

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Please join us for dinner on Sat., December 10th!!

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 8, 2016, at 7:00 PM.** Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month and are open to all club members. New members are encouraged to attend the meetings to become more informed and more active in the club activities. Members are invited to bring a guest to introduce to the *Visalia Sportsmen's Association*. The club is located just north of downtown Visalia at 536 W. Roosevelt Avenue, one block south of Houston Ave., just east off of Sante Fe.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016, at 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 issues or concerns you may have regarding your Visalia Sportsmen's Association.

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DECEMBER MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the **NOVEMBER 2016**, general club meeting: Dennis Thornbury said that permits will be drawn pretty soon for the work to begin on the range improvements. Dirt work is expected to begin December 1st through about February 2017. He has the lease extension agreement “in hand” and will present the lease term to the board of directors at the next board meeting. He said the extensions are for 5-year terms and are renewable to take the lease thru the year 2032 (15 years).

Dennis pointed out that someone has really bad gun handling skills (that translates to really bad judgment) due to the fact that there is now a 4” hole in the roof above the shooting bench line. A safety/condition review of the range indicates that this was done on an “OFF” day when only RSOs have access.

Frank T gave us an update on the passage of Prop 63 – Ammo licensing, hi cap magazine ban, and more. Details are evolving. 5 million people voted FOR this *%&*&^#@#%\$!! 3 million voted against!! What the?!

**THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION STARTING ON
DECEMBER 1ST!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THERE WILL BE NO SHOOTING AT ANY TIME**

DURING THIS CLOSURE. NO CLASSES – NO RSO DAYS – NO TRAINING – NO PUBLIC SHOOT DAYS!!!!!!! UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – NO SHOOTING!

PHONE FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172
DECEMBER 2016

FOR THE RANGE: 559-651-1415
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THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION STARTING ON DECEMBER 1ST!
No berm & no pistol trap = NO SHOOTING BY ANYONE AT ANY TIME!!

For the most current info on the range construction please go the club website:

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Can you or your business help our range improvements? Please call Royce Nalls at: 559-730-8485.

The back berm of the range will be relocated. For safety reasons the range will be closed to all shooters.

Please contact the following for more info on the programs that are offered at the range: **Black Powder** – Mike Benyo 559-731-4666; **High Power/Jr. Rifle Club** – Steve Quinn 559-686-1945, steveq@carifle.com. **CBRSA** (Benchrest) – Dennis Thornbury 559-732-4401. The range is closed to all other shooters on match shoot days. Observers are always welcome.

More from the **NOVEMBER club meeting**: Royce announced that the 2017 VSA 100+ Gun Dinner committee is gearing up for another great fundraiser to be held MAY 6th, 2017. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of creating and building this very popular dinner. Sponsorships and donations are vital to raising funds that go towards the range improvements. Please contact Royce at 559-730-8485, if you can assist at any time before, during, or after the event.

Jim Mayfield was feeling good enough to come to the meeting. He's looking really good after his recent surgery and is happy to be breathing better. He thanked everyone for their calls and visits.

The **VSA Junior/Women Pheasant Hunt** will be held January 21st, 2017. Loren Metzler said anyone can help out and if you wish, bring your camper for a fun evening/night before the hunt.

Hunter Ed Instructor Eddie T. reminded hunters that everyone with a hunting tag (any specie) will need to report online if you DID, or DID NOT take any game. This applies to ALL tags and you must report even if you were not successful. There are time constraints to the reporting. If not reported, or reported on time, fees will be added to your next year's tags. On-line reporting will give you a confirmation number. Eddie said it is a good idea to write it down/print that confirmation and have it available for next the next year. Don't have a computer? Cal Eddie Thomas, Jr., for assistance. He is one of our board members, catch his phone # on the front page.

Did you know that Hunter Ed instructors can validate your deer tags? It's true. If you are unable to locate an officer or other official person, you can contact an HSE instructor. Call Eddie if you need assistance.

Our election nomination committee (Esther Gipson) read the slate of nominees for the December general meeting (December 8th). The ballot for officers has no challengers, they will be presented as they stand. Esther asked that the nominees for the 2 board positions introduce themselves (there are eight (8) candidates running for the 2 elected positions for board members.) The candidates are: Jeremy Chavez, Mark Dieter, Scott James, Ernie Kumpe, Bob Maxwell, Loren Metzler, Frank Tebeau, and Kevin Vedenoff. The election will be held at the DECEMBER 8th, general club meeting.

