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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, AUGUST 11, 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 536 E. Roosevelt Avenue, one block south of Houston Ave, just east off of Sante Fe.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be **TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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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At the **JULY 2016, general club meeting:**

There were quite a few new members and guests at the meeting. It was nice to meet everyone and to see new faces. Dennis Thornbury led the meeting with an update on the range improvement plans. He stated that Dennis Lehman met with the assistant city manager and that the next step is a review with the city manager with the assistant city manager. After that, the process is a closed door review with the city council that should meet in August, potentially sooner. Confidence in an approval is pretty high...the next step would be negotiation of our lease of the range property with the city. Dennis said that construction times are being looked at for the end of the year (or beginning of 2017) and that the range would be closed for a couple of months.

Jim Mayfield gave a membership report and said that there were 16 one day shooters at the range in June. He also said that he needs to clear out some of the items used in our club "bar drawing" to make room for new merchandise coming in. Please talk to Jim and make an offer on some of the items!

Jim said that volunteers are needed at the club house for a variety of ongoing programs. Yes, it's true, some of our regulars are feeling the effects of aging...they are not shy about asking for help. Can you lend a hand? Call Jim. One of the ways you can help is by assisting with the updating and reconditioning of a cargo trailer Jim bought to assist in hauling stuff. Contact Jim or John Hull to see what needs to be done. Thanks.

Russ stated that there will be an NRA class for RSOs in September. This class is for everyone who wants to be an RSO; RSOs undergoing on-the-job training; and for those that are serving their days but have not taken the class. The NRA class for RSOs is the best way to keep *everyone* that visits our range SAFE. It provides a uniform performance standard that is a base for our range policies and procedures.

Russ reminded RSOs about the Saturday RSO meeting at the club house. The class is set to focus on our rules and policies; to review what changes may need to be made; what areas need more focus; what areas need more flexibility. All RSOs are encouraged to connect with Russ to let him know what you are experiencing at the range and to provide insight into any changes or revisions may need to be taken in the RSO/Range handbook.

1 Mon Closed 8am -2pm Shooting class	2 Fri CBRSA Cal State Championship
3 Wed Public Shoot J Threadgill/Mel Wong/Stephen Schorzman	3 Sat CBRSA SP & LV 100
3 – Ladies Night at the Range 5 to 8pm.	4 Sun CBRSA HV 100 & 200
6 Sat Public Shoot Chuck Henning/Manuel Garcia/???	5 Mon CBRSA LV & SP 200
7 Sun Public Shoot Russ Beechinor/Kevin Vedenoff/???	7 Wed Public Shoot Riley Darby/John Threadgill/???
7 Sun 4-H 3 to 8pm	10 Sat RANGE CLEAN UP DAY
10 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/Rick Souza/Richard Harris	11 Sun High Power Match/Junior Rifle/4-H
11 Thur CLOSED DFW event all day at the range	14 Wed Public Shoot Richard Harris/John Threadgill/???
13 Sat Public Shoot Jeremy Van Ness/John Threadgill/???	17 Sat Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/Ernie Gomez
14 Sun High Power Match/Junior Rifle/4-H	18 Sun Public Shoot Dennis Lehman/L Cote/Jeff Dearborn
17 Wed Public Shoot Scott James/Randy Tashjian/John Threadgill	21 Wed Public Shoot Mike Benyo/John Threadgill/???
20 Sat Public Shoot Need three RSOs??/??/??	24 Sat Public Shoot Mark Price/Aric Price/James Price
21 Sun Public Shoot Gayland Brummer/Leonard Cote/J Dearborn	25 Sun Black Powder/Hi Power/Junior Rifle/4-H
21 Sun 4-H 3 to 8pm	28 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/Mel Wong/???
24 Wed Public Shoot Leroy Chism/Allen Horsley/Bob Knutson	
25 Thur Closed 5pm to 7pm Shooting Class	
27 Sat Public Shoot J DeGiorgio/Ernie Gomez/Jeremy Van Ness	
28 Sun Black Powder/Hi Power/Junior Rifle/4-H	
31 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Mick Hogan/Richard Harris	

The range schedule is subject to change without notice. For the latest postings on the range schedule, please check the website: vsma.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 **CBRSA** – Dennis Thornbury 732-4401. The range is closed to all other shooters on match shoot days; observers are always welcome.

More from the JULY club meeting:

Frank Tebeau gave an update on legislative actions in the state. He read portions of the bills that were passed by Governor Brown – there wasn't much encouraging to gun owners. Members in attendance had lots of questions, many of which couldn't be answered at this time without a knowledgeable attorney to interpret the mess. For the best description of what everything means please go to the state association: **California Rifle and Pistol Association.** www.crpa.org

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION: The next class will be **SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th**. (Last one of the year at the VSA club!!) 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.

Congratulations to Jimmy George and Esther Gipson! We learned that they have completed the University of California *Program for Shooter Trainers* and are now certified 4-H/Junior Rifle Shooter Leader Trainers. That's quite an accomplishment. Way to go!

WANTED: Member Ron Barnett would like a little help in developing some hand loads. Do you have a chronograph and some time to meet him at the range once or twice? He is fairly flexible in times and days. He can be reached at: ronbarnsr@hotmail.com.

WANTED: Eddie S. is looking for a good quality like-new or gently used small semi-auto pistol in .380/9mm/.40 cal. One that would be suitable for concealed carry. If you can help this member, please email him at: ej-bb@outlook.com.

FOR SALE: Stag Arms AR Model #3 in .223 with Leupold 4.5x14x44 scope. (From the Stag website: Made to mil-spec standards and with the modular handguard, which accepts rail sections, this model is currently the most customizable rifle on the market. **What is the warranty coverage for this rifle?** A: All of our rifles have a lifetime transferable warranty.) \$1,500.00 Please call Sal at 559-679-8012.

FOR SALE: Cooper Model 21 "Phoenix", in .204 Ruger, with Leupold VX-3 6.5x20x44 scope. The stock is hand-laid synthetic with Kevlar Reinforcing Material that surrounds an Aircraft-Grade Aluminum Bedding Block. With stainless steel straight taper premium match grade Wilson Arms barrel. \$1,600.00. Contact Sal at: 559-679-8012.

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.
The September class date has been changed to Monday, September 12th. (The week after Labor Day.)

LADIES NIGHT AT THE RANGE. The next dedicated time for ladies at the range will be Wednesday, August 3rd. Range time starts at 5:00 pm and will end at 8:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month (through November) dedicated to ladies to shoot both rifle and handgun. Jeff Dearborn gave me an update that the participation for this range time has been steady and that there has been time for shooters to receive some instruction. He said several ladies have had little to no shooting experience and that they have been able to have some instruction time. (Jeff is NRA certified for several disciplines.) Please note, this is 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.

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.

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RSOs: 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. The sign-up calendar will be at the range as well.

The range may be closed for construction the last couple months of the year. Get your service days scheduled sooner instead of later. We need your help to fill in the RSO calendar.

Steve Quinn sent me a link to a web page about the Cal Grizzlies youth team. It's a great story with beautiful pictures: <http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2016/06/california-grizzlies-get-ready-for-camp-perry/>

Club Website: <http://vsma.us>. For more info about the club, programs, newsletters, and activities, 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 drawings and events.

For any of your newsletter concerns, want 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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