

# 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, December 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, December 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.

**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). 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Michael Gerard, and Carol Thomas.

## **FAMILY DINNER – DECEMBER 16, 2023 – 6:00 pm RIB EYE STEAKS!!!!**

Rib eye steaks and more!! Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Join us for a great dinner with great friends. \$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, park up front closer to the entry doors.

## DECEMBER 2023

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

## JANUARY 2024

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Sat	Public Shoot	Leo Espino/???/???	3 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller, L Hernandez, ????			
3 Sun	Public Shoot	???/???/???	6 Sat	Public Shoot	G Willett, ????, ????			
6 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/???	7 Sun	Public Shoot	???, ????, ????			
9 Sat	Public Shoot	???/???/???	10 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller, L Hernandez, ????			
10 Sun	<b>Women at the Range 8 to noon/4H to....?</b>							
13 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/M Malone/???	13 Sat	Public Shoot	???, ????, ????			
16 Sat	Public Shoot	Cote/Lehman/Callaway/Dearborn	<b>14 Sun Women at the Range / 4H</b>					
17 Sun	<b>Black Powder 8 am to noon/4H to.....?</b>							
20 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone	17 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller, M Malone, L Hernandez			
23 Sat	Public Shoot	Leo Espino/???/???	20 Sat	Public Shoot	???,???,???			
24 Sun	<b>Range is closed for the Christmas holiday</b>					21 Sun	Public Shoot	???, ????, ????
27 Wed	Public Shoot	J Johnson/???/???	24 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller, L Hernandez, M Malone			
30 Sat	Public Shoot	???/???/???	27 Sat	Public Shoot	R Broyles, G Willett, ???			
31 Sun	<b>Range is closed on the last day of 2023</b>					<b>28 Sun Black Power / 4H</b>		
<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! And a</b>			31 Wed	Public Shoot	???, ????, ????	RSO's: Does the calendar differ from what you may have selected? Contact Russ for the most current schedule. Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061.		
<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!</b>								

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; **4H/Jr. Rifle Club** – Justin George 559-992-6806.

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

### From the November general and board meetings:

**OOPS - VSA GUN DINNER – Correction:** In the November 2023 newsletter I wrote “Drawing to be held February 10, 2024, at the VSA Gun Dinner.” It should have read that the 3-gun drawing will be held at the Family Dinner on February 10, 2023. At this time, the annual VSA Gun Dinner has not been scheduled.

**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 Family Dinner.

**RSO CLASS** – Have you considered becoming a Range Safety Officer (RSO) to help the new and experienced shooters at our range? Volunteering as an RSO is a rewarding experience. Russ Beechinor will be scheduling a class for new RSOs as well as those already in training in January. Call Russ for more info 559-280-4061.

**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 ALL the activities they really want to do. For more info, please contact: Steve Dais [steve.dais@yahoo.com](mailto:steve.dais@yahoo.com).

**SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE** – Discount coupons are being phased out by the end of the year.

**ELBOW CREEK 4H club, Tulare**, Archery leader Hector Robles, reported that several individuals have donated a variety of archery bows, equipment and supplies. As a brand-new, starting-from-scratch program, that's a good start. With the number of interested young people, more is needed. Aiden Robles, 4H chapter president, and his father are working hard to secure archery range time in the local area, as well as gathering the equipment and supplies to be able to reach the kids who want to participate. Contact Hector at 808-990-1117.

**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 AND 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!

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** The CCW class is scheduled for Monday, **December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**. Qualifying shoot at the range will add the appropriate amount of time to your CCW class. If your Tulare or Fresno County CCW permit expires in January, you can take a class in December and file the paperwork before the end of the year, to have the county fill the permit under this year's rule (2023).

**Starting in January 2024**, the CCW class has changed to meet mandates set by the state. New CCW applicants will need 16 hours of class/range time. Renewal CCWs will require 8 hours of class/range time. New applicants will need to attend two (2) sessions to meet the required 16 hours of instruction.

The CCW class will move to the first Saturday of each month and will be 8 am to 5 pm. The morning session (8 to 12) will be at the VSA clubhouse. After lunch, the afternoon session (1 to 5 pm) will be at the VSA range.

The **JANUARY 2024** CCW class is scheduled for Saturday, January 6th - the first Saturday of the month. Price for the new CCW format will be FREE for current VSA members. Non-members will pay \$60 for the renewal class and \$100 for the new application class requirement. Non-members will also incur a \$20 range fee.

**For December 2023** - 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! For technical questions, call/text Wade at (559) 303-2848. In addition, Albert Chan, CCW Instructor, can be reached at 559-972-6537.

**FOR SALE** – Diamondback truck bed cover for sale. Asking \$1,000 paid new \$2299. This is a heavy-duty diamond plate aluminum truck bed cover that came off my Ford F150 with 5 1/2 ft. bed. Check out the website to see what they look like. I sold the truck but the dealership wouldn't give me anything extra for the cover so I kept it to be sold to some lucky person. Call Leo at 559-804-6314. <https://diamondbackcovers.com/collections/covers>

**FOR SALE** – Saddle – this appears to be a Western-style roping saddle. Great for trail riding or field work. From the estate of Alan Meurer, this saddle is ready to go to a new family and horse and tack room. Asking \$350.00. Contact Terrie, she can tell you the size of the saddle. 559-469-6938. Photos available.

**TENNESSE** – Club member Mark Lopez (and family) has recently relocated to Rogersville, TN. The northeast part of the state. He said it has exceeded all expectations and hopes. They are meeting kind and friendly and proud frontiersmen and women. There's hunting and fishing all around. Clean air, beautiful weather, too! Are you interested in relocating to the Volunteer State, contact Mark at [malekolpzz@gmail.com](mailto:malekolpzz@gmail.com).

**FOR SALE: Springfield Armory M1A, loaded, .308, synthetic stock. Asking \$1,400.00. Call Gary at 559-799-6435.**

**Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter:** The next meeting will be 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.





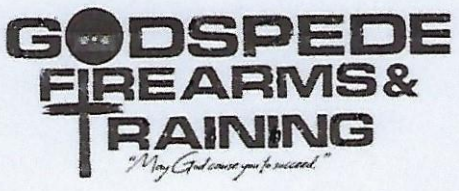
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