

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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(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, March 14, 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, March 19, 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): 559-409-2527

Mike Renzi – President:	559-802-6163	Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a23)	559-679-7257
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Brian Benton – Board Member (a23)	559-909-7398	Greg Willett – Board Member (a23)	559-623-4826

At the **February 8th meeting:** CCW classes held at the club are still on hold. Russ reported that there were 105 CCW instructors for Tulare County last year. He said that there are now five (5) that have the qualifications for teaching the classes. It was not confirmed if they are actively teaching at this time or whether the sheriff has proper legal guidance on accepting and processing applications.

RSO Shoot – Saturday, March 30th. This shoot for RSOs starts at 8 am. **21-or-Bust** is the name of the game. RSOs, please call Frank (559-799-0090), or Russ (559-280-4061) for details. Prizes have been purchased. Lunch will be provided. Guaranteed fun!

VSA has accounts at both Bank of the Sierra and BMO (formerly Bank of the West). Apparently, the banks have added additional security for accessing online banking. In many instances, while traveling, this indicates a different IP address (different than your “home” IP address) which could signal potential fraud attempts. For the club, online access has been unavailable and frustrating. Rest assured we are paying the bills and our money is still there. Have you noticed any changes to your mobile banking access?

A remembrance memorial for Mike Benyo will be Sunday, March 3rd, 2:00 pm at the VSA clubhouse. Food will be served. Mike (affectionately called Mikey) passed away January 16th. One heck of a super nice guy, he was active in nearly all the club and range activities. Come on over, share in the friendship that Mike so freely spread to everyone he met.

FAMILY DINNER – MARCH 16, 2024, – 6:30 pm, Fish & Chips

Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Join us for a great dinner with great friends. \$15 per person. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967.

MARCH 2024 Club Phone: 559-409-2527

APRIL 2024 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Sat Public Shoot ???	3 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/B Brown/???
3 Sun Public Shoot A Slate/ P Kuykendall/B Knutson	6 Sat Public Shoot G Richert/???
6 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/???	7 Sun Public Shoot R Broyles/???
9 Sat Range cleanup – 7 am Bring your basic yard and hand tools	10 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/???
10 Sun 22 Long Rifle Shoot 8 to 12/4H 12 to 5 pm.-	13 Sat 4H Tulare County Match
13 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/R Williams/L Hernandez	14 Sun 22 Long Rifle Shoot 8 – 12/4H 12 to 5 pm
16 Sat Public Shoot M Renzi/I Brock/???	17 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/???
17 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/L Cote/D Lehman	19 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice
20 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/M Malone/L Hernandez	20 Sat CBRSA Benchrest Competition
22 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice	21 Sun CBRSA Benchrest Competition
23 Sat CBRSA Benchrest Competition	24 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/M Malone
24 Sun CBRSA Benchrest Competition	27 Sat Public Shoot M Renzi/I Brock/???
27 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/R Williams/L Hernandez	28 Sun Black Powder/4H all day
30 Sat Range is closed today for a special RSO shoot and lunch.	
31 Sun Black Powder/4H – all day.	

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.

FAMILY DINNERS – What’s for dinner? We have only two more family dinners for this season. If you haven’t joined us yet for dinner, come on over. See what all the fun is about. March 16 is Fish & Chips. April 20th is Elk chili. The April dinner will be held a week later than usual, and it will be the last dinner of the season.

From the February general and board meetings: 4H Shooting program – Justin George, 4H Shooting Team leader, said there will be three (3) shooters from the local program going to South Africa in the near future for the **World Long Range Championships – South Africa 2024!!** Competitors will be shooting 1,000-yard targets – and iron sights only! The youth competitors are scheduled to be at the February 8th, club meeting to tell us more about what’s to come. Let’s show them a lot of support!! U.S. shooters compete all around the country for spots on the team. The World Championships are held every four years. The “US Young Eagles” is an under-25 years team that has done wonders in the shooting world!

Russ B. mentioned that the range has been busy in January and February even on the rainy days. It’s great to hear that folks are getting out of the house and getting in some trigger time. Ya know, “Happiness is a warm .45!” Reminder, as you are getting ready to head out after your range session, police your brass and get it into the brass collection barrel. Time it so you can collect any brass during a line break that might be in front of the shooting benches as well.

With the recent storms, do you have any clean wood that can be used at the range for the warming fires and BBQs? Kindling or small branches? It would be most helpful if they are in the 12” to 16” lengths. Thanks.

The February Ribeye steak dinner was sold out! Our VSA cooking team really put on a great dinner. What was anticipated to be a soggy, soupy parking lot was graded before everyone arrived. A huge thank you to Clayton Nalls and his close friends Josh and Hunter. These young men saw a need and got it done!

The club house has purchased a new defibrillator. It is a “voice prompt” unit. We hope it isn’t needed, but we have it. It is the same type as the one at the range. Users do not need to be trained on these life-saving tools, nor does one need permission to use in case of emergency.

Scouts - Scout Kyliegh Dais collected over 600 plush toys for her *Eagle Scout* project dedicated to C.A.R.T., the Child Abuse Response Team – from the Tulare County District Attorney’s office.

FISHING – it’s not too early to plan for a day on the water. Saturday, July 13th, on the *Avenger*, out of Morro Bay. Only 25 people and just \$150.00 per person. Text Gary Bailey at 559-799-6435, to get on the list.

