

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, OCTOBER 12, 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, OCTOBER 17, 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.

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At the September meeting: Yes, construction is progressing at the range. Good progress is being made on the pistol lanes. The BBQ area is getting a facelift as well, and the framing for that is coming along nicely. The range is open on Saturdays and Sundays, with club groups and special competitions scheduled for weekends as well. Please check the newsletter calendar and/or the website calendar for the latest range events.

Thank you for your cooperation at the range by observing that **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO GO PAST THE 200 YARD TARGET LINE FOR ANY REASON!**

Marty reported that everyone who got their lines wet on the August fishing trip experienced great success. There were lots of really good fish brought on board, cleaned and taken home!!

Election of officers and board members will take place in December. Before that happens a list of nominations will be compiled and presented to the board for ballots to be presented to the members. Do you have a desire to help our club continue the programs and offering that we have? Want to provide your input and guidance for new and exciting opportunities for our members as well as the public? Please contact Esther Gipson for more information about the positions and nominating process. She can be reached at 559-732-7638.

At the September board meeting, guest speaker, Edward Worley, California State NRA Representative, discussed special NRA projects that are available to gun ranges. He encouraged the VSA to apply for grants.

RSOs are needed at the range ASAP!! The cooler temps will be bringing the shooters out in droves, especially those checking zeroes getting ready for their season openers. Call Russ at 559-280-4061.

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PHONE FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172

FOR THE RANGE: 559-651-1415

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NOVEMBER 2017

1 Sun	Public Shoot	L Miller/C Calloway/J Dearborn	4 Sat	Public Shoot	Jeff Sindlinger/Tom Holmes/???
7 Sat	Public Shoot	J Sindlinger/T Holmes/Tom Bell	5 Sun	Public Shoot	??/??/??
8 Sun	High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H		9 Thu	Special event – DFW all day at the range	
14 Sat	Public Shoot	R Broyles/K Vedenoff/M Dieter	11 Sat	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/C Calloway
15 Sun	Public Shoot	Manuel Garcia/John Threadgill/ Mark Dieter/George Ferguson	12 Sun	Public Shoot	High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H
21 Sat	CBRSA		18 Sat	Public Shoot	J DeGiorgio/??/??
22 Sun	CBRSA		19 Sun	Black Powder/Junior Rifle/4-H	
28 Sat	Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/D Lehman	25 Sat	Public Shoot	??/??/??
29 Sun	Black Powder/Junior Rifle/4-H		26 Sun	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Kevin Vedenoff/??

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. **CBRSA** (Benchrest) – Dennis Thornbury 559-732-4401.

The **Junior Rifle Club/4H** will be initiating the fall 2017 group starting October 24th. Since our main concern is safety, all new shooters must attend an 8 hour Orientation Class which will prepare the new shooters to safely and proficiently handle firearms. Orientation classes are only offered in October, January and June. Please email or text Steve Quinn at 559-471-8143 or steveq@carifle.com if interested. (More info is on page 3 of the newsletter.)

FOR SALE: Savage Stevens Model 512 Goldwing 12 ga over/under shotgun. \$525.00. **Browning A-Bolt II** Medallion rifle in .243 caliber with Burris 4x16x44 *Signature* scope, \$875.00. Call or text David at 559-308-3821.

FOR TRADE: Remington Model 700 rifle in .270 caliber. Excellent condition with a beautiful Monte Carlo style stock, fixed magazine top loads from an open bolt. Includes sling. Would like to **TRADE** for a .44 magnum revolver. Please call Al or Ron at 559-528-1212.

FOR SALE: GOEX Black powder in one-pound cans. There are: 3 each of **FF**, 3 each of **FFF**, and 1 each of **FFFF**. These were recently purchased and bought too many! Asking \$11.00 each. Call Richard at 559-733-9841.

FOR SALE: Hornady 17 HMR, 17 grain V-Max ammo. Hornady item # 83170. 50 rounds per plastic box. Muzzle velocity of 2,550 feet per second. 20 boxes available. \$10.00 per box. Call/text Chris at 661-805-0164.

FOR SALE: Remington Model 40x with an Ackley bull barrel .223 custom built bench rifle. It comes with a \$1200 Leupold scope, hard carry case, and 70 rounds of hand-loaded ammo. Asking \$1500. Call Cal at 559-741-3600

VENTURE CREW: The first recruit meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th, at the VSA clubhouse. Meeting time is 7:00 PM. Venturing is a program of the Boy Scouts of America that serves young men and women ages 14 to 20. The emphasis is on leadership leading to the Summit Award, and high adventure leading to the Ranger Award. These would be similar to the Eagle in traditional Scouting. Areas of interest include first aid, backpacking, caving, cycling, fishing, hunting, lifesaving, mountaineering, scuba, shooting sports, winter sports and more. If you know of a young person 14 to 20 that would be interested have them contact John Lose at 559/974-0998 or jlose2eagle@yahoo.com.

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.

JUNIOR PROGRAM NEWS – 4H and VSA Junior Rifle Club

Steve Quinn – Program coordinator

Program basics: There are two programs for junior shooting instruction – 4H and the VSA Junior Rifle Club (JRC). The programs are open to those 9- to 19-years old. Instructors focus on safety and firearms knowledge, then start training the young shooters in the 5 basics of firing the accurate shot and competition shooting. Although the junior shooting program is not a hunter education class, the basics of firing an accurate shot will be of benefit in the field or in any other type of shooting.

New shooters to the **JRC** and **4H** program start with an orientation class that consists of eight (8) hours of instruction on all aspects of firearm safety and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. The shooter must pass the orientation class to be allowed to continue on to the twice monthly practices.

Orientation classes are offered three (3) times per year. New groups are started in January, June, and October. If space exists in the training group, adults wishing to learn about firearm safety and marksmanship can be included in the instruction.

The **JRC** program runs year-round and recognizes progress by participating in the NRA/Winchester Qualification program. Awards are presented on a step-by-step basis through the four competition shooting positions. The **4H** program runs from September through June and offers four match competitions in the spring on both a county and state level. It has been noted that participation in both the **JRC** and **4H** programs offers the best experience to the young shooters through the skills awards and the direct competitions. According to Steve Quinn, ninety percent (90%) of the shooters participate in both programs, and the shooters win at least 66% of the awards in the 4H matches.

The next orientation class will be October 24th, 2017. Rifles, ammo, and equipment is supplied by the VSA club. Funding received through grants from the NRA Foundation help offset the cost of the program to keep the program costs to the participants at a minimum. If you have a child or grandchild that you would like to have trained in firearms safety and marksmanship proficiency by *certified* NRA and 4H coaches, this class in October can get them started.

To reserve a spot in the Orientation Class, or for more information about the junior shooting program, please contact Steve Quinn at: 559-686-1945, 559-471-8143, email: steveq@carifle.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

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, or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.

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