

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER

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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, DECEMBER 14, 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, DECEMBER 19, 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
Dennis Thornbury – President: 559-732-4401 Jeremy Chavez – Board Member: 559-302-8718
Russ Beechinor – Vice President: 559-280-4061 Frank Tebeau – Board Member: xxx-unknown
(Open) – Treasurer: xxx-xxx-xxxx Bob Gaalswyk – Board Member: 559-625-5855
Chris Norman – Secretary: 661-805-0164 Ernie Kumpke – Board Member: 559-802-8446
Dirk Steelman – Exec. VP (FFL operations): 559-732-7726 Sean Vedenoff – Board Member: 559-786-6184
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 November meeting: Election of officers and board members will take place at the December general meeting, December 14th. With a total of eight board positions, board members serve for two years. Each year there are two (2) positions that are subject to election and two (2) of the appointed board member positions that the club president fills. Full club members in good standing are eligible to cast their vote.

The ballot is:

For the office of President: Dennis Thornbury

For the office of Vice President: Russ Beechinor

For the office of Secretary: Chris Norman

For the office of Treasurer: Open position

For the TWO elected Board Member positions: Bob Gaalswyk, Ernie Kumpke, John Lose, Royce Nalls,
Kevin Vedenoff, Sean Vedenoff

Russ stated that new member ID cards are being introduced and will be mailed to members as their renewals and new member applications are processed. In addition to future enhanced benefits of the website and newsletter mailing process, easy scanning and signing in at the range will get everyone on target faster.

RSOs are needed at the range ASAP!! Check your calendar and fill those dates. Call Russ at 559-280-4061. The **DECEMBER FAMILY DINNER** will be Saturday, Dec 16th. A perfect *prime rib!!!* More info on page 2.

PHONE FOR THE CLUB: 559-635-7172
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FOR THE RANGE: 559-651-1415
JANUARY 2018

2 Sat	Public Shoot	B Fulmer/W Fulmer/ B Zentner	3 Wed	Public Shoot	???/???/???
3 Sun	Public Shoot	Frank Tebeau/J DeGiorgio/R Shaw	6 Sat	Public Shoot	J DeGiorgio/???/???
9 Sat	Public Shoot	Frank Tebeau/Jack Leetham/???	7 Sun	Public Shoot	???/???/???
10 Sun	High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H		10 Wed	Public Shoot	???/???/???
16 Sat	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/G Brummer	13 Sat	Public Shoot	C Calloway/???/???
17 Sun	Public Shoot	J DeGiorgio	14 Sun	Hi Power/Junior Rifle/4-H	
23 Sat	Public Shoot	HELP	17 Wed	Public Shoot	???/???/???
24 Sun	Range is closed today – Merry Christmas!		20 Sat	Public Shoot	J DeGiorgio/???/???
30 Sat	Public Shoot	HELP	21 Sun	Public Shoot	Cote/Dearborn/Lehman
31 Sun	Public Shoot	HELP	24 Wed	Public Shoot	???/???/???
Hey, check out the calendar for next month...we have Wednesdays back on the schedule!!! Subject to change.			27 Sat	Public Shoot	C Calloway/???/???
			28 Sun		
			31 Wed	Public Shoot	???/???/???

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.

More from the November meeting:

Daniel Mansergh, CCW instructor, will be handing off the class to another instructor effective after the regularly scheduled January 2018 class. Daniel will be pursuing other firearm related work in the Clovis area, having bought a partnership with the existing BRECO Firearms shop. BRECO, 1508 Tollhouse Road, #A, Clovis. The number for the shop is 559-322-1710.

PRICE INCREASE FOR MEMBERS TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1ST.

A single ADULT membership will be \$80.00. (A \$20 increase.)

A SPOUSE membership will be \$30.00. (A \$5 increase.)

A FAMILY membership will be \$125.00. (A \$25 increase.)

No changes for: JUNIORS, still \$10 for each junior 17 years and under. LIFE (per single adult), still \$500.00. FAMILY LIFE membership, still \$750.00, for the primary adult with spouse and including juniors up to the 18th birthday.

Renew before the end of the year to beat the price increase. Recently re-upped? A renewal will add more time to your current membership. Pay for two years? You bet! Three years? Sure you can! Cash, checks and credit cards.

Matt Darby was introduced. Matt has thrown his hat in the ring and is running for Tulare County District Attorney. He has worked as a county prosecutor for many years, currently in Kings County. Matt is looking forward to supporting *all* of the constitution, not just cherry picking issues! The election will be June 2018.

Dennis read a basic treasurer's report. Currently, our general fund account balance is \$70,314.95; the fundraiser account balance is \$64,886.50. A large expense for concrete was recently paid for the range improvements, and invoices for work continue to come in as progress is being made.

Jim reminded users of the club facilities to properly shut down, clean up, close up, and lock up before leaving!

A new shipping container has arrived at the range for BBQ supplies and more. It didn't take long after it was placed for Esther Gipson to get busy and install shelving to keep everything neat and orderly. Thank you, Esther!!

FAMILY DINNERS - Join us for our delicious **December Prime Rib dinner** on Saturday, December 16th. Tickets for dinner are limited and must be reserved and paid for by calling Jim Mayfield, 559-802-7967, we accept cash, checks and credit cards. Adult dinner tickets are \$18.00, kids 12 and under are \$12.00. At each dinner we have an opportunity to win a shotgun, a .22 rifle, or a key pad pistol safe (tickets are only \$5).

Have you thought about volunteering is some way for the club activities? Our family dinners are an easy way to "break the ice"! You may have a special knack at decorating and setting up tables for the dinner, maybe your skill is prep work for one of the dishes that will be served, or put your multi-tasking to use while peeling potatoes

and sharing your favorite jokes!! Come on down the afternoon of the dinner, introduce yourself, enjoy a drink during our volunteers “happy hour”. Need more info, call Jim at 802-7967.

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FOR SALE: Beeman .22 caliber pellet rifle model 44-C1. It features a cool looking muzzle break, an adjustable Barska scope, an all-weather stock, and comes with a good supply of pellets. I wish to sell for \$145.00 OBO. Call Cal at 559-741-3600.

MORE NOVEMBER NEWS:

Russ said he is planning on having two RSO classes in January to get all of our RSOs up to speed on the new features and benefits of the range improvements as well as the membership card requirements. One class will be held on a week night and the other class on a weekend. Dates to be determined.

Ernie K reported that the canopy structure has been erected over the pistol lanes and that the roofing will be installed soon. Lights in the restroom and the block house are scheduled to be replaced as well.

VSA 100+ Gun Fundraiser - ideas and planning for the **2018** event have just begun! Frank Tebeau announced some exciting new ideas for members as an incentive to purchase those tickets and tables. More info in the near future. This major event the club puts on to finance our range improvements always needs volunteers before, during and after the event. Please call Frank at: not known at this time.

John Lose said he needs two more participants for the **Venture Crew** to charter the group and get up and going. Please contact John for more info: 559/974-0998 or jlose2eagle@yahoo.com.
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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.

More info coming soon regarding the new instructor and calendar, after Daniel transitions to his full time endeavor at BRECO Firearms in Clovis. Daniel, thank you for your years of service to the VSA club and to the citizens of our communities!!

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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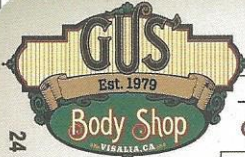
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