

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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, October 12, 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, October 17, 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
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Leroy Chism – Board Member (e22):	559-734-7500
Kelly Salinas – Treasurer:	559-307-9411	Ferdinand Dancil – Board Member (a22)	559-909-2363
Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Terry Henry – Board Member (a22) (1 yr.)	559-
Dirk Steelman – Exec. VP (FFL operations):	559-732-7726	Royce Nalls – Board Member (e21):	559-730-8485
Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board:	559-802-7967	Frank Tebeau – Board Member (e22):	559-731-0090
Michelle Amaral – Board Member (e22):	559-759-9501	Kevin Vedenoff – Board Member (a21):	559-280-1924
Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a21)	559-679-7257	Sean Vedenoff – Board Member (e21):	559-786-6184

ELECTION of Officers and Directors: The election is scheduled for the December 14, 2023, general club meeting. There are five (5) director positions that will be open at that time. The VSA club has 10 directors (also known as board members). Directors serve for 2-year terms, with half of the positions to be filled this election and half to be filled at next year's election.

There will be two (2) elected director positions to be voted on. The following directors are nearing the end of their elected term: Royce Nalls and Sean Vedenoff.

There will be three (3) appointed director positions open at that time. The two year terms of Chris Calhoun and Kevin Vedenoff are coming to a close. The (appointed) one-year term of Terry Henry is also coming to a close. (Terry Henry was appointed to the board in December 2022 to fill a vacancy that opened in July 2022.) The club president has the responsibility of making the appointments for those positions.

Officers serve one year terms. The candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are voted on each year.

The VSA Election Committee is chaired by Esther Gipson. To place your name on the ballot or for more information about the election or the positions that are available please contact Esther at 559-732-7638.

Nominations for officers and directors are now being accepted! Please contact Esther by Tuesday, October 10th, for your intention to run for one of the positions that will be open.

On or before October 31, 2023, the election (Nomination) committee will present a list of eligible nominees to the club secretary, Chris Norman. A notice of the election and the list of nominees will be included in the December newsletter prior to the election. Nominations for directors may also be received from the floor during any meeting of the voting members at which directors are to be elected. (In other words, write-ins are accepted at the December 14th meeting.) More information on page 2.

Election info:

Pertinent information regarding the election (voting rights, qualifications, nomination of directors) is spelled out in the club bylaws (dated 7-21-2014) and is presented as follows:

3.3. Voting Rights. All regular members in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote with respect to those matters submitted to the members for action or approval (this shall include both adult members of a family membership, Life Members and Social Members). There shall not be any voting of members by proxy. Associate, Honorary and Junior Members shall have no voting rights. Votes may be taken by voice, by a show of hands or by written ballot. Voting members shall have no right to cumulate their votes.

5.3. Qualifications for Office. Every director must be a member in good standing of this Corporation for two years prior to his/her election. Each director must be a U.S. citizen. No person who is holding public office is eligible to be a director. Each director shall serve without compensation except for reasonable expenses incurred for the Corporation. Directors appointed by the holder of any office or an officer or board of any other organization are to act in their own right and not as a representative of any interest or group. Each director shall be at least 18 years of age.

5.7. Nomination of Directors. At least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting of the voting members, the Nominations Committee shall present a list to the Secretary containing the names of eligible nominees as directors for the ensuing year. Said list shall contain the names of at least one eligible nominee to each vacancy. A notification of the annual meeting of the voting members and a list of nominees to the voting members shall be included in the Corporation newsletter prior to the election. Nominations for directors may also be received from the floor during any meeting of the voting members at which directors are to be elected.

From the September club and board meetings:

As deer season approached in September, for certain zones in California and out of state, the range saw a big increase in activity. When you arrive at the range it is required that all shooters sign in to the log book. Saturday, September 9th saw four pages of log book entries – nearly 80 shooters!

We are pleased to announce the addition of five (5) new RSOs to the roster. They are currently undergoing on-the-job training. Russ Beechinor will be scheduling an RSO safety training class in the near future. Russ said we really need to bolster the number of volunteer RSOs. Being a Range Safety Officer is rewarding and fun! Flexible days - you choose the “public shoot” days at the range to work with the other RSOs. We ask for a minimum commitment of four days a year. Don’t live in Visalia? Don’t let that deter you. You can do it! Women? Yes, you can be a vital influence in the growing number of women shooters at the range. Who better to reduce the anxiety of a woman with little shooting experience? Another female to introduce them to the safety protocols of our range and how our range operates. Please call Russ at 559-280-4061 for more info. Our range RSOs are not firearm trainers, but with experience make good guides for satisfying range time.

