

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MAY

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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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, MAY 12, 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, MAY 17, 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.

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VSA GUN DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

What will you be talking about to your friends for the rest of the year? What's going to be more fun than telling fish tales? What will make you and your friends say "I can't wait for next year to go to the..."

We used to call this the *VSA 100 gun Dinner*, but quickly realized there were way more than 100 guns in the offering. Call Royce at 559-730-8485, or Matthew at 559-909-4419, for "sponsor table" or ticket information.

At the **April 14, 2022, meeting:** Preparations for the April 16th, *Wild Game Feed* are under way. Thanks to our hunting and fishing members, it looks like there will be a good selection of fish, fowl and game. New signage has been placed at the range. Getting the ceiling fans operational or replaced at the range is underway.

Also at the range, we wish there was a magic bullet that could be deployed to eliminate the goat head stickers. Nasty little buggers...they can hang on to tires for miles and miles at 70 miles per hour! Just want to remind you to rub your shoes across a cement curb or to wire brush the soles before stepping into the house or you will be sure to find them in the carpet at the most inopportune time.

Kelly Salinas, club treasurer, has stated that the 2021 year-end reports have been sent to the CPA for filing the club tax returns. Work will begin any day now for replacing the club house sewer line from the building, down the parking area, out to the gate/fence area

The "annual" VSA **YARD SALE** has been scheduled for Saturday, June 11. More info on page two.

Father's Day Breakfast: Gals and Guys, bring the "dads" in your life over to the club on Saturday, June 18th, for a filling start to the weekend. Only \$10. More details coming in the June newsletter.

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Club Phone: 559-635-7172

JUNE 2022

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun Public Shoot	B Knutson/P Kuykendall/A Slate	1 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/???
4 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/???	4 Sat Public Shoot	Ben Zentner/???
7 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/???	5 Sun Public Shoot	??/???
8 Sun Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon		8 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/???
Junior Rifle 12 noon +		11 Sat Public Shoot	Manuel Garcia/Ben Zentner/???
11 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/???	12 Sun Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon	
14 Sat Public Shoot	L Espino/B Zentner/???	Junior Rifle/4H 12 noon +	
15 Sun Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/D Lehman	15 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/???
18 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/???	18 Sat CBRSA Benchrest	
20 Fri Benchrest practice all day		19 Sun CBRSA Benchrest	
21 Sat CBRSA Benchrest		22 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/???
22 Sun CBRSA Benchrest		22 Wed Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk	
25 Wed Public Shoot	C Ellison/M Wong/K Rahn	25 Sat Public Shoot	??/???
25 Wed Ladies Night At the Range 5 pm to dusk		26 Sun Black powder 8 am to 12/JR Rifle 12 to 5	
28 Sat Public Shoot	M Price/J Price/A Price	29 Wed Public Shoot	??/???
29 Sun Black powder 8 am to 12/JR Rifle 12 to 5 pm			

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 – Steve Quinn 559-686-1945, steveq@carifle.com. **CBRSA** (Benchrest) – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026. **Women's Shoot** – Michelle Amaral 559-759-9501

WHAT ELSE? VSA YARD SALE – Saturday, June 11, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Members, start going thru your cabinets, closets, sheds, storage units, work benches and more for those sporting good treasures that you are ready to send to someone else's home. The yard sale is your way to earn some dough for the extra militaria, reloading, shooting, hunting gear, knives, camping and equestrian, etc. Fishing and boating goods, too. You name it! Firearms can be displayed, but **not** sold at the club. The sale must take place off the VSA club property and all California and Federal laws apply.

This is a great opportunity to buy, sell, or trade from a number of "households" all in one place. A food truck has been reserved for breakfast and lunch items at the club! Reserve your indoor or outdoor table space by calling Linda at: 559-308-6906. Email: likdalkaiser@sbcglobal.net

Linda K will be "retiring" soon from her decorating for the club dinners. She has a lot of décor supplies to give to those taking over the club dinner décor duties. Give Linda a call: 559-308-6906.

