

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JULY 2023

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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 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, July 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 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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Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a21)	559-679-7257	Sean Vedenoff – Board Member (e21);	559-786-6184

VSA POTLUCK EVENING – Saturday, July 15th! 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. Ready for *SPORTCO!*? (aka Bingo) Great! It's been a few years since we've played.

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASS: It was announced that the class will be Saturday, July 22nd.

The class will be held at the VSA clubhouse. This is a Traditional Hunter Education class, consisting of all-day instruction from 8:00 am to 5:00pm, with a one-hour lunch break. The Traditional Hunter Education test will be given at 5:00pm. There is a non-refundable course fee of \$10 for this class. Registration is on-line only at: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california/160/page:2>. Scroll down and click on the Visalia Sportsmen's class date. There's information on the requirements for what is needed before the class (adults and juniors).

SCI – Safari Club International Foundation Fundraiser Dinner banquet – Saturday, July 29, 2023.

The SCI Central Valley Chapter dinner will be at the Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave, Visalia. Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Dinner, Live & Silent Auction, Raffles – No Host Bar. For more information call Eddie Reynoso at 559-679-8463 or email centralvalleysci@gmail.com Or go to the Central Valley SCI website: <https://centralvalleysci.com/events>

VETERANS SHOOT at the range, Saturday, September 23rd. Are you a veteran? Know a veteran...of any age, VSA member or not? Invite them to the range for a fun opportunity to experience a variety of firearms. There's no charge to shoot and there will be a delicious BBQ lunch. We want to thank Tulare Meat Locker for providing the meat. This is an all-day event, 8 am to 3 pm. There is no "set schedule" so veterans and their family/friends can stop out at any time. Veterans can bring their firearms (transported unloaded and in a secure case down to the range tables). There will be a variety of firearms provided for use as well. More info in next month's newsletter.

JULY 2023

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

AUGUST 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sat Public Shoot ?	2 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez
2 Sun Public Shoot B Zentner/??	5 Sat Public Shoot ?
5 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/L Miller/L Hernandez	6 Sun Public Shoot ?
8 Sat Public Shoot A Slate/Paul K/R Santos/Knutson	9 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez
9 Sun Women at the Range 8 am to 3 pm	12 Sat Public Shoot ?
11 Tues Range closed for DFW special event, 8am to 1pm	13 Sun Ladies Shoot 8 am to
12 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/L Miller/L Hernandez	16 Wed Public Shoot L Miller?K Rahn/L Hernandez
15 Sat Public Shoot ?	19 Sat Public Shoot ?
16 Sun Public Shoot Cote/Lehman/Dearborn	20 Sun Public Shoot ?
19 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/L Miller/L Hernandez	23 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez
22 Sat Public Shoot ?	26 Sat Public Shoot ?
23 Sun Black Powder 8 am to	27 Sun Black Powder 8 am to
26 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/L Miller/L Hernandez	30 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez
29 Sat Public Shoot ?	
30 Sun Public Shoot L Cote/D Lehman/J Dearborn	
For more information about becoming an RSO, please call	Russ at 559-280-4061. Women & men needed!
RSOs – not sure if your day matches the calendar, call or	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

At the **JUNE general club and board meetings**: Each general meeting opens with the Pledge of Allegiance. It is heartwarming to see 70 or more attendees stand and recite the Pledge with pride and integrity. Then it's time to have any new members, first time attending a meeting members, and guests introduce themselves. Welcome to Mitch, Fred and Ernie! Prior to the start of each meeting we have FREE chili and hotdogs. Cold soft drinks and adult beverages are available for purchase, too. Everyone is welcome to stop by for a meeting on the second Thursday of each month. The meetings start at 6:30 pm. Come early to get a bite to eat and relax for a while.

The June meeting speaker was Ellen Voitalla, VSA life member, representing Tulare County Coalition. It is a grassroots, volunteer group aiming to get conservative/Republican people and issues on the election ballots. If you want to be a part of process of increasing conservative election processes go to the Tulare County Republican website and click on "volunteer". Your interest will be directed to Ellen Voitalla.

Women's Shoot at the Range – Michelle Amaral, coordinator, said she would like to see more ladies (of all ages) participate at the range. She also said that groups (of women) can be accommodated. Family, friends, work, church, etc. VSA membership is not required. Shooting experience is not required. Michelle said, "Timid shooters are our specialty." Ladies, if you are not sure where to start in the shooting sports, there are a couple of smaller caliber handguns available to try. Women Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are there for you. For more information, contact Michelle at: 559-759-9501.

