

# 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, OCTOBER 13, 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, OCTOBER 18, 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.

Club House Phone # (answering machine): 559-635-7175 Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board: 559-802-7967  
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At the **SEPTEMBER 2016**, general club meeting: Dennis Thornbury announced that the City of Visalia has approved our range improvement plans and an extension to our lease of the range property. In addition, approval was given for the club to extend the range to 300 yards. Dennis said that city representatives were interested in having coordinated event(s) with the Parks and Recreation Department at the range in the future. The city will have a list of safety items to be considered for the projects.

Treasurer Melissa Jones asked that RSO's accepting credit card charges at the range to please write down what the charges are for: memberships, one day shooter, targets, etc. There are printed envelopes at the range with a basic form to record the info. Doesn't have to be fancy...just to keep the funds in the right categories.

Russ stated that the RSO course for all the RSOs that need it will be Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please register online at: <https://rso.nra.org/become-a-range-safety-officer.aspx> There is a \$25 fee payable at the clubhouse for the class.

Members met Brooklyn and Christopher Dieter who will be showing their Yorkshire hogs at the Tulare County Fair. Brooklyn is a very determined hog raiser and loves showing at the fair. Her abilities and knowledge have influenced her freshman brother, this will be his first year of showing at the fair. Both show thru the V-Tech program at school. A "pass the hat" offer was collected and the club matched funds to help sponsor the family.

**PHONE # FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172**  
**OCTOBER 2016**

**FOR THE RANGE: 559-651-1415**  
**NOVEMBER 2016**

1 Sat Public Shoot J DeGiorgio/Paul Kuykendall/J Berkshire	2 Wed Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/????/????
2 Sun Public Shoot Chuck Henning/Steph DeNicola/J Chavez <b>4-H @ 3pm</b>	5 Sat Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/J Sindlinger/T Holmes
5 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/Riley Darby/????	6 Sun <b>High Power Match/Junior Rifle/H Power/4-H</b>
8 Sat Public Shoot Leo Espino/Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes	9 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/????/????
9 Sun <b>High Power Match/Junior Rifle/High Power/4-H</b>	12 Sat Public Shoot Bill Bruno/????/????
12 Wed Public Shoot Scott James/Kevin Vedenoff/J Threadgill	13 Sun Public Shoot G Brummer/Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn
15 Sat Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/Manuel Garcia/????	16 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/????/????
16 Sun Public Shoot J Threadgill/Lee Miller/Allen Horsely <b>4-H at 3pm</b>	19 Sat Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/Kevin Vedenoff/????
19 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Mick Hogan/R Harris	20 Sun <b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power</b>
22 Sat Public Shoot Jon Jones/Melissa Jones/????	23 Wed Public Shoot S Schorzman/J Threadgill/G Ferguson
23 Sun <b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power/4-H</b>	26 Sat Public Shoot Leo Espino/Jeff Dearborn/G Brummer
26 Wed Public Shoot John Threadgill/M Wong/Paul Kuykendall	27 Sun Public Shoot Steph DiNicola/J Chavez/Russ Beechinor
28 Fri <b>CBRSA Benchrest Set up day</b>	30 Wed Public Shoot M Malone/R Marshall/F Martin DelCampo
29 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest</b>	
30 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest</b>	

The range schedule is subject to change without notice. For the latest postings on the range schedule, check the website: [vsma.us](http://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** – Mike Benyo 559-730-4094; **High Power/Jr. Rifle Club** – Steve Quinn 559-686-1945, [steveq@carifle.com](mailto: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 SEPTEMBER club meeting:**

Esther Gipson is taking names for individuals interested in running for a position on the board of directors or for one of the officer positions. For more info, she can be reached at: 559-732-7638. The two elected board members whose terms are up are Jeremy Chavez and Frank Tebeau. There are 4 elected board members and their terms are 2 years. Every year two board members positions are available on the ballot.