Archery – The Elbow Creek 4H club, Tulare, is close to starting an archery program. Aiden Robles is the president of the Elbow Creek 4H club. This teenager described his desire and efforts to start from scratch an archery program. He said that interest is strong, nearly 20 kids have expressed a desire to join the program. Starting as a brand new program, they have no equipment or supplies at this time. Aiden’s father, Hector, has completed 4H Leader training and will be program coach.

To help get the 4H archery program off the ground, it was agreed to do a “pass the hat” contribution and have the club match those funds (\$567 from the members and \$567 from the club) for \$1,134.00. Once again, the generosity of our members is inspiring. Way to go!

How can you at home help the archery program? Donate your gently used long bows, recurve bows, compound bows, arrows, strings, quivers, gloves and release aids. Since this is a new program, anything can help! Hector Robles can be reached at 808-990-1117.

Estate Sale – Saturday, October 28th, at the VSA clubhouse. Glen Gerard was a prolific accumulator and collector of hunting and fishing equipment and supplies. After his recent passing, it’s time to sell!

Family Dinners to start with the Saturday, November 11th, Thanksgiving dinner.

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Club Phone: 559-635-7172

NOVEMBER 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun	Public Shoot	R Broyles/?	1 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
4 Wed	Public Shoot	Miller/Hernandez/Malone/Johnson	4 Sat	Public Shoot	R Broyles/G Willett/?
7 Sat	RANGE CLEAN UP DAY		5 Sun	Public Shoot	M Price/ A Price/J Price
8 Sun	Ladies Shoot 8 am to		8 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
11 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone	9 Thu	CBRSA	Benchrest set up & Practice
14 Sat	Public Shoot	G Willett/?	10 Fri	CBRSA	“ “ “ “
15 Sun	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/D Lehman	11 Sat	CBRSA	Come out and watch the competitors
18 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone	12 Sun	CBRSA	Sat & Sunday. Spectators welcome.
20 Fri	CBRSA	Benchrest set up & practice	15 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/M Malone/?
21 Sat	CBRSA	Competition day	18 Sat	Public Shoot	G Richert/G Willett/?
22 Sun	CBRSA	Competition day	19 Sun	Black Powder 8 am to ...? 4H to.....??	
25 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?	22 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone
28 Sat	Public Shoot	Leo Espino/G Willett/?	25 Sat	Public Shoot	Leo Espino/?
29 Sun	Black Powder 8 am to ...? 4H to.....??		26 Sun	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.			29 Wed	Public Shoot	J Johnson/?

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

More from the September meetings:

Sportsman's Warehouse coupons are being phased out by the end of the year. Their acceptance can end at any time. The coupons were provided with the purchase of drawing tickets for several years to raise funds for the club fishing trips organized by Gary Bailey. (The coupons were also provided to other non-profits to aid in their fundraising efforts.)

Can the lead at the range be “mined” for use as fishing weights or for making bullets? **NO! NOT ALLOWED!** This is a ruling from the Cal EPA and other entities. Not that long ago, the range was extended from 200- yards to the now 300- yard target line. That involved moving a lot of dirt around and many, many inspections and delays in construction. And thus, no mining. Range advisors from CRPA (California Rifle & Pistol Association) are telling ranges throughout the state of the “No Mining” restrictions.

Winners of the fishing trip drawing held at the meeting were: 1) Al C - \$500 gift card to Sportsman's Warehouse; 2) Kim W - \$250 gift card to S.W.; 3) Harold L - \$100 gift card to S.W. Congratulations! A check for the amount of \$4,580.00 was presented to the club from the trip and fundraiser coordinated by Gary Bailey.

Members were invited to a party for Bob & Linda Kaiser, September 23rd, to celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary and Bob's 75th birthday. If you have been to any of the club meetings or family dinners over the past many years, you will know Bob & Linda. They are the kindest, cheeriest, most generous couple you could meet.

The 4H/Junior rifle program hasn't started with their range time yet. Hopefully we will be hearing more about the program soon.

FOR SALE: 6 boxes of 270 WSM ammo for sale. Asking \$150 OBO for all. Text Brian 559-909-7398.

