

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JANUARY

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

2023

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, January 12, 2023, 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, January 17, 2023, 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	Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (a22);	559-302-8718
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Leroy Chism – Board Member (e22);	559-734-7500
Kelly Salinas – Treasurer:	559-307-9411	Ferdinand Dancil – Board Member (a22)	559-
Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Royce Nalls – Board Member (e21);	559-730-8485
Dirk Steelman – Exec. VP (FFL operations):	559-732-7726	Terry Henry – Board Member (a22) (1 yr.)	559-
Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board:	559-802-7967	Frank Tebeau – Board Member (e22);	559-731-0090
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Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a21)	559-679-7257		

***HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2023!!!***

**At the December 8, 2022, club meeting** - The election of officers and directors was held. Here are the results:

President: Mike Renzi; Vice-President: Russ Beechinor; Treasurer: Kelly Salinas; Secretary: Chris Norman.

Directors: Michelle Amaral, Leroy Chism, Frank Tebeau.

**At the December 13, 2022, board meeting** – Club president Mike Renzi announced the following two appointed directors: Jeremy Chavez and Ferdinand Dancil. The board appointed Terry Henry to fill the remaining one-year term of the vacant director position.

Election chair Esther Gipson thanked the following election committee members for their help: Patty and Tom Braun, “Mike” Gerard, Carol Thomas, and Jeremy C.

**FAMILY DINNER – JANUARY 14, 2023 – 6:00 pm – FRIED CHICKEN & MEATLOAF!!**

Dinner tickets are available now! \$20. 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. Spread the word for this tasty meal. If you can sell some dinner tickets, give Jim a call. Don't let your friends miss out! 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. **Parking** for the dinners/events: please leave the spots in the front of the clubhouse open for our seniors and attendees with mobility issues. Thank you. Thank you!

## JANUARY 2023

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

## FEBRUARY 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun <b>CLOSED</b> <b>Happy New Year!!</b>	1 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?
4 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	4 Sat <b>Range clean up</b>
7 Sat Public Shoot Mike Green/?	5 Sun Public Shoot ???
8 Sun <b>Women at the Range</b>	8 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?
11 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	11 Sat Public Shoot Mike Green/?
14 Sat Public Shoot ???	12 Sun <b>Women at the Range</b>
15 Sun Public Shoot Mike Green/?	15 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/?
18 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	18 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>
21 Sat Public Shoot ???	19 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest competition</b>
22 Sun <b>Black Powder</b> Call Leroy for info 559-734-7500.	22 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?
25 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	25 Sat Public Shoot Mike Green/?
28 Sat Public Shoot Mike Green/Greg W/?	26 Sun <b>Black Powder</b>
29 Sun Public Shoot ???	For more information about becoming an RSO, please call Russ at 559-280-4061. Women & men needed!

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

2023 - Does your company have 2023 wall calendars? Bring some down to the club (meeting or dinner) for some goodwill and promotion. Thank you in advance. Let's see what you got...

#### More from the December general club and board meetings:

Russ said a pad and a cover for the tractor at the range will be coming soon. Firewood is getting low at the range. Dropping off any firewood or bins? Don't place it near the BBQ at the range. We are low on the number of active RSOs on the schedule. RSO training materials should be arriving in the near future. If you are at the range for some trigger time, ask one of the RSOs about their duties and time commitment. You can do it! Women and men are needed for RSO duty. Call Russ at 559-280-4061.

The prime rib dinner in December was delicious! Everyone cleaned their plates! Expect another flavorful and mouthwatering meal on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The next meeting of the local CRPA** (*California Rifle & Pistol Association*) chapter Tulare-Kings Gun Owners, will be Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at the **Kings Gun Center**, 426 Park Ave., Hanford, CA. You don't have to be a Kings Gun Center, VSA, or CRPA member to attend. For more info, please contact Matt Johnson at 559-571-2239. [crpatularekings@gmail.com](mailto:crpatularekings@gmail.com) Go to <https://kgchanford.com/> for more info about the first rate facilities and services of the **Kings Gun Center**.

Club member Steve S called Mike Renzi indicating he had a fair amount of downed trees on his property to the east. Mike was able to get up there and brought back a lot of "small stuff", reporting that there should be more trees to cut up. Want to be a part of the fun on a "salvage" expedition? Give Mike a call.

What do the cooks at the club have on the plate coming up? February is the Rib Eye Steak dinner. March is Fish & Chips. And, the club **will not** have an April Family Dinner. That date – April 15 – is the VSA Gun Dinner. You can still join us for dinner...one way is to gather your family and friends and purchase a table package. More info soon.

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**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!

Friends and family coming to visit? Want to take them to the range? Check the latest updates to the range calendar by visiting the club website: <http://visaliasportsmens.com> Past newsletters and more are available....

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 5pm to 9pm. The February class is scheduled for Feb. 6 & 7.

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. January & February CCW instructor is Albert Chan 559-972-6537.

**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. A lot has to happen before the first shovelful gets moved. More info to be provided as it becomes available.

**VSA Youth Clay Shoot** – Normally, there would be news of a youth/women's pheasant hunt. A change in state law regarding youth programs resulted in a smaller than usual interest in a pheasant hunt. It was decided the cost would be too prohibitive for only a handful of participants to be out in the field. A decision was made to set up a Clays Shoot in the near future. Options and dates are being researched. More info soon.

**VSA Fishing Trip** – on the famously successful *Stardust Sportfishing* boat. Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Misc:** January is named after the Roman god Janus. He is depicted as having two faces so he could see the future and the past (beginnings and ends/reflection and resolution). He was also the god of doors and gates.

**First focal plane/second focal plane** – First focal plane scope reticles appear to get bigger as the magnification increases. Second focal plane reticles stay the same regardless of magnification. Scopes that top out at 10x or less should have SFP reticles because they are most often used inside 500 yards. A 3-9x or 2.5-10x scope likely sits on a hunting rifle or AR and will see use on game or targets much closer than 500 yards. Being able to see the reticle clearly at 3x or 4x trumps the need to hold-over at 7x or 8x. Game also moves around, making lower power and a greater field of view a prime consideration when deciding on matching an optic to the firearm. Adapted from an article in *Guns & Ammo*, November 2016, Tom Beckstrand, p. 36.

**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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**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.**