

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MARCH

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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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, March 9, 2023, 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, March 14, 2023, 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.

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Many of you have heard that Glen Gerard recently passed away. I received the call from Jim on Tuesday morning, February 28th, that Glen had died during the night. At 81 years old, he was as feisty, friendly, caring, and kind hearted as always. His smile was genuine and conveyed the feeling that everything was good as gold. RSO range duty, range and club cleanups, club functions, meetings, donations, dinners...whatever was happening you could be sure Glen was ready to pitch in. A good friend to many, many people in the club and the community. Funeral service has been set for Friday, March 17, 2023, at 2 pm. Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E Caldwell Ave, Visalia, CA 93277. Reception following at the Visalia Sportsmen's Assoc. club house. Our cooking crew will be working their magic.

**At the February 9, 2023, club meeting** – The range is open when it is raining. Are you a fair weather shooter like I am? It's so easy to say "It's too cold." "It's too wet." "It's raining." If you're deciding to hone your trigger control and downrange aim, inclement weather is the perfect time to head to the range. Heavier clothing and some discomfort dealing with the elements can be good motivation for focusing on the front sight (what's your target picture?) Keep our RSOs busy on a rainy day. Happiness is a warm .45! The range is open.

Russ Beechinor is planning on an **RSO training** day in March. Have you thought about becoming a Range Safety Officer for the club? Ladies – Gentlemen: you can do it! Call Russ for the latest information on the training. Seasoned RSOs, if it's been awhile since you last attended a training class, think about sitting in to hear how the training has changed over the years. Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061.

## MARCH 2023

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## APRIL 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/B Fulmer/Tom Bell	1 Sat Public Shoot	F Tebeau/??
4 Sat Public Shoot	Ilah Brock/Mike Renzi/?	2 Sun Public Shoot	K Kubik/A Revera/?
5 Sun Public Shoot	G Willett/K Kubik/A Revera	5 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?
8 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	8 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/ I Brock/M Renzi
11 Sat Public Shoot	G Richert/M Garcia/G Willett	9 Sun <b>Easter – the range is closed today</b>	
12 Sun <b>Women at the Range</b>		12 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/??
15 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/K Rahn/??	14 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice shoot	
18 Sat Public Shoot	R Broyles/F Tebeau/G Willett	15 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>	
19 Sun Black powder		16 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>	19 Sun
22 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/B Wilson/?	19 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?
24 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice shoot		22 Sat <b>Tulare County Match</b>	
25 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>		23 Sun <b>Black Powder</b>	
26 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>		26 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?
29 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?	29 Sat Public Shoot	???
For more information about becoming an RSO, please call Russ at 559-280-4061. Women & men needed!		30 Sun Public Shoot	???

**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

VSA Gun Dinner will be Saturday, April 15, 2023. Pre-event drawing tickets are now available.

**3 Gun Progressive:** Tikka T1X .17 HMR Rifle; Beretta A300 Ultima 20 gauge; Springfield XD 9, 4-inch 9mm.

**6 Gun Progressive:** Mossberg 940 12 gauge; Ruger American 7mm-08; Sig Sauer SP2022, 9mm; Winchester SXP 12 gauge; Henry .22 lever action rifle; Smith & Wesson 642LS .38 special double action revolver.

**Winner take all:** Benelli Super Black Eagle 3, 12 gauge; Christensen Arms Mesa FFT .300 Win Mag; and a Heckler & Koch P2000 9mm.

**Table Packages:** There are two different table packages, each includes a firearm, 8 dinner tickets and a bunch of “bucket tickets.” Call your friends, gather your co-workers, and appreciate your loyal customers! See you there!

VSA Gun Dinner = Contact Royce Nalls at 559-730-8485, or Matthew Gaalswyk at 559-909-4419 for more info about purchasing your table package or assisting the committee.

**Also from the club and board meeting –**

Talking about the Saturday, Feb 11, ribeye steak dinner spurred ticket sales! (Yes, it was outstanding. Yes, it was a really fun crowd. Yes, you should have been there!) The Saturday, March 11, dinner (FISH & CHIPS) will be the **last dinner of the season**. The VSA gun Dinner in April precludes the VSA family dinner on that date.

**VSA Fishing Trip** – Gary Bailey says there might be a couple openings on the July 15<sup>th</sup> fishing trip out of Santa Barbara. He can put you on a waiting list, though. In addition, he is pouring 12 oz. and 16 oz. weights for saltwater fishing and swim bait jigs. Send Gary a text at 559-799-6435.

There was a strong turnout for the Saturday, Feb 4, range clean up. Thank you everyone for the early spring cleaning! Michelle Amaral (VSA director and women's shoot coordinator) wrangled 18 kids from the 4H program for cleanup duties. Amazing how hard they worked.

Esther Gipson, shooting instructor for the junior shooting programs, stated that Steve Quinn (Junior Rifle program coordinator) will be retiring from the position effective July 31<sup>st</sup>. Steve has led the program that combined the 4H and VSA program for many years, producing some top-tier shooters competing on international levels. Esther related that for nearly 50 years 4H and VSA have worked together on the shooting programs. Anyone interested in becoming a 4H shooting program leader needs to get 4H certification. She said it is not hard, but a bit time consuming.

Frank Tebeau recently talked to the County 4H director about the current youth shooting program stoppage due to last year's legislation making it illegal to market firearms and related merchandise and events to youth. 4H wants to get the programs going again. If you are interested in getting your 4H certification, contact Esther at 559-732-7638, or Frank at 559-731-0090, to get you in touch with the 4H director.

**Tulare-Kings Gun Owners, CRPA Chapter**, will have their March 21 meeting at the VSA clubhouse. Matt Johnson, chair, said attendance has been strong and hopes to reach more people in more communities by rotating the meeting locations. Matt can be reached at 559-571-2239. You can find them on Facebook and Instagram.

**Fishing with Marty** – Marty is gearing up for an August 5<sup>th</sup> fishing trip. Two boats have been chartered. Check your calendar, set the date then call Marty to get on the boat. 559-331-2098.

**FAMILY DINNER – MARCH 11, 2023 – 6:00 pm Fish ‘n Chips!!**

Dinner tickets are available now! \$20. Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm, dinner is served at 6:00. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim at 559-802-7967. Spread the word for this tasty meal. If you can sell some dinner tickets, give Jim a call. Don't let your friends miss out! Happy hour really starts whenever you get there! As a reminder, tickets are NOT available for walk-in! We need an accurate count to make sure there is plenty to eat for everyone. **Parking** for the dinners/events: please leave the spots in the front of the clubhouse open for our seniors and attendees with mobility issues. Thank you. Thank you!

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, **March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**, 5pm to 9pm. The April class is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**For Sale:** Ammo!! 7.62 x 39 124 gr. Russian Military HP, \$400/M. Contact Jerry at 559-730-1446. Jerry also has .30-06 ball ammo, in bandoliers and cans, perfect for your M1!

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**Friends of NRA – Wasco, CA**

**5:00pm Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Wasco Elks Lodge  
16994 Wasco Ave. Wasco 93280**

**For info/tickets:**

<https://www.friendsofnra.org/news/events/>

**Contact: Matt Ince 661-709-8259**





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