VSA FAMILY DINNER – SATURDAY, DEC 10th

What could be better than a great BBQ dinner in December? Join us for a PRIME RIB dinner that can't be beat! Raffle drawings! SPORTGO! And a whole lot more. The November dinner sold out fast, don't delay for the December dinner. Only 120 tickets are available! Adult dinner tickets are \$18 each, kids age 10 and under for \$12 each. Presale tickets available now for this very popular dinner!! Call Esther at 559-732-7638, or Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. Visa/MC, cash, checks. See you there!!

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CCW Permit Classes: Daniel Mansergh conducts the CCW permit class 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. You can receive **Arizona or Florida CCW permit instruction** for an additional \$30 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, Daniel can be reached at 559-741-3774; danielmansergh@gmail.com.

Good news: The statewide sales and use tax will decrease by 0.25 percent from 7.5% to 7.25% on Jan. 1st. The decrease in the statewide rate is effective for all cities and counties in California; however, the actual tax rate may be higher than the statewide rate in many jurisdictions due to the addition of district taxes.

Shooting Training – CCW Classes and more: Jeff Sanders of Legacy Defense offers CCW permit classes generally on the third Wednesday of each month for Tulare and Kings County, and Utah (which adds the following states not covered by CA permits: NV, WA, WY, ND, LA, WV, GA, DE, (subject to change)). Jeff will hold the class at your location – home or business – for as few as four attendees! Ask Jeff how to get the most from your Glock, have you experienced a trigger done by Jeff? You owe it to yourself to try one. Check with **Legacy Defense**. Jeff Sanders: 559-901-8360. www.facebook.com/legacydefense.

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Hey, you! Did you know that you could be one of the next RSOs to start on the job training? That means you can start enjoying the benefits of being an RSO; enjoying the satisfaction of helping others; enjoying knowing that you learned something new on your range service day. We need men and women that work well with others and apply rules carefully and respectfully. Call Russ at **559-280-4061**.

In the meantime...if you have any questions about your membership, membership expiration, membership cards, please contact: Jim Mayfield 559-802-7967, Russ Beechinor 559-280-4061, or Esther Gipson at 559-732-7638.

Club Website: <http://vsma.us>. For more info about the club, programs, activities, newsletters (current and past), visit the website, or call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. Jim is our master club coordinator as well as the best source for any tickets for club events or drawings.

For any of your newsletter concerns, "wanted" 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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JUNIOR PROGRAM NEWS – 4H and VSA Junior Rifle Club

Steve Quinn – Program coordinator

Program basics: There are two programs for junior shooting instruction – 4H and the VSA Junior Rifle Club (JRC). The programs are open to those 9- to 19-years old. Instructors focus on safety and firearms knowledge, then start training the young shooters in the 5 basics of firing the accurate shot and competition shooting. Although the junior shooting program is not a hunter education class, the basics of firing an accurate shot will be of benefit in the field or in any other type of shooting.

New shooters to the **JRC** and **4H** program start with an orientation class that consists of eight (8) hours of instruction on all aspects of firearm safety and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. The shooter must pass the orientation class to be allowed to continue on to the twice monthly practices.

Orientation classes are offered three (3) times per year. New groups are started in January, June, and October. If space exists in the training group, adults wishing to learn about firearm safety and marksmanship can be included in the instruction.

The **JRC** program runs year-round and recognizes progress by participating in the NRA/Winchester Qualification program. Awards are presented on a step-by-step basis through the four competition shooting positions. The **4H** program runs from September through June and offers four match competitions in the spring on both a county and state level. It has been noted that participation in both the **JRC** and **4H** programs offers the best experience to the young shooters through the skills awards and the direct competitions. According to Steve Quinn, ninety percent (90%) of the shooters participate in both programs, and the shooters win at least 66% of the awards in the 4H matches.

There are currently 14 shooters in the program, with space available for 6 more. The next orientation class will be January 18, 22, and 25, 2017. Rifles, ammo, and equipment is supplied by the VSA club. Funding received through grants from the NRA Foundation help offset the cost of the program to keep the program costs to the participants at a minimum. If you have a child or grandchild that you would like to have trained in firearms safety and marksmanship proficiency by *certified* NRA and 4H coaches, this class in January can get them started.

To reserve a spot in the Orientation Class, or for more information about the junior shooting program, please contact Steve Quinn at: 559-686-1945, 559-471-8143, email: steveq@carifle.com.

