

VISALIASPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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(www.visaliasportsmens.com)

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, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 E. Roosevelt Avenue, one block south of Houston Ave., just east off of Sante Fe.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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.

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Ed Thomas – Sergeant at Arms	559-	Leroy Chism – Board Member (a18):	559-

At the AUGUST 8 general meeting:

The meeting got underway promptly at 7:00 pm. Jim reported that the club raised \$810 with the fishing trip and Visalia Breakfast Lions drawings.

The golf cart for use at the range has been retrofitted to hold target frames and is now available for use by RSOs. Additional policies for the use of the cart are being developed. New lights for range operations have been installed. Reminder: these lights are not targets. An RSO Training Class will be scheduled soon. Congratulations to Jeremy C for winning the meeting gun drawing!

California legislators will be returning to Sacramento in September. Several firearm related bills were tabled before the summer break. Keep informed of these and other bills that are introduced by subscribing to the CRPA.org newsletters. Add the phone numbers to our legislators in your contact list; add the members of the Safety Committee to you contact list; get ready to make those phone calls!!

From the August 13 board meeting:

VSA Election of Officers and Directors: Esther Gipson announced that the election will be held at the December 12, club meeting. Any club member in good standing is eligible to run for an officer position as well as the open board member positions. If you are interested or need more information about running for office, please contact Esther at 559-732-7638.

Approval was granted for the COS Equestrian team to attend the September club meeting for their fundraising and sponsorship opportunities.

SEPTEMBER 2019 Club Phone: 559-635-7172

OCTOBER 2019 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun Bench Rest Match	2 Wed Public Shoot ?????
4 Wed Public Shoot M Garcia/Lee Miller/Mel Wong	5 Sat RANGE CLEAN UP DAY
7 Sat Public Shoot Ben Zentner/???????	6 Sun Public Shoot B Zentner/L Espino/R Espino
8 Sun High Power/Junior Rifle/4-H	9 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/?????
9 Mon CCW Class Shooting @ 5pm	12 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/?????
11 Wed Public Shoot Bob Marsh/Lee Miller/B Ferguson	13 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power
14 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/J Dearborn/L Cote	16 Wed Public Shoot ?????
15 Sun Public Shoot Mark Price/Jim Price/Aric Price	19 Sat Bench Rest Match
4-H = 3pm to 5pm	20 Sun Bench Rest Match
18 Wed Public Shoot Bill Ferguson/?????????	23 Wed Public Shoot ?????
21 Sat Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/G Brummer	26 Sat Public Shoot L Cote/J Dearborn/G Brummer
22 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power/4H	27 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power
25 Wed Public Shoot Jim Johnson/L Miller/B Ferguson	30 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller
28 Sat Public Shoot Ben Zentner/????	
29 Sun Public Shoot ?????????	
CCW shooting 9 to 11 am during public shoot	
4-H at 3 pm	

Please contact the following for more info on the programs that are offered at the range: **Black Powder** – Alan Reed 559-280-3918; **High Power/Jr. Rifle Club** – Steve Quinn 559-686-1945, steveq@carifle.com. **CBRSA** (Benchrest) – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026.

From the August 13 board meeting: *Congratulations to Kevin George for his performance at Camp Perry this summer. This VSA Junior Rifle/4H shooter won a National Sharpshooter award. The California Grizzlies junior team also took 1st and 2nd place National awards. *The VSA club will be a table package sponsor of the “Officer Down Scholarship” banquet, held September 13, at the Visalia Lamp Liter Inn. *Discussion was held regarding RSOs at the range. Dress code to clearly identify the RSO – vest or jacket, cap, etc., as well as allowing RSOs to open carry at the range will be discussed in the future. *A club member asked that the board consider having space available at the range for archery shooters. *The board has considered purchasing property in the central Visalia area. Board members have more questions than answers about the pros and cons of a purchase.

FOR SALE: Craftsman Table Saw, belt drive with open stand and table extension. Well maintained. Asking \$300 Please call John at 661-589-9848.

FOR SALE: 1) Winchester 101 XTR Lightweight 20 Ga O/U Shotgun, 27” barrels, 4 WinChokes (Skeet, Imp, Mod, Full), Regular Stock, Silver Finish Engraved Receiver. Model # LW57FW M-L01. Excellent condition, Ser. # K27xxxxE, \$1950. 2) Browning T-Bolt Sporter, 22LR, 22” bbl. Talley scope mounts & three magazines. Excellent condition, Ser. # 01xxxMTxxx, \$725. 3) Ruger 77/22, 22LR. Wood Stock, 10rd magazine. Good condition, Ser. # 701-xxxxx. \$500. Contact Clay at 559 561-4964. Please leave a message.

