

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, OCTOBER 13, 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, October 18, 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 the general club meetings 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.

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Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Matthew Gaalswyk-Board Member (e20)	559-909-4419
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From the September general meeting and board meeting:

Everyone is wondering if youth shooting programs will be able to resume after Governor Newsome signed legislation eliminating practically everything firearm related to youths in the state. It appears that we will probably have to wait for the legal wrangling thru the courts. Esther Gipson, previously one of the junior program directors indicated that 4H county leaders would be meeting the end of September to discuss the future of the junior programs that were offered through 4H.

In the club's efforts to re-organize the VSA from a member benefit non-profit to a charitable organization (501c3), we received word from the attorney that the Re-stated Articles of Incorporation have been received by the Secretary of State in mid-August.

VSA club election of officers and directors: Election chair, Esther Gipson, can answer your questions about becoming an officer or director of the club. She can be reached at 559-732-7638. She is now seeking nominations for the election in December. The ballot needs to be presented to the board of directors at the November 15, 2022, board meeting.

Win a 55" flat screen TV (I believe it is a Samsung TV) to raise funds for scouting programs! Only 200 tickets are available at \$10.00 each.

For the October 13th club meeting, it is anticipated that a Game Warden and Wildlife Biologist will be there to discuss deer populations, herd health, and more. Hope to see you there!

Range cleanup day – Saturday, October 1st, 7 am. The more hands available, the easier the jobs get done. Clean and organize the shooting line, pistol bays, and tables; clean and organize the blockhouse; range and target line maintenance; irrigation repairs; check the target frames and racks; and more! Free food and drinks. Bring your kids and basic yard and hand tools. Yes, the range is closed to shooters for the day.

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NOVEMBER 2022 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sat Range Cleanup 7 am till finished	2 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/L Miller/L Hernandez
2 Sun Public Shoot R Broyles/I Brock/M Renzi	5 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/ R Broyles/???
5 Wed Public Shoot Rahn/Miller/Wong	6 Sun Public Shoot ???
8 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/ M Garcia/?	9 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/B Fulmer/T Bell
9 Sun Ladies Shoot 8 am to 12 noon	12 Sat Public Shoot B Zentner/???
Closed 12 noon for the rest of the day	13 Sun Black Powder
12 Wed Public Shoot Rahn/Miller/Wong	16 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/?
15 Sat Public Shoot I Brock/M Renzi/B Zentner	19 Sat Public Shoot ???
16 Sun Public Shoot J Price/M Price/A Price	20 Sun Public Shoot D Lehman/L Cote/J Dearborn
19 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/L Miller/?	23 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez
20 Thu CBRSA – Bench Rest	26 Sat Public Shoot ???
21 Fri CBRSA	27 Sun Public Shoot ???
22 Sat CBRSA	30 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/K Rahn/L Hernandez
23 Sun CBRSA	
26 Wed Public Shoot K Rahn/L Miller/J Johnson	
26 Wed Ladies Night at the Range 5 pm to dusk	
29 Sat Public Shoot I Brock/M Renzi/?	
30 Sun Black powder 8 am to 12	
Closed 12 noon for the rest of the day	

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 559-734-7500;

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

At the September general club and board meetings:

ELECTION of Officers and Directors: The election is scheduled for the December 8, 2022, general club meeting. There are six (6) director positions that will be open at that time. The VSA club has 10 directors (also known as board members). Directors serve for 2-year terms, with half of the positions to be filled this election and half to be filled at next year's election. Officers serve one year terms. The candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are voted on each year.

The VSA Election Committee is chaired by Esther Gipson. To place your name on the ballot or for more information about the election or the positions that are available please contact Esther Gipson at 559-732-7638.

FYI - In other exciting, but necessary business, the water well pump received a new filter, a new janitorial service provider has been selected for the care of the range restrooms, and a defibrillator will be acquired.

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!

Notice: I have to apologize for the incorrect information about the September CCW Class: For a handful of years, when the regularly scheduled CCW class on the first Monday of the month occurred on a holiday, the class was scheduled for the following week. For the September CCW class at the club, I was unaware that the alternate class instructor was holding the class on the first Monday (Labor Day). I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. Chris Norman.

The next meeting of the local **CRPA** (*California Rifle & Pistol Association*) chapter Tulare-Kings Gun Owners, will be Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the VSA clubhouse. You don't have to be a VSA or CRPA member to attend. For more info, please contact Matt Johnson at 559-571-2239. crpatularekings@gmail.com

The **California Rifle and Pistol Association** (CRPA.org) is our state non-profit organization for 2nd Amendment issues across the shooting public and industry.

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!! The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 3rd and 4th, 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 – The last shoot of the year is set for Wednesday, October 26th from 5:00pm to dusk. 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**. (October 9th) The same parameters apply to the Sunday morning shoots as the Ladies Night time at the range. The VSA club has now made available 2 handguns to be made available as "trainers". Ladies, ask the RSOs on duty about the use of the firearms. This is an opportunity to try something new/different than what you might have been shooting.

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, hear and share what's happening, and end the evening by possibly 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.

FOR SALE: *Kimber Master Carry Pro* and *Kimber Ultra Covert II* and *Kimber Ultra CDP II*. Each gun has Crimson Trace laser grips, 3-inch barrels, extra magazines, and less than 50 rounds fired from each one. Asking \$1500 each. Please call Jeff at 559-730-1829.



Tulare County Trap Club 4th Annual Hoot-A-Kai Fun Shoot – Saturday, October 1st, 3:00 pm. Great Fun!! \$50.00 per person entry fee. Mark Cote says, "Hoot-A-Kai means *very different*". I don't know if you have ever shot Flurry, but it is very different than trap or skeet and a lot more fun!" There is a team of 5 shooters who all shoot at the same time. The object is to see how many birds the team of 5 can shoot. \$20 for a 3 gun raffle ticket - 1st prize is a Beretta A400; 2nd prize is a Benelli Black Eagle; 3rd prize is a Henry Lever Action rifle. Lots of prizes for everyone!! For more info, tickets, or registration please give Mark Cote a call at 559-280-3143.



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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.