

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY

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, FEBRUARY 10, 2022, at 6:30 PM** Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month and are open to all club members. We encouraged 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 **FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 15, 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 that the general club meetings now 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**

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|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mike Renzi – President:                    | 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 |
| Dirk Steelman – Exec. VP (FFL operations): | 559-732-7726 | Mike Stimson – Board Member (a21):   | 559-280-3020 |
| Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board:      | 559-802-7967 | Frank Tebeau – Board Member (e20):   | 559-731-0090 |
| Glen Gerard – Sergeant at Arms             | 559-901-1749 | Kevin Vedenoff – Board Member (a21): | 559-280-1924 |
| Michelle Amaral – Board Member (a20):      | 559-759-9501 | Sean Vedenoff – Board Member (e21):  | 559-786-6184 |
| Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a21)         | 559-679-7257 |                                      |              |

**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.**

At the **January 13, 2022, meeting**, Mike Renzi, VSA president, welcomed new members Melinda and Brian Adamson. Mike continued with confirming that Royce Nalls and Sean Vedenoff were re-elected to the board of directors. He then announced his three (3) appointments to the board as follows: Keven Vedenoff, Mike Stimson, and Chris Calhoun. The directors will each serve two-year terms.

Vice president Russ Beechinor (in charge of the range operations), said **High Power Shoots** have been discontinued due to low participation. The scheduled time at the range is now set for **Ladies/Women Shoot** on the **second Sunday of each month** from **8:00 am to 12 noon**. Women and girls do NOT need to be members. There is no range usage fee. Women RSOs – range safety officers – will be on duty. You can buy targets at the range or bring your own. There is a limited supply of safety glasses and hearing protection available for use. Bring your own guns and ammo and have a safe and enjoyable experience! **Ladies Night** to start in March.

One of the pieces of equipment that has been crucial to our range maintenance has been the old tractor. We had a strong lead on a local, used tractor that we made an offer on. Ultimately, the owners developed separation anxiety and decided not to sell. Our directors are on the search again for a suitable tractor in the right price range. If you know of a tractor for sale, decent horsepower, etc., please contact Mike Renzi at 559-802-6163.

**Range cleanup day** – Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7am. Bring your hand and yard tools. We will provide the rest!

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MARCH 2022

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

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| 2 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/Mel Wong/???  | 2 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/Mel Wong/???      |
| 5 SAT <b>Range Cleanup – Lend a hand to help keep your range in tip top shape. Spring cleaning.</b> | 5 Sat Public Shoot ???                          |
| 6 Sun Public Shoot ????   | 6 Sun Public Shoot R Beechinor/F Dancil/Zentner |
| 9 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/???   | 9 Wed Public Shoot Mayfield/Hull/Hogan/Gerard   |
| 12 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/ M Renzi/M Green  | 12 Sat Public Shoot L Cote/J Dearborn/D Lehman  |
| 13 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon</b>  | 13 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon</b>      |
| <b>Junior Rifle/4H 12 noon +</b>  | <b>Junior Rifle/4H 12 noon +</b>                |
| 16 Wed Public Shoot C Ellison/L Miller/???  | 16 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/M Wong/C Ellison   |
| 18 Fri Benchrest set up for the weekend competition   | 19 Sat Public Shoot ???                         |
| 19 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest Shoot</b>   | 20 Sun <b>Black powder/Junior Rifle</b>         |
| 20 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest Shoot</b>   | 23 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/???              |
| 23 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/Mel Wong/Ken Rahn  | 23 Wed <b>Ladies Night 5 pm to dusk</b>         |
| 26 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/ M Renzi/I Brock  | 26 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest</b>                   |
| 27 Sun <b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle/</b>  | 27 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest</b>                   |
|   | 30 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/M Wong      |

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.

## RIB EYE DINNER – Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, VSA Clubhouse

### FAMILY DINNER – Worried about where to take your significant other for that Valentines dinner?

Stressing over the high price of food *and* drinks! Join your friends at the club. Dinner tickets are available now! \$25.00 per adult. Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm (a bit earlier if you really wanted), dinner is served at 6:00. Tickets are limited and *not* available at the door. Please call Jim at 559-802-7967. Our lights don't dim and you will be seated family style at the table, well, because *you are family!* (Without the family drama.) See you there.

### More info from the January 2022, club and board meetings:

Michelle Amaral, women's shoot coordinator, said that in addition to the second Sunday morning of each month, the **Ladies Night at the Range** will resume in March on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.**

For many years, the crew behind the Family Dinners have strived to create a memorable meal that exceeds expectations. There's plenty of help in the kitchen and at the cook stations. It's the Sunday morning cleanup that could use a couple extra hands. Keep in mind that you can leisurely head to the club around 9 am to lend a hand.

