

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER

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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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017, 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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017, 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.

Club House Phone # (answering machine): 559-635-7175 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

At the August meeting: Range construction is ongoing. Improvements for the pistol shooting area are progressing. We still need to remind everyone that **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO GO PAST THE 200 YARD TARGET LINE FOR ANY REASON!!!!!!** Members will be notified when the restriction is lifted. Also, the young 4-H/VSA Junior Rifle shooters that recently returned from Camp Perry were present at the meeting to express their thanks for the support from the club and its members. There was a 1st place finish in the Youth competition; 5th place in the General competition; and a 6th place finish amongst Military shooters. Pretty darn good!

The winners of the gun drawing to raise funds for the fishing trip were Randy T, Gene S, and Kevin C. Jim Mayfield said the memorial reception in honor of Bill Whitted was well attended. The club gave a plaque to Bill's family in recognition for the many, many years of service Bill gave to the club and the community.

At the August board meeting: Russ provided an update on new membership cards with card reader technology to make it easier, faster and more accurate to check in at the range and to keep up to date on renewals. More info to come in the near future.

Range construction is anticipated to be completed in December. Cost estimates continue to be reviewed.

PHONE FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172
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FOR THE RANGE: 559-651-1415
OCTOBER 2017

1 Fri CBRSA Benchrest	1 Sun Public Shoot ///?///?///?
2 Sat CBRSA Benchrest	7 Sat Public Shoot Sindlinger/T Holmes/???
3 Sun CBRSA Benchrest	8 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H
4 Mon CBRSA Benchrest	14 Sat Public Shoot Russ Broyles/K Vedenoff/M Dieter
9 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/Ken Schmidt/???	15 Sun Public Shoot J Chavez/Threadgill/G Ferguson and Mark Dieter
10 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H	21 Sat Public Shoot G Brummer/ LF Cote/J Dearborn
16 Sat Public Shoot J DeGiorgio/Alex Wright/???	22 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/4-H
Special Shoot after 3:00pm.	28 Sat Public Shoot L Cote/J Dearborn/D Lehman
17 Sun Public Shoot M Garcia/Brian Fulmer/Tom Bell	29 Sun Public Shoot ///?///?///?///?
23 Sat Public Shoot G Brummer/LF Cote/J Dearborn	
24 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/4-H	
30 Sat Public Shoot J DeGiorgio/??/?/???	

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.

RSOs are needed to fill the calendar. Call Russ at 559-280-4061, to get your name on the day(s) that will work for you!! Bring your smile, bring your lunch, and bring your super nice personality...just don't be late for the range to be ready to go for members at 8:00am on your service days.

FOR SALE: Savage MK2 left hand .22lr bolt action rifle. With wood stock and an accessory rail. Open sights and less than 200 rounds fired! Asking \$275.00. Call Steve at 559-686-1945, or Esther at 559-732-7638.

FOR SALE: .22LR Target Rifle Savage – Anschutz Mark 12 Heavy Barrel. Manufactured in the 1980's, this rifle has been a VSA club rifle since that time. It may not have seen a lot of use for many of those years as it is still very accurate. It has a late model Anschutz rear peep sight and a Lyman #17 aperture front sight with a set of Shaver inserts. The rifle also has an adjustable front hand stop and quick attach sling swivel. Asking \$600.00. Please contact Steve Quinn at 559-686-1945, or Esther Gipson at 559-732-7638.

The **Junior Rifle Club/4H** will be initiating the fall 2017 group starting October 24th. Since our main concern is safety, all new shooters must attend an 8 hour Orientation Class which will prepare the new shooters to safely and proficiently handle firearms. Orientation classes are only offered in October, January and June. Please email or text Steve Quinn at 559-471-8143 or steveq@carifle.com if interested. (More info is on page 3 of the newsletter.)

VENTURE CREW: The first recruit meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th, at the VSA clubhouse. Meeting time is 7:00 PM. Venturing is a program of the Boy Scouts of America that serves young men and women ages 14 to 20. The emphasis is on leadership leading to the Summit Award, and high adventure leading to the Ranger Award. These would be similar to the Eagle in traditional Scouting. Areas of interest include first aid, backpacking, caving, cycling, fishing, hunting, lifesaving, mountaineering, scuba, shooting sports, winter sports and more. If you know of a young person 14 to 20 that would be interested have them contact John Lose at 559/974-0998 or jlose2eagle@yahoo.com.

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. The September 2017 class will be held on MONDAY the 11th!! (A week after Labor Day.)

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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.

The next orientation class will be October 24th, 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 October 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.

Shooting Training – CCW Classes and more: Col. Jeff Cooper stated that there are three things you must have to be a competent “martial citizen”: Mindset, Gun Handling, and Marksmanship.

Jeff Sanders of Legacy Defense offers these three things. **1) Mindset:** You will acquire this from his CCW permit classes that are generally held 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, or the VSA clubhouse – for as few as four attendees! **2) Gun Handling:** This can be accomplished IN YOUR HOME using laser equipment and inert firearms, or at the range, or by combining both training regimens. **3) Marksmanship:** This too can be accomplished IN YOUR HOME using laser equipment and inert firearms, or at the range with live ammo, or by combining both training regimens. Bring all three measures together in YOUR environment - home or business - with a customized training session that will prepare you to win a violent confrontation.

Check with Legacy Defense. Jeff Sanders: 559-901-8360. www.facebook.com/legacydefense

FOR SALE: 1995 ALJO camper trailer, model 2360. Recently serviced, seldom used. Asking \$4,500.00.

Please contact Gary Bailey at 559-799-6435.

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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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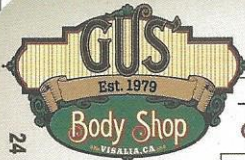



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Hey, you! Did you know that you could be one of the next RSOs to start on the job training? That means you can start enjoying the benefits of being an RSO; enjoying the satisfaction of helping others; enjoying knowing that you learned something new 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**.

Dove season is almost here! The following is from the website: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Upland-Game-Birds>

Species	Season / Area	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning Dove and White-winged Dove	Statewide	Sep 1 - 15 & Nov 11 - Dec 25	15, up to 10 of which may be white-winged doves	Triple the daily bag
Spotted Dove, and Ringed Turtle Dove			No limit	
Eurasian Collared-dove		All Year	No limit	
Species	Season / Area	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Wild Turkey	Fall	Nov 11 - Dec 10	1 either sex	2 per season

Spring	General	Mar 31 - May 6, 1 bearded 2018	3 per season, combined
	Archery Only	May 7 - May 20, 2018	
	Additional Junior	Mar 24 - 25, 2018 & May 7 - 20, 2018	

Nonlead Regulations:

As of July 1, 2016, nonlead shot is required when taking upland game birds with a shotgun, except for dove, quail, snipe, and any game birds taken on licensed game bird clubs. Please plan accordingly.