Please keep Jim Mayfield in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from recent surgery. Jim is constantly thinking of ways to improve the club, so before the evening was over, he presented a list of projects and things to do at the club and range. Choose your item(s), get a team together, and let's get things going:

- \*\*Restack firewood (club and range)   \*\*Fix the cargo trailer   \*\*Trim/remove trees on east fence of clubhouse
- \*\*Clean out bark from trailer   \*\*Haul off misc. junk and trash to the dump   \*\*Clean out the sea train at the club
- \*\*Clean out and organize the storeroom   \*\*Replace the floor in the walk in cooler   \*\*Fix the hallway floor
- \*\*Repair the patio heaters   \*\*Clean up, fix up and organize patio tables and chairs, etc.   \*\*Cover up the quad
- \*\*Spray for weeds as needed   \*\*Check AC filters   \*\*Replace burned out light bulbs   \*\*Paint clubhouse ext.
- \*\*Remove "dead" power/utility poles laying in the parking area   \*\*Clean up game dressing rack area/BBQ pit
- \*\*Apply and spread rock/gravel around the driveway and parking area (see Art Dorado for more info).

**WANTED:** Club member Travis is looking for a Kahr Arms **CM9** pistol. Travis can be reached at 559-901-8163. Or email at: [travismann@hotmail.com](mailto:travismann@hotmail.com).

**JUNIOR RIFLE ORIENTATION CLASS:** Steve Quinn has announced the dates for the next orientation class: October 19<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and October 26<sup>th</sup>. He needs to hear from you by October 14<sup>th</sup>!!!!!! Reply by email to: [steveq@article.com](mailto:steveq@article.com). Please put "Youth Shooting" in the subject line of your email. Or phone: 559-471-8143.


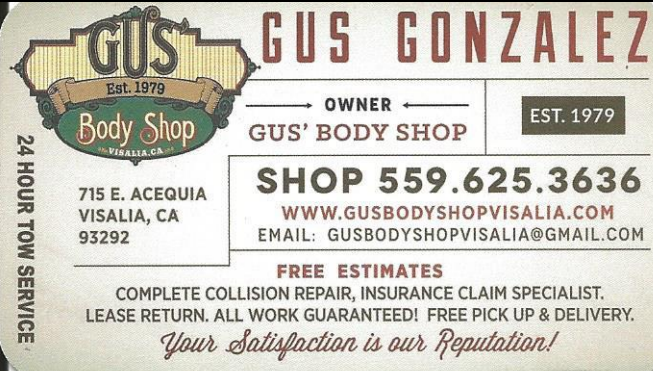


The Constitution of the United States: The signing of the Constitution took place on September 17, 1787, at the Pennsylvania State House (now called Independence Hall) in Philadelphia. When the Constitution was signed, the United States' population was 4 million. Philadelphia was the nation's largest city, with 40,000 people.

A proclamation by President George Washington and a congressional resolution established the first national Thanksgiving Day on November 26, 1789. The reason was to give "thanks" for the new Constitution.

**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](mailto:danielmansergh@gmail.com). **The September class date has been changed to Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.** (The week after Labor Day.)

**LADIES NIGHT AT THE RANGE** The next dedicated time for ladies at the range will be Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Range time starts at 5:00 pm and will end at dusk on the first Wednesday of each month (September, October and November), for rifle and handgun shooting. Several ladies have had little to no shooting experience and have been able to have some instruction time (if space and time allows). Jeff Dearborn is the lead RSO for this range time; he is an NRA certified instructor for several disciplines. Please note, this is not a class, but just an extension of the regular range time for ladies to shoot rifles and handguns or both. RSOs will be on duty for these extended range hours.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/legacydefense).

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George Washington was born on February 11, 1731, under the Julian calendar. In 1752, Great Britain converted to the Gregorian calendar. (The English colonies in America changed at the same time.) An act of Parliament added eleven days to complete the adjustment, and Washington's birthday became February 22, 1732! (*ibid*).

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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](mailto:visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com), or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.

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