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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, APRIL 14, 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, APRIL 19, 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
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Loren Metzler – Board Member	559-280-8287	Ed Thomas – Sergeant-at-Arms	

THIS JUST IN: LADIES NIGHT AT THE RANGE. Starting on Wednesday, May 4th, and continuing on the first Wednesday of each month through November, will be regular shooting time at the range dedicated to ladies to shoot both rifle and handgun. This will not be a class, but just an extension of the regular range time for ladies to shoot handguns or rifles (or both). RSO's will be on duty during these extended range hours (3:00 – 8:00pm) for ladies.

At the **MARCH 2016, general club meeting** – President Dennis Thornbury indicated that the flag pole for the clubhouse grounds is in and the next part of the project is to install lighting. There will be a dedication ceremony in the near future. Jim Mayfield provided a membership update. There were 20 one day shooters in February (\$200.00) and new and renewal memberships brought in \$6,195.00.

Jim also mentioned that the club suffered from severe sewer back up problems recently. The Rooter service that was called charged two arms and a leg (\$4,800.00) and still did not get the line fully cleaned. It was really plugged up!! The city was called in and the line was back flushed from the street to get the stuff flowing again. A couple club members are looking into having a grease trap installed. He thanked the chukar cleaning crew for their work in prepping the birds for the wild game feed. (No feathers were found in the sewer cleaning process!!)

Jim reminded everyone of the **WILD GAME FEED** on **April 9th**. This year the wild game feed will be held the Saturday before the club meeting. You are invited to stop by the club earlier in the day to partake in the excitement and set up of this fun event. Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be about 6:30 pm. Please consider participating in the gun drawing – tickets are \$10 each – to help offset the cost of the FREE wild game feed even if you can't attend the dinner. Yes, the dinner is free, but you have the opportunity of win one of the three guns that will be given away that night. The three guns to be given away are: 1st – FMK AR-Lower, 2nd – Smith & Wesson Bodyguard .38 +P revolver, 3rd – Ruger 10/22 rifle. Call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967 for your drawing tickets.

The **VSA 100+ Gun Dinner** will be Saturday, May 14th, at the Tulare County Fairgrounds. The doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be 6:30 pm. Individual tickets are \$45.00 each, and *sponsor tables* (for eight people, and

the sponsor gets a gun) are \$1,500.00. Only 500 seats are available!! Table sales are brisk! For tickets or info, please call: Royce Nalls 559-730-8485, Jim Mayfield 559-802-7967, Esther Gipson 559-732-7638.

VSA WILD GAME FEED – SAT., APRIL 9th

VSA 100+ GUN DINNER – SAT., MAY 14th

**PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172.
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**FOR THE RANGE: 651-1415
MAY 2016**

2 Sat Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/John DeGiorgio	1 Sun High Power Match/Jr Rifle/4-H/High Power
3 Sun Public Shoot Mark Price/Aric Price/James Price	4 Wed Public Shoot Allen Horsely/John Hedrick/????
3 Sun 4-H at 3:00 pm	4 Wed LADIES TIME AT THE RANGE 3-8pm. First
6 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Leroy Chism/Bob Marsh	Wednesday of each month thru November. No need to
9 Sat Public Shoot Gayland Brummer/Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn	call, just come out to the range. RSO's on duty.
10 Sun High Power Match/4-H/Junior Rifle	7 Sat Public Shoot Ernie Gomez/Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer
13 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/Mick Hogan	8 Sun Public Shoot Micki Beechinor/ R Beechinor/J Johnson
15 Fri CBRSA set up and practice	11 Wed Public Shoot J Threadgill/Allen Horsely/David Malloy
16 Sat CBRSA Benchrest competition	14 Sat Public Shoot J Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/J Hedrick
17 Sun CBRSA Benchrest competition	15 Sun High Power Match/4-H/Junior Rifle
20 Wed Public Shoot Jack Leeth/Allen Horsely/Mike Green	18 Wed Public Shoot Scott James/Jan Reeves/John Sargent
21 Thur Closed for DFW special event	20 Friday CBRSA Set up and practice
22 Fri COS Shoot - Closed for 4-H County Match set up	21 Sat CBRSA Benchrest competition
23 Sat 4-H County Match Shoot	22 Sun CBRSA Benchrest competition
24 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power	25 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Mike Benyo/Jim Johnson
27 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/Allen Horsely/S Schorzman	28 Sat Public Shoot John Hedrick/????/????
30 Sat Public Shoot Ernie Gomez/John DeGiorgio/Rick Shaw	

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 MARCH 2016 club meeting:

Hunter Safety Education class dates have not been set yet.

