

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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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, August 10, 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, August 15, 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

Mike Renzi – President:	559-802-6163	Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (a22);	559-302-8718
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At the **JULY** general club and board meetings:

Justin George was introduced as the new 4H & VSA Junior Rifle shooting program leader. Justin “grew up” in the shooting program at the VSA range. In addition to Justin, there will be three local kids competing in the National Matches at Camp Perry later this summer. Their competition is 1,000 yard, all-prone position and iron sights. No scopes, no bipods! The National Matches are an annual event conducted by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Club members responded in a big way when a motion was made and passed to “pass the hat and have the club match” the funds raised to help offset some of the expense of the trip to Camp Perry. A check in the amount of \$1,550 was presented to Justin to support the shooters! Our members are amazing!!

It was discussed that due to California legislation, the 4H/Junior program participants can now only shoot rimfire. No high-power guns for the juniors in the program. There are at least four 4H clubs with shooting programs that use the VSA range throughout the year. More information soon about the range schedule for the program.

Kelly Salinas, club treasurer, stated that online access to the Bank of the West account has been resolved. Other local banks are being researched for the offerings that might meet the needs of the club.

Jim Mayfield reported that the VSA yard sale in June had a good turnout of sellers and attendees. However, he wished there were more sales made.

Jim also has tickets to the Safari Club International dinner (July 29th) that were given away in the club meeting drawing. This is the drawing that is held each month where the winner can choose a firearm, and the holders of the next few tickets drawn are winners of various drawing items and merchandise. The winner of the July gun drawing was Mark K. Congratulation! Fun, you bet!

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Club Phone: 559-635-7172

SEPTEMBER 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez	2 Sat Public Shoot	?
5 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/R Broyles/?	3 Sun Public Shoot	?
6 Sun Public Shoot	M Garcia/M Green/B Knutson	6 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/?
9 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez	9 Sat Public Shoot	?
12 Sat Public Shoot	G Richert/M Green/?	10 Sun Ladies Shoot 8 am to	
13 Sun Ladies Shoot 8 am to		13 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/?
16 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller?K Rahn/L Hernandez	14 Thu CBRSA Benchrest set up & practice	
19 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/?	15 Fri CBRSA Benchrest set up & practice	
20 Sun Public Shoot	?	16 Sat CBRSA Competition day	
23 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez	17 Sun CBRSA Competition day	
26 Sat Public Shoot	?	20 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/?
27 Sun Black Powder 8 am to		23 Sat Veterans Shoot and BBQ lunch	
30 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez	24 Sun Black Powder 8 am to	
RSO's: Does the calendar differ from what you may have selected? Contact Russ for the most current schedule. He can be reached at 559-280-4061.		27 Wed Public Shoot	L Miller/?
		30 Sat Public Shoot	?

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

Also at the **JULY general club and board meetings:**

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 an opportunity to experience a variety of firearms. There's no charge to shoot and there will be a delicious BBQ lunch (free). We want to thank Tulare Meat Locker & Sausage Co. for providing the burgers and "dogs". 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.

Club member Theresa Maxey's daughter, Randi Ivey-Maxey, is in FFA and will present a cow and a pig at the Tulare County fair. Fair rules say she can auction only one animal. Randi is looking for a private buyer for the pig, which will be ready September 13th, at the fair. Teresa can be contacted at 559-741-5222. In other news, Teresa is a fantastically talented dessert baker. She has won a blue ribbon at the fair for her brownies...yes, they are that good. She will be baking dessert treats for our family dinners and other events.

The move forward to the club's change to a 501c(3) charitable organization has stalled for a bit. Mike Renzi, president, confirmed the next step is the submittal of 3 years tax returns. They should be on the way shortly.

Russ B recently re-ordered corrugated cardboard target backers. 841 each, 27"x34" at \$1.32 each, plus tax. Exciting information, I know! Now you folks know. Remember, shoot the target, NOT the frames!!!!!!!!!!!!!! One more reminder about the range. The water from the faucets or hose bibbs is NOT potable water. It is not drinking water. There IS dinking water in the blockhouse at the range. Forgot yours at home and no money in the cup holder of the vehicle? Ask an RSO, we can get you that bottle of water.

