

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JULY

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

2024

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, July 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, June 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): 559-409-2527

Mike Renzi – President:	559-802-6163	Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a23)	559-679-7257
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At the **June general meeting: CCW Classes at the club are back on the schedule!** Sat, July 6th, 9 am to 5 pm; Friday, July 12, 8 am to 4 pm. Mr. Albert Chan, CCW instructor, is looking at August 3rd for another class. More info regarding the CCW classes is on page 3.

Hunter Education Safety Class at the club will be Friday, August 2nd. This will be a traditional, in-person, class. California requires hunter education training for those who have never held a California hunting license, who do not have a hunter education certificate, or who do not have a hunting license from another state or province issued within the past two years.

Hunter Ed class details and registration is online (only): <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>.

JULY POTLUCK DINNER at the clubhouse will be 6:00pm, Saturday, July 13th. Have your dishes there by 6 pm and ready to serve dinner at 6:30 pm. We ask that everyone bring a main dish, and those with last names **A** thru **M** bring a side dish. Those with last names **N** to **Z** bring a dessert. Please label (your name) dishes and lids and serving utensils to help everyone get their originals back.

The golf cart at the range has new batteries and is operational. Shooters need to check with an RSO for possible use of the golf cart to aid in setting up and retrieving down-range targets. **NO PERSONAL VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE RANGE LEVEL** on public shoot days from 8 am to 3 pm.

Game mounts at the clubhouse - Several of our mounts hanging on the walls are ready to be adopted and go to a new "fur-ever home". African game mounts as well as native game mounts are available. Please contact Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967, or see them at the July 11th club meeting. In addition, Jim has been contacted by a club LIFE member about having some of his mounts heading off to a new home as well. Please inquire with Jim.

JULY 2024 Club Phone: 559-409-2527

AUGUST 2024 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?	3 Sat Public Shoot K Richer/ B Hawkins/?
6 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/??	4 Sun Public Shoot ???
7 Sun Public Shoot ???	7 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?
10 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?	10 Sat Public Shoot L Miller/??
11 Thu DFW special event at the range 8 am to 1 pm.	11 Sun 22 Long Rifle Shoot 8 – 12
13 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/??	14 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?
14 Sun 22 Long Rifle Shoot 8 – 12	17 Sat Public Shoot ???
17 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?	18 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Cote/Lehman
20 Sat Public Shoot Frank Tebeau/??	21 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?
21 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Cote/Lehman	24 Sat Public Shoot ???
24 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/ L Hernandez/?	25 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon
27 Sat Public Shoot ???	28 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/???
28 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon	31 Sat Public Shoot ???
31 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/ L Hernandez/?	

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 and 22 LR Fun Shoot** – Leroy Chism 559-804-3501; **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026; **4H/Jr. Rifle Club** – Justin George 559-992-6806.

And more:

Clubhouse freshening up projects include preparing and refinishing the wooden bench seating and car siding wall paneling with a new clear coat. More info on the timing coming soon. Does this sound like something you could help with? Contact me, Chris Norman, at 661-805-0164 (call or text), or: visaliasportsmen@gmail.com, or visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com. Thank you, thank you.

CCW - A new CCW permit application will require 16 hours of class/range time. A renewal CCW permit application will require 8 hours of class/range time. The July classes will have a limited class size and attendees will need to have a set reservation for the class.

Scout Venture crews are open for girls and boys age 14 to 20. To get your kids started in Scouting or Venturing, please give John Lose a call at 559-974-0998. Local kids with local leadership opportunities. See how much your boys and girls and young adults will develop and change into confident, strong, respectful, and fun to be around people! How far will your kids can progress in Scouting?

22 Long Rifle Shoot – Get those kids in your family motivated to rise early on a Sunday morning to get to the range. It will be fun to see more of the under 15 age group (girls and boys) enjoying this popular activity. Leroy Chism, coordinator of the .22 lr Fun Shoot at the range, emphasizes this is for anyone of any ability! Women, men, boys and girls are having *so much fun!!* The shoot is held 8 am to 12 noon on the second Sunday of the month. Shooters are grouped as follows: Ladies, Juniors 15 and under, Men's Iron Sights, and Men's Scoped rifle. No appointment necessary. Bring your .22 rifle, ammo, eye and ear protection (some loaners are available), and your family and/or friends.

NEW! NEW! FOR SALE – Springfield M1A Match rifle, .308 caliber, wood stock. NEW. Asking \$1,800.00. Text Gary at 559-799-6435. Private party transfer...no 11% excise tax!

