

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER

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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, NOVEMBER 9, 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, NOVEMBER 14, 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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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 October meeting: Election of officers and board members will take place in December. Members in good standing are eligible to run for any of the positions that are available. There will be two elected board member positions and two appointed (by the president) board member positions. Board member positions are for a two year term. Four of the board positions are elected and four of the board positions are appointed. With a total of eight board positions, each year there are 2 positions that are subject to election and 2 of the appointed board member positions that are eligible for the club president to fill.

In addition, the officer positions of President, Treasurer, and Secretary are voted on at each election. Interested members are encouraged to run for any of the positions that they may be interested in. It really is an honor to serve in a position that helps to guide one of the best social clubs that operates a great shooting range.

Do you have a desire to help our club continue the programs and offering that we have? Want to provide your input and guidance for new and exciting opportunities for our members as well as the public? Please contact Esther Gipson (559-732-7638) for more information about the positions and nominating process. Don't wait too long! The nominating period closes soon so the ballot can be presented to the board of directors and set before the December election!

RSOs are now able to access the range for use after 3:30 pm on our normally closed days. **MUST SIGN IN!!**

RSOs are needed at the range ASAP!! Check your calendar and fill those dates. Call Russ at 559-280-4061. Join us for the **NOVEMBER FAMILY DINNER** on Saturday, Nov 11th. More info on page 2.

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PHONE FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172

FOR THE RANGE: 559-651-1415

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4 Sat	Public Shoot	J Sindlinger/T Holmes/B Zentner	2 Sat	Public Shoot	
5 Sun	Public Shoot	James/Mark/Aric Price	3 Sun	Public Shoot	Frank Tebeau/J DeGiorgio/???
9 Thu	Special event – DFW all day at the range		9 Sat	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/C Calloway
11 Sat	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/C Calloway	10 Sun	High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H	
12 Sun	High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H		16 Sat	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/G Brummer
18 Sat	Public Shoot	J DeGiorgio/B Zentner/J Gerard	17 Sun	Public Shoot	J DeGiorgio/???/???
19 Sun	Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power/4-H		23 Sat	Public Shoot	
25 Sat	Public Shoot	John Gerard/Harley Slate/???	24 Sun	Range is closed today – Merry Christmas!	
26 Sun	Public Shoot	L Miller/K Vedenoff/J Threadgill	30 Sat	Public Shoot	
26 Sun	Junior Rifle & 4-H after 3:00 pm		31 Sun	Public Shoot	

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.

FOR SALE: Colt Commemorative Model 1873 Rifle and Revolver set. In 1984, Colt and Winchester collaborated to create a special commemorative set that features a Colt Model 1873 revolver and a Winchester Model 94 lever action rifle, both chambered in .44-40 caliber. Both the rifle and the revolver sport deep intricate etching and elaborate gold inlay. Neither of the firearms have been fired and the serial numbers are sequential. Everything rests in a beautiful lined oak display case. Retail price when new was \$5,000.00, but now the set is priced at \$3,500.00 or best offer. Please contact Jeff at 559-730-1829.

FREE ITEM: One box of Federal Premium .300 Win Short Magnum 180 grain ammo. Jeff at 559-730-1829.

FOR TRADE: Black Powder Kentucky Rifle, .45 caliber. This Sears & Roebuck kit gun has been kept by the original owner/builder since about 1975! The gun features the quality steel of Miroku, Japan. Would like to trade for a decent, functional, side-by-side. Cal Dave at 559-8164219.

More from the October meeting: PRICE INCREASE FOR MEMBERS TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1ST.

A single ADULT membership will be \$80.00. (A \$20 increase.)

A SPOUSE membership will be \$30.00. (A \$5 increase.)

A FAMILY membership will be \$125.00. (A \$25 increase.)

No changes for: JUNIORS, still \$10 for each junior 17 years and under. LIFE (per single adult), still \$500.00.

