

# VISALIASPORTSMEN'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, DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 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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Bob Gaalswyk – President:	559-625-5855	Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (e17):	559-302-8718
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Royce Nalls – Board Member (a17):	559-730-8485	Kevin Vedenoff – Board Member (a18):	559-280-1924
		Matt Fisher – Board Member (a18):	559-760-7439

## At the NOVEMBER 14 general meeting:

The ballot for the December 12, 2019, election at the general club meeting was presented. Nominations for the officer positions are: President – Bob Gaalswyk; Vice President – Russ Beechinor; Secretary – Chris Norman; Treasurer – Brian Fulmer.

Nominations for director (elected): Jeremy Chavez and Sean Vedenoff.

Officers serve one-year terms. Directors serve 2 year terms. There are a total of four (4) elected directors. (The term directors and board members is used interchangeably.) The elected directors serve alternating two-year terms. Two directors are elected this year, and two directors are elected next year.

At the December 18, 2018, board meeting, a motion was passed to increase the number of appointed directors from four to six directors. The club President appoints these directors. Two appointed directors are slated to be ending their two-year term at the time of this election: Mike Renzi and Royce Nalls. Royce has filled his two year term. Mike was appointed for a one-year term to replace Ernie Kumpe who retired mid-term effective 1-1-19.

**Club members are invited to the club meeting for the election of officers and directors!** The election of officers and directors will be a “roll-over” from the current year. There were no challengers or other nominations for the positions as reported by the election chairperson, Esther Gipson.

**VSA FAMILY DINNER** – Prime Rib Dinner, Saturday, December 14, 2019. Same place, the VSA club house. Doors open at **5 PM – HAPPY HOUR = 5 PM to? DINNER IS SERVED AT 7 PM.** Don't be late! Come early for the best parking, don't forget the parking area inside the fenced lot accessed from our parking lot.

DECEMBER 2019 Club Phone: 559-635-7172

JANUARY 2020

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun Public Shoot	Louis H/Paul/ Bob Knutson	1 Wed	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR! THE RANGE IS CLOSED TODAY.</b>
4 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Mel Wong/Louis H	4 Sat Public Shoot	????
7 Sat Public Shoot	Zentner/Mike Green/Ruben Espino	5 Sun Public Shoot	????
8 Sun	<b>High Power/Junior Rifle/4H</b>	8 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Louis Hernandez/??
11 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Mel Wong/B Ferguson	11 Sat Public Shoot	Ben Zentner/????
14 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/J Jones/M Jones	12 Sun	<b>High Power/Junior Rifle/4H</b>
15 Sun Public Shoot	Frank Tebeau/????	15 Wed Public Shoot	Mayfield/Gerard/Hull/Hogan
18 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Mel Wong/B Ferguson	18 Sat Public Shoot	????
21 Sat Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/Frank Tebeau	19 Sun Public Shoot	????
22 Sun	<b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power</b>	22 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Bill Ferguson/??
25 Wed	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS! THE RANGE IS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS.</b>	25 Sat Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/G Brummer
28 Sat Public Shoot	????	26 Sun	<b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power</b>
29 Sun Public Shoot	????	29 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Bill Ferguson/??

Please contact the following for more info on the programs that are offered at the range: **Black Powder** – Leroy Chism 559-734-7500; **High Power/Jr. Rifle Club** – Steve Quinn 559-686-1945, [steveq@carifle.com](mailto:steveq@carifle.com). **CBRSA** (Benchrest) – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026.

### From the November 14 General club meeting:

Brian Fulmer, treasurer, related that the office of the Tulare County Tax collector said that the club has been (incorrectly) paying property tax on a City of Visalia owned property (the land where the range sits) for decades. The county will be refunding approximately \$2,000 to cover four years of VSA club paid property taxes.

Russ B., VP/Range operations, said that a shooter at the range was recently (mid-November) escorted off the range for displaying unsafe muzzle control of a loaded firearm. Safety is the first priority at the range. Anyone at any time can call a cease fire! Attendees at the range DO NOT have to wait for an RSO, they DO NOT have to wait for the “panic button” to be pushed. If necessary, call the cease fire loudly and firmly. Don’t hesitate!

Russ also reminds RSOs to get the golf cart out of the sea train first thing in the morning and put it on the battery charger so it is ready for use during the day. Do not charge the battery in an enclosed area such as inside the sea train container.

In addition, Russ also presented an idea for a Family Fun Day at the range. Many ideas were exchanged about what may be events for the whole family to enjoy. Intro to gun handling, marksmanship, competition...awards and prizes, food, and much more. What would you like to see? What would you be willing to help with? Give Russ a call, or drop him a note if you are at the range and happen to think of something (have an RSO deposit your note in the safe).

