

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JANUARY

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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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

The next **GENERAL MEETING** will be **THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019, 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, JANUARY 15, 2019, 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	Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (e18)	559-302-8718
Bob Gaalswyk – President:	559-625-5855	Matt Gaalswyk – Board Member (e18)	559-
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Frank Tebeau – Board Member (e18)	559-731-0090
Brian Fulmer – Treasurer <i>pro tem</i> :	559-827-5147	Sean Vedenoff – Board Member (e17)	559-786-6184
Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Royce Nalls – Board Member (a17)	559-730-8485
Dirk Steelman – Exec. VP (FFL operations):	559-732-7726	Ernie Gomez – Board Member (a18)	559-
Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board	559-802-7967	Kevin Vedenoff – Board Member (a18)	559-
Leroy Chism – Board Member (a18)	559-	Matt Fisher – Board Member (a18)	559-760-7439
Ed Thomas – Sergeant at Arms	559-	Mike Renzi – Board Member (a18)	559-802-6163

At the DECEMBER general meeting:

The VSA election of officers and directors will be on Wednesday, December 13, at the club general meeting. The election committee of tallied the results, and the winners are:

PRESIDENT: Bob Gaalswyk **VICE PRESIDENT:** Russ Beechinor

TREASURER: Brian Fulmer **SECRETARY:** Chris Norman

DIRECTORS: Matt Gaalswyk and Frank Tebeau

Also at the meeting, we learned that the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife donated a bear skin that is now hanging on the wall of the club. A very good looking furry skin it is.

We met John Borba, California State 4-H coordinator for overall programs. Coming up for 2019 will be a Western Heritage Program, where youths will learn to shoot period firearms from the frontier era. This is a national event held in Winton, CA. Participants will also learn about the tools and lifestyle of the early pioneers as the country was being explored. A motion was passed to “pass the hat” to help support this national event. With the club matching funds and a bit of rounding up, \$1,200.00 was raised!

VSA FAMILY DINNER - MEXICAN FIESTA – Saturday, January 12, 2019

JANUARY 2019

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

FEBRUARY 2019

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/???/???/???	2 Sat	Range Clean Up Day 8 am start time
5 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/???/???/???	3 Sun	Public Shoot
6 Sun Public Shoot	????????????????	6 Wed	Public Shoot
9 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Lee Miller/???	9 Sat	Public Shoot
12 Sat Public Shoot	M Renzi/Ben Zentner/???	9 Sat	3pm Reserved for CCW range time
13 Sun	High Power/Junior Rifle/4H	10 Sun	High Power/Junior Rifle/4H
16 Wed Public Shoot	????????????????	13 Wed	Public Shoot
19 Sat Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/D Lehman/???	16 Sat	CBRSA Benchrest Shoot
20 Sun Public Shoot	????????????????	17 Sun	CBRSA Benchrest Shoot
23 Wed Public Shoot	Mike Renzi/????????	20 Wed	Public Shoot
26 Sat Public Shoot	????????????????	23 Sat	Public Shoot
27 Sun	Black Powder/Junior Rifle/4H	24 Sun	Black Powder/Elbow Creek4H/Junior Rifle
30 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/????????	27 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) – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026.

More from the December meeting: The officers and directors of the club really have a big responsibility to keep our club running, and running correctly. Prior to the election, a concern was raised about a possible conflict of interest, specifically if an officer was elected whose business entity had a commercial relationship with the club. As club secretary, I researched the bylaws that govern our club and reported that the board of directors were correct in the interpretation that there was NO conflict of interest if the party (parties) were elected. In essence, the bylaws state that the relationship must be disclosed and that the officer or director with that business relationship must not vote on the business relationship interactions.

Elbow Creek 4-H Archery coordinator, Richard, introduced Autumn S., Katy S., Kennedy C., and Caleb C. These teen archery participants will be heading to Grand Island, Nebraska, this summer for the National Archery Championship. Each of the teens stated how they enjoy the challenge and the competition as well as meeting people from all over the country.

