

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JULY

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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, JULY 11, 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, JULY 16, 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.

Club House Phone # (answering machine):	559-635-7175	Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (e18):	559-302-8718
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Ed Thomas – Sergeant at Arms	559-	Leroy Chism – Board Member (a18):	559-

Some miscellaneous information that may (or might not) be informative:

Did you know that the club meetings are started with the Pledge of Allegiance? You know you are in good company when there are 70 or more club members saying the pledge in unison and saying it with the proper amount of passion! Come join us even if you don't have a "public speaking" voice; you'll be right at home.

Your plastic membership card is the card you will use in the future. Info is added at each renewal to the data base that is used at the club and the range. The cards do not show your expiration date. Any time you are at the range or the club, swipe your card for the current info we have available about your renewal date, address, phone and email.

Your information is secured to the best of our ability. Our computer expert, Russ, is in the IT industry for one of the largest employers in the county! Your privacy and our security is paramount!

If you have a spouse or family included on the membership, did those members receive their plastic membership cards? If not, please call Russ at 559-280-4061, Jim at 559-802-7967, or Chris at 661-805-0164, or send me an email at visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com or visalisportsmen@yahoo.com and I'll forward it on.

What's up with all of the cars around town and on the highway without their taillights on? It's usually a driver education error on how their car operates. Do tail lights come on with **Daytime Running Lights (DRL)**? Many cars have Daytime Running Lamps. These are headlights that turn on when the car is put in gear or Drive. This **does not light the taillights**. What can be easier than getting in the car, put on your seatbelt, start it and put it in gear? You see that the road ahead of you is illuminated but you have NO IDEA that your back end is dark as night! You might even do a "light check" with your foot on the brake before heading out...yep, the red taillights are on! Let's go. This error equally applies to men, women and young driver. PLEASE TURN YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON!

JULY 2019 Club Phone: 559-635-7172

AUGUST 2019

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot	Jim Johnson/L Miller/R Bennett	3 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/???????????????
6 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/???	4 Sun Public Shoot	
7 Sun Public Shoot	???	4 Sun Elbow Creek 4-H after 3 pm	
10 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/???	7 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/????
13 Sat Public Shoot	Zentner/C Calloway/Alex R	10 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/C Calloway/J Dearborn
14 Sun High Power Match/Junior Rifle/4H		10 Sat CCW CLASS	Range time after 3pm
17 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/M Garcia/???	11 Sun Public Shoot	B Zentner/C Caloway/????
20 Sat Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/G Brummer	14 Wed Public Shoot	???
21 Sun Public Shoot	???	17 Sat Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/G Brummer
24 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/???	18 Sun Public Shoot	???
27 Sat Public Shoot	Kyle Kinsel/???	18 Sun ccw shooting (if needed)	9 to 11 am during public shoot
28 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power		21 Wed Public Shoot	???
31 Wed Public Shoot	Jim Johnson/Lee Miller/???	24 Sat Public Shoot	???
		25 Sun Black Powder/Junior Rifle/High Power	
		28 Wed Public Shoot	Jim Johnson/????
		28-31 Benchrest training	on 28th, Match on 30th & 31st

Please contact the following for more info on the programs that are offered at the range: **Black Powder** – Alan Reed 559-280-3918; **High Power/Jr. Rifle Club** – Steve Quinn 559-686-1945, steveq@carifle.com. **CBRSA** (Benchrest) – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026.

At the JUNE general meeting:

FREE: LEAD FREE AMMO You may have read about this program in the June newsletter. Chad Thomas - Non-lead Outreach Coordinator in California for Institute for Wildlife Studies explained to members how the non-lead program works as well as provided real world hunting insights when using non-lead ammo. Chad provided some biological background of animal metabolism and how lead can be identified by the isotopic signature to determine which industry or application the source of lead comes from. Years of studying tissue samples from in-field carcasses, gut piles, bullet fragments and environmental lead sources supports the research conclusions. Chad is well versed in the performance of non-lead bullet ammo (rimfire and center fire) as well as shot shells. Hunters and ranchers have provided information about the success and failures of non-lead ammo. For more information about the non-lead and FREE non-lead ammo program, go to: <http://www.huntingwithnonlead.org> Chad can be reached at: nonlead@iws.org

Since 2012, the Ventana Wildlife Society has been providing boxes of *free* non-lead ammunition to hunters and ranchers in the California Condor range. Rimfire .22 ammo can be exchanged for lead free. Chad Thomas indicated the program can be extended to those in Tulare County. Ranch owners can get free .22 lead free without an exchange. Centerfire ammo is available at no charge. For more info go to:

<https://www.ventanaws.org/ammunition.html>.