Alan Reed, coordinator for the black powder shooters at the range, has announced his retirement from the “job” after many, many years. Leroy Chism is now holding the reigns for the group. Leroy’s phone number is at the bottom of the range calendar (above). Alan led the group through technological changes over the years and has kept things interesting by incorporating those changes to challenge the shooters with a variety of targets and shooting disciplines. Congratulations and thank you to Alan Reed! Congratulations and thank you to Leroy Chism for his participation and desire to keep the traditions of the old “smoke poles” alive, as well as adapting to the changes that will continue to advance in the future.

Royce followed up on the search for new ovens at the club house. He said the best ones for the money were *Vulcan* brand, priced at \$7340 for both ovens including the delivery and set up. They should be installed in time for the December family dinner. Approved for purchase at the October board meeting. Royce reminded everyone that the club facilities are available for use for many different groups, organizations and members and that it is the user’s responsibility to clean up after their use. With the ovens, use drip pans, etc.

**FOR SALE:** 2017 Polaris Ranger 900XP UTV - This clean and sharp looking utility vehicle features: 14.5hr on the engine 14 miles on vehicle Sport Roof Vented Windshield Adjustable Driver Seat Electric Bed Lift Tool Rack Mirrors and much more! Paid \$17,000, asking \$9750. Email Ray at [usp40sw@yahoo.com](mailto:usp40sw@yahoo.com) if interested, pictures are available.

**THANKS:** Gary Bailey, VSA club member and a member of the *Visalia Breakfast Lions* wanted to say “thanks” to all of the club members that bought drawing tickets to support the Lions fundraiser. The Lions club passed out over 1,130 turkeys this year to the Salvation Army, multiple churches, shelters, and others who are less fortunate. Your contributions went a *long* way to help thousands in our community at this time of year.

In other club news, treasurer Brian Fulmer stated the bank balances at the time of the November meeting as follows: Bank of the West = \$4,411.50; Bank of the Sierra, general checking = \$31,921.50; Bank of the Sierra, fundraising account = \$84,913.50. Total of accounts = \$121,246.50.

**Sgt. Tyler Vaughan, U.S. Army, Memorial Scholarship Fund** – Sponsored by *Smokin’ Barrel Firearms* and *Visalia Sportsmen’s Association*. There will be two (2) tickets drawn, each winner will receive a \$500 gift certificate to *Smokin’ Barrel*. Tickets are \$10, and are available at the club meeting and by calling Todd Vaughan at 559-972-1203. Drawing to be held Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at the club meeting.

Our **JANUARY FAMILY DINNER** on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, will be our popular Mexican table delight. For 2020, dinners will start at an earlier time as well – 6:00pm. More info next time!!

At the **November board meeting:** \*Brian Fulmer and Matt Fisher related that after reviewing the club house utility expenses to see if solar would be an option, it was decided that a “smart” thermostat would be the most helpful to control AC costs during the summer. \*Russ B. is still exploring the ability to add some room at the range for a few archery lanes. \*At the family dinners, after the dinner service, remaining food will be removed from the service line. To go boxes are to be used for left overs.



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**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS: (December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) at the VSA clubhouse!!**

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.

**Editor's note:** As I transition from Yahoo email service to Google Mail, there are countless number of membership and renewal forms that I have to scrutinize with a magnifying glass to determine the persons intent on what the spelling is or what number is represented. Is it a "v" or a "c" or an "o"? Is that an "O" or a "0"? The most important thing you can do is proofread your own handwriting. *If you think* there may be any confusion, believe me, there will be on our end! Is than an "l" "L", or a "1" "one", a "6" "b". There's a lot of room on the renewal, please clarify any possible ambiguity. *We really want you to receive the newsletters and updates* as well as your membership card.

**Volunteering:** Our club would not be able to offer the benefits and programs without our dedicated volunteers. Every club member is the reason our volunteers dedicate thousands of hours each year to keep our club going. When you are at the range, at the club, at a CCW class or a Hunter Ed class, or at the Gun Dinner fundraiser, look around at the people that are making your club experience possible. I can confidently say that most of our volunteers also have other organizations that they are dedicated to as well. There is ALWAYS a special group of people that will respond with "What can I do to help?" when asked.


Are you one of those that that "do", rather than one who asks to be served? Our volunteers come from all walks of life. Some have walked life experiences more than we can imagine, yet here they are helping to make the *Visalia Sportsmen's Association* better for everyone. Are you a "doer"? Ask any of our volunteers how you can help. Sometimes, you don't even have to ask...if you see something that needs to be done and can be done, just do it. We will be glad to welcome you into the club of volunteers. On behalf of the officers and directors:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS – HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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