instead of a political update, he gave a solid recommendation for the folks at Springville Armory in Springville in regards to some work they performed for him.

Loren Metzler, Hunter Ed instructor, stated that dates for 2016 classes have not been set at this time. Due to the number of member "no-shows", everyone will be required to pay a registration fee starting in 2016.

Eddie Thomas, Jr., Hunter Ed instructor, stated that changes may come to the Hunter Ed program for archery hunters to attend an Archery Hunter Ed Safety class. He also stated that ALL holders of deer tags need to report to the DFW whether they were successful in their hunt or not successful in the take of a deer. This will help state biologists plan for the estimated deer herd size during the drought and next year's number of available tags.

Justin George, the 17-year old shooting phenom from Hanford (who had an incredible showing at Camp Perry this summer), recently competed in a California state youth championship. With a keen eye and a gentle trigger squeeze, he WON the 1,000 yard event with a score of 197 – 11x. Congratulations!!

Loren stated that the Outdoor Channel is looking at developing a new shooting competition show – *American Marksmanship*. A preliminary phone call for a location was made about our Dale Wimp Rifle Range. We'll see!?

**Election of officers and board members** will be held at the general club meeting on Thursday, December 10. Chris Norman read the list of names and positions that are open for election as presented by Esther Gipson, nominating committee chair. The OFFICER positions and names on the ballot are:

1) President – Dennis Thornbury; 2) Vice President – Russ Beechinor; 3) Secretary – Debbie Taylor; 4) Treasurer – Melissa Jones.

The BOARD MEMBER (also known as DIRECTOR) positions open are: Two *elected* board member positions are open. Members at the December general club meeting will be asked to vote for two of the following nominees:

Mark Dieter    Bob Gaalswyk    Ernie Gomez    Eddie Thomas, Jr.    Kevin Vedenoff    Sean Vedenoff

Nominees were asked to introduce themselves and to tell a bit about themselves and their interest in the VSA. There are four *elected* board member positions. Club bylaws state a two-year term and that two elected positions be voted on each year. The 2015 elected board members that are staying on the board are Frank Tebeau and Jeremy

Chavez. The two elected board members that are leaving their position are Royce Nalls and Mike Stimson. There are four appointed board member positions that are designated by the club president.

**This just in:** RSO Class is Jan 23, at the club house 8:00 AM (This is for all New RSO's or anyone that wants to become an RSO). Contact Russ at 559-280-4061. He needs a count to order supplies.

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**WANTED:** Gary Bailey is looking for hunters to share in the cost of a membership in the **GOLDEN RAM SPORTSMAN CLUB**. There is year-round hog hunting on private ranches; seasonal deer, duck and pheasant hunting on numerous ranches throughout California. The season starts January 5, 2016. For more info about the cost and opportunities please call Gary at 559-799-6435.

**WANTED:** LEFT handed centerfire rifle(s). Prefer .30 caliber (.30-.30, .30-06, .308) or larger. "It's time to get the family shooting and hunting," said Eddy Jaques. His wife and son are left handed and would like to use a "normal" firearm. Please call Eddy at 559-553-5676.

**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.

**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).

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

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**NO MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF TEN (10) YEARS OLD**  
**WILL BE ALLOWED TO FIRE A HAND GUN.**  
**MINORS BETWEEN THE AGES OF TEN (10) AND**  
**TWELVE (12) ARE**  
**ONLY ALLOWED TO SHOOT A RIM-FIRE HAND GUN.**  
**MINORS BETWEEN THE AGES OF THIRTEEN (13) AND**  
**EIGHTEEN (18)**  
**WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT A CENTER-FIRE**  
**HAND GUN.**  
**ALL MINORS BETWEEN THE AGES OF TEN (10) AND**  
**EIGHTEEN (18) ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ADULT**  
**WITHIN AN ARM'S LENGTH WHILE FIRING A HAND**  
**GUN.**

**RSO's and members: First time minors with their**  
**family/guardian/responsible adult requesting to shoot a handgun**  
**will be required to have RSO observation. (Jan 2013)**

Did you read the latest edition of *CRPA FIRING LINE* showing the listing for our Dale Wimp Rifle Range?  
Yep...on page 24 of the Nov/Dec issue in their "Places To Shoot" column. A nice bit of exposure.

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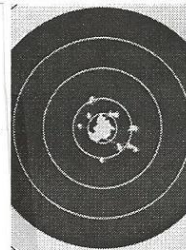


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