

# 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, MAY 12, 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, MAY 17, 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
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Loren Metzler – Board Member	559-280-8287	Ed Thomas – Sergeant-at-Arms	

**LADIES NIGHT AT THE RANGE.** Starting on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION:** Class dates have been set for 2016. They are **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**; Saturday, June 18; and, Saturday, August 6. There have been big changes in the Department of Fish and Wildlife *Hunter Education Program*. Everything from setting class dates, student registration and reporting class results is now done online. All students must register online: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california>.

Registration can also be accessed through the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife web site:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Pre-registration> Click on **Hunting**; Click on **Hunter Education**.

Hunter Education Class Pre-Registration is FREE and required to register for any Hunter Education course. Pre-registration ensures the student will be able to purchase a hunting license immediately upon successful completion of a Hunter Education course. All students are required to obtain a California GO ID and *free* Pre-registration Hunter Education Document prior to registering for California Hunter Education courses.

Hunter Ed class area coordinator is Mr. Eddie Thomas, Jr. Messages or questions about the class can be left for Eddie at 530-391-8661. Please leave a call back number where you can be reached after daytime work hours.

**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

## VSA 100+ GUN DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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1 Sun <b>High Power Match/Jr Rifle/4-H/High Power</b>	1 Wed Public Shoot Jack Leeth/J Threadgill Sr/????
4 Wed Public Shoot Allen Horsely/John Hedrick/Bob Knutson	1 Wed <b>LADIES TIME AT THE RANGE 3-8pm.</b>
4 Wed <b>LADIES TIME AT THE RANGE 3-8pm.</b> First Wednesday of each month thru November. No need to call, just come out to the range. RSO's on duty.	4 Sat <b>CLOSED – Range Clean Up Day</b>
7 Sat Public Shoot Ernie Gomez/Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer	5 Sun Public Shoot Micki & Russ Beechinor/C Henning
8 Sun Public Shoot Micki Beechinor/ R Beechinor/J Johnson	5 Sun <b>4-H at 3:00 pm</b>
8 Sun <b>4-H at 3:00 pm</b>	8 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/Mick Hogan
11 Wed Public Shoot J Threadgill, Sr./Allen Horsely/David Malloy	11 Sat <b>CLOSED</b> “Wounded Warriors” special event
14 Sat Public Shoot Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/????	12 Sun <b>High Power/Jr. Rifle/4-H</b>
15 Sun <b>BLK Powder/4-H/Junior Rifle</b>	15 Wed Public Shoot Jack Leeth/????/????
18 Wed Public Shoot Scott James/Jan Reeves/John Sargent	17 Fri Benchrest set up day – closed
20 Friday <b>CBRSA Set up and practice</b>	18 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>
21 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>	19 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>
22 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>	22 Wed Public Shoot Jim Johnson/Bob Knutson/????
25 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Mike Benyo/Jim Johnson	25 Sat <b>4-H All day at the range</b>
28 Sat Public Shoot ???/John Threadgill/Mike Renzi	26 Sun Black Powder/Hi Power/Jr Rifle/4-H
	29 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/Scott James/????

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.

**Tickets and Table Packages for the VSA 100+ GUN DINNER are going fast!!** There are a few pre-event tickets for your chance to win great guns available. You **DO NOT** need to be present to participate in the pre-event drawings. Call Jim at 559-802-7967; Royce at 559-730-8485; or, Loren at 559-280-8287 for tickets.

At the **APRIL 2016, general club meeting**: Those in attendance were introduced to some of the members of the COS Women's Equestrian Team. The club has supported these ladies for several years now and the team and their coaches are supporters of the VSA club. One of their main fundraisers is the **Beast Feast Dinner and Auction** (coming up on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Tulare College Ag Pavilion.)

Members also had a chance to meet Justin George and his brother. Both are members of the VSA Junior Rifle Team. If Justin's name sounds familiar it is because I have previously written about his incredible shooting talent and performances at Camp Perry. Both brothers will be going to Camp Perry this summer. Justin is a *Distinguished Rifleman* for 2016. He has been invited to compete in the 2019 World Palma Championship in New Zealand!

Did you get the memo that NRA memberships are increasing in price in May? Renew or join now at the club or at the range. Just a couple days left before the dues increase. The VSA club is an NRA recruiter and can save you money on your membership. Pay by cash, check or credit card. Your membership counts as muscle in the fight for our Second Amendment rights in this election year.

Linda Kaiser is coordinating our **VSA ANNUAL SWAP MEET on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Linda Kaiser at: 559-308-6906, or Esther Gipson at: 559-732-7638. All types of sporting goods will be on sale. See great bargains in new and gently used items. Need a table for your items? Table fee is only \$10. There's room in the lot for boats! Call Linda or Esther right away. Some indoor tables may still be available. New air conditioning will make it a great place to be! The swap meet is scheduled for 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the club house. Do you have a few items you would like to pass on to someone else but don't have the time, you can drop it off at the club and Jim Mayfield will take care of the rest.

Eddie Thomas, Jr., is the new Hunter Ed instructor coordinator. Please give Loren Metzler a big round of applause and appreciation for his many, many years of teaching Hunter ED to thousands of youths and adults!! Hunter Ed classes for 2016 at the VSA club house will be **MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**, June 18, and August 6. Eddie said that there are major changes in registering for the class. (Please see page one for more details.)

Russ Beechinor stated that our new AR500 steel gongs at the range have been shot up and shot through. That's high speed steel core ammo that kills the steel. New regulations at the range is the steel core ammo is NO LONGER ALLOWED. RSO's will be observant and checking if steel core ammo is in use at the range, sorry.

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**More from the April club meeting:**

Continued from page 2: Russ also gave some details on how and when our range is scheduled (and closed to RSO shooters) on normally closed days to accommodate the area CCW and training instructors. The closed times are usually the same time of the month, but may be infrequent. The website [www.vзма.us](http://www.vзма.us) is updated as soon as a date and time is scheduled.

**RSO's** are reminded to check the website before traveling to the range to avoid conflicts. For more info on the range scheduling, please contact Russ.

Russ said that it sure is fun to shoot fruit, vegetables, clay targets and electronics at the range as long as it is safe and away from other shooters and with the permission of the RSO's. If you do, please clean up the mess and bits and pieces that end up all around. For electronics, please do not dump them in the dumpster at the range. It is considered illegal dumping and we can be fined a huge amount for the improper disposal of e-waste!! E-waste can still be recycled thru most normal channels that accept it, NOT the range dumpster. Thanks.

The April 9<sup>th</sup>, Wild Game Feed was a big success. The talented cooking crew served up some outstanding elk, deer, bear, chukar, and more!! There must have been at least 150 members that had a great meal and a lot of fun with friends! Winners of the three guns were: Kandra, Harry, and Don. Congratulations!

The **VSA 100+ Gun Dinner** will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, or Esther Gipson 559-732-7638.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/legacydefense).

**FISHING WITH MARTY** – Set your calendar for Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**RSO's: The 2016 range calendar is ready for you 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.

**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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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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