

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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(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, April 13, 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, April 18, 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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VSA GUN DINNER – Saturday, April 15, 2023

International Agri-Center 4500 S. Laspina Street, Tulare, CA

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.

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.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: Saturday, April 29, 2023 - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and

Sunday, April 30 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the University of California Cooperative Extension Office, 4437 S Laspina St., Tulare.

To register for the course: <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=40397>

More info on page 2.

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Club Phone: 559-635-7172

MAY 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sat Public Shoot	F Tebeau/G Willett/R Broyles	3 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/?
2 Sun Public Shoot	K Kubik/Lehman, Dearborn/Cote	6 Sat Public Shoot	G Richert/M Garcia/G Willett
5 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	7 Sun Women's day at the range – All day.	
8 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/ Ilah Brock/Mike Renzi	10 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/?
9 Sun Easter – the range is closed today		13 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/Ilah Brock/Mike Renzi
12 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/?	14 Sun Public Shoot	???
14 Fri CBRSA	Set up and practice shoot	17 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/?
15 Sat CBRSA	Benchrest Competition	19 Fri CBRSA	Set up and practice shoot
16 Sun CBRSA	Benchrest Competition	20 Sat CBRSA	Benchrest Competition
19 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?	21 Sun CBRSA	Benchrest Competition
22 Sat Tulare County Match		24 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?
23 Sun Black Powder		27 Sat Public Shoot	L Cote/D Lehman/J Dearborn
26 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?	28 Sun Black Powder	
29 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/G Richert/Brook H.	31 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/?
30 Sun Public Shoot	L Cote/J Dearborn/D Lehman		
For more information about becoming an RSO, please call		Russ at 559-280-4061. Women & men needed!	

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

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as a county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are permitted to attend the course but must fully participate along with the adults. There is no fee for the course. Refreshments and lunch is provided. For info on the class content, contact John Borba at jbinnv@yahoo.com.

For info on the class location and registration, contact Rochelle Mederos at mederos@ucanr.edu.

VSA and 4-H: According to Esther Gipson, the shooting programs (Junior Rifle and 4-H) have been together for nearly 50 years. 4-H “provides” the shooters (junior members of the VSA join the 4-H program; 4-H junior members join the VSA) and the VSA provides the facilities and equipment and supplies. Frank Tebeau stated that you don’t have to be a parent (of a participant) to be a shooting program leader.

Steve Quinn, VSA Jr Rifle & 4-H leader, recently announced his retirement from the program effective July 31st. Are you ready to step into a roll that shapes the future lives of participants, builds confidence and instills discipline? Ready for the rewards of “making a difference?” Contact Rochelle Mederos, or John Borba (above).

Really! Did it really happen? Russ reported that sometime on or around the weekend of March 25/26th, someone entered the blockhouse at the range and emptied several bottles of water into the drop-in safe and added several other items to the soupy mix. After momentary speechlessness, a LOT of words and ideas come to mind! If you were at the range enjoying some shooting time and noticed another member or guest loitering in and around, give Russ Beechinor a call.

Scouts Flag Retirement Ceremony: Bring your worn and tattered flags to the VSA club house (or range) in the next couple of weeks. Scouts of Tulare County will be having a retirement April 29th at the “Scout shack” in Mooney Grove.

VSA Fishing Trip – Gary Bailey says there might be a couple openings on the July 15th 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.

CCW Classes at the VSA club house: Albert Chan, CCW Instructor, announced an additional CCW class at the club to be held Thursday, April 27th, and Friday, April 28th (from 5 pm to 9 pm). Qualification shoot to be on Saturday (29th) from 2 to 6 pm. Albert said the two class dates are separate classes. You would only need to attend one of the days and then finish the range portion on Saturday for the complete number of hours of instruction. See page 3 for the basic information. More classes are planned. Albert can be reached at 559-972-6537. See his business card, page 4. Recent CCW classes at the club have had up to 70 attendees!

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners, CRPA Chapter, the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 6:30pm – [Kings Gun Center](#) in Hanford, CA. Matt Johnson, chair, 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 5th fishing trip. Two boats have been chartered. Check your calendar, set the date then call Marty to get on the boat. 559-331-2098.

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!! The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, **April 3rd and 4th**, 5pm to 9pm. The May class is scheduled for May 1st and 2nd.

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. Additional classes each month will help meet the demand.

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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<https://www.friendsofnra.org/news/events/>
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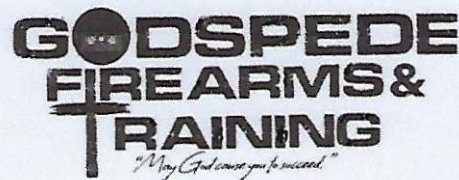
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Appointment Date/Time _____

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