

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## NOVEMBER

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***HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Join us for dinner on Sat., November 12<sup>th</sup>!!***

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 10, 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, NOVEMBER 15, 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 **OCTOBER 2016**, general club meeting: Vice President Russ Beechinor filled in for the Dennis Thornbury for the evening (as well as providing the treasurer's report and Jim's membership report.) Russ asked Esther Gipson for a report on the VSA Officer and Board Member election in November. Esther stated that Dennis requested the ballot to show officers as they stand; there are eight (8) candidates running for the 2 elected positions for board members. The candidates are: Jeremy Chavez, Mark Dieter, Scott James, Ernie Kumpe, Bob Maxwell, Loren Metzler, Frank Tebeau, Kevin Vedenoff. The election will be held at the **DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**, general club meeting.

Russ said that Jim Mayfield is now recovering at home and is doing well after his recent surgery. Esther stated that the folks that picked up Jim's workload (everyone is a volunteer here) is learning all that he has and continues to do and is getting through his workload.

Russ introduced Ernie Kumpe. Ernie has been working with the range committee and has been instrumental in getting plans for the range improvements done. Ernie presented detailed renderings of what the range may look like with the construction. Ernie said that if the club were to pay the "retail" estimates for all of the construction, the total would be \$250,000 or more. He said the committee is working to develop ways to reach our members and community supporters for donations to get the project completed.

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[See page 2 for more info about the VSA Family Dinner on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.]

**PHONE FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172**  
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**FOR THE RANGE: 559-651-1415**  
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2 Wed Public Shoot J Threadgill, Sr/P Kuykendall/B Zentner	3 Sat Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix Martin del Campo/????
5 Sat Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/J Sindlinger/T Holmes	4 Sun Public Shoot R Marshall/Felix Martin del Campo/????
6 Sun <b>High Power Match/Junior Rifle/H Power/4-H</b>	7 Wed Public Shoot Marty Malone/Bob Marsh/Bill Bruno
9 Wed Public Shoot J Threadgill, Sr/Allen Horsely/Rick Shaw	10 Sat Public Shoot Mark Price/Jim Price/Aric Price
12 Sat Public Shoot Bill Bruno/Allen Horsely/????	11 Sun <b>High Power Match/Junior Rifle/H Power/4-H</b>
13 Sun Public Shoot G Brummer/Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn	14 Wed Public Shoot Ken Schmidt/Wade Roberts/????
16 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Threadgill, Sr/Wade Roberts	17 Sat Public Shoot D Lehman/Leonard Cote/Jeff Dearborn
19 Sat Public Shoot John DeGiorgio/K Vedenoff/W Roberts	18 Sun Public Shoot John Threadgill Jr & Sr/Allen Horsely
20 Sun <b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power</b>	21 Wed Public Shoot J Threadgill Sr/Ken Schmidt/????
23 Wed Public Shoot S Schorzman/J Threadgill/G Ferguson	24 Sat <b>Closed for the Christmas holiday. Take care.</b>
24 Thu <b>Happy Thanksgiving!!</b>	25 Sun <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Closed for the day.</b>
26 Sat Public Shoot Leo Espino/Jeff Dearborn/G Brummer	28 Wed Public Shoot Bill Bruno/Matt Hopper/Ken Schmidt
27 Sun Public Shoot Steph DiNicola/J Chavez/Russ Beechinor	31 Sat <b>CLOSED Have a safe new year!</b>
30 Wed Public Shoot M Malone/R Marshall/F MartinDelCampo	The range schedule is subject to change without notice. For the latest postings on the range schedule, 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** – 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 **OCTOBER club meeting:**

Russ fielded a question about the presence of lead at the range, he stated the EPA said our quantity of lead is low enough and that NO abatement is required.

Russ also said the Air Quality Management District has given the “go ahead” on the project. He also stated that an expansion to 300 yard will require that electrical service is run to the target line (specifically for the use of benchrest shooters for using specialized target backers). The opportunity to shoot 300 yards opens up the potential for further competitions at that distance. Also, 300 yards will need more (and closer) RSO supervision.

The actual construction start date and completion is open, but the committee is aiming for a date in December for removal of the existing pistol trap and structure and a February ribbon cutting. It is estimated that 28 loads of concrete will be needed and lots of rebar and rebar tying will be needed.

Bob Gaalswyk also expressed the need for member and community donations of monetary and in-kind donations: lumber, electrical, block work, concrete/rebar laborers, etc. Sponsor and donor recognition is being discussed to acknowledge everyone’s assistance.

Mike Benyo, junior rifle program instructor gave an update on the incredible performance of Justin and Kevin George at Camp Perry, Ohio, shoots. Kevin is 12 years old and is on target to qualify for the 2019 Palm World Championships in New Zealand! (17-year old Justin has already qualified.) Kevin was a first time competitor at the 1,000-yard range. He was using a borrowed rifle and ammo that was given to him...he placed 550 (approximately) out of over 1,000 other shooters. He outperformed seasoned military and sponsored shooters with many more years of experience!!! Kevin presented a plaque to the club and thanked members for their encouragement and support. Justin’s performance was equally impressive; he was on the team (or as an individual) that won a National Team Trophy, Minuteman Team Trophy, International Team Trophy, and a Palma Match. (Probably more, too. I couldn’t write my notes fast enough.)

Russ announced that the **Exeter Sportsmen’s Club** will hold their 45<sup>th</sup> Annual “**Turkey Shoot**” on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact David Brown at 559-936-7790 for more info. In addition, there will be a **Youth Pheasant Hunt** on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Paul Brown at 559-300-4001 for info.

## VSA FAMILY DINNER – SATURDAY, NOV 12<sup>th</sup>

Our traditional Thanksgiving Family Dinner Feast will feature all of your favorites...turkey, ham, and all of the fixin’s! Raffle drawings! SPORTGO! And a whole lot more. Adult dinner tickets are \$15 each, kids age 10 and under for \$10 each. Presale tickets available now! Reserve you dinner ticket now for this very popular dinner!! Call Esther at 559-732-7638, or Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. Visa/MC, cash, checks. See you there!!

**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).

**LADIES NIGHT AT THE RANGE** The next dedicated time for ladies at the range will be Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Range time starts at 5:00 pm and will end at dusk on the first Wednesday of each month, for rifle and handgun shooting. 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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In the meantime...if you have any questions about your membership, membership expiration, membership cards, please contact Russ Beechinor at 559-280-4061, or Esther Gipson at 559-732-7638.



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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