FOR SALE - Winchester model 70 (SA – short action) in .243 Winchester caliber. Includes a Bushnell scope. Call or text Jim at 559-802-7967, he can text photos to you. Asking \$850.00.

FOR SALE – Four (4) 8-pound containers of Hogdon H380 powder. H380 rifle powder for varmint and benchrest loads. Asking \$380.00 per jug. Three (3) boxes of 500 count .22 cal. .224 dia. bullets 69 gr. HPBT-Match. \$80.00 per box. Also, Lyman/Ideal #310 dies. Numerous dies in different calibers. Call Jim at 559-802-7967.

FOR SALE - 1969 Kaiser Jeep M715, 5/4 (five-quarter) ton payload rating, platoon weapons platform. This 4x4 truck is in original condition with a removeable hardtop and front mounted PTO winch. It runs good with low miles. Price is firm at \$6,000. Call Mark at 559-737-8200.

CCW Class at the club - are scheduled for Saturday, July 6th, from 9am to 5pm. And, Friday, July 12th, from 8 am to 4pm. The class will start at as scheduled at the VSA clubhouse. After the morning class session, the afternoon instruction and qualifying shoot time will be at the range. (VSA Dale Wimp Rifle and Pistol Range, 7398 Ave 328, Visalia CA.) The state mandated instruction time for a **renewal** CCW is 8 hours. For a **new** CCW permit application, the requirement is 16 hours of instruction. You would need to attend two (2) of the 8-hour classes.

CCW Class reservation: It is anticipated that there will be a large demand for the classes. Class sizes will be limited to 40. If you want to attend the CCW class, text Albert Chan, 559-972-6537. Please provide your full name (as on your state issued ID) and your phone number. Please indicate if this is a renewal or new CCW application and if you are a current VSA member (or non-member). Due to the limited class size, you might not be scheduled for your first choice of class dates. Payment info will be provided.

FEES:

VSA members:	\$ 80.00 for 8-hour renewal	\$200.00 for the 16-hour new CCW application
Non-members:	\$130.00 for 8-hour renewal	\$250.00 for the 16-hour new CCW application

LET'S GO FISHING – Is this trip sold out?? Send Gary a text now to find out! When and where? 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, for info.

VSA FISHING TRIP – Marty is gearing up for another fishing trip on July 27th. There might be a stand-by list in case of a cancellation. Get on the phone! Talk to Marty, he can be reached at 559-331-2098.

CRPA Tulare-Kings Gun Owners – Drive-thru Fundraiser Dinner and Drawing! Saturday, August 17th, 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Pick up your dinner at the VSA clubhouse, 536 E. Roosevelt Ave, Visalia. Dinner is a three-meat plate with side dishes. Tickets are \$60 each dinner and includes a (\$20) drawing ticket.

Go to: <https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/> for details and QR codes for dinner tickets and drawing tickets.

Hello club members! How would you like to know the duties of your club officers are? One of our club directors, Frank Tebeau, suggested that the duties and roles of each of the officers be presented in the newsletter prior to the election of the officers and directors in December. On the approval of the directors of the Visalia Sportsmen's Association, I will start with the Secretary duties. Your club officers are: President, Mike Renzi; Vice President, Russ Beechinor; Treasurer, Kelly Salinas; Secretary, Chris Norman; Dirk Steelman, Exec. VP (FFL operations); and, Jim Mayfield, Chairman.

From the bylaws of the Association, final revised version dated 7-21-2014:

6.7. Secretary. The Secretary shall cause to be kept at the principal office of the Corporation, the Secretary's principal place of business, or such other place as the Board of Directors may order the membership book and a book of minutes of all meetings of directors and members. The Secretary shall give the notices of the special meetings of the voting members as provided in these Bylaws. The Secretary shall also maintain and protect a file of all official and legal documents of the Corporation. The Secretary shall perform such other and further duties as may be required by law or as may be prescribed or required from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Bylaws. The Board of Directors or the President may delegate all or part of the authority and duties of the Secretary to subordinate officers.

Rules for minors and handgun shooting – (January 2013) *ALL minors between the ages of 10 and 18 are required to have an adult within arm's length while firing a handgun. *Minors under the age of ten (10) years old will NOT be allowed to fire a handgun. *Minors between the ages of ten (10) and twelve (12) are only allowed to shoot a rim-fire handgun. *Minors between the ages of thirteen (13) and eighteen (18) are allowed to shoot a center-fire handgun.

*RSOs and members: First time minors with their family/guardian/responsible adult requesting to shoot a handgun will be required to have direct RSO observation.

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