

# 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, FEBUARY 11, 2016, 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.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be **TUESDAY, FEBUARY 16, 2016, 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	Bob Gaalswyk – Board Member:	change 559-xxx-xxxx
Melissa Jones – Treasurer:	559-636-2434	Ernie Gomez – Board Member:	change 559-xxx-xxxx
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, Jr. – 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 **JANUARY 2016, general club meeting** – President Dennis Thornbury asked officers and directors to introduce themselves. Absent was Loren Metzler and Debbie Taylor. (Yours truly - Chris Norman – fills in as needed as secretary at the general club meeting.) Melissa read the treasurers report. She gave the following balances for the following accounts: Bank of the West (checking): \$10,009.45; Bank of Sierra (checking): \$42,113.65. Fundraiser accounts/money market: Bank of the West: \$94,839.16; Bank of Sierra: \$35,052.05. Russ gave an update on the range improvement plans. He said that the drawings/plans are coming along at the architect's office and once plans are ready then they will coordinate with the city for a range lease extension. It was noted that a change in the minutes read from the January meeting to reflect that Ron C. chose the 9mm pistol instead of the Ruger Super Blackhawk revolver.

Eddie Thomas, Jr, said that Hunter Ed class dates have not been set for 2016. He gave an update on the upcoming Junior Pheasant hunt scheduled for Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. He clarified that the NRA Foundation grant for funding the pheasant hunt was for a junior hunt and that the shotgun purchased with the grant funds to be given away was not an eligible item to be given away according to NRA Foundation guidelines. An alternative to the shotgun was purchased by the club. Women who had signed up are/were being allowed to participate in a separate area with pheasants purchased by the VSA club.

Eddie reminded hunters that they are required to report their take or no-take of game on the DFW website. (No-Take means an unsuccessful hunting season.) Failure to report your status will be the assessment of an additional \$20 fee for your next tag. The website is: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing).

Jim stated that the walk-in cooler refrigeration went out and he received an estimate for \$3,000.00 for repairs. Member Tom Shaw got it done for less than half of that amount. Thank you Tom Shaw!!

Entry gate keypad – Jim said you need to enter the combo number then *press AND hold* the # (pound) button until the gate starts moving. You will need to do this to exit as well. Please make sure the gate is CLOSED before leaving the area.

Sean Vedenoff and Ernie Gomez are the two directors appointed by Dennis. Thanks for your dedication to the club.

**PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172.**

**FOR THE RANGE: 651-1415**

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**MARCH 2016**

3 Wed Public Shoot Randy Tashjian/Bob Knutson/John Gerard	2 Wed Public Shoot Randy Tashjian/David Meloy/S James
6 Sat Public Shoot Craig Calloway/Mike Renzi/John DeGiorgio	5 Sat <b>RANGE CLEAN UP DAY</b> -The range is closed today
7 Sun Public Shoot Craig Calloway/Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer	6 Sun Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Allen Horsely
10 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Darrell Smith/John Gerard	9 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/ David Meloy/S Schorzman
13 Sat Public Shoot Ernie Gomez/John DeGiorgio/Allen Horsely	12 Sat Public Shoot Jim Johnson/Russ Broyles/Ted Phipps
14 Sun <b>High Power match/4-H/Junior Rifle Club</b>	13 Sun <b>High Power match/4-H/Junior Rifle Club</b>
15 Mon <b>CLOSED</b> 8am to 1pm for NRA Class	16 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Jim Mayfield/John Hull
16 Tues <b>CLOSED</b> 8am to 1pm for NRA Class	19 Sat Public Shoot J DeGiorgio/Russ Broyles/Ted Phipps
17 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Bob Marsh/Bill Bruno	20 Sun Public Shoot John Threadgill Jr & Sr./C Henning
18 Thur <b>CLOSED - DFW at the range all day</b>	23 Wed Public Shoot David Maloy/S Schorzman/Threadgill sr
19 Fri <b>CBRSA Bench rest – set up and sight in</b>	26 Sat Public Shoot J Dearborn/L Cote/Dennis Lehman
20 Sat <b>CBRSA Bench rest – competition</b>	27 Sun <b>Black Powder/ 4-H/High Power/Junior Rifle Club</b>
21 Sun <b>CBRSA Bench rest – competition</b>	30 Wed Public Shoot M Malone/K Perkins/Merritt Morrow
22 Mon <b>NRA CLASS – ALL DAY 8 to 5pm – CLOSED</b>	
23 Tues <b>NRA CLASS – ALL DAY 8 to 5pm – CLOSED</b>	
24 Wed Public Shoot John Gerard/Keith Perkins/Merritt Morrow	
27 Sat Public Shoot Craig Calloway/Jon Jones/Melissa Jones	
28 Sun <b>Black Powder/ 4-H/High Power/Junior Rifle Club</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 JANUARY 2016 club meeting:**

Jim made a plea for more volunteers for events at the club to assist with all kinds of projects and dinners. If you have a flexible schedule - no problem, we'll take all the help we can get. Thanks. Call Jim at 559-802-7967. The **Wild Game Feed** is coming up on Saturday, April 9, and we are in need of all kinds of wild game, fish and fowl (and maybe even fresh road kill...just kidding...maybe). Jim congratulated member Jim Hay on making arrangements for his new grandson to be a LIFE MEMBER of the VSA!! Jim Hay really knows the value of a membership in the VSA! Thanks! There were 44 one day shooters at the range in December.

