

# 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, JUNE 9, 2022, 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 14, 2022, 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 note that the general club meetings now start at 6:30 pm.**

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**

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### **At the May general club and board meetings:**

What could be better than an evening with free hotdogs and chili, cold drinks, and friends? Add to that a chance to win a gun!/? The club meetings are a great place to start the evening with a bite to eat; the club meetings are a great place to end the evening by winning a gun! In this case, John C. (a new club member) splurged on a \$10 ticket and won! He chose a fantastic Smith & Wesson .357/.38 spc revolver. Congratulations, John!

**Father's Day Breakfast:** Sorry folks, breakfast has been cancelled for a lack of interest.

I have some really exciting news to share with you...the club house grounds has two new outdoor lights installed with the help of Chris C. Energy efficient lighting. They work. Chris got it done!

Club members were introduced to Kevin George (Corcoran) and Zack McLain (Visalia), two youths on the California Grizzlies Junior Rifle Team. Both young men have participated in the VSA Junior Rifle/4H shooting program. The Grizzlies Team had an amazing time at the 2021 National Matches in Camp Perry, Ohio! The team consisted of 15 juniors and achieved three new National Records!

In early April of this year, competing in the State Championship at the Coalinga Rifle Club, there were eleven Grizzlies Juniors amongst the 45 shooters consisting of other juniors, past Grizzlies team members and other adults. Congratulations to the following Junior accomplishments: Kevin George - overall top junior with a total of 779-18x; 1st place for the Master Category; Zack McLain - in Master category - Slow Prone - 4th place; 3rd place for the Master Category; Amber Kingshill - overall top female with a total of 771-20x (Vallejo; not present.)

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## JUNE 2022

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

## JULY 2022

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/L Miller	2 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/???/???
4 Sat Public Shoot	Ben Zentner/???	3 Sun Public Shoot	???
5 Sun Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/D Lehman	6 Wed Public Shoot	M Garcia/K Rahn/C Ellison
8 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/Brett & Brenda	9 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/???
11 Sat Public Shoot	Manuel Garcia/???	10 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon</b>	
12 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon</b>		<b>Junior Rifle/4H 12 noon +</b>	
15 Wed Public Shoot	Mel Wong/Ken Rahn/L Miller	13 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/???
18 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest</b>		16 Sat Public Shoot	???
19 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest</b>		17 Sun Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/D Lehman
22 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/Mel Wong/???	20 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/???
22 Wed <b>Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk</b>		23 Sat Public Shoot	???
25 Sat Public Shoot	??/???	24 Sun <b>Black powder 8 am to 12/JR Rifle 12 to 5</b>	
26 Sun <b>Black powder 8 am to 12/JR Rifle 12 to 5</b>		27 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/???
29 Wed Public Shoot	??/???	27 Wed <b>Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk</b>	
		30 Sat Public Shoot	M Renzi/I Brock/???
		31 Sun Public Shoot	???

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** – Steve Quinn 559-686-1945, [steveq@carifle.com](mailto:steveq@carifle.com). **CBRSA** (Benchrest) – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026. **Women's Shoot** – Michelle Amaral 559-759-9501

### More info from the meetings:

<https://www.teamgrizzlies.org/> This year there will be 12 juniors on their way to Nationals at Camp Perry (with adults and coaches as well). Members did a “pass the hat” collection and with a motion (passed) for the club to match the \$406 collected and to make the total donation to the Grizzlies team \$1,000.00. The California Grizzlies are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization focused on providing leadership development in the training of firearm safety, marksmanship, and competition to encourage personal growth, self-discipline, responsibility, team and life skills development. If you would like to donate to this successful program, see the website. Click on sponsors. This year's Nationals will be held July 23, 2022 to August 8, 2022.

**Scouting:** Emily Cortez, VSA Scout Troop 1893G (girls) was present at the May board meeting to talk about her Scout experiences. Miss Cortez is the FIRST female **Eagle Scout** in Tulare County! She currently has 58 merit badges and her goal is to earn all of the available merit badges within the next couple years. She said her father, Manuel Cortez (troop Scout Master), is her inspiration to learn and lead in Scouting. If my notes are correct, Emily is 14 years old. She is planning on installing a plaque at the club to name all of the Eagle Scouts that have come from the VSA sponsored troops. Miss Cortez and her father will be traveling to West Virginia in 2023, joining hundreds of participants from across the country for high-adventure fun and fellowship.

**Ranges:** Frank Tebeau related that a recent California ruling was passed that the dirt from gun ranges can be returned to the range after the “mining for lead” process. This relates to the commercial operation of lead/metal recycling. **Reminder**, the personal retrieval of lead from the VSA range is NOT allowed.

