

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION (www.vзма.us)

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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, MARCH 10, 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, MARCH 15, 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:	559-625-5855
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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 **FEBRUARY 2016, general club meeting** – President Dennis Thornbury confirmed that the flag pole for the club house grounds has arrived and a concrete base will be poured soon.

Russ stated that the **range cleanup day** is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th. The gates will open at 6 am. He said there is a lot of work to do in the front/entry area and that the more volunteers the faster it will go. Helpers will get a free BBQ lunch and refreshments. Please bring yard tools and hand tools for normal repairs. We'll need a team to go thru the block house to get it straightened up, cleaned up, and swept out.

Jim reported that there was \$7,925.00 in January memberships and \$350.00 in one day shooters (35 shooters). He said that a new AC unit was installed at the club house for the back end of the building and that members should really feel a more balanced and comfortable temperature for the summer months.

The **Wild Game Feed** is coming up fast...Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the club house. We are still seeking any and all donations of fish, fowl, or game meat. Any quantities would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed as well to assist in set up, cooking, serving and clean up. Any time that you can spare will make a big impact. To help offset the cost of this very popular free dinner, drawing tickets are available for your chance to win 1) FMK AR-15 (lower receiver), 2) Smith & Wesson .38+P Bodyguard, 3) Ruger 10/22 rifle. Even if you can't attend the dinner, your \$10 ticket may win you a nice firearm and help support the club at the same time. Call Jim at 802-7967 for tickets, donations, or volunteer positions that need to be filled.

Loren Metzler said that the Hunter Education class dates have not been set yet. He gave an update on the VSA Junior Pheasant hunt. It was a wet and cold Saturday the end of January. There were 24 kids signed up and 17 of those were brave enough to face the weather and were able to take a total of 34 birds.

Loren also stated that several people have signed up for the *American Marksman* competition at our range and preparations are being made to have everything ready to go for the March 1<sup>st</sup> opening of the shooting program. Information and registration for this amateur based, nation-wide program can be found at: [www.ammarksman.com](http://www.ammarksman.com).

**VSA WILD GAME FEED – SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**VSA 100+ GUN DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

2 Wed Public Shoot Randy Tashjian/David Meloy/Scott James	2 Sat Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/J DeGiorgio
5 Sat <b>RANGE CLEAN UP DAY</b> -The range is closed today	3 Sun Public Shoot Mark Price/Aric Price/James Price
6 Sun Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/Allen Horsely	3 Sun <b>4-H at 3:00 pm</b>
9 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/ David Meloy/Stephen Schorzman	6 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Leroy Chism/Bob Marsh
12 Sat Public Shoot Jim Johnson/Russ Broyles/????	9 Sat Public Shoot G Brummer/Leonard Cote/J Dearborn
13 Sun <b>High Power match/4-H/Junior Rifle Club</b>	10 Sun <b>High Power Match/4-H/Junior Rifle</b>
16 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Jim Mayfield/John Hull	13 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/Mick Hogan
19 Sat Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/Russ Broyles/????	15 Fri <b>CBRSA set up and practice</b>
20 Sun Public Shoot John Threadgill Jr & Sr./Chuck Henning	16 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>
23 Wed Public Shoot David Maloy/S Schorzman/John Threadgill Sr.	17 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>
26 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Dearborn/Leonard Cote/Dennis Lehman	20 Wed Public Shoot Jack Leeth/????/????
27 Sun <b>Black Powder/4-H/High Power/Junior Rifle Club</b>	21 Thur <b>Closed for DFW special event</b>
30 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Keith Perkins/Merritt Morrow	22 Fri <b>Closed for 4-H County Match set up</b>
	23 Sat <b>4-H County Match Shoot</b>
	24 Sun <b>Black Powder</b>
	27 Wed Public Shoot J Threadgill/Allen Horsely/S Schorzman
	30 Sat Public Shoot Ernie Gomez/John DeGiorgio/????

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 FEBRUARY 2016 club meeting:**

Royce gave us an update on the **100+ Fundraiser Gun Dinner**. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Committee members have started selling table packages. Table buyers will receive a Springfield Armory 1911 .45ACP pistol, mil-spec. This is such an exciting dinner; it will have over 100 guns in the room – that’s on top of the number of table package guns!! Hundreds of quality items will be available in the live auction, silent auction, and drawings throughout the night. Join us for a great BBQ dinner with your friends while we raise funds for the pistol range improvement project and future club programs. Donations are now being accepted to be placed at the dinner and in the program. Call Royce to reserve your table and for more info: 559-730-8485.

