

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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, February 9, 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, February 14, 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.

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At the January 12, 2023, club meeting – It's great to see and meet the new faces that attend the club meetings. We welcomed Allen, Polly, David, Jack, Fred, and Sherry. Glad to see you! It looked like everyone enjoyed the free hotdogs and chili that we offer every month. New members and seasoned members that haven't made it to the club meeting are invited to stop by and see what's happening around **your** *Visalia Sportsmen's Association*.

Committee meetings are now being held for the VSA Gun Dinner. Dinner packages, drawing tickets, and flyer info sheets are now available for distribution and purchase. Contact Royce Nalls at 559-730-8485, or Matthew Gaalswyk at 559-909-4419 for more info about purchasing and helping this great event. Donations, anyone?

Frank Tebeau gave us a rundown of the latest anti- gun political and legislative happenings in California.

We learned that the coffee pot at the range had a meltdown. A new one has been procured. Exciting news, I know, but like everywhere else it is one of those daily business items that happens behind the scenes.

Have you had a chance to visit the new gun store in town? UNITED AMMO – 3100 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia CA 93277 (844) 844 2314.

RANGE CLEANUP ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – 8 AM! Come out for some work on regular maintenance type of items. Bring your hand tools, yard tools and gloves. A bit of work, a bit of fun, and a bit of socializing. Before you know it, it's time to eat! Yes, the club provides food and drinks at no charge. As a reminder, there are NO paid staff at the VSA club and range. Everything – everything – is done by volunteers. Everything is done by club members! (Unless it's one of the Scout troops helping out.) So, that means YOU! Invest a little time for the betterment of the range facilities and for everyone that uses the range.

FEBRUARY 2023 Club Phone: 559-635-7172**MARCH 2023 Range Phone: 559-651-1415**

1 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	1 Wed Public Shoot ???
4 Sat Range clean up	4 Sat Public Shoot ???
5 Sun Public Shoot ???	5 Sun Public Shoot ???
8 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	8 Wed Public Shoot ???
11 Sat Public Shoot Mike Green/?	11 Sat Public Shoot ???
12 Sun Women at the Range	12 Sun Women at the Range
15 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/?	15 Wed Public Shoot ???
18 Sat CBRSA Benchrest competition	18 Sat Public Shoot ???
19 Sun CBRSA Benchrest competition	19 Sun Black Powder
22 Wed Public Shoot Ken Rahn/Lee Miller/?	22 Wed Public Shoot ???
25 Sat Public Shoot Mike Green/?	23 Thu CBRSA Set up and practice shoot
26 Sun Black Powder	24 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice shoot
For more information about becoming an RSO, please call Russ at 559-280-4061. Women & men needed!	25 Sat CBRSA Benchrest competition
	26 Sun CBRSA Benchrest competition

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...

Also from the club meeting and board meeting – Throughout the year there are dozens of volunteers helping at the club. One way we recognize their efforts is having an end-of-year drawing for a \$200 gift card. Give a hearty pat on the back and congratulations to Mick H! Thank you to all the volunteers!

President Mike Renzi welcomed and introduced the two new directors to the VSA governing board, Ferdinand Dancil and Terry Henry. We also welcome Jeremy Chavez back to the board. Re-elected to the board were Michelle Amaral, Leroy Chism, and Frank Tebeau.

We heard from Esther Gipson, shooting instructor for the junior shooting programs. She said the junior programs – VSA and 4H – are still shut down. Even after last year's law was amended, there are too many unanswered ways to run afoul of advertising and marketing anything firearms and shooting related to juniors. Mike Renzi further stated the CRPA agrees that the amendment has not corrected all issues.

Esther reported that three juniors who participated in the VSA and 4H programs have qualified for the International Shoot in South Africa, March 2024. Incredible, isn't it!

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners, CRPA Chapter, will have their February 28 meeting at Rankin Field. Matt Johnson, chair, said attendance has been strong and hopes to reach more people in more communities by rotating the meeting locations. Matt can be reached at 559-571-2239. You can find them on Facebook and Instagram.

VSA Fishing Trip – Gary Bailey says there might be a couple openings on the July 15th fishing trip out of Santa Barbara. He can put you on a waiting list, though. In addition, he is pouring 12 oz. and 16 oz. weights for saltwater fishing and swim bait jigs. Send Gary a text at 559-799-6435.

As the weather cooperates, look for progress at the range on a cover for the tractor in the BBQ area.

FAMILY DINNER – FEBRUARY 11, 2023 – 6:00 pm Rib Eye Steak!!

Dinner tickets are available now! \$30. 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!

By the way, if you missed the January fried chicken and meatloaf dinner, you missed out on one of the best tasting chicken *and* meatloaf dinners available anywhere!

CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!! The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, **February 6th and 7th**, 5pm to 9pm. The March class is scheduled for March 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 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!

For Sale: Ammo!! 7.62 x 39 124 gr. Russian Military HP, \$400/M. Contact Jerry at 559-730-1446. Jerry also has .30-06 ball ammo, in bandoliers and cans, perfect for your M1!

Why should you wear safety glasses at the range? Ummm, why would you not? Anyway, from the website: <https://designeroptics.com/blogs/news/five-best-shooting-glasses-tried-tested>

They protect your eyes from debris; they protect from the sun; and, they can help improve your accuracy. What should you look for in safety/shooting glasses? Make sure the glasses are impact resistant and shatterproof. Make sure you choose glasses that offer full UV protection. Most likely they will be worn for several hours outdoors. You need full coverage, meaning that the glasses should extend past the sides of your eyes, protecting them from all angles. Quality frames are crucial. You want a comfortable, high-quality frame, one that can be worn for hours and hours. Good frames have features that help them stay put when you are sweaty or moving around. Make sure the frames fit your face well so you have a clear field of vision. They're not going to do much good if they aren't on your face!

Interchangeable lenses: The ability to swap out lenses for different conditions means that you can always have the perfect lens for the job, whether you're shooting in bright sunlight or low light. Ask your optometrist or optician about prescription-ready safety glasses. They can guide you for the best fit for all-day comfort.

Shooting Glass Ratings Explained <https://www.rangeoften.com/blog/the-shooting-glasses-lens-color-guide/>
All shooting glasses must adhere to at least one of two protection ratings: **Military** (MIL-PRF 32432 Ballistic Fragmentation) and **ANSI** (American National Standards Institute). If you're shopping for glasses and see a "Z87" rating, then the glasses in question have been certified by ANSI.

Z87.1 / Z87+ Impact-rated Lenses - To obtain this specific rating, three tests are performed:

Z87.1, commonly marked "Z87+", means the lenses and frame have been tested for high-mass and high-velocity impact protection. Lenses with this certification must also measure at least 2.0mm thick.

Drop Ball Impact Resistance. A 25.4mm steel ball is dropped from a height of 50 inches.

High-Mass Impact Test. A pointed projectile weighing 17.6 ounces is dropped from a height of 50 inches.

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