**Safari Club:** Don Fowler said the recent *Safari Club International* (SCI) fundraiser dinner was a success and that the local SCI club now has money to provide through a grant process for hunting related activities. If you know of an organization that has (or can support) a hunting program please contact Don at 559-799-5555.

**Club misc.** Kevin V. updated everyone that the needed sewer line replacement for the club should be starting soon. Mike R. said our old range tractor has been taken to an Antique Farm Equipment show and sale. Hopefully the old “mare” will go to a new home. Thanks to Kurt M. and Ron S. for getting the tractor to the sale.

**Ladies/Women Shoot** on the second Sunday of each month from **8:00 am to 12 noon**. (June 12, July 10, August 14, etc.) The same parameters apply to the Sunday morning shoots as the Ladies Night time at the range.

**Ladies Night at the Range** is aiming for a great showing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The target has been set to have the ladies and girls really enjoy the safe, structured setting at the range. More info on page 3.

**Let's go fishing!** Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, on the *Endeavor*, \$160.00. Give Gary Bailey a call at 559-799-6435

**VSA YARD SALE – Saturday, June 11, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Members, start going thru your cabinets, closets, sheds, storage units, and work benches for those sporting good treasures that you are ready to send to someone else's home. Earn some dough for the extra militaria, reloading, shooting, hunting gear, knives, camping and equestrian gear that someone else wants. Fishing and boating goods, too. You name it! Firearms can be displayed, but **not** sold at the club. The sale must take place off the VSA club property and all California and Federal laws apply.

This is a great opportunity to buy, sell, or trade from a number of "households" all in one place. A food truck has been reserved for breakfast and lunch items at the club! Reserve your indoor or outdoor table space by calling Linda at: 559-308-6906. Email: [lindavkaiser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindavkaiser@sbcglobal.net)

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (July 4/5, Aug 1/2, etc.)

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.

Wade Roberts 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.

**Ladies' night** will be once a month on the 4th Wednesday of each month (**June 22, July 27, etc**) from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. RSOs will be on duty from 5 pm to 8 pm (or until dusk) for women and girls to shoot and share hints and tips with each other. Some things to remember: there is NO charge to shoot and you do NOT need to be a member, so please tell your female friends, family and co-workers. Bring your own guns and ammo along with eye and ear protection (some loaner eye and ear protection may be available). You can bring your own targets, or buy some at the range.

**FOR SALE: AMMO** – Estate sale. A long-time club member has passed away and the family is looking for offers on the following items. Please contact Debbie at: [debbie.castle1960@att.net](mailto:debbie.castle1960@att.net)

You can also contact me as well, Chris Norman, at 661-805-0164, [visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com](mailto:visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com) for more info.

**.38 Special** – Wild West Shooters Supply: 1) 1,000 rounds bulk pack, 185 grain round nose. 2) 2,000 rounds bulk pack (2 boxes), 185 grain semi-wad cutter. 3) 700 rounds bulk, 185 grain semi-wad cutter.

**.38 Special** – Winchester Super X white box: 1) 2 boxes, 50/box, 110 grain JHP. 2) 2 boxes, 50/box, 158 grain SWC. 3) 1 box 50/box, 125 grain JHP.

**.38 Special** – Federal red/white box (#38E): 1 box of 50 rounds, 125 grain JHP.

**.38 Special** – bulk packed in G.I. ammo cans: 1) 277 rounds, 2) 500 rounds, 3) 671 rounds. All are 185 gr SWC.

**.357 Magnum** – Wild West Shooters: 3 boxes, 50/box, 125 grain JHP.

**.380 Auto** – HSM Ammo (Missoula, Montana): 18 ½ boxes (approximate), 50/box = 925 rounds, 95 grain FMJ.

**.223 Rem** – Wild West Shooters, bulk pack in four (4) ammo cans, 55 grain FMJ. 1) 500 rounds, 2) 500 rounds, 3) 500 rounds, 4) 547 rounds. And one plastic zipper bag of 192 rounds.

**Misc** - \*.357 JHP 47 rounds; \*9mm 115 gr RN, 1 box of 50; \*.45 ACP ball, 4 boxes of 50; \*.348 Win, 3 boxes of 20 rounds Winchester Silvertip 200 grain expanding #W3482; \*.348 Win, 1 box of 20, Remington Kleenbore.





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**Hey Folks, if you have a cough, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, sneezing – stay home. Please don't come to the club for a meeting, a dinner, a class, or other event. Stay Home.**