

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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2022

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 14, 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, JULY 19, 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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**Hunter Education** class at the VSA club house has been scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2022. To sign up for this in-person class, details and registration are available at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>

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

Sorry folks, not too much to report for the June general meeting or the June board meeting. Here are the highlights.

The old tractor that trudged around at the range for many years has recently been sold at an antique/used tractor show and sale. She went for \$453.00. How much was that per pound? Couldn't tell ya.

The VSA Dale Wimp Rifle Range is located on the site of an old trash dump site which is now City of Visalia property. The property consists of almost 39 acres which we share with the police pistol range and a shotgun club on the west end. Tulare County invoices the City for property taxes, the City then invoices the VSA club, for which our share is \$201.89. We pay annual rent to the city of Visalia in the amount of \$1,366.81. The amounts are for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has a "covid recovery" program to help license holders during the pandemic. License holders can apply for a waiver of fees for the license renewal. Club treasurer, Kelly Salinas, had applied for the waiver of the \$750.00 license fee.

**Reminder:** Hold on to your plastic membership card, even if your membership has lapsed for several months or more. With your renewal, our records are updated and there is no change to your card.

## JULY 2022

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

## AUGUST 2022

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/??/?/???	3 Wed Public Shoot	
3 Sun Public Shoot	???	6 Sat Public Shoot	
6 Wed Public Shoot	M Garcia/K Rahn/C Ellison	7 Sun Public Shoot	
9 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/Mike Green/???	10 Wed Public Shoot	
10 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon/ 4H 12 noon +</b>		13 Sat Public Shoot	
13 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/???	14 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon</b>	
16 Sat Public Shoot	???	<b>Junior Rifle/4H 12 noon +</b>	
17 Sun Public Shoot	J Dearborn/L Cote/D Lehman	17 Wed Public Shoot	
20 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/???	20 Sat Public Shoot	
23 Sat Public Shoot	???	21 Sun Public Shoot	
24 Sun <b>Black powder 8 am to 12/JR Rifle 12 to 5</b>		24 Wed Public Shoot	
27 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/???	24 Wed <b>Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk</b>	
27 Wed <b>Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk</b>		27 Sat Public Shoot	
30 Sat Public Shoot	M Renzi/I Brock/???	28 Sun <b>Black powder 8 am to 12/4-H 12 to 5</b>	
31 Sun Public Shoot	???	31 Wed 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:

**The latest shipment of Sack-Ups** has arrived. These stretchy VSA personalized protective gun socks save your firearms from the normal handling and dents and dings encountered in getting in and out of the safe as well as general handling to and from the range and the hunt. Only \$10 each, they are available at the club and the range.

**California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control;** Passage of Assembly Bill 1221 in 2017 created the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program Act. The mandate creates a new training requirement for alcohol servers and managers of alcohol servers at an estimated 56,000 ABC licensees with on-premises alcohol sales privileges. The alcohol servers and managers who work at those locations must register with the ABC, be trained, pass an exam, and be certified by August 31, 2022.

Are you interested in volunteering your time at the VSA club (or other organization/business) as a trained and certified *Responsible Beverage Server*? Go to: <https://www.abc.ca.gov/education/rbs/>

**The 2023 VSA Dinner** has been scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. Tax Day! Plan for it! Schedule it! See you there!

**The June 11<sup>th</sup> VSA Yard Sale** suffered from a lack of attendance, also from the broiling hot temperatures. Discussion was held to find a date earlier in the year. Stay tuned!

**VSA Club 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!

**Ladies/Women Shoot** on the second Sunday of each month from **8:00 am to 12 noon**. (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.

**Fishing with Marty** It was recently brought to my attention that a couple cancellations have opened up your chance to go fishing. Please call Marty ASAP at: 559- 331-2098. \$125.00 per person for ALL-DAY FUN! Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Reminder:** The website for the club: <https://visaliasportsmens.com/> does not require a Login/password to access the pages of the site.

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

**FOR SALE:** Thompson Encore rifle, blued action and .22-250, 26-inch blued heavy barrel, and walnut stock. With scope mount and rings (no scope), 100 pieces brass, and Lyman reloading dies. The Encore rifle platform accepts over a dozen calibers for rifle and pistol barrels on one action! Asking \$700.00. Call Jason at 559-859-6649.

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to the July 4 holiday, the CCW class will be the following week in July.

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 (**July 27, August 24, 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.

**Thunderstorms** accompanied with lots of lightning rolled across southern and Central California on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

From an *LA Times* report on July 23, 2022: A Kern County man was injured by a lightning strike while out walking his dog and pushing a baby in a stroller early Wednesday, the same day a woman and her two dogs were killed after being hit by lightning in Pico Rivera, authorities said. The man was struck by lightning while walking in his neighborhood in Ridgecrest, according to the Ridgecrest Police Department. The man survived and the baby and the dog were unharmed, police said. When police arrived at the scene about 7:40 a.m., they found an individual performing CPR on the unconscious man. The man was revived and transported to a local hospital.

Less than two hours later and 150 miles south, 52-year-old Antonia Mendoza Chavez and her two dogs were struck and killed by lightning in Pico Rivera, authorities said. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Chavez was walking on a trail along the San Gabriel River when she was struck by lightning just before 9 a.m. Wednesday, according to authorities. Authorities identified several singed holes marring an asphalt pathway where the lightning strike had occurred.

The news outlet *CNN.com* reported on 1-31-22: Two new world records for megaflashes of lightning have been recorded by the *World Meteorological Organization* (WMO), including one for longest distance of flash in North America and one for longest duration in South America. Most lightning flashes travel only a few miles or so. The official definition of a megaflash is any horizontal lightning bolt which travels more than 62 miles (100 kilometers.)

"The new record for longest single flash covered a horizontal distance of approximately 477 miles (768 kilometers) from Texas to Louisiana April 29, 2020. The impressive distance is comparable to the stretch from San Diego to Napa, CA. It bypassed the previous record by 60 kilometers."

"The record for longevity, which went to a different megaflash in South America, set a new record for duration. It was documented October 31, 2018, within a thunderstorm over Uruguay and Northern Paraguay. This megaflash lasted for around 17.102 seconds."





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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.**