Each monthly club meeting has a great opportunity to win your choice of a handgun (this month it was a winner’s choice between a Sig Sauer pistol and a Ruger Super Blackhawk revolver), or large gun safe, or the wild pig hunt! Tickets are only sold at the club meeting and are limited to those that buy a ticket that night...pretty good odds!!! Tickets are only \$10.00. Try the bar raffle with a chance to win some fine merchandise as well (ammo, ammo cans, knives, hats, gun socks, and a wide variety of other items!). Come join us...see you there.

The next **FAMILY DINNER** will be Saturday, March 12th. Featuring the mouthwatering creations of the cooking crew of down home comfort food. Call Jim for your pre-sale tickets at 559-802-7967.

**CCW Classes/Shooting training and more:** Jeff Sanders of Legacy Defense offers CCW permit classes generally on the third Wednesday of each month for Tulare County, Kings County and Utah (which adds the following states not covered by CA permits: WA, WY, ND, LA, VA, WV, GA, DE). Did you know that he will hold the class at your location (home or business) for as few as four attendees? Call or email for details. Jeff Sanders: 559-901-8360. Discounts for VSA members. He also offers full-service shooting training to help you achieve your full potential. [www.facebook.com/legacydefense](http://www.facebook.com/legacydefense).

**GLOCK AND SIG SHOOTERS** - Club member Jeff Sanders of Legacy Defense is now a *Suarez International* dealer! Suarez International is a manufacturer of **tier one** parts for Glock and Sig Sauer. Their products are designed and tested by actual Operator and SWAT members for performance and reliability. You can see what is available at [www.onesourcetactical.com](http://www.onesourcetactical.com), but don’t order from there, Jeff will give club members 10% off! Contact him at 559-901-8360 or his Facebook page [www.facebook.com/legacydefense](http://www.facebook.com/legacydefense).

**KNOTS:** One of the ways to catch more fish is to have a good knot that will keep the hook attached to your line when fighting that lunker. I know that when I am reading an article about fishing it will usually give you the *name* of a knot...but, what is it exactly? Blood knot, improved clinch knot, Rapala knot, surgeon’s knot, Trilene knot – great names, but how do you tie them, and when do you use them? Well, there’s a great website and an app for that! (Continued on page 3)

**KNOTS** (cont'd from page 2): In addition to learning how to tie knots for fishing, there are hundreds of knots shown for whatever sport or industry you may be in. You can learn about how a knot affects the overall strength of the line you are working with; why to use lubrication when tying fishing line; how to choose the right rope and rope fiber; and rope and knot safety. Where can you find all this information? [www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.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).

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**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.

**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.

**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 sign-up calendar will be at the range as well.

**VSA SWAP MEET** will be here before you know it. Set for Saturday June 11, 2016, at the VSA clubhouse. This is your chance to clean out your oversupply of sporting goods: boats, camper trailers, optics, knives, fishing gear, ammo, gunsmithing, reloading, etc. Don't have enough to reserve a table? You can bring it in and walk about for sale, barter or trade. Can't make it on that date and you still need to get cash for your items, we can handle that. You just want to get it out of your hands and have the club apply the funds to our programs, we can do that as well. Stay tuned for contact info and table reservation info in the near future. This is a very well attended event in the community with many buyers and sellers coming from miles around!

**WANTED:** Reloading dies for .303 Savage. Call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967.

**Hot ticket in town (Visalia):** V Town Roller Derby Season Opener will be on Saturday, March 5th, at Roller Towne in Visalia. Come cheer on V Town at this double header! Doors open at 5:00pm and wheels roll at 5:30pm with the Darlings taking on the Wasteland Derby Dames. Then at 7:30pm, the Dames battle it out against B.A.D. ShEvil DEAD. There will be a raffle to benefit The Joshue Ray Smallwood Foundation. And of course, there will be a beer garden (for the 21+). Tickets are only \$10 presale, \$12 at the door and kids 10 and under are always FREE. Tickets can be purchased at Roller Towne, The Crystal Barn, The Loft Thrift Store (Fresno), any skater, or from Brown Paper Tickets. [www.vtownderbydames.com](http://www.vtownderbydames.com) <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/250610>

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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