Here’s the basic treasurer’s report for the four club bank accounts:

Bank of the West Checking: \$12,056.24. Bank of the West Money Market: \$363.13.

Bank of the Sierra Checking: \$48,758.48. Bank of the Sierra Fundraiser Account: \$59,823.17.

Member Leonard Cote said that he recently went to Washington DC, as an honored guest of the Central Valley Honor Flight. Leonard said that veterans from WWII thru Vietnam are eligible for this totally free experience. If you can’t stand for long periods or even if you can’t walk, that’s OK! This trip will “take your breath away”, he said. For more information, go to: <http://cvhonorflight.org>

VSA JUNIOR and Women’s Pheasant Hunt – Saturday, January 26, 2019

Loren Metzler, Hunter Safety Education instructor, announced that the VSA sponsored *Junior and Women’s Pheasant Hunt* will be Saturday, January 26, 2019.

First preference to attend is given to juniors and women who passed the Hunter Education class in 2018. Invitations for the hunt were mailed to 25 students and have had only 7 positive responses. Loren said that he will open the hunt to VSA club juniors and women to fill the 30 spots. It will be on a first come first served basis. Once the 30 spots are filled he will not accept any more.

Loren asks that you contact him by email: lorenmetz@aol.com and he will send you more detailed information about the hunt (location, licenses, gear, etc.).

FOR SALE: MEC Junior 20 gauge reloader, with a box of AA hulls (about 200 to 300).

Asking \$125.00. Please call Bob at 559-901-4882.

MEXICAN FIESTA DINNER, Saturday, January 12, at the club. Pre-Sale tickets only. Adults are \$16.00, kids 12 and under are \$12. Call Jim at 559-802-7967, or Esther 732-7638. Held right here at our VSA club house

Dinners – Doors open at 5 pm, dinner is generally served about 7 pm. Full bar is available. Cozy outdoor seating on the patio under the heaters is available. We need an accurate count a few days before the dinner, so please call as soon as you can to get your tickets. Cash, checks, credit cards are welcome! Numerous drawings for guns, merchandise and gifts will be held. Bring yourself – no problem! Bring your family, neighbors, friends, co-workers – the more the merrier. The 120 dinner tickets will sell out fast!

DECEMBER 18th Board Meeting: Russ proposed that the number of appointed directors be increased by two for a total 6 appointed, and 4 elected for a total of 10 directors (the term *board members* is used interchangeably). Motion for the increase passed. The appointed directors are: Leroy Chism, Ernie Gomez, Kevin Vedenoff, Matt Fisher, Mike Renzi, and Royce Nalls.

Ernie Kumpe, an appointed director, had turned in a letter prior to the board meeting resigning his position on the board, effective January 1, 2019.

Russ stated that the range will be reserved on Saturday *PUBLIC SHOOT DAYS* after 3:00 pm for CCW class participant range time, except on benchrest shoot days.

CCW CLASS: The **DECEMBER CCW CLASS will be Monday, December 3rd.** Wade Roberts will (normally) hold the CCW class at the club *the first Monday of each month.* The class will start at **5:00pm.** As a benefit of your club membership, the CCW class is **FREE!** Non-members can attend the class for a \$40.00 fee. You do **NOT** need to call first, and you do not need to bring anything (except your membership card), just head to the club. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text Wade at (559) 303-2848.

It's perfectly fine if you just show up at the club on the first Monday of the month (holiday Monday schedule may change the dates). This CCW class is for first time and renewal CCWs. Club members need to show proof of current membership; your membership card, your yellow copy of the 2-part member application, a photo or copy of your payment. Wade does not accept membership applications, renewals, or membership payments.

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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, Kings and Fresno 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 home or business environment 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

We are still looking for a volunteer or two to lend a hand around the clubhouse from time to time to assist with shopping, putting things away, setting up for events, and light duty cleaning. Flexible times and great benefits! Contact Jim Mayfield (559-802-7967), or Esther Gipson (559) 732-7638.



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