FAMILY LIFE membership, still \$750.00, for the primary adult with spouse and including juniors up to 18th birthday.

Renew before the end of the year to beat the price increase. Recently re-upped? A renewal will add more time to your current membership. Pay for two years? You bet! Three years? Sure you can! Cash, checks and credit cards.

Russ gave us an update on the range improvements. He said that the concrete work is done! A shipping container has been ordered and that the semi-trailer will be removed when the sea train arrives. Hand rails are being made and will be installed soon. And, the 200-yard berm has been covered by fresh dirt.

Ernie K. reported that several items still need to be completed such as the canopy, then the 10 shooting stations. Fresh rock will be placed in the parking area, gutters need to be installed, the berm for the pistol area needs to be enlarged, weeds need to be removed, and trees around the range need to be planted with irrigation to supply water. Ground cover needs to be selected and planted on the berms as well. The trees are necessary to help break up the sounds that are generated as well as for esthetic purposes. The ground cover is needed to reduce dust and dirt erosion as well as providing sound absorbing properties.

Russ indicated that the range should be open on Wednesdays starting the first of the new year!! Yeah!!!

FAMILY DINNERS Join us for the November Family Dinner on Saturday, November 11th, for a traditional Thanksgiving feast!!! Turkey, Ham and all the sides and dessert, too! Tickets for dinner are limited and must be reserved and paid for by calling Jim Mayfield, 559-802-7967, \$16.00 for adults, \$12.00 for the 12 and under crowd. We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

The family dinners are a great way to introduce your family, friends and neighbors to our club and the programs that we offer. By the way...there will be drawings and a chance (or two or three) to win guns!!

FOR SALE: Remington Model 40x with an Ackley bull barrel .223 custom built bench rifle. It comes with a \$1200 Leupold scope, hard carry case, and 70 rounds of hand-loaded ammo. Recently reduced \$1250. Call Cal at 559-741-3600.

What else is new? How about new membership cards! Why new cards? With over 1,200 members, it is a beast to try to accurately keep track of membership renewals, member contact info, and past due member accounts. The new cards will feature a magnetic stripe that will coincide with new card readers at the block house. In the future card access can be "at the gate"...especially helpful for RSOs coming to the range after hours. In conjunction with new website features, members will also be able to update their own contact info to help streamline the newsletter and news updates process.

LIFE members will be the first group to receive the new, durable, enhanced plastic membership cards.

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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**.

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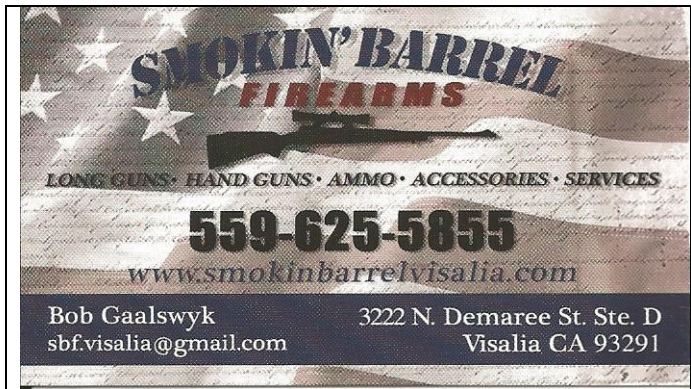
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CCW Permit Classes: Daniel Mansergh conducts the CCW permit class once a month, at the VSA club house. Classes are held the first Monday of the month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and are free to club members. There is no need to call ahead, just show up with 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.

WANTED: One of the most popular and (really) fun things at our family dinners are the gun drawings. We offer a chance to win vintage – and sometimes new - rifles or shotguns. These are typically something that has been donated or purchased from club members and are usually those shooters that have been leaning in a corner for a few years or decades. Funds raised go towards club improvements and programs. With the start of family dinners for the season, we are looking for a few of these “select” treasures that can be re-homed. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967 about what you may have available. Thanks.

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.