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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, JUNE 9, 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, JUNE 14, 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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### Here are some of the highlights for upcoming events:

**LADIES NIGHT AT THE RANGE.** The next dedicated time for ladies at the range will be Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Range time has been adjusted to now start at 5:00 pm and will end at 8:00pm.

**RANGE CLEAN UP DAY** is scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Gates will be open shortly before 7 am and we need your help to tackle the regular maintenance items; cleaning, organizing, inventory-ing, weeding, etc.

**VSA ANNUAL SWAP MEET** will be **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the VSA club house and grounds.**

**WOUNDED WARRIOR DAY AT THE RANGE – SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>.** All day. Extra RSO's will be on duty. What we really need from our members is to bring out some handguns and rifles of all types along with some ammo for the veterans to use. Your help in this regard will greatly add to their experience. Call Russ for more info.

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION** The next class will be **SATURDAY, JUNE 18.** Students must register online.

**JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB Summer Session Orientation:** The next Orientation Class will begin June 22nd and continue on June 26th and June 29th.

**CCW PERMIT CLASS:** Daniel Mansergh conducts the CCW permit classes once a month, at the VSA club house. The **JULY** class will be held on **MONDAY, JULY 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**VOTE on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Return your mail-in ballots now! We need your vote to count!**

**FLAG DAY is Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 coming soon. Call Marty at 559-331-2098.

1 Wed Public Shoot Jack Leeth/John Threadgill Sr./Allen Horsely	2 Sat Public Shoot Jim Johnson/J Sindlinger/Tom Holmes
1 Wed <b>LADIES TIME AT THE RANGE 3-8pm.</b>	3 Sun Public Shoot Steph DeNicola/J Chavez/R Beechinor
4 Sat <b>CLOSED – Range Clean Up Day</b>	6 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill Sr./????/????
5 Sun Public Shoot Micki & Russ Beechinor/Chuck Henning	9 Sat Public Shoot ???/???/???
5 Sun <b>4-H at 3:00 pm</b>	10 Sun <b>High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H</b>
8 Wed Public Shoot Jim Mayfield/John Hull/Mick Hogan	13 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Leroy Chism/Bob Knutson
11 Sat CLOSED “Wounded Warriors” special event	16 Sat Public Shoot Mike Renzi/???/???
RSOs: Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/Mike Renzi	17 Sun Public Shoot R Beechinor/Manuel Garcia/???
12 Sun <b>High Power/Jr. Rifle/4-H</b>	20 Wed Public Shoot Riley Darby/???/???
15 Wed Public Shoot Jack Leeth/???/???	23 Sat Public Shoot John Threadgill sr/???/???
17 Fri Benchrest set up day – closed	24 Sun <b>Black Powder/High Power/Junior Rifle</b>
18 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>	27 Wed Public Shoot ???/???/???
19 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>	30 Sat Public Shoot ???/???/???
22 Wed Public Shoot Jim Johnson/Bob Knutson/John Threadgill Sr.	31 Sun Public Shoot Leo Espino/Lee Miller/Allen Horsely
25 Sat <b>4-H All day at the range</b>	
26 Sun <b>Black Powder/Hi Power/Jr Rifle/4-H</b>	
29 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/Scott James/???	

The range schedule is subject to change without notice. Please check the website for the most current schedule. vsmas.us

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.

At the **MAY 2016, general club meeting**: Justin George and Kevin George were present at the meeting. Justin won the County 4-H match held at our range and was awarded his first place trophy. There were 122 shooters representing the area’s 4-H clubs! He presented the club a plaque in recognition of the support the George family has received from the club. The younger brother, Kevin, is sharpening his shooting skills at the range with guidance from our junior rifle coaches and the 4-H team. I’m sure you’ll be hearing more about Kevin in the years to come. Best wishes to Justin, Kevin, and the George family on their excursion to Camp Perry, Ohio!

Royce Nalls gave a rundown on the **100+ Gun Fundraiser Dinner**, on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Royce stated that volunteers are needed for various assignments at this sold-out event. There are some pre-event drawing tickets still available. (Now that the event is over, we’ll hear about the highlights at the June 9<sup>th</sup> club meeting.) Congratulations to everyone on the committee for making this a great success! Congratulations to all of our current and future members that will benefit from the proceeds that will be used for range improvements and programs and for other future needs of the club.

Russ Beechinor gave thanks for the repair skills of John Threadgill in repairing the red light electrical at the pistol lanes. Looks like someone took a pot shot at the overhead red/green light! (That’s another story of bad behavior that shouldn’t be tolerated.) Russ stated that a shooting tree has been installed at the range. Also, if you notice that a steel gong has broken its mount (on the berm of the range), please inform one of the RSO’s. If you notice any item that is in need of repair or improvement, please notify an RSO or call Russ directly. The next range cleanup day will be Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Regular maintenance and cleaning is needed to get us through the summer.

Member Dave Hamilton, Guns and Roosters Hunting Preserve owner, gave a brief rundown after his recent return from the *North American Gun Dog Association Gun Dog Nationals*. Dave stated that he had 3 dogs place in the top six in the nation for their respective competitions! Dave is understated about this great accomplishment by saying that his young dog was runner up; his middle dog was 3<sup>rd</sup>, and his old dog was 6<sup>th</sup>.

From the association website [www.nagdog.com](http://www.nagdog.com): The North American Gun Dog Association (NAGDA) provides bird dog owners the opportunity to improve their hunting skills and develop the instinctive abilities of their four-legged partners. NAGDA welcomes hunters from all walks of life and encourages participation by men and women of all ages and dogs of all skill levels. A total of nine divisions allow hunters to compete at a level suited to both themselves and their dogs, and encourages youth participation as a means of educating today’s up-and-comers about safe hunting practices in a fun and competitive environment.

Linda Kaiser reminded everyone about the VSA SWAP MEET at the club house on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. She needs help prepping the area for vendors and attendees. She is expecting a great turnout of sellers and buyers.

**FOR SALE:** 1) Henry “Big Boy” rifle, .357 magnum, bright brass receiver with blued octagon barrel, tubular magazine (10+1), with 3x9 BSA scope and 100 rounds ammo. Asking \$800.00. 2) Savage Model 93-R17 SVSS, .17 HMR caliber, with Leupold 3x9x40 scope and 500 rounds ammo. Asking \$650.00. Contact Steve Brelsford at 559-564-3476. Daytime calls please.

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.

**LADIES NIGHT AT THE RANGE.** The next dedicated time for ladies at the range will be Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Range time has been adjusted to now start at 5:00 pm and will end at 8:00pm. The first Wednesday of each month (through November) will have 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 (5:00 – 8:00pm) for ladies.

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION:** Class dates have been set for 2016. The next class will be **SATURDAY, JUNE 18**. The third and LAST class will be Saturday, August 6. 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. 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:** 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 (Steve Quinn) if you have a child or grandchild interested in learning firearms safety and marksmanship. Contact: Steve Quinn. 686-1945, 471-8143, [steveq@carifle.com](mailto:steveq@carifle.com)

**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).

**RSO's: The 2016 range calendar has a few "holes" in it.** It's ready for you to schedule your service days. Call Russ 280-4061. Email: [cflytech@pacbell.net](mailto:cflytech@pacbell.net). The signup 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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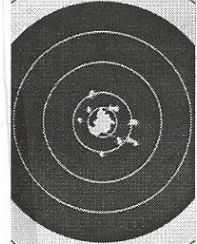
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