

# VISALIASPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

# FEBRUARY

PO BOX 105

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2021

Established 1893

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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 **FEBRUARY 11th GENERAL MEETING** has been **CANCELLED**. Traditionally, 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 **FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 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 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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		Peggy Webb – Board Member (a20 (1yr)):

## **THE FEBRUARY 11th GENERAL CLUB MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

**Our board members are considering holding the general meetings on a month by month basis.**

At the January 19th, 2021, board meeting:

Mike Renzi opened his first board meeting as the new VSA President! Congratulations to Mike. We look forward to his guidance to the club. Mike revealed his choices for the appointed director positions: Ernie Gomez (previously served as an elected director); Michele Amaral (new to the board, but not new to the club or range); and Peggy Webb (also new to the board, but not new to the club or range). Peggy will be serving a one (1) year term as this (by luck of the draw) fills out the one year left on the term Mike Renzi was serving until being elected. (Does that make sense?)

Also new to the head table at the meeting was Kelly Salinas, treasurer.

Mike got to business right at the start to clarify what options are available when faced with a member or RSO that is displaying behavior unbecoming good sportsmanship and/or poor decision making. Directors discussed what behavior might be grounds for probation or for expulsion. It was agreed that any case that might arise is an individual case that needs to be determined on its own merits and that any action is for the safety and security of participants and attendees at the range and at the club.

Mike also brought up that in the day to day operations we (everyone) need to be aware of the need for items to be moved, fixed, repaired, as well as proper signage. If you see something that needs attention, please speak up!

FEBRUARY 2021		Club Phone: 559-635-7172	MARCH 2021		Range Phone: 559-651-1415
3 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Mike Green/Ken Rahn	3 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Mike Green/???
6 Sat	Public Shoot	B Zentner/???	6 Sat	Public Shoot	B Zentner/???
6 Sat	<b>CCW Shooting – 3:30 to 5 pm</b>		6 Sat	<b>CCW Shooting – 3:30 to 5 pm</b>	
7 Sun	<b>Hi Power Match/Junior Rifle &amp; 4-H</b>		7 Sun	<b>Hi Power Match/Junior Rifle &amp; 4-H</b>	
10 Wed	Public Shoot	J Mayfield/Mick Hogan/John Hull	10 Wed	Public Shoot	J Mayfield/Mick Hogan/John Hull
13 Sat	Public Shoot	B Zentner/???	13 Sat	<b>RANGE CLEAN UP – Spring cleaning</b>	
14 Sun	Public Shoot	???	14 Sun	Public Shoot	Ben Zentner/???
17 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/???	17 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/???
19 Fri	<b>CBRSA – Benchrest shoot set up</b>		20 Sat	Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/G Brummer
20 Sat	<b>CBRSA – Benchrest competition</b>		21 Sun	<b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle &amp; 4-H/High Power</b>	
21 Sun	<b>CBRSA – Benchrest competition</b>		24 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/???
24 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/???	26 Fri	CBRSA Benchrest set up day and practice	
27 Sat	Public Shoot	B Zentner/J Dearborn/G Brummer	27 Sat	<b>CBRSA – Benchrest competition</b>	
28 Sun	<b>Black Powder/Junior Rifle &amp; 4-H/High Power</b>		28 Sun	<b>CBRSA – Benchrest competition</b>	
			31 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/???

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.

### More info from the January 2021 board meeting:

The membership vote to have VSA become a charitable organization (510c3) is ongoing. We didn't have an updated count at the meeting, but it was estimated nearly 100 ballots have been returned. Only a couple 'NO' votes. Ballots for the membership vote to change the IRS status of the club can be mailed to VSA, PO Box 105, Visalia, CA 93279. A drop box at the range will be available during normal public shoot days and hours (8am to 3pm). It is encouraged that you reproduce the ballot for additional adult club members in your family (spouses, partners, siblings, parents, etc.). It is imperative that your vote for the change in the club's legal status needs to be returned as soon as possible.

Matthew Gaalswyk, chairman for the VSA Gun Dinner scheduled for April 2021, indicated the dinner will be cancelled for 2021. A committee meeting will be scheduled to address handling of pre-paid packages and sponsorships and any deposits made for the event. The 2020 Gun Dinner was cancelled (May 2020) and several attendees agreed to carry their payment forward to 2021.

Last month we put a call out for firewood for the range. We would like to thank Todd Burkdoll for donating a load of trimmings from his stone fruit orchard. Burkdoll Farms has nearly 50 stone fruit varieties and they can be found at various farmers markets in the central valley and central coast areas when available.

Miscellaneous construction cut-offs are showing up at the range. Thank you to the anonymous donor. We are still looking to beef up out firewood supply. After the recent winter storms if you have any blown down trees that need to be taken away, give Jim Mayfield a call at 559-802-7967, to arrange for pick up.

**Ladies Night at the Range** is anticipated to resume mid-March. More information coming soon.

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** January 4/5, 2021.

As part of your membership in VSA, 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 Certificate 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!

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