Frank T. gave some legislative updates and reminded everyone of the changes in requirements for non-lead ammo while hunting in California. Frank said to beware of having lead ammo in the field. "Stay out of trouble and leave the lead at home." Frank also related some personal recollections of Frank Easley (of the original Easley's Shooting Supplies). Mr. Easley led a full and varied life and was extremely talented and well-respected by all.

Member Brooklyn Dieter presented a beautiful metal sculpture wall hanging that is a plasma cut circle depicting the VSA letters and other artful creations. She presented the art piece to the club in appreciation of the support she has received from the club and the members.

Cruz H. was the big winner at the January meeting. He won the monthly drawing and chose the Sig pistol. Jim Mayfield had a drawing for a Ruger American Rifle in .22-250 as a *thank you* for the club house function volunteers. The names of everyone who helped out at the club in 2015 were placed in a bucket...and the winner was Ed T. WOOO HOOOO! Ed spends a lot of time at the club and has always been willing to help at all times!

The next **FAMILY DINNER** will be Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Featuring rib eye steaks that you can cook yourself or have one of the volunteers keep an eye on it over the BBQ coals. It's Valentines weekend! Enjoy a great meal with your family and friends at the club. Single diners are always welcome. Call Jim for your pre-sale tickets at 559-802-7967.

**FOR SALE:** Albanian SKS (7.63x39) with the original wood stock, with bipod. Also, about 700 rounds of ammo for sale. Asking \$425.00 for the gun and bipod. Asking \$5.00 per 20-round box of ammo.

Please contact Ron by email: [ronbarnsr@hotmail.com](mailto:ronbarnsr@hotmail.com).

**FOR SALE:** Ruger Super Blackhawk, .44RemMag, Stainless, New-In-Box, Call Don at 559-799-5555.

**FOR SALE:** Front Sight Training Academy certificate good for one person for 4 days, or two people for two days. Asking \$250.00, or make an offer. No expiration date. Contact Michael at 818-269-3731. Phone or text.

**FOR RENT:** House – 4 bedroom, 2 baths, with pool in Visalia. Rent = \$1,050. First and last deposit. Please call Riley at 559-625-1048. Available now.

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**NOTICE:** The February range calendar has some special events on schedule. It is recommended that for the most up to date info about the calendar, please go to the club website: [www.vзма.us](http://www.vзма.us). RSO's have access to the range on days that are normally closed...before loading up to go to the range, check the calendar!

**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).

	
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NRA Personal Protection classes have been scheduled for February at greatly reduced prices for VSA members.

- 1) NRA Basics of Personal Protection OUTSIDE the Home. This class is for students...  
Date: February 15-16, 2016. 8 AM to 5 PM each day. This class is two days and the cost is \$150, \$75 for Visalia Sportsmen's Association members.
- 2) NRA Instructor Personal Protection IN the Home Course. This class is for instructors...  
Date: February 18, 2016. 8 AM to 5 PM. This class is one day and the cost is \$150, \$75 for Visalia Sportsmen's Association members.
- 3) NRA Instructor Basics of Personal Protection OUTSIDE the Home Course. This class is for instructors...  
Date: February 22-23, 2016. This class is two days and the cost is \$250, \$175 for VSA members.
- 4) Please Note: you will need to register on-line for these classes.

**Online registration only for these classes. Please go to:** <http://www.nrainstructors.org/search.aspx>

**WEBSITE UPDATE:** The official website for the club has a new address. Please refer to: [www.vзма.us](http://www.vзма.us) for club events, schedules, RSO dates, newsletters, and more.

Our club treasurer, Melissa Jones can be reached by email at the new website address– [treasurer@vзма.us](mailto:treasurer@vзма.us).

**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.

**American Marksman** is a unique new shooting competition that pits amateur shooters of all ages against each other, all vying for the title of **The American Marksman**. This is your chance to shine.

You can register to compete right here ([www.ammarksman.com](http://www.ammarksman.com)) from now until May 31, 2016.

American Marksman offers four categories of competition: Men's Open, Women's Open, Junior (12-16) and Military/Law Enforcement. Not everyone gets lumped into the same category. Pick the category that fits you. At the end of the tour at the national championship, the best shooters from each of the categories will be pitted against

each other to chase the ultimate crown. That's right... the American Marksman winner can come from any of the categories. What can I win, you might ask? Great question. Keep reading (on the website) to find out. Oh yeah, and you might just end up on TV! We will film at various locations during the local and regional championship rounds. The national championship will receive heavy TV coverage as well. Are you ready for your close-up? We want to make you a star! (Above info is from the American Marksman website.) Local ranges include our very own Dale Wimp Rifle Range. Other range locations in Central California are Fresno and Bakersfield. Check it out...tell your friends!!!

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**Club Website:** For more info about the club, programs, newsletters, and activities please go to: <http://vsma.us>  
For any of your newsletter concerns, want or for sale items, please feel free to contact me, Chris Norman, editor, at [visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com](mailto:visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com), or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.





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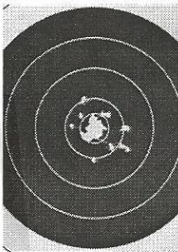


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