

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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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, DECEMBER 8, 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, December 13, 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.

Club House Phone # (answering machine): 559-635-7172

Mike Renzi – President:	559-802-6163	Leroy Chism – Board Member (e20):	559-734-7500
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Matthew Gaalswyk-Board Member (e20)	559-909-4419
Kelly Salinas – Treasurer:	559-307-9411	Ernie Gomez – Board Member (a20):	559-308-8012
Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Royce Nalls – Board Member (e21):	559-730-8485
Dirk Steelman – Exec. VP (FFL operations):	559-732-7726	vacant (7-2022) – Board Member (a21):	xxx-xxx-xxxx
Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board:	559-802-7967	Frank Tebeau – Board Member (e20):	559-731-0090
Glen Gerard – Sergeant at Arms	559-901-1749	Kevin Vedenoff – Board Member (a21):	559-280-1924
Michelle Amaral – Board Member (a20):	559-759-9501	Sean Vedenoff – Board Member (e21):	559-786-6184
Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a21)	559-679-7257		

ELECTION of Officers and Directors: Notification of the *Annual Meeting* of the voting members is hereby given. **The election is scheduled for the December 8, 2022, general club meeting.** There are three (3) director positions that are to be filled by election of the voting members. Directors serve two-year terms.

Officers serve one year terms. The candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are voted on each year. VSA election committee chairperson, Esther Gipson, presents the following names for the election ballot (and confirmed by Chris Norman, secretary):

President:

☐ Mike Renzi (incumbent)
☐ Kevin Vedenoff (director)

Vice President:

☐ Russ Beechinor

Secretary:

☐ Chris Norman

Treasurer:

☐ Kelly Salinas

Director: (vote for three)

☐ Michelle Amaral
☐ Ilah Brock
☐ Jeremy Chavez
☐ Leroy Chism
☐ Ernie Gomez
☐ Terry Henry
☐ Roger Phillips
☐ Dirk Steelman
☐ Frank Tebeau
☐ Peggy Webb
☐ write in

DECEMBER 2022

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

JANUARY 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Sat Public Shoot	B Zentner/G Richert/?	1 Sun Closed	Happy New Year!!
4 Sun Public Shoot	???	4 Wed Public Shoot	
7 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	7 Sat Public Shoot	
10 Sat Public Shoot	Ben Zentner/?	8 Sun Woman at the Range	8 am to 12 noon
11 Sun Women's Shoot	8 am to 12 noon	11 Wed Public Shoot	
14 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/T Bell/B Fulmer	14 Sat Public Shoot	RSO calendar for January is still
17 Sat Public Shoot	D Lehman/L Cote/J Dearborn	15 Sun Public Shoot	in the works.
18 Sun Black Powder/4H		18 Wed Public Shoot	Women and men are needed for
21 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	21 Sat Public Shoot	RSO duty. Give Russ Beechinor a
24 Sat Closed for the Christmas holiday		22 Sun Black Power	call for details. 559-280-4061.
25 Sun Closed for Christmas		25 Wed Public Shoot	
28 Wed Public Shoot	Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/J Johnson	28 Sat Public Shoot	
31 Sat Public Shoot	???	29 Sun Public Shoot	

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 **November general club and board meetings:**

Voting: All regular members in good standing can cast one vote (one ballot). Voting members in good standing include the spouse of a regular member, a social member and spouse (club only membership), both adult members of a family- and life- membership. Associate, Honorary, and Junior members have no voting rights.

Election Info: In addition to the three (3) director positions VSA members will vote on, there are three (3) director positions that are appointed positions. The VSA club president is to appoint two (2) of the directors for two-year terms, and the board of directors will appoint the third director to fill the remainder of a one-year term. This third position the board will fill is a vacancy created in July 2022 with a resignation of an appointed director. The board decided at that time to delay filling the vacancy.

Additionally, if a currently serving director is elected president, the board will appoint a person to fill the opening for the remaining term of that director.

The following directors are nearing the end of their (elected) two year terms: Leroy Chism, Matthew Gaalswyk, and Frank Tebeau. The following directors are nearing the end of their appointed two year terms: Michelle Amaral and Ernie Gomez.

FAMILY DINNER – DECEMBER 10, 2022 – 6:00 pm - PRIME RIB!!

Dinner tickets are available now! \$30 for adults. Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm, dinner is served at 6:00. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim at 559-802-7967. Happy hour really starts whenever you get there! As a reminder, tickets are NOT available for walk-in! We need an accurate count to make sure there is plenty to eat for everyone.

Range safety reminder – Foggy days at the range means there is NO SHOOTING until the back berm of the 300-yard range can be clearly seen. No shooting on the pistol lanes either!

VSA Gun Dinner – Saturday, April 15, 2023, International Agri Center, Tulare. Committee meetings will begin after the new year (2023) arrives. It will be here before we know it!!

One of the projects that VSA directors have designated a priority using the fundraiser dinner proceeds is the construction of a new kitchen facility and paving the parking lot at the clubhouse grounds. Royce Nalls indicated that there are a number of steps to undertake to determine the costs and feasibility of such a project, starting with a site survey and civil engineering. More info to be provided as it becomes available.

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!! The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, December 5th and 6th, 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.

The next meeting of the local CRPA (*California Rifle & Pistol Association*) chapter Tulare-Kings Gun Owners, will be Tuesday, Dec. 27, 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

For Sale: 1) Nosler Custom Rifle crafted in .280 Ackley. 2) Cabela's Float Tube, new in the box. 3) Cabela's Waders, used only two times. 4) MREs – Meal, Ready to Eat. Good variety. For more info on the items, please call Don F. at 559-799-5555.

VSA Fishing Trip – on the famously successful *Stardust Sportfishing* boat. Saturday, July 15th, Santa Barbara. Gary Bailey is coordinating another fun and exciting charter. He said it will be limited to 25 people with an expected cost of \$145.00 per person. Gary tops this off with a club fundraiser drawing. Raffle tickets will start selling in March. The person selling the most raffle tickets will get a \$150.00 gift card to Sportsman's Warehouse. (His last fundraiser brought in over \$5,000 to the VSA club!) Gary: 559-799-6435.

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.



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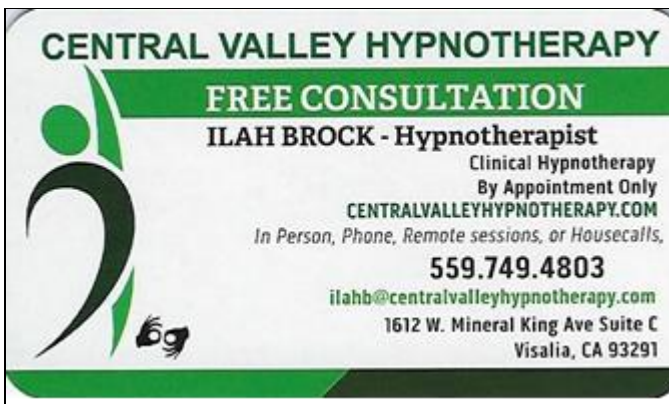
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Appointment Date/Time _____

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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.**