

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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, September 14, 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, September 19, 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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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.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the recent passing of two of our long-time club members. Ken Rahn and Mark Welter. Ken Rahn passed away in early August. He was a dedicated Visalia Sportsmen's Association member for many, many years. He served dozens of days as a Range Safety Officer at our range in the last 2 years and he was on the range calendar to serve more days right up to his passing. He enjoyed meeting everyone at the range and assisting new and experienced shooters to hone their skills.

Mark Welter also passed away in the first part of August. Club members who were active at the range on Wednesday mornings over the years would recognize Mark as one of the Wednesday regulars. Mark was proficient in the pursuit of accuracy with a variety of firearms. Even twenty years ago, the Wednesday regulars had fun shooting .22 lr pistols and revolvers at steel chickens on the back berm – past the 200-yard target line at the time. Mark was one of the best. His attention to detail and accuracy served him well in staying even with the best benchrest shooters in the area. If you were to ask Mark a question about guns, triggers, accuracy, optics, reloading (or any other subject), you got a response that always made sense and was always correct.

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OCTOBER 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Sat	Public Shoot	L Espino/J Johnson/J Dearborn	1 Sun	Public Shoot	R Broyles/?
3 Sun	Public Shoot	A Slate/R Santos/P Kuykendall	4 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
6 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?	7 Sat	RANGE CLEAN UP DAY	
9 Sat	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/L Cote	8 Sun	Ladies Shoot 8 am to	
10 Sun	Ladies Shoot 8 am to		11 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
13 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?	14 Sat	Public Shoot	?
14 Thu	CBRSA Benchrest set up & practice		15 Sun	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/D Lehman
15 Fri	CBRSA Benchrest set up & practice		18 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
16 Sat	CBRSA	Competition day	20 Fri	CBRSA Benchrest set up & practice	
17 Sun	CBRSA	Competition day	21 Sat	CBRSA	Competition day
20 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?	22 Sun	CBRSA	Competition day
23 Sat	Veterans Shoot and BBQ lunch 8 am to 3 pm		25 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
24 Sun	Black Powder 8 am to		28 Sat	Public Shoot	Leo Espino/?
27 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?	29 Sun	Black Powder 8 am to	
30 Sat	Public Shoot	?			
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.					

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

Additional CCW class: Albert Chan, instructor, will be holding a CCW class on **Thursday, September 2**, from 5 to 9 pm at the VSA club house. Range time to follow on Saturday, September 23rd. All the regular details of the class apply as detailed on page 3 of the newsletter. If you attend this class for a CCW permit renewal, this 4-hour class meets the classtime requirement. If you attend this class for an initial/first time CCW permit application, the other 4 hours of instructional time will be completed at the the range for practical application.

FOR SALE: AMMO - Winchester 12 ga, 2 3/4" #4 Buck (27 pellets), stock/part # XB124, 5 rds per box. Total available: 45 boxes of 5 each for a total of 225 rds. Asking \$5.00 a box or \$180 for the case. Also asking for a minimum of 10 boxes per sale, please. Please call Phil at 559-429-4081(h), or 408-429-4081 (cell/text).

FOR SALE: AMMO – Winchester 100 round Value Pack boxes. Eight (8) boxes of .45 ACP, 230 grain, for \$55/box; and, 10 boxes of 9mm 115 grain, boxes for \$35/box. Who ever is interested, please call Jeff Dearborn at (559)731-4322.

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 for sale. 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.

The August club meeting we welcomed several new members and guests. We would like to recognize Kevin M., Nettie W., Craig H., Michael and Rosi G., Phil K., Holly S., Chris R., and Preet (?). Thanks for coming down to the club on Thursday, August 10th. There's always something fun in the works around the club and the range. Gun drawings, fundraisers, special shoot days at the range, and so much more!

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.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26, at the Visalia Sportsmen's Association clubhouse, 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. Coming up: Oct 24 at Kings Gun Center, Nov 28 at Rankin Field

Gary Bailey said. He is 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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Appointment Date/Time _____

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