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASS: It was announced that the 2nd class of the year will be Saturday, July 13th. Pick up your study book at *Smokin' Barrel Firearms*. Registration is on-line only at: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california/160/page:2>.

Eddie Thomas, Hunter Ed instructor, said the third and last class of the year will be August 3rd. Attendees for the classes have come from as far as Bakersfield, Hanford, Fresno, and Porterville. Get your Hunter Ed class done ASAP. The last class will be fully booked in no time!

Royce Nalls, 2019 VSA 100 Gun Dinner chairperson, was excited to inform members that this year's dinner in May cleared \$71,218.00, for the VSA club programs and facilities (range improvements). Royce was grateful for everyone's support – table package buyers, attendees, sponsors, donors, and volunteers. Everyone came together for a successful, safe and fun evening.

Matt Gaalswyk, chairperson for 2020, increased the excitement for next year by announcing that the next dinner will be held at the Tulare Ag Center, Pavilion "C". It will be a move up to a more modern facility, a building that we can grow into with better parking. Matt encouraged any attendees to let him know of any ideas to make the event even better. Any improvements? Any new "games" or drawings? Have you been to any other fundraiser dinner that had something new, please don't sit on your ideas or information. The smallest hint or idea can be used to streamline the event. Your suggestion may be the next "can't miss" addition.

Matt can be reached at: 559-909-4419.

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LET'S GO FISHING – SANTA BARBARA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Only a few spots remain open! We want to get 30 people on the Stardust. Everyone wants to know who will land the biggest and the most fish! Only \$100 per person for this all day exclusive VSA charter. The Stardust is one of the best boats on the west coast! Rental gear is available, no experience necessary. Need help with your bait? No problem. You won't be cleaning your own fish either! Bring your coolers to transport your filets back home. Get your money in to Marty ASAP so we can fill the boat. We don't want to leave you at home "wishing you were there"! Call Marty at 559-331-2098.

LADIES' NIGHT AT THE RANGE

Ladies' night will be twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (**JULY 3 & 17**) 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.

FOR SALE: 1) Ruger .357 Match Champion slab side revolver, stainless steel with 4" barrel, never fired. As new in the box. Price reduced to \$650.00 (firm). 2) Browning, "Belgian" A-5 Deluxe Grade 20 gauge shotgun, asking \$750.00. 3) Savage Model 99, .308 Win. Asking \$750.00. Call Darrell at 559-731-0196.

FOR SALE: Lapua Brass. 300 each 6.5x47 caliber, all the same lot number. This is BRAND NEW in the box brass. Lapua was one of the first to develop a 6.5 for long range shooting. The 6.5x47 will outperform the 6.5 Creedmore at most distances. This brass is available at MidwayUSA.com for \$119.99 per hundred. (Product #: 680004 Lapua #: LU4PH6010 UPC #: 6418267200240). Club member Ed is asking \$85 for this new in the box brass. (He has had to put on hold going forward on a custom gun for the cartridge.) Ed can be reached at: 559-303-5572.

FOR SALE: 1) Coleman 414 dual fuel camp stove brand new in box \$100. 2) Five (5) each BFG A/T KOs 285/70/17s on Rubicon 5 on 5 lug pattern rims like new 90-95% tread \$900 OBO. For more info please text David at: 559-308-3821. [Here's more info about the Coleman 414: The cooking surface offers plenty of room for a 12-in. and 10-in. pan to simultaneously sit above two Band-a-Blu™ burners that deliver a total 17,000 BTUs of cooking power. With Dual Fuel™ Technology, which gives you the option of using Coleman® Liquid Fuel or unleaded gasoline, you can take less fuel with you to save money and packing space. WindBlock™ panels help shield your flame from wind and can adjust in and out to fit various pan sizes.]

WANTED: Louie D. is looking for a Ruger Old Army Revolver, .45 black powder pistol. Usually came in a 7.5" barrel and he is hoping for one that is blued. Louie said these were fairly popular in the 70's and early 80's, and that he regrets parting with the one he had many years ago. Please call Louie at 559-731-1360.

