VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER

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**, **November 9, 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**, **November 14**, **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 Club House Phone # (answering machine): 559-635-7172 Visalia Sportsmen's Association. 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 559-759-9501 Kevin Vedenoff - Board Member (a21): 559-280-1924 Michelle Amaral – Board Member (e22): 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). There will be two (2) elected director positions to be voted on. There will be three (3) appointed director positions open at that time. The club president is responsible for making the appointments. Officers serve one-year terms. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are voted on each year.

At the October 17th board meeting, election chair Esther Gipson, presented the election ballot to Secretary Chris Norman. The ballot was read and accepted by the board as presented. The candidates on the ballot are: **Officers:** President: Mike Renzi; Vice President: Russ Beechinor; Secretary: Chris Norman; Treasurer: Kelly Salinas. **Directors:** Ilah Brock, Chris Calhoun, Don Fowler, Terry Henry, Lee Miller, Royce Nalls, Roger Phillips, Annie Slate, Dirk Steelman, and Sean Vedenoff. Write-ins for any of the positions accepted at the December meeting.

VSA Election Committee: Esther Gipson, Chair, Patty Braun, Tom Braun, Michaele Gerard, and Carol Thomas.

FAMILY DINNER - NOVEMBER 11, 2023 - 6:00 pm THANKSGIVING FEAST

Whole Hog Roast, turkey, green salad, soup, mashed potatoes and more!! Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:00 pm. The first dinner of the season will warm you up as much as it will fill you up! \$25 per person. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. The weather forecast calls for a "perfect" day and evening. The fun, friends and food say it will be a perfect evening. There will be several drawings, too. For our "less mobile" diners, there will be parking for you close to the club house doors.

DECEMBER 2023 Range Phone: 559-651-1415 **NOVEBER 2023** Club Phone: 559-635-7172 1 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/? Public Shoot Leo Espino/???/??? Public Shoot R Broyles/G Willett/J Clark Public Shoot ???/????? 5 Sun Public Shoot M Price/ A Price/J Price 6 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/??? 8 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone 9 Sat Public Shoot ???/?????? 9 Thu CBRSA Benchrest set up & Practice 10 Sun Women at the Range 8 to noon/4H to....? 10 Fri CBRSA 13 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/M Malone/??? 16 Sat Public Shoot Cote/Lehman/Callaway/Dearborn 11 Sat **CBRSA** Come out and watch the competitors 12 Sun **CBRSA** Sat & Sunday. Spectators welcome. 17 Sun Black Powder 8 am to noon/4H to....? 15 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/M Malone/? 20 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone 18 Sat Public Shoot G Richert/G Willett/M Green 23 Sat Public Shoot Leo Espino/???/??? 24 Sun Range is closed for the Christmas holiday 19 Sun Black Powder 8 am to ...? 22 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone 27 Wed Public Shoot J Johnson/???/??? 25 Sat Public Shoot Leo Espino/Gene Richert/M Green 30 Sat Public Shoot ???/????? 26 Sun 4H 8:00 am to? 31 Sun Range is closed on the last day of 2023 29 Wed Public Shoot J Johnson/???/??? HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!! RSO's: Does the calendar differ from what you may have

The range is open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Public Shoot days.

selected? Contact Russ for the most current schedule.

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** – Justin George 559-xxx-xxxx **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026. **Women's Shoot** – Michelle Amaral 559-759-9501

Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061.

Black Powder – "Turkey Shoot" on Sunday, Nov.19. This group of the nicest folks in the club steps up their competition with a variety of targets to test their accuracy. Challenging targets might include shooting a playing card in half, shooting a string in two, and scoring hits on various sizes of steel knock-down targets, all in the name of winning a turkey (or something similar – or wildly different than a turkey). Hey, you can watch the fun, too! 'Git on out there!

4H Shooting program – SUNDAY, November 26, at the VSA range. Esther Gipson (one of the program instructors), understands this is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. However, she really wants to have the kids in the program to have some range time. Esther can be reached at 559-732-7638, for more info.

