

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JUNE

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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 next **GENERAL MEETING** will be **THURSDAY, June 8, 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, June 13, 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 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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**VSA YARD SALE – Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at the VSA club house. 8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, 536 E ROOSEVELT AVE, VISALIA, All items of a sporting nature (HUNTING, FISHING, BOATING, CAMPING, SPORTS, OFF ROAD, EQUESTRIAN)** Call Linda for your table reservation at 559-308-6906. Great food provided by “Yo Mommas!” food truck.

If you have a few items you would like to sell or trade, bring ‘em on over, carry them in. No table required. Don’t have time to get to the “yard sale”? Donate them to the club and we will handle the details. Call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967 to make arrangements to drop of your items before the sale day.

**VSA Potluck Evening – Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>!** Dinner at the club with family favorite dishes prepared by YOU! More details to follow...we ask everyone to bring a main dish; those with last names A to M bring a side dish; and, N to Z a dessert. How about a few games of *SPORTCO!*? Great! It’s been a few years since we’ve played.

At the meeting we met Ellen Woitalla (VSA life member). She spoke as a grassroots volunteer for “Tulare County Coalition”, working hard to build a conservative base to get conservatives on the ballots and win in the elections. Working to find electable Republicans, registering voters, and working hard during election cycles in our Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts. She said meetings are underway to get a game plan and determine what the concerns are in the county. Want to volunteer? Go to the Tulare County Republican website, click on “Volunteer”, and you will be connected to Mrs. Woitalla. <https://www.tularegop.com/>

Also at the meeting we met Greg Willetts (VSA member). He spoke about the program “**Walk the Talk America**”, bringing light to the interaction of the firearm community and mental health. See Page 3 for more.

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## JULY 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Thur Range is closed for DFW day at the range	1 Sat Public Shoot
3 Sat Public Shoot Aric, James, Mark Price	2 Sun Public Shoot
4 Sun Public Shoot ?	5 Wed Public Shoot
7 Wed Public Shoot ?	8 Sat Public Shoot
10 Sat Public Shoot Russ B, Ferdinand D, M Garcia	9 Sun <b>Women's Day at the Range – All Day</b>
11 Sun <b>Women's day at the range – All day.</b>	11 Tues The range is closed for DFW day at the range
14 Wed Public Shoot ?	12 Wed Public Shoot
15 Thu CBRSA Set up and practice shoot	15 Sat Public Shoot
16 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice shoot	16 Sun Public Shoot
17 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>	19 Wed Public Shoot
18 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>	22 Sat Public Shoot
21 Wed Public Shoot ?	23 Sun <b>Blk Powder</b> call Leroy at 559-734-7500 for info
24 Sat Public Shoot J Dearborn, L Cote, D Lehman	26 Wed Public Shoot
25 Sun <b>Blk Powder</b> call Leroy at 559-734-7500 for info	29 Sat Public Shoot
28 Wed Public Shoot ?	30 Sun Public Shoot
For more information about becoming an RSO, please call RSOs – not sure if your day matches the calendar, call or	Russ at 559-280-4061. Women & men needed!
	text Russ to confirm.

**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

**VSA Fishing Trip** – The **July 15<sup>th</sup>** fishing trip will be out of Morro Bay (not Santa Barbara as originally planned). Apparently, there has been a noticeable shift in the fish going north. Save time and miles by traveling to Morro Bay! There might be one or two places available for you and a friend. \$160 per person, includes fish cleaning. 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.

**For Sale:** LEE Precision lead melting pot, 20-pound, \$50. Ten (10) each 1-pound weights for \$30.00. Send Gary a text at 559-799-6435.

**For Sale:** Savage-Anschutz Target rifle, single shot .22 lr., with target receiver sights. Made by Anschutz and imported by Savage from the late 1960's to the early 1980's, these target rifles are all Anschutz quality. This one was formerly used by the VSA junior rifle program. \$600. Call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967.

**For Trade:** Primers! Club member Fred is looking to trade 1000 large pistol primers (Win or CCI) for 1000 small pistol primers. Fred says "thanks"! He can be reached at (559) 799-7950.

**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!

**Fishing with Marty** – Marty is gearing up for the **August 5<sup>th</sup>** fishing trip. Two boats have been chartered; the well-known Stardust and Coral Sea. Sailing out of Santa Barbara Landing (Santa Barbara). Right now, both boats are sold out! Drawing tickets are still available for a chance to win a \$500 gift card to Smokin' Barrel, or \$500 smackers! Call Marty to get your drawing tickets. 559-331-2098. (Drawing funds are applied to the costs of the charter.)

**Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 pm, the VSA clubhouse. Pre-registering for the meeting is greatly appreciated. You don't have to be a CRPA member to attend. Online: <https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/> More information about the next meetings can be found on Facebook & Instagram: @tularekingsgunowners.

Register online before you come and you'll earn a free ticket to the merchandise & gear drawing! You must attend in order to claim and win. Matt Johnson, chair, can be reached at 559-571-2239.

At the May 11 club meeting, Matt Gaalswyk, VSA Gun Dinner chair, said "it took a bunch of people to make it a successful event!" Nearly \$77,000 was raised for VSA improvements and programs!!

**Join us on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the club for a potluck dinner and SPORTCO! game night! More info coming soon.**

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, **JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**, 5pm to 9pm. Next month's class is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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**Walk the Talk America** – From : <https://walkthetalkamerica.org/>

One of WTTA's main goals is to educate and inform. It's okay to talk about mental health, and that conversation can and should happen around firearm ownership. Here you can find informational sheets that explain why it's important to take care of your mental health along with links to WTTA's screening resources.

Our Mission: Through formal education, outreach, and engagement with the mental health and firearms communities, Walk the Talk America aspires to reduce firearm suicides and other negative incidents associated with firearms ownership.

Our Vision for the Future: Eradicating the prejudice that both the firearms and mental health industries face while reducing the number of tragedies and deaths that have occurred over the years since the US has had a decline in mental health funding and education. Creating an organization that is solely focused on making change and is made up of experts from different fields and all walks of life that is not corrupted by politics, the media, or personal prejudices.

Mr. Willetts pointed out that WTTA through their website provides free, anonymous, mental health screenings and additional resources for professional help. Use the screenings to get a quick snapshot of your mental health. These screenings are not a diagnosis, but a starting point of helpful information you can choose to share with your health care provider for a full assessment.

They offer a series of fliers for gun manufacturers and firearm retailers as well as information on communicating to customers the importance of mental health to firearm owners.

**At the June board meeting** directors and officers learned more about the junior rifle and 4H Shooting program relationship and how the relationship might look like in the future. Frank T. attended the recent 4H Shooting program leader training. He related that years (decades, actually) ago, 4H had a special arrangement to have the St. Aloysius 4H shooting program as a "spin-off" of 4H. Moving forward this year, Frank said, 4H directors want to have the St. A program back under the 4H umbrella. Esther G. provided that the 4H "year" is August 1 to July 31.

It is possible the 4H shooting program leader might not be the VSA shooting program leader. For the program and partnership to continue with the VSA club, after further discussion it was decided to have the person(s) who becomes the 4H/VSA shooting leader to: 1) be a VSA club member, 2) attend VSA board meetings, 3) have the program firearms DROS'd in their names (to be the owners of), 4) attend VSA range safety officer training.

The good news is that after attending the two-day 4H leader training class, at least one person has expressed interest in becoming a 4H and VSA shooting program leader.





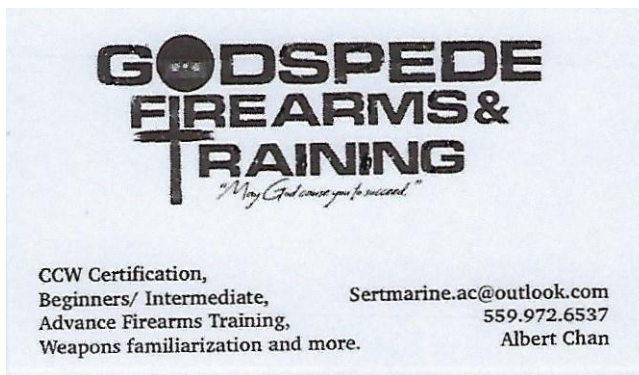
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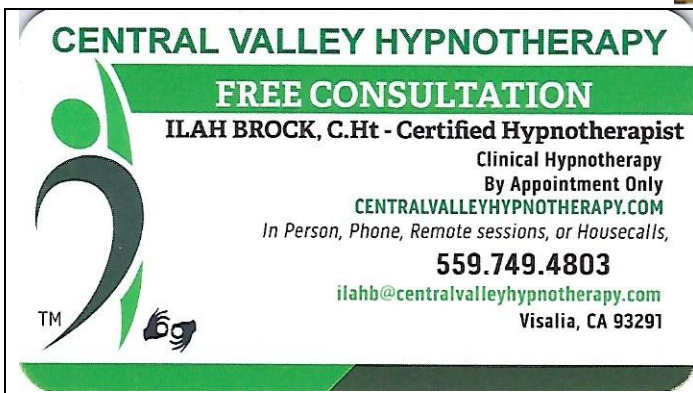
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