Russ Beechinor thanked Leonard Cote and Riley Darby for their tractor work in re-grading the rifle range small berms and more!! Russ said the wood target frames have really taken a beating lately, and that the expense and effort to repair the frames is extensive. Russ reminds all shooters and RSO's to make sure that targets are centered in the frames as much as possible to reduce the chance of damage.

Russ stated that new steel gong targets were recently installed at the range and are already showing damage! Please **DO NOT SHOOT** penetrator ammo at the expensive steel gongs. Speed and steel core ammo kills steel! RSO's and all shooters are asked for cooperation in preserving our facilities by watching for steel core ammo use.

Check out www.ammarksman.com for details on the amateur based shooting program and how to find a range, such as ours, that is participating in the shooting competition.

The range received a load of firewood that was loosely dumped near the BBQ pavilion and needs to be cut into shorter pieces and stacked. If you see that it needs to be done and have the time, by all means please help us out and get as much of the wood cut and stacked as possible. Thanks.

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. Need Glock or Sig parts? Check with Legacy Defense. www.facebook.com/legacydefense.

FOR SALE: 1) Weber propane BBQ in great condition, asking \$175.00. 2) Cabelas firewood rack, new-in-box, for ½ cord of wood, 8-foot long, asking \$60.00. Contact Gary Bailey at 559-799-6435

FISHING WITH MARTY – Set your calendar for Saturday, July 30th, for another fantastic fishing trip with Marty and a boatload of your VSA friends! Details to be announced. Can't wait to get your line wet? Call him to see when he is heading for the coast for his next outing. He goes pretty frequently. Marty: 559-331-2098.

WEBSITE UPDATE: The official website for the club has a new address. Please refer to: 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. The signup calendar will be at the range as well.

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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.

The image contains two side-by-side advertisements. The left advertisement is for Dave Hamilton, a realtor with Century 21 Jordan-Link & Co. It includes his photo, contact information (Direct: 559-625-6955, Cell: 559-804-1679, Fax: 559-738-0946, appraisals.dave@gmail.com, www.visaliaareahomesforsale.com), and the address 2009 W. Feemster Ave, Visalia, CA 93277. The right advertisement is for Gus Gonzalez, owner of Gus' Body Shop. It features the shop's logo (Est. 1979), contact information (715 E. ACEQUIA VISALIA, CA 93292; SHOP 559.625.3636; WWW.GUSBODYSHOPVISALIA.COM; EMAIL: GUSBODYSHOPVISALIA@GMAIL.COM), and services including free estimates, collision repair, and insurance claim specialization. A slogan at the bottom reads "Your Satisfaction is our Reputation!".

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!

JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB

Summer Session Orientation: We will be finishing our 4H season on May 25th and starting our summer (June) VSA group. There is room on the waiting list for new shooters. Passing the Orientation class is required for anyone to be able to participate in the program. The next Orientation Class will begin June 22nd and continue on June 26th and June 29th. The Orientation covers all aspects of firearms safety, rifle nomenclature and function and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. The Orientation is only offered 3 times a year in January, June and October. This training is also available to adults on a space available basis. Contact me if you have a child or grandchild interested in learning firearms safety and marksmanship.

Contact: Steve Quinn. 686-1945, 471-8143, steveq@carifle.com

FYI: One of the best resources for all things gun related in California is the California Rifle and Pistol Association. They have the most up to date info on legislative actions and impacts on gun rights in the state. Your membership adds strength to their (and yours and mine) presence in Sacramento and other cities. One of their e newsletters – *CRPA NEWSWIRE* had a great bit covering some bad habits many shooters learn/develop/retain: “Dirty Dozen: Avoid these bad habits while shooting” by Eric Lamberson, March 23, 2016. Here's the list: 1) Performing movements during static training. 2) Drawing slower as distance to the target increases. 3) Taking your finger off the trigger between shots. 4) Unnecessarily adjusting your grip. 5) Failure to maintain a solid firing grip. 6) Pointing the pistol at yourself when you holster. 7) Failure to train with the trigger finger manipulation (retention) holster. 8) Failure to clear cloth in the holster. 9) Placing empty or nearly empty magazines in your mag pouch. 10) Crowd-

ing (getting extremely close to) cover. 11) Holding the hand gun at "Hollywood" ready. 12) Going too fast for your skill level. For the full article, please go to www.carpa.org

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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, or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.

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