

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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Established 1893

([www.visaliasportsmens.com](http://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, AUGUST 11, 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, August 16, 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 July general club and board meetings:**

It was a rough start to the month of July for supporters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Lively discussion was about the release of private data of CCW holders and applicants (and other data) and Governor Newsome's signature of AB2571. AB 2571 was immediately enacted on July 1, 2022. The bill seeks to stop marketing of firearms and firearm related product and events where firearms are promoted or used by minors. More info on page 2.

At this point, the VSA junior rifle program, 4H, and *California Grizzlies* shooting programs have been suspended. Are minors still allowed to attend the Hunter Ed class? I haven't received any updates on that.

The VSA Gun Dinner net proceeds were announced as "average". Nearly \$76,000 was raised for VSA programs. Matthew G., and Royce N., thanked all volunteers and attendees for their dedication and generosity.

Matt Johnson and Kevin Jesse were present and announced the formation of a new CRPA local grass-roots chapter. Matt is the chair of the *Tulare-Kings Gun Owners: A CRPA Chapter*. The **California Rifle and Pistol Association** (CRPA.org) is our state non-profit organization for 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment issues across the shooting public and industry. The *Tulare-Kings Chapter* will have regular meetings in the area and will be at the forefront to keep CRPA programs and members actively engaged in current events. Matt can be reached at 559-571-2239. Find them on Facebook & Instagram!

AUGUST 2022 Club Phone: 559-635-7172

SEPTEMBER 2022 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/M Wong/K Rahn	3 Sat Public Shoot
6 Sat Public Shoot	4 Sun Public Shoot
7 Sun Public Shoot	7 Wed Public Shoot
10 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/M Wong/K Rahn	10 Sat Public Shoot
13 Sat Public Shoot	11 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon</b>
14 Sun <b>Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon</b>	<b>Closed 12 noon on for repairs &amp; upgrades</b>
<b>Closed 12 noon on for repairs &amp; upgrades</b>	14 Wed Public Shoot
<b>CA Legislation removed Junior program</b>	16 Fri <b>Benchrest – all day</b>
17 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/M Wong/K Rahn	17 Sat <b>Benchrest – all day</b>
20 Sat Public Shoot	18 Sun <b>Benchrest – all day</b>
21 Sun Public Shoot	21 Wed Public Shoot
24 Wed Public Shoot	24 Sat Public Shoot
24 Wed <b>Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk</b>	25 Sun <b>Black powder 8 am to 12</b>
27 Sat Public Shoot	<b>Closed 12 noon on for repairs &amp; upgrades</b>
28 Sun <b>Black powder 8 am to 12</b>	28 Wed Public Shoot
<b>Closed 12 noon on for repairs &amp; upgrades</b>	28 Wed <b>Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk</b>
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** – California legislation removed this program throughout the entire state. **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026. **Women's Shoot** – Michelle Amaral 559-759-9501

### More info from the meetings:

**RSOs** – We can't keep our range operating everyday as scheduled without our *range safety officers!* Please give Russ Beechinor (vice-president/range operations) a call to see how you can help keep the range gates open. Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061, for all the features and benefits of RSO duty. Yes, you can do it!

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 2571 SIGNED INTO LAW. TOOK EFFECT IMMEDIATELY- July 1, 2022.**

This Bill prohibits all advertising & marketing communication that is attractive to minors (under 18 years of age).

If you or your entity:

- Use caricatures or cartoons in communications for products or services;
- Offers brand name merchandise for minors, including, but not limited to, hats, t-shirts, or other clothing, or toys, games, or stuffed animals, that promotes a firearm industry member or firearm-related product;
- Offers firearm-related products in sizes, colors, or designs that are specifically designed to be used by, or appeal to, minors;
- Is part of a marketing or advertising campaign designed with the intent to appeal to minors;
- Uses images or depictions of minors in advertising and marketing materials to depict the use of firearm-related products;
- Is placed in a publication created for the purpose of reaching an audience that is predominately composed of minors and not intended for a more general audience composed of adults.

Please note that the definition of who is a part of the "firearm industry" in the language of this law is extraordinarily broad and affects most ranges, retailers, youth shooting programs, and associations:

There is no exception for firearm safety training, hunter's education courses, or teams of youth shooters that are not part of a scholastic shooting team associated with a school program. There are no exceptions for 4-H, Scouts, JROTC, or other groups that specifically work with youth in their programs

Can youth still come to the (VSA Dale Wimp Rifle Range) range to shoot?

Yes, as long as they come to the range with a parent or guardian you can have youth on the range. The issue comes up where the youth are there to take a course from an instructor on the range or as part of a shooting team with coaches because the range, instructors, and coaches cannot market those classes and team events to youth where the use of firearms will be promoted.

Youth memberships at ranges and with groups should also be ok to sell, but the marketing of those memberships is something that would violate the law.

From: <https://crpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/AB-2571-FAQ.pdf>

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5pm to 9pm.

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 (August 24, September 28, 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.

**Ladies/Women Shoot** on the second Sunday of each month from **8:00 am to 12 noon**. (August 14, September 11, etc.) The same parameters apply to the Sunday morning shoots as the Ladies Night time at the range.

**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!

**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. Only a few spots remain open. Give Gary a call ASAP!

**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.

**VSA 501c3** – The attorney working on the club's conversion to a charitable organization is still moving forward. Recently, "live" signatures were affixed to the "Re-stated Articles of Incorporation" and delivered to the attorney's office for submittal. Getting closer....



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Appointment Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**