

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

2022

Established 1893

(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 8, 2022, at 6:30 PM.** Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month and are open to all club members. We encourage all members 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** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM.** 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 note the general club meetings start at 6:30 pm.

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): 559-635-7172

<i>Mike Renzi – President:</i>	559-802-6163	Leroy Chism – Board Member (e20):	559-734-7500
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Matthew Gaalswyk-Board Member (e20)	559-909-4419
Kelly Salinas – Treasurer:	559-307-9411	Ernie Gomez – Board Member (a20):	559-308-8012
Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Royce Nalls – Board Member (e21):	559-730-8485
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Michelle Amaral – Board Member (a20):	559-759-9501	Sean Vedenoff – Board Member (e21):	559-786-6184
Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a21)	559-679-7257		

ELECTION of Officers and Directors: The election is scheduled for the December 8, 2022, general club meeting. There are six (6) director positions that will be open at that time. The VSA club has 10 directors (also known as board members). Directors serve for 2-year terms, with half of the positions to be filled this election and half to be filled at next year's election.

There will be three (3) elected director positions to be voted on. The following directors are nearing the end of their elected term: Leroy Chism, Matthew Gaalswyk, and Frank Tebeau.

There will be three (3) appointed director positions open at that time. The two year terms of Michelle Amaral and Ernie Gomez are coming to a close. The (appointed) one-year term that is open is due to the vacancy as Mike Stimson left the board in July 2022, and was not filled. The club president has the responsibility of making the appointments for those positions.

Officers serve one year terms. The candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are voted on each year.

The VSA Election Committee is chaired by Esther Gipson. To place your name on the ballot or for more information about the election or the positions that are available please contact Esther Gipson at 559-732-7638.

Range cleanup day – Saturday, October 1st, 7 am. The more hands available, the easier the jobs get done. Clean and organize the shooting line, pistol bays, and tables; clean and organize the blockhouse; range and target line maintenance; irrigation repairs; check the target frames and racks; and more! Free food and drinks. Bring your kids and basic yard and hand tools. Yes, the range is closed to shooters for the day.

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OCTOBER 2022

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Sat	Public Shoot	B Zentner/?	1 Sat	Range Cleanup	7 am till finished
4 Sun	Public Shoot	Dearborn, Cote/Lehman	2 Sun	Public Shoot	R Broyles/I Brock/M Renzi
7 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/M Wong	5 Wed	Public Shoot	Rahn/Miller?
10 Sat	Public Shoot	B Zentner/?	8 Sat	Public Shoot	Zentner/ M Garcia/?
11 Sun	Womens Shoot 8 am to 12 noon		9 Sun	Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon	
	Closed 12 noon for the rest of the day			Closed 12 noon for the rest of the day	
	CA Legislation removed Junior program		12 Wed	Public Shoot	Rahn/Miller/?
14 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/?	15 Sat	Public Shoot	I Brock/M Renzi/B Zentner
15 Thu	CBRSA	Benchrest Set up, practice and	16 Sun	Public Shoot	J Price/M Price/A Price
16 Fri	CBRSA	competition.	19 Wed	Public Shoot	K Rahn/?
17 Sat	CBRSA		20 Thu	CBRSA	
18 Sun	CBRSA		21 Fri	CBRSA	
21 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/J Johnson	22 Sat	CBRSA	
24 Sat	Public Shoot	???	23 Sun	CBRSA	
25 Sun	Black powder 8 am to 12		26 Wed	Public Shoot	Rahn/Miller/J Johnson
	Closed 12 noon for the rest of the day		26 Wed	Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk	
28 Wed	Public Shoot	Miller/Rahn/M Wong	29 Sat	Public Shoot	I Brock/M Renzi/?
28 Wed	Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk		30 Sun	Black powder 8 am to 12	
				Closed 12 noon for the rest of the day	

The range is open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Public Shoot days.

Please contact the following for more info on the programs that are offered at the range: **Black Powder** – Leroy Chism 559-734-7500;

Jr. Rifle Club – California legislation removed this program throughout the entire state. **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026.

Women's Shoot – Michelle Amaral 559-759-9501

At the August general club and board meetings:

RSOs – We can't keep our range operating everyday as scheduled without our *range safety officers!* Please give Russ Beechinor (vice-president/range operations) a call to see how you can help keep the range gates open. Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061, for all the features and benefits of RSO duty. Yes, you can do it!

Each month, Frank Tebeau (VSA board member) provides a review of the latest legislative action in California and elsewhere. He said trying to keep up with the changes is a bit overwhelming. Some positive news was the Supreme Court decision affirming the right to carry outside the house, quickly followed by California's push-back against that ruling.

Additionally, Frank covered the effects of the passage of AB2571. The law bans the marketing of firearms and related products and events to youth and stopped youth shooting sports and hunting in the state. He reminded everyone that, yes, parents can bring their kids to the range.

The VSA range calendar now shows "closed" where the junior program used to occupy that time slot. Efforts are being made to determine what can fill that time at the range.

Loren Metzler, Hunter Education instructor, said he had received information that, yes, juniors can take the Hunter Ed class.

Mike Renzi stated the *California Rifle & Pistol Association* (CRPA) has been working hard to get local like-minded people involved when and where a strong, unified voice is needed for 2nd Amendment issues. Local chapters are being formed up and down the state to motivate members to stand strong in numbers. Please contact local CRPA chapter Tulare-Kings Gun Owners, chair Matt Johnson at 559-571-2239. crpatularekings@gmail.com. **Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the VSA clubhouse.** You don't have to be a VSA or CRPA member to attend. There's room for everyone.

The **California Rifle and Pistol Association** (CRPA.org) is our state non-profit organization for 2nd Amendment issues across the shooting public and industry.

Hurry – Quick – Don't wait a second longer – Catch the boat to catch the fish! Saturday, September 17th, on the *Endeavor*, \$160.00. Call Gary Bailey at 559-799-6435. Only a few spots remain open.

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!! Labor Day weekend has the CCW class scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, September 12 and 13, 5pm to 9pm.

As part of your VSA membership, 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 certificates 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.

Ladies' night will be once a month on the 4th Wednesday of each month (September 28, October 26th, etc.) 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.

Ladies/Women Shoot on the second Sunday of each month from **8:00 am to 12 noon**. (August 14, September 11, etc.) The same parameters apply to the Sunday morning shoots as the Ladies Night time at the range.

VSA Club Meetings What could be better than an evening with free hotdogs and chili, cold drinks, and friends? Add to that a chance to win a gun! The club meetings are a great place to start the evening with a bite to eat, hear and share what's happening, and end the evening by possibly winning a gun!

Reminder: The website for the club: <https://visaliasportsmens.com/> does not require a Login/password to access the pages of the site.

FOR SALE: *Kimber Master Carry Pro* and *Kimber Ultra Covert II* and *Kimber Ultra CDP II*. Each gun has Crimson Trace laser grips, 3-inch barrels, extra magazines, and less than 50 rounds fired from each one. Asking \$1500 each. Please call Jeff at 559-730-1829.



Delano Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet – Friday, September 9th, 6:00 pm.

Richgrove Memorial Building, 607 Richgrove Drive, Richgrove, CA

For tickets and info, please call Chris Norman at 661-805-0164. Or go to: <https://www.friendsofnra.org>



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Appointment Date/Time _____

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Hey Folks, if you have a cough, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, sneezing – stay home. Please don't come to the club for a meeting, a dinner, a class, or other event. Stay Home.