Each family dinner has several opportunities to win a variety of items. One of the most popular is the "mystery drawing". Tickets are \$5 each and if your ticket is drawn you will be asked to take one of the four numbered keys out of the ticket cup to open one of the corresponding doors of the lock box. You might be the winner of \$50, \$100, a three-year club membership, or a certificate stating you won a gun! For February, there will be additional drawings as well. Tickets are sold only at the dinner and are drawn near the end of the evening.

What would you do if you won a three-year membership? It has a \$240 value! (Three years at \$80 per year.) Think outside the box...that's almost half-way to a LIFE membership. How 'bout that?

Jim Mayfield is looking for old, used guns to be used for the drawings at the dinners. Those relics in the back of the closet, the ones that have bounced around on the floorboards (from way back when that was more commonplace), the occasional ugly duckling, the ones that have some wall-hanging life left in them. If you think they are in the \$100 to \$150 range, give Jim a call at 559-802-7967. Heck, he will probably trade for club memberships, too!

The NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) training will be Saturday, March 5th. This class is for our new RSOs. Men **and** women are invited to become RSOs for the club. Please call Russ at 559-280-4061, for more info on the duties, responsibilities and benefits of becoming an RSO. Russ provided the following information: March 5, 2022, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM RSO Training Class for new RSOs. Please note that in most cases we are done by 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM as we do training at our range. Location is the Club House.

Please go to the NRA site to sign up. <https://onlinetraining.nra.org/> Click on the online courses tab.

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** February 7 and 8, 2022.

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.

**RANGE CLEANUP DAY** – Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, ready for spring cleaning to commence at 7 am. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. NO SHOOTING allowed at the range today. Bring your yard tools and hand tools and dig in on the projects.

**VSA GUN DINNER** – Royce Nalls announced that the Gun Dinner is back on and will be held at the International Agri-Center Heritage Complex in Tulare on May 7, 2022. More info as it becomes available. Are you interested in helping? Can you sell drawing tickets, ask for donations from businesses in the area, or have a donation that can be used in a drawing or live/silent auction? Please contact Matthew Gaalswyk at 559-909-4419, or Royce Nalls at 559-730-8485.

**FOR SALE:** 1) Henry US Survival Rifle .22, \$250. (Americanrifleman.com: "Is there another rifle that fits in its own stock, assembles in half-a-minute and hits what you're aiming at when the chips are down?") It floats, too. 2) New England Firearms Handi Rifle, .223 caliber with a BSA 6x24 scope, \$300. Please call 559-280-8287. (No name at this time, however, I have known this club member for many years.)

**FOR SALE:** Case trimmer and "go/no go" gauges for .300 Rem Ultra Mag. \$150. Jim Mayfield 559-802-7967.

**DRAWING TICKETS:** You can still get tickets for the Springfield M1 Garand. The drawing will be held Sat., February 12, at the family dinner. It's a Springfield Armory M1 Garand Rifle, dated 1963, with a walnut stock, bayonet, and ammo bandoliers. Tickets are \$20, and available by calling Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967.

**CLUB HOUSE FACILITIES:** VSA club meetings; Scouts; CCW classes; birthdays; anniversaries; memorials; the club house is available for members to use for a variety of purposes. At the January board meeting, it was decided that a \$125 deposit will be collected to hold the facility for special events. Directors stipulated that if the facility is clean and orderly, \$100 will be returned and a \$25 building fee will be retained.

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION:** Loren Metzler, HSE instructor, stated that all Hunter Ed classes are online at this time. All in person Hunter Education Program classes have been cancelled until further notice in response to COVID-19. Online only hunter education certification is temporarily available at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/california/> **Official California Hunter Safety Course Online** Take this California-approved course to complete your online hunter safety education. Hunter-ed.com is a delegated provider for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**WILD GAME DINNER:** This year's dinner will be Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at the clubhouse. Success depends on your donations of game, fish, or fowl. Bear, elk, deer, wild pig, snake (yes, it has been on the menu), halibut, snapper, chukar, pheasant, etc. You kill it, we'll grill it, fry it, or bake it! This event is free for club members. Drawing tickets (\$10 each) are being sold to help offset the costs; we will be giving away a Ruger American Predator rifle in 6.5 Creedmore, and a Ruger Wrangler .22 single-action revolver.

Ladies Night will be starting up in March. Posters and fliers will be made and we are looking to hear from you if your place of work would help promote this FREE community activity. Drop me an email ([visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com](mailto:visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com)) or ([visaliasportsmen@gmail.com](mailto:visaliasportsmen@gmail.com)) and I will pass it on to Michelle Amaral.



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**The club needs more RSOs!** Men, women, we can get you started with on the job training. Call Russ for more details on the responsibilities and benefits. He can be reached at 559-280-4061.

**Club Website:** <http://visaliasportsmens.com>. For more info about the club, programs, activities, newsletters (current and past), visit the website, or call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. Jim is our master club coordinator as well as the best source for any tickets for club events or drawings. For any of your newsletter concerns, “wanted” or “for sale” items, please feel free to contact me, Chris Norman, editor, at: [visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com](mailto:visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com), or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.

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