High Power Shoots have been discontinued. Historically they have been scheduled for the morning of the second Sunday of each month. Hate to see it go, but the time slot has successfully been filled.

Ladies/Women Shoot on the **second Sunday of each month** from **8:00 am to 12 noon**. (May 8, June 12, July 10, etc.) The same parameters apply to the Sunday morning shoots as the Ladies Night time at the range.

Ladies Night at the Range is aiming for a great showing on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The target has been set to have the ladies and girls really enjoy the safe, structured setting at the range. More info on page 3.

VSA GUN DINNER – Saturday, May 7, 2022 – International Agri Center **4500 S. Laspina Street, Tulare, CA Social hour 5:00 pm – Dinner 6:30 pm**

VSA Gun Dinner planning is in full swing. If you want to take part in the success of this fantastic event, give Matthew Gaalswyk a call at 559-909-4419, or Royce Nalls at 559-730-8485. Ticket sales, donation requests, set up, decoration, breakdown, clean up, and more. Every detail needs to be covered for this major club fundraiser.

Fishing x 2 – "Fishing with Marty"! Twice the FUN!!! Two boats – the Stardust and the Coral Sea. **SOLD OUT!** Waiting list? Call Marty at 559-331-2098. \$125.00 per person for ALL-DAY FUN! Saturday, July 30th.

Later in the season fishing trip – Saturday, September 17th, on the *Endeavor*, \$160.00. Give Gary Bailey a call at 559-799-6435.

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.

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!! May 2 & 3, 2022. (June 6/7, July 4/5, etc.)

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.

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION: At the April 14, 2022, club meeting, Loren Metzler, HSE instructor, stated that Hunter Safety Education instructors have the approval to start "in-person" classes. No dates have been set at this time for classes at the VSA club house. Classes are available online as well at this time. Find more information about the Hunter Safety Education class, please visit: <https://www.hunter-ed.com/california/> **Official California Hunter Safety Course Online.** Hunter-ed.com is a delegated provider for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Ladies' night will be once a month on the 4th Wednesday of each month (**May 25, June 22, July 27, 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.

On a recent trip to Tennessee, I learned the state has an aggressive program to "Help stop the spread of forest pests in Tennessee." **How you can help stop the spread of forest pests in Tennessee:** *Leave firewood at home – don't transport it to campgrounds or parks. *Use firewood from local sources near where you are going to burn it, or purchase state or federally certified wood. *If you have moved firewood, burn all of it before leaving your campsite. *Tell your friends not to move firewood. Remind them that in quarantined Tennessee counties, it is illegal to move firewood.

From Vermont to North Dakota to Hawaii to Texas, pests hitchhiking on firewood can spread and destroy millions of trees. Information for every state can be found at: <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/>

California prohibits bringing firewood into the state if it originated in an area infested with a harmful tree pest such as emerald ash borer, spotted lanternfly, Asian longhorned beetle, and/or spongy moth. For example, moving firewood into California from most midwestern and eastern states is against the law in order to prevent the spread of emerald ash borer. Bringing firewood into California can introduce these and other invasive pests which cause immense damage to natural and agricultural resources.

Many midwestern and eastern states prohibit the movement of firewood from California into their states since this can spread forest pests like thousand cankers disease of walnut.

Because California has existing regional infestations of regulated pests like the red imported fire ant, sudden oak death, and light brown apple moth, it is against the law to move firewood out of, or within, most western counties of the state. Many parts of southern California have additional forest pests that can be accidentally moved on firewood, including goldspotted oak borer and invasive shot hole borers.

California's National Parks, State Parks, and some County Parks prohibit cutting or collecting firewood within parks and instead encourage visitors to buy local or heat-treated firewood.

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Continued from page 3. "Local" firewood refers to firewood sourced within 50 miles of where it is burned, but within 10 miles is ideal. Due to the risks and regulations involved with moving firewood, the State Department of Agriculture and the US Forest Service Region 5 ask that you "buy it where you burn it".



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