

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JANUARY

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, January 11, 2024, 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, January 16, 2024, 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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Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a21)	559-679-7257	Sean Vedenoff – Board Member XXX	559-786-6184

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!!!

ELECTION of Officers and Directors: The election for officers and directors was held December 14, 2023. Your officers for 2024 are the same as 2023: President: Mike Renzi; Vice President: Russ Beechinor; Secretary: Chris Norman; Treasurer: Kelly Salinas.

Two elected director positions were voted on. Staying on the board are Royce Nalls and Terry Henry to continue their work. Mike Renzi, president, will appoint three (3) directors in January 2024. Directors will serve a 2-year term. Officers serve on an annual basis. Thank you to the election committee of Esther Gipson, chairperson, Patty Braun, Tom Braun, Michael Gerard, and Carol Thomas.

CCW - On Friday, 12-8-23, the California Department of Justice released emergency regulations pertaining to the State's overhaul of the CCW program as prescribed in Senate Bill 2, signed earlier this year and set to go into effect on January 1st, 2024. Most notably, the regulations remove NRA Certified Instructors as eligible to teach qualifying concealed carry classes in the state moving forward. (From: NRILA.org, 12-11-23)

Club phone number has changed. The new number is 559-409-2527. Effective immediately.

Ladies day at the range – Unfortunately, the program and times at the range have been cancelled. Michelle Amaral said participation has trickled to the point where no shooters were showing up. However, Michelle will try to accommodate any women and girls by appointment for range time. She can be reached at 559-759-9501.

FAMILY DINNER – January 13, 2024, – 6:30 pm, Fried Chicken, Meatloaf, and more!!!!

Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Join us for a great dinner with great friends. \$20 per person. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967.

Eagle Scouts, newly receiving this prestigious award, will be at the January 11, club meeting relating their experience in accomplishing this milestone. We hope you can attend the meeting to hear their stories.

JANUARY 2024 Club Phone: 559-409-2527

FEBRUARY 2024 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot L Miller, L Hernandez, ????

6 Sat Public Shoot G Willett, ????, ????

7 Sun Public Shoot ????, ????, ????

10 Wed Public Shoot L Miller, L Hernandez, ????

13 Sat Public Shoot ????, ????, ????

14 Sun .22 Fun Shoot/ 4H

17 Wed Public Shoot L Miller, M Malone, L Hernandez

20 Sat Public Shoot ????, ????, ????

21 Sun Public Shoot ????, ????, ????

24 Wed Public Shoot L Miller, L Hernandez, M Malone

27 Sat Public Shoot R Broyles, G Willett, ???

28 Sun Black Powder / 4H

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

For January and February 2024:
RSOs – for the most current range schedule confirmation, please check the calendar posted on the website.

MEMBERS – same thing, check the calendar on the website for the most current range calendar schedule.

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 559-804-3501; **4H/Jr. Rifle Club** – Justin George 559-992-6806.

Benchrest – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026.

From the December general and board meetings:

FAMILY DINNERS – What's for dinner? January will be Fried chicken and meatloaf. February 10 will be Ribeye steaks. March 16 is Fish & Chips. April 20th is Elk chili. The April dinner is a week later than usual.

PA system upgrades - An upgrade to the club house sound system is in the works. It recently came to our attention that there was no sound from the speakers in the back half of the clubhouse or on the patio. It shouldn't be too much longer before people in the back can hear what's being said.

.22 FUN SHOOT – Open for anyone with a .22 rimfire. Individuals and families (bring the kids). The FUN Shoot will fill the range time vacated by the cancelled ladies shoot. This time slot at the range begins Sunday, January 14, 2024, and will be the second Sunday of each month. This is going to *rock!* No high power firearms. .22 rimfire only, sorry, no .17 HMR, this is to keep the playing field the same for participants. Contact Leroy at 559-804-3501.

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.

RSO FUN SHOOT – Frank Tebeau will be setting up an RSO Fun Shoot day at the range...hoping for the end of March. He said there are about 50 RSOs that have been actively serving at the range. Active RSOs, including any new RSOs, will be eligible to participate. Targets will be printed with "playing cards" and the goal is to score 21 with a limited number of shots. Advance to the next round and the distance increases. What are you playing for? Fun, honor, and the chance to win a gun. It was approved to have three guns to give away!!! What more incentive do you need to sign up for RSO duty or to become a NEW RSO?

Exeter Outdoors Assoc Youth Dog trial and Pheasant Hunt – Saturday, January 20, 2024. Check it out on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/exeteroutdoorsassociation/> The hunt is FREE!

VSA LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT – Directors recently approved a **20 PERCENT** discount on a LIFE membership for those 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.

CCW - On Friday, 12-8-23, the California Department of Justice released emergency regulations pertaining to the State's overhaul of the CCW program as prescribed in Senate Bill 2, signed earlier this year and set to go into effect on January 1st, 2024. Most notably, the regulations remove NRA Certified Instructors as eligible to teach qualifying concealed carry classes in the state moving forward. (From: NRAILA.org, 12-11-23)

The **JANUARY 2024** CCW class is scheduled for Saturday, January 6th, 8 am to 5 pm – held on the first Saturday of the month. The morning portion of the class is at the VSA clubhouse, the afternoon portion of the class is at the VSA range. Everyone attending the class will also have to qualify with their permit pistols by shooting at the range. The class is free to current VSA club members. Non-members will pay \$60 for a renewal (one session) CCW class; \$100 for a new (two class sessions) CCW permit application. 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.

This is the information I received by text from Albert Chan, CCW instructor, on 12-28-23:

“Good morning, Chris, so I called the DOJ and they said that the emergency order was a proposal and it has not been finalized yet, (and) that all instructors should be receiving an update this week. As far as SB2, that also is in question because the Supreme Court shot some of it down but recently California filed an appeal with the 9th District (court) so everything is ~~like~~ on a stand still until we get updated information. I've been in contact with (the) Sheriff's office and they are more in the dark than we are. They didn't get the emergency order and barely found out about it last week. The hope is to hold class on January 6th for renewals.

“This is the text I got from Wade with Russ's input. But everything is subject to change:

“Because of changes to CCW mandated by SB2 the CCW class will be moved to the first Saturday of each month and will be 8 to 5. The morning, 8-12, will be classroom at the clubhouse. After lunch, it will be at the range. Renewal will be 8 hours and new applicants will be 16 hours so they will need two sessions.”

FOR SALE – MSR (Modern Sporting Rifle)/AR15, .223 caliber, 20-inch stainless barrel, 1 in 7 twist, scope mount, Geissele trigger system, White Oak Armament complete upper. Just add your scope for CMP/NRA competition. Asking \$1,200.000. Call Leroy at 559-804-3501.

FOR SALE – Springfield Armory M1A, loaded, .308, synthetic stock. Asking \$1,400.00.

Call Gary at 559-799-6435.

VSA GUN DINNER – There will not be a Gun Dinner for 2024. Scheduling conflicts, venue terms, and other difficulties have pushed the limits to what the committee can accomplish for this year.

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.

FOR SALE – 12-gauge semi-automatic shotgun, Model 48 A/L “Hunter”, manufactured by Luigi Franchi, S.p.A., Brescia, Italy. Most likely made in the late 60's or early 70's, this shotgun has been in the family for about 50+ years. Based on the renowned Browning A5 action, it has an engraved aluminum receiver, 2.75” chamber. Please give Ernie a call at 909-294-2813.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be (?). 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. crpatularekings@gmail.com / (559) 571-2239. 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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