Pedro C., U.S. Army (retired, 13 years) and VSA member, really cleaned and trimmed up the clubhouse grounds to get ready for the VSA Yard Sale on June 24th. Great job Pedro! Welcome to the "family"!

The new parking area light pole has been installed. Thank you to Chris Calhoun for directing the work.

Kelly Salinas, VSA treasurer, is still having fits with online banking at Bank of the West after the bank's recent sale. Our money is safe,,,FDIC insured and well below the maximum insured coverage.

Mike Renzi, president, recently requested a call back from attorney Ryan Sullivan, for an update on the conversion to a 501c3 charitable organization for the club.

4H & VSA Junior shooting program – Justin George will be the new shooting program leader. Justin was 11-years old when he started in the Junior Rifle program at our range and participated for 8 years. After receiving an engineering degree, he is locally employed designing methane digester systems (anaerobic digester) for the dairy industry. Justin's accomplishments on the range are extraordinary! As a member of the California Grizzlies and as an individual his ability to shoot high scores in every condition imaginable has earned him respect from military and professional shooters from around the globe. His brother, Kevin, has also earned the respect of these shooters through his extensive accomplishments. More info on the programs to follow as it becomes available.

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!**NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR JULY (due to the July 4 holiday):**

The CCW class is scheduled for Monday, **JULY 10**, and Wednesday, JULY 12th, 5pm to 9pm. The range qualification shoot date has been changed to Saturday, July 15, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Next month's class is scheduled for August 7 & 8; the first Monday and Tuesday of the month.

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.

Instructors Wade Roberts and Albert Chan 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.

VSA FISHING TRIP with Marty – Marty is gearing up for the **August 5th** 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.)

FOR SALE: Reloading powder and primers. Alliant "Power Pistol"; Alliant "Bullseye"; Accurate "LT-32"; Ramshot "Tac"; 1,300 small pistol primers; 800 small rifle primers. Call Jeff at 559-731-4322.

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.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be Tuesday, Tuesday, July 25, at the *Kings Gun Center* 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.

August: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 @ 6:30pm – Rankin Field Weapons Range in Tulare, CA.

Scouts – Visalia Sportsmen's Association supports and is "home" to three Scout troops. They are **1893-B; 1893-G; and, Scout Cub Pack 1893**. The "**B**" is the boys troop, the "**G**" is the girls troop. The girls troop needs help from a couple women. Recently, the girls have not been able to go on outings such as hiking and camping. The girls troop needs at least two adult females to accompany the girls on their outings. You can make a difference. You can do it! You can look to the kids to provide you with all the support you need. After all, they are Scouts!! For more info, please contact: Steve Dais steve.dais@yahoo.com. He is the committee chair for both the boys and girls troop.



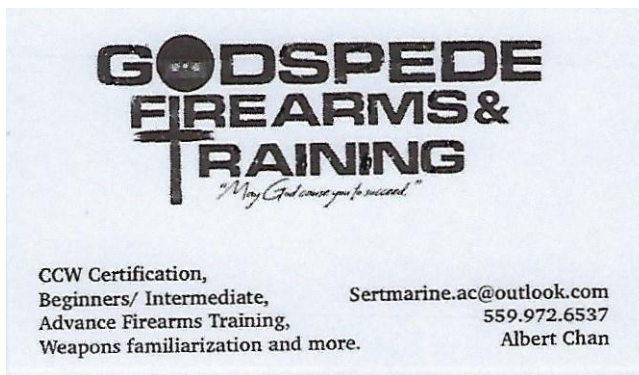
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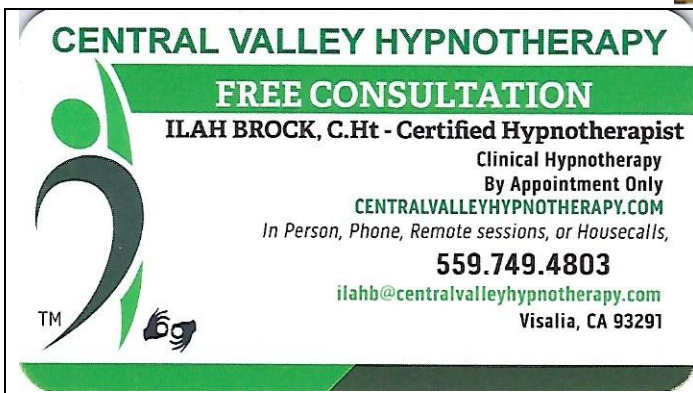
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