From the JUNE 13 board meeting: It was decided that the club will pass on the offer to have the 133-year old Traver Jail donated to the club. With proceeds from the Gun Dinner in the bank, a final payment to American, Inc., was approved for the amount of \$60,000, for range improvement construction costs. Frank T gave an update on the ammo/buyer registration effective July 1st, 2019. Buyers that have purchased a firearm in the last ten (10) years should be in the state database system and should have a quick response to go ahead with the purchase after swiping their state issued ID and the payment of \$1.00 per transaction. No limit on how much can be purchased. Purchaser identification will also undergo a simultaneous check to make sure they are not a prohibited person from purchasing ammo.

On behalf of Linda Kaiser, VSA Yard Sale coordinator, thank you to all the volunteers and buyers and sellers. The June heat was abated. Buyers brought their friends and their cash. Deals and smiles were in abundance.

CCW CLASS: From earlier this year, there are some new format changes and options. Wade Roberts will (normally) hold the CCW class at the club ***the first Monday AND Tuesday of each month***. The class will start at **5:00pm**. As a benefit of your club membership, the CCW class is FREE! Non-members will incur a fee (\$40 for a renewal class; \$80 for an initial CCW permit class). Everyone attending the class will need to shoot at the range. Members *may* incur a range fee. Non-members *will* incur a range fee. You do NOT need to call first, and you do not need to bring anything (except your membership card). Just head to the club. Club members need to show proof of current membership; your membership card, your yellow copy of the 2-part member application, a photo of or copy of your payment. Wade does not accept membership applications, renewals, or membership payments. Please call/text Wade at (559) 303-2848, for more info.

What has changed: To better comply with the changes in CCW training regulations there will be 2 CCW classes, the first Monday of each month (as usual) with the following Tuesday as a second class. For those people needing to renew their CCW permit, they will need to attend only one class, either Monday or Tuesday. People applying for their initial CCW will need to attend **two** classes. The classes don't have to be consecutive, you can take one this month and another the next month. The classes are four (4) hours long.

Both initial and renewal applicants will need to qualify with each gun listed on their permit [*shoot the firearm(s) at the range*]. The qualification is usually the following Saturday. In August, the two CCW classes are Monday, August 5th, and Tuesday, August 6th, and the qualification day is Saturday, August 10th.

The CCW classes are free for members. Non-members will pay \$40 for the renewal permit class (**the fee for one class**). For the initial CCW permit class, non-members will pay \$80 (**the fee for two classes**).

VSA club members qualifying on the designated qualification day will not incur a fee. If the member can't make the designated qualification day, there will be a \$10 qualification fee to the instructor. Non-members qualifying on the designated qualification day will pay a \$20 qualification fee to the range. If non-members can't make the designated qualification day, there will be a \$20 qualification fee to the instructor as well as a \$20 qualification fee to the range. The CCW Instruction Certificate and Qualification Certificate are valid for 6 months so plan ahead and save some money. The qualification is not required to be done after the class, it can be done before. Each certificate has to be dated less than 6 months prior to applying for or renewing your CCW.

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Shooting Training – CCW Classes and more: Col. Jeff Cooper stated that there are three things you must have to be a competent “martial citizen”: Mindset, Gun Handling, and Marksmanship. Jeff Sanders of Legacy Defense offers these three things. **1) Mindset:** You will acquire this from his CCW permit classes that are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month for Tulare, Kings and Fresno County, and Utah (which adds the following states not covered by CA permits: NV, WA, WY, ND, LA, WV, GA, DE, (subject to change)). Jeff will hold the class at your location – home or business, or the VSA clubhouse – for as few as four attendees! **2) Gun Handling:** This can be accomplished IN YOUR HOME using laser equipment and inert firearms, or at the range, or by combining both training regimens. **3) Marksmanship:** This too can be accomplished IN YOUR HOME using laser equipment and inert firearms, or at the range with live ammo, or by combining both training regimens. Bring all three measures together in YOUR home or business environment with a customized training session that will prepare you to win a violent confrontation. Check with Legacy Defense. Jeff Sanders: 559-901-8360. www.facebook.com/legacydefense



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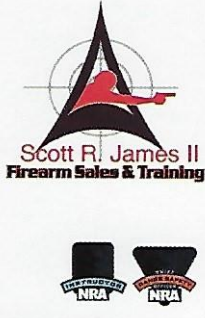

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