Do you have experience in managing a *fireworks booth*? It was brought up at the board meeting that fireworks sales might be a way to fund the Scout troops that the club sponsors (in addition to other programs). Let me know your experiences, positive and not so positive to me, Chris, at visaliasportsmen@gmail.com. Thanks.

Club president Mike Renzi wanted to acknowledge the kind, caring, generous hearts of our membership to help our shooting kids make their way to Camp Perry, Ohio, this summer for the National Matches. Way to go!

<https://tularemeatlockerandsausage.com/> This family run operation can also be found on Facebook. If you aren't hungry now, you will be after checking out their offerings. For one thing, they make around 70 different sausages! Custom processing. Wild game processing. Retail meat sales, and so much more!

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July 15th potluck dinner – Great food, great fun, great friends, great AC on a hot day. See you at the next one!

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!

The CCW class is scheduled for Monday, **AUGUST 7**, and Tuesday, **AUGUST 8th**, 5pm to 9pm. Next month's class is scheduled for September 4 & 5; 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: Vortex "Fury 5000 AB" 10x42 binocular with rangefinder. AB is Apply Ballistics. Check it out on YouTube. \$1,300.00. Call Gary at 559-799-6435.

FOR SALE: Here's an updated list of reloading powder and bullets. Two pounds of Accurate "LT-32" bench rest rifle; one pound of Ramshot "Tac"; one pound of Alliant Bullseye pistol powder. And, 500 rounds of Hornady 185-grain .45 caliber (ACP) bullets. Powder is \$35 per pound. Hornady bullets are \$90 for the 500. Call Jeff at 559-731-4322.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 29, at *Rankin Field Weapons Range*, starting at 6:30 pm. Pre-registering for the meeting is greatly appreciated. You don't have to be a CRPA member to attend. Online: <https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/> 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. Sept 26 at VSA; Oct 24 at Kings Gun Center, Nov 28 at Rankin Field

The **Fishing trip on July 15th** out of Morro Bay was successful and everyone had a great time, Gary Bailey said. He is still raising money for the VSA club with drawing tickets still available until the winner is drawn on September 14th. The goal is to reach \$4,000 for the club! He also mentioned that he (and all the other people selling the tickets) are closing in on \$23,000 for the club with the Morro Bay charters over the years. Gary also mentioned that the *Sportsmans Warehouse* coupons (that were given to ticket buyers over several years) are no longer being printed. The store WILL BE honoring the coupons brought in.

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 because 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.



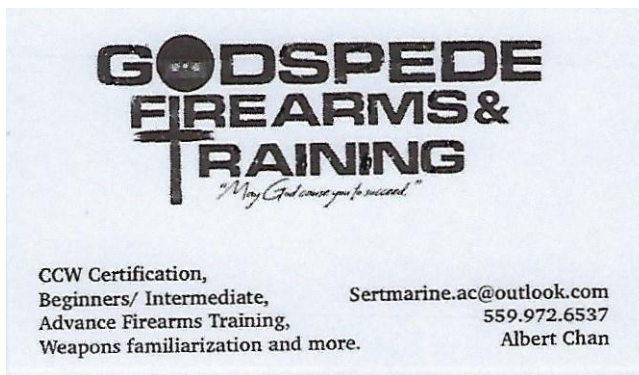
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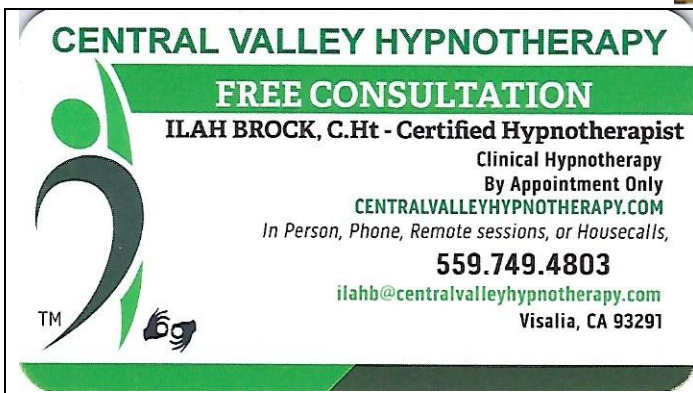
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