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. Whoever is interested, call Jeff at (559)731-4322.

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.

Welcome - Several new members and guests were introduced: Stella, Leo, Loretta, and Sheryl. Perhaps it was the raving reviews of the free hotdogs and chili that brought you to the club!!!

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!

The CCW class is scheduled for Monday, **October 2**, and Tuesday, **October 3rd**, 5pm to 9pm. Next month's class is scheduled for November 6 & 7 - 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, October 24, at Kings Gun Center 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. For the next 30 days (the month of October) please call Mike Renzi at 559-802-6163, for more information.

Scout Troop Girls – In order for the Girls Troop to go on hikes, field exercises, and camping, they need a female adult to accompany them. That could be you! Help them to get outdoors to be able to participate in the activities they really want to do. For more info, please contact: Steve Dais steve.dais@yahoo.com.

Scouts – John Lose, Scout liaison, reported that 2 Eagle Scout candidates have submitted paperwork to the Fresno office applying for Eagle Scout. A third scout is on track to apply for Eagle Scout by the end of this year. John related that is an incredible achievement to have from a Scout troop!

FOR SALE – 1) Excalibur “Assassin 420 TD” crossbow. Factory complete package of soft case, Tact 100 illuminated scope, “True Timber Strata” camo finish, arrows with quiver, extra arrows & more. NEW \$2,300.00
 2) Excalibur “Matrix 380 XTRA” crossbow. Factory complete package. RealTree camo finish. Extra arrows and quiver and game points. (With Excalibur Tact 100 scope (?) to be confirmed if it's included.) NEW \$ to confirm.
 3) Outdoor Edge “Game Processor” 12 piece butcher set. NEW \$75.00.
 4) Seth McGinn's “Can Cooker Jr.” Complete, still in the box with cookbook. Appears to be NEW \$75.00.
 5) Magneto Speed “Sporter” Barrel mounted ballistic chronograph. Works w/flash hiders and brakes. NEW \$240.
 6) Rackulator Trophy Scoring Device. Rackulator uses state-of-the-art technology with its integrated rolling wheel and embedded measuring tape that makes scoring super simple. And much more. NEW \$75.00.

****These items are from the estate of a club member who was an excellent and ethical hunter. He tutored many, many people in archery, shooting, and hunting. He was meticulous with his equipment. It's time for these items to go to a new home. Please call Terrie at 559-469-6938, for more information.**

Check out this article that was on the NRA American Rifleman website. 1948. A shooting school. Enjoy.
<https://www.americanrifleman.org/content/75-years-ago-school-for-juniors/>



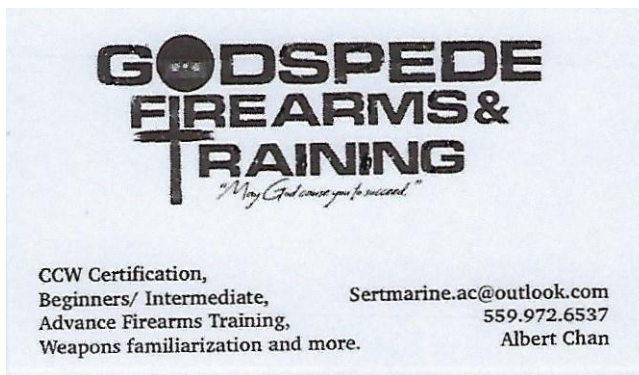
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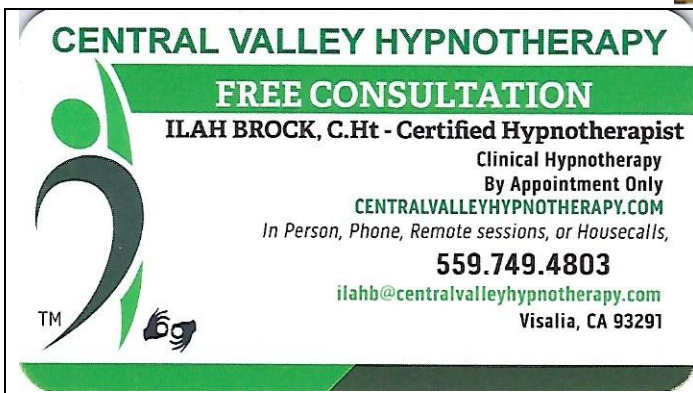
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