

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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, MAY 11, 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, MAY 16, 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 **APRIL 2017**, general club meeting: Dennis provided an update to the range improvement plans. He said that a consultant based in Santa Rosa, CA, is in the process of writing two plans for the club to submit to the county for use of the range. The first plan is for temporary use of the range limiting access and shooting out to the 200-yard line with berm work continuing. The second plan is a long term proposal to go to the 300-yard line for full access to the shooting range. The consultant is working on the project at no charge to the club. Dennis said that having gongs placed at the 300 yard length is probably not in the short (range) plan. The plan – so far – is to have 1 foot of clean fill dirt to cover the extended range.

Eddie Thomas thanked everyone for their help and attendance (125 people) of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of his parents, Ed and Carol Thomas, at the VSA club house. Special thanks for Art Dorado and crew for creating a great meal!

Eddie presented a plaque to Jim Mayfield recognizing his accomplishments for the club, and for naming the club house as the *Jim Mayfield Club House*. Eddie presented a plaque to Dennis Thornbury recognizing his accomplishments as well for the club. The block house at the range is now known as the *Dennis Thornbury Block House*. Congratulations to Dennis and Jim!! Many, many THANKS! Did you know that in addition to serving as

the president of the National Benchrest Shooters Association, Dennis has held 10 **world records** in the bench rest shooting sports!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**THE RANGE IS CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION!! (As of December 1<sup>st</sup>) THERE WILL BE  
NO SHOOTING AT ANY TIME DURING THIS CLOSURE.**

For the most current info on the range construction please go the club website: [www.vσμα.us](http://www.vσμα.us)

**PHONE FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172**

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

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Please contact the shooting program coordinators (below) for their programs to see if alternative venues and times are available.	
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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](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 news from the club meeting:**

**Hunter Ed Classes at the club** – Eddie T announced the dates for the *three* HSE classes. First = Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, (yes, it is on a Sunday). Second = Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Third = Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Eddie reminded everyone that as of 2019, there will be no lead bullets allowed at all for hunting in the state. A recent meeting of HSE instructors from throughout the state on the laws and legislation in California emphasizes the need for everyone to join the *California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA.org.)* The official state organization that has the strongest presence in Sacramento! Eddie said that more states are following California’s lead in restrictive gun laws. “There are some doozies out there”, referencing what laws are being proposed. State laws are changing so fast, hunters and shooters need to be careful when out of state.

#### **SWAP MEET, June 10, 2017 at the VSA Clubhouse and Grounds**

**For info: call Linder Kaiser 559-308-6906, or Esther Gipson 559-732-7638**

Call Linda Kaiser or Esther Gipson to reserve your indoor or outdoor space or table for the very popular swap meet. Advertisements have already been placed in the *Thrifty Nickel*. Fliers have been printed and passed around town...previous vendors have been contacted...all we need is everyone to attend!! Buyers and sellers will have something for everyone!! New and used sporting goods! You may find a boat or a basketball, a clam scale or a clay thrower, binoculars or a brick of bullets! Guns may and will be shown, but please observe all laws and know that purchases can’t be made on the club house grounds. Breakfast and lunch and refreshments will be available. PLEASE share the date and info with everyone you know – family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers!!

#### **VSA 100+ Gun Dinner, Saturday, MAY 6, 2017 - Tulare County Fairgrounds**

Royce confirmed that **TABLE PACKAGES** and **individual tickets** (at \$45 per person) are now available. There are two types of *table packages available*: **1)** Springfield Armory XD 9 Tables = \$1,500 for 8 people per table with one XD 9 pistol to the table buyer (plus raffle tickets); **2)** Kimber Ultra Carry II **Upgrade Table** = \$2,000 for 8 people per table with one Kimber pistol to the table buyer (plus raffle tickets). **Only 5 Upgrade Tables are available!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Info & Tickets: Royce (559)730-8485, Jim (559)802-7967

Contact Royce at 559-730-8485, if you can assist at any time before, during, or after the event.

Can you or your business donate an interesting or unique item to our VSA 100+ Gun Dinner to help raise funds for the range improvements? Condo rental or timeshare? Quality artwork? Jewelry? Firearms? Ammo? Coolers? Painting services? Tree Removal? Just about anything can be used to raise funds. Give Royce a call.

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If you made it to the wild game feed, you know how great the food was!! My particular favorite was the antelope meatloaf, the fried fish, the pheasant, the bear stew...well, you know, I could go on and on. If you missed it, thank you! Just more for the rest of us. No, seriously, put it on your calendar for next year. It will be the Saturday after the club meeting in April 2018. When's the club meeting in April 2018? It's the second Thursday of the month. Thank you for everyone that donated meat, fowl and fish!! Thank you everyone for helping out to make this dinner superb! And to the members that came to dinner, thank you for spending some time at the club with some friends.

**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).

**Shooting Training – CCW Classes and more:** Col. Jeff Cooper stated that there are three things you must have to be a competent “martial citizen”: Mindset, Gun Handling, and Marksmanship. Jeff Sanders of Legacy Defense offers these three things. **1) Mindset:** You will acquire this from his CCW permit classes that are generally held 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, or the VSA clubhouse – for as few as four attendees! **2) Gun Handling:** This can be accomplished IN YOUR HOME using laser equipment and inert firearms, or at the range, or by combining both training regimens. **3) Marksmanship:** This too can be accomplished IN YOUR HOME using laser equipment and inert firearms, or at the range with live ammo, or by combining both training regimens. Bring all three measures together in YOUR environment - home or business - with a customized training session that will prepare you to win a violent confrontation.

Check with Legacy Defense. Jeff Sanders: 559-901-8360. [www.facebook.com/legacydefense](http://www.facebook.com/legacydefense)

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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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