CCW Class for November – Albert Chan, CCW Instructor, will be the instructor for the Monday, November 6th, class. This Monday class is for <u>new</u> or <u>renewal</u> CCW permit instruction. There WILL NOT be a class on Tuesday, 11-7. The time spent at the range for qualification shooting will provide the additional hours needed for an initial CCW application. As of 11-1-23, range time has been set for Saturday, Nov. 11th. This date is subject to change due to the benchrest competition at the range. Albert can be reached at 559-972-6537.

Mr. Chan won't be holding a CCW class on the third Thursday of the month (16th) due to schedule conflict. **3-Gun Drawing** – All three guns will be given away in this progressive drawing. The winner's ticket goes back in the drawing for the next gun to be drawn. Tickets are now available! \$30.00 each, only 200 tickets sold. They are 1) Sig Sauer SP2022 9mm pistol; 2) Weatherby Orion 1, 12 ga, "A"grade walnut, 3" chamber over/under shotgun; 3) Weatherby Vanguard First Lite Rifle, 6.5 Creedmore, 26" fluted flat dark earth Cerakote Barrel and Fusion Camo stock. Drawing to be held February 10, 2024, at the VSA Gun Dinner.

VSA GUN DINNER – YES! Gun Dinner on 2-10- 24. Details coming soon. By all indications, this fundraiser dinner will be at a smaller venue. Stay tuned as more info develops.

SCOUT TROOP GIRLS - Hey ladies! The Girls Troop needs your help. To go on hikes, field exercises, and camping, they need a female adult to accompany them. Help them to get outdoors to be able to participate in <u>ALL</u> the activities they really want to do. For more info, please contact: Steve Dais <u>steve.dais@yahoo.com</u>. **SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE** – Discount coupons are being phased out by the end of the year.

FOR SALE: AMMO - Winchester 12 ga, 2 3/4" - #4 Buck (27 pellets), stock/part # XB124, 5 rounds 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).

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!! NOVEMBER SCHEDULE CHANGE -

The CCW class is scheduled for Monday, **November 6**, ONLY! Qualifying shoot at the range will add the appropriate amount of time to your CCW class time. As of 11-2-23, the time at the range has not been scheduled. Next month's class is scheduled for December 4 & 5 - the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. Albert Chan, CCW Instructor, will be the instructor for the Monday, November 6th, class. Albert Chan, 559-972-6537.

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.

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

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.

FOR SALE – 1) Excalibur "Assassin 420 TD" crossbow. NEW. Factory complete package of soft case, Tact 100 illuminated scope, "True Timber Strata" camo finish, arrows with quiver, extra arrows & more.

- 2) Excalibur "Matrix 380 XTRA" crossbow. NEW. 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.)
- 3) Outdoor Edge "Game Processor" 12-piece butcher set. NEW.
- 4) Seth McGinn's "Can Cooker Jr." Complete, still in the box with cookbook. Appears to be NEW.
- 5) Magneto Speed "Sporter" Barrel mounted ballistic chronograph. Works w/flash hiders and brakes. NEW.
- 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.
- **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.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 6:30pm – Rankin Field Weapons Range in Tulare, CA. (December meeting: Tuesday, 12-12-23, at 6:30pm – Holiday Potluck! Visalia Sportsmen's Association Clubhouse in Visalia, CA.) 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. Please call Mike Renzi at 559-802-6163, for more information.

VSA LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT – Directors recently approved a **20 PERCENT** discount on a LIFE membership for members who are 55 years of age or older <u>AND</u> have been VSA club member for a minimum of 10 years. Save \$100 on a current life membership, and \$150 on a family life membership. Call Jim Mayfield!

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Club Website: http://visaliasportsmens.com. For more info about the club, programs, activities, newsletters (current and past), visit the website, or call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. Jim is our master club coordinator as well as the best source

for any tickets for club events or drawings. For any of your newsletter concerns, "wanted" or "for sale" items, please feel free to contact me, Chris Norman, editor, at: visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com, or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.