FOR SALE: Riverside Arms single shot 12 gauge shotgun with 30 inch barrel, patented August 12, 1913. All original except for one replacement screw. 40-50% Condition, Clean. Over 100 years old! Serial 100, Model 109K. Asking \$150. Call Cal at 559-741-3600.

FOR SALE: 1) 10 boxes of 270 WSM once fired brass-\$4.00/ box (must take all), 2) Cabela's camo float tube (never taken out of box \$35 firm (cost \$85), 3) Sig Sauer .45 Nitro with rail NIB, \$875 firm. Don 559-799-5555.

WANTED: Louie D. is looking for a Ruger Old Army Revolver, .45 black powder pistol. Usually came in a 7.5" barrel and he is hoping for one that is blued. Louie said these were fairly popular in the 70's and early 80's, and he regrets parting with the one he had many years ago. Please call Louie at 559-731-1360.

WANTED: Volunteers for the **Delano Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet**, Saturday, October 5, 2019, Hyatt Place Hotel Delano. No experience? Training is provided! Contact Chris at 661-805-0164 (phone/text).

LADIES' NIGHT AT THE RANGE

Ladies' night will be twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (**September 4 & 18**) from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. RSOs will be on duty from 5 pm to 8 pm (or until dusk) for women and girls to shoot and share hints and tips with each other. Some things to remember: there is NO charge to shoot and you do NOT need to be a member, so please tell your female friends, family and co-workers. Bring your own guns and ammo along with eye and ear protection (some loaner eye and ear protection may be available). You can bring your own targets, or buy some at the range.

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Rules for minors and handgun shooting – *No minors under the age of ten (10) years old will be allowed to fire a handgun. *Minors between the ages of ten (10) and twelve (12) are only allowed to shoot a rim-fire handgun. *Minors between the ages of thirteen (13) and eighteen (18) will be allowed to shoot a center-fire handgun. *ALL minors between the ages of 10 and 18 are required to have an adult within arm's length while firing a handgun. *RSOs and members: First time minors with their family/guardian/responsible adult requesting to shoot a handgun will be required to have direct RSO observation. (Jan 2013)

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS: (September 9th/10th)

As part of your membership in VSA, the once-a-month CCW classes at the clubhouse are FREE! You do not have to call first, just have proof of your VSA membership in good standing (yellow receipt or membership card). Membership applications, renewals, or membership payments will not be accepted at the class.

Wade Roberts will normally hold the CCW class at the clubhouse the first Monday AND Tuesday of each month, 5PM to 9PM. Non-members incur a fee of \$80 for an initial permit class (8 hours) and \$40 for a renewal class (4 hours). Renewal classes can be attended on either Monday or Tuesday, and initial CCW application classes can be attended across months – Monday one month, and Tuesday the next month, for example.

Everyone attending the class will also have to qualify with their permit pistols by shooting at the range. Non-members will incur a range use fee of \$20, while members have range privileges already. You must qualify with each pistol on your permit. If you cannot qualify on the designated day, non-members pay a \$20 range fee and a \$20 qualification fee, while VSA members pay a \$10 qualification fee.

The CCW Instruction and Qualification Certificate are good for six months for initial application or renewal, so you can plan ahead and have plenty of time. Don't wait, get your CCW or renew it!

Please call/text Wade at (559) 303-2848, for more info.

JUNIOR CLUB NEWS – VSA & 4H: The next orientation class will be in late September or in October. There are three mandatory classes for the orientation, and they are offered only three times a year. The junior programs are open to 9 to 19 year olds. If there is room in the training group we can also include adults wishing to learn about safety and marksmanship. Our primary focus is on firearms knowledge and safety. We are also involved in training young shooters in the 5 basics of firing the accurate shot and competition shooting. Although our program is not hunter safety, firing an accurate shot will always benefit the hunter or competition shooter. We begin our programs (**JRC & 4H**) with an Orientation Class that involves 8 hours of instruction on all aspects of firearm safety and the basics of firing the shot. The shooter must pass the Orientation to be allowed to continue to the twice a month practices.

Groups are started in January, June and September. The **JRC** (Junior Rifle Club) program recognizes progress by participating in the NRA/Winchester Qualification program. This recognizes progress on a step-by-step basis through the 4 competition shooting positions. The **4H** program runs from September through June and offers 4 matches in the spring on both a county and state level. We have found that participation in both programs offers the best experience to our shooters. About 90% of the shooters participate in both programs.

The Junior Rifle Club runs year round practicing twice a month on Sunday afternoons following the High Power matches on the 2nd Sunday and the Black Powder matches on the 4th Sunday. These days are closed to public and senior club shooters due to the timing of target changes and the noise factor which affects training dialogue and noise reaction of inexperienced shooters.

Contact: Steve Quinn at 559-686-1945, or 559-471-8143, steveq@carifle.com.

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