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASSES at the VSA clubhouse are currently **ON HOLD!**

RSO “21 or BUST!” SHOOT – Saturday, March 30th 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?

.22 FUN SHOOT – Held on the second Sunday of each month, 8 am to 12 noon. The next shoot will be Sunday, MARCH 10th. Open for anyone with a .22 rimfire. Individuals and families (bring the kids). 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. There will be three divisions. 1) An open-sight classification and a scope-sight classification; 2) Youth 15-years and under, and 3) Men’s and Women’s. Contact Leroy at 559-804-3501 for info.

FOR SALE - Rossi lever action .44 mag 24" octagon barrel, \$600.00. Savage Axis 308 bolt action with Nikon scope 4-12x40, \$400.00. Remington Versamax 12-gauge 28in barrel \$500.00. Rock Island 1911, .45, 3 1/2 in barrel, \$350.00. Also have LEE reloading equipment, bullets and powder. Call Chuck 559-827-2246.

FOR SALE - Winchester model 70 SA varmint rifle, .22-250 caliber, fluted stainless barrel with Leupold 6.5x20 VX3. Dies, brass and bipod included \$1200. Call Dan at 559-679-3863.

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 with scope. NEW. Factory complete package. RealTree camo finish. Extra arrows and quiver and game points. Please call Terrie at 559-469-6938, for more information.

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 949-294-2813.

Any fans of the old British show “*Monty Python*”? And now for something completely different....

The following was adapted from the magazine *Cook’s Country*, Feb/Mar 2024. “The Best Rolling Pins”, page 42.

Testers tried out three styles of rolling pins – handled pins, dowels, and tapered pins (also called French pins) – made of a variety of different materials. Testers did not like any of the handled pins. They found it easier to assess a dough’s thickness and how hard to press when using a dowel or tapered pin.

They found that having a dowel pin with a length and weight evenly distributed, it was easy to roll out wide, long doughs, perfect for croissants and slab pies. A tapered pin is lighter and thinner and offers finer control (look for a tapered pin with a fairly significant center flat surface).

What to look for: Wood Pins – Wood pins were efficient as well as easy to use. The slightly rough surface of wood held a fine dusting of flour, making them virtually nonstick. The textured surface gripped the dough, casing the dough to be responsive to the desired movements. Look for a **weight** of 1 to 1 ½ pounds, just right for rolling but not too uncomfortable to use or to crush the dough underneath. A **long barrel** about 19” – 20”.

What to avoid: Short pins - They left unwanted indents at their edges when pressed into the dough. Short pins also can overwork the dough, causing it to be tough, rather than light and flaky. Avoid **dramatically tapered pins**. They left unwanted indents in the dough and required more work to get an evenly flat dough.

Marble pins were found to be too heavy and cumbersome. Stainless steel pins warmed up during hand use, which can warm up the dough as well and result in tough, dense pastries. Marble, stainless steel, and plastic models were too smooth to hold a dusting of flour and stuck to pie dough as a result.

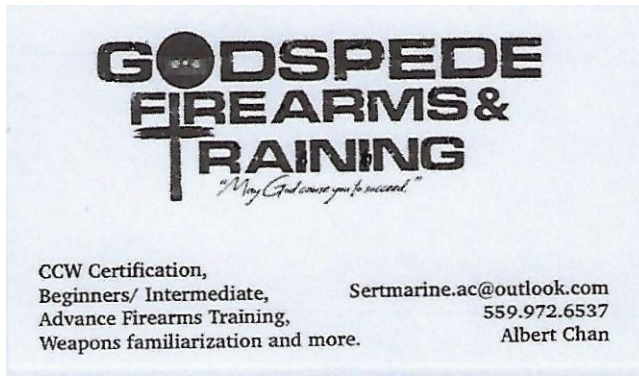
Best Dowel-JK Adams Plain Rolling Dowel Pin, PRP-2, \$22. Best Tapered-JK Adams French Pin, FRP-1, \$20.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be March 19th, 6 – 8 pm, at Rankin Field, Tulare. 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: @tularekinggunowners. crpatularekings@gmail.com. Please call Matt Johnson for info (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. The April 30th meeting will be held at the Kings Gun Center; May 28th will be at Rankin Field; June 25th will be at Visalia Sportsmen's Association. Meetings are held on the scheduled Tuesdays, 6 to 8 pm.

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!



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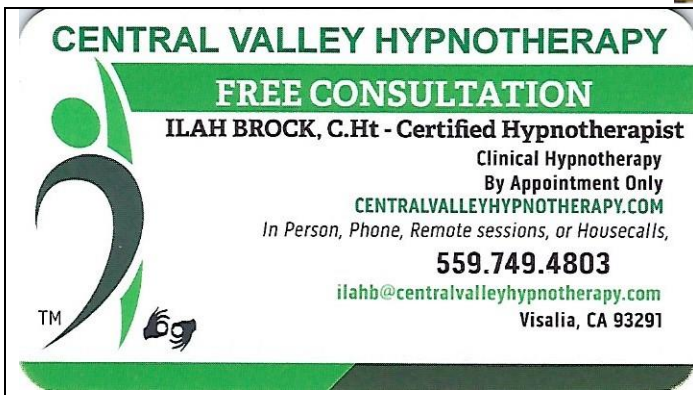
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