

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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 12, 2024, 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 17, 2024, 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 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): 559-409-2527**

Mike Renzi – President:	559-802-6163	Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a23)	559-679-7257
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (a22);	559-302-8718
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Brian Benton – Board Member (a23)	559-909-7398	Greg Willett – Board Member (a23)	559-623-4826

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ELECTION of Officers and Directors: The election is scheduled for the December 12, 2024, general club meeting. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm There are five (5) director positions that will be open at that time. Three director positions are elected and two positions will be appointed by the club president. Directors serve two-year terms. The following directors are nearing the end of their elected term: Michele Amaral, Leroy Chism, and Frank Tebeau. The following directors are nearing the end of their appointed terms: Jeremy Chavez and Ferdinand Dancil.

The candidates for the three (3) elected director positions are: Michele Amaral, Ilah Brock, Jeremy Chavez, Ferdinand Dancil, Dirk Steelman, and Frank Tebeau.

Officers serve one-year terms. The candidates for the officer positions are: President – Mike Renzi; Vice President – Russ Beechinor; Treasurer – Kelly Salinas; and Secretary – Chris Norman.

FAMILY DINNER – DECEMBER 14, 2024 – 6:00 pm PRIME RIB!!!!

Prime rib! Yes! Including side dishes and dessert to make a delicious full meal! All that and more for \$30 per person. Unbelievable as it may seem, it's true! A prime rib dinner for \$30 per person. Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. The weather forecast calls for a "perfect" day and evening. There will be several drawings, too. For our "less mobile" diners, there will be parking for you close to the club house doors.

DECEMBER 2024 Club Phone: 559-409-2527 JANUARY 2025 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Lehman/Cote/Espino	1 Wed Closed for New Year's Day
4 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/M Wong	4 Sat Public Shoot ???
7 Sat Public Shoot G Richert/F Tebeau/G Willett	4 Sat CCW Class Shoot at 3 pm.
8 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone!	5 Sun Public Shoot ???
8 Sun 4H shoot 12 noon to 5 pm.	8 Wed Public Shoot G Willett/??
11 Wed Public Shoot L Miller, L. Hernandez, J Johnson	11 Sat Public Shoot ???
14 Sat Public Shoot M Hopper/J Chavez/M Chavez	12 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12
15 Sun Public Shoot M Hopper/J Chavez/M Chavez	12 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm.
18 Wed Public Shoot L. Miller/L. Hernandez/J Johnson	15 Wed Public Shoot ???
21 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/L Espino/K Kubik	18 Sat Public Shoot ???
22 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 - 4H at noon to 5 pm.	19 Sun Public Shoot ???
25 Wed MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! CLOSED TODAY	22 Wed Public Shoot ???
28 Sat Public Shoot Espino/Kubik/Kuykendall/A Slate	25 Sat Public Shoot ???
29 Sun Public Shoot ????	26 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 - 4H at noon to 5 pm.
	29 Wed 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 and 22 LR Fun Shoot** – Leroy Chism 559-804-3501; **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026; **4H Shooting** –??? - 559-xxx-xxxx. **RSO and range scheduling** – Russ Beechinor 559-2804061.

This just in – Starting January 1, 2025, NO Open Toe Shoes on the range/shooting level. This will apply to RSO's, members, guests, and visitors. Thank you.

More from the November club and board meetings:

For the Thursday, December 12, **election**, if you are still considering becoming more active in the VSA club and wish to run for one of the positions, nominations/write-ins will be received from the floor at the December 12, 2024, meeting.

Russ Beechinor, V.P./range operations, informed us of some of the changes affecting CCW holders. CCW permits are now valid statewide, not just in the county of issue. Also, in the future, there will be more places where you can't carry your firearms.

Frank Tebeau provided some updates regarding legislative action and court cases. In the state of Illinois, a federal court struck down the state law banning semi-automatic AR style rifles and high-capacity magazines. This case applies only to Illinois. Also, the U.S. Supreme Court is considering hearing a Maryland case regarding the state ban of semi-auto "assault weapons".

The November **family dinner** was popular. Jim Mayfield reported that 112 dinner tickets were sold and estimates are that everyone was in attendance! The **December Prime Rib Dinner** has always been a popular and very satisfying dinner. Have you called for your tickets? Jim = 559-802-7967.

One more reason to make it to a club meeting or to join us for dinner...new banquet seating chairs. Taller backs, higher seats, and more padding have replaced the chairs from the 70's and 80's! Find out for yourselves.

NEED HELP – Any Civil War buffs or re-enactors in the club, or any that you know of? Loren Metzler needs help in identifying Civil War firearm related items such as bullets, powder flasks, reloading tools, etc. Once identified, a valuation of the items would be most helpful. The items are from a VSA member's estate and are NOT for sale at this time. Loren can be reached at 559-280-8287.

FOR SALE - Jim Mayfield has a variety of reloading supplies for sale. LOTS of brass. He can be reached at 559-802-7967.

FOR SALE – Brass: Hornady 376 Steyr, unprimed brass. Eight boxes of 50 each plus a bag with 99 each. Asking \$65.00 per box. Please call Gregg at 559-623-4826.

WANTED – Our clubhouse decorating "committee" needs a couple more people to assist in the decoration of the clubhouse for special events such as the family dinners and receptions. Give Michaele G. a call at 559-901-1749, or Peggy W. at 559-300-7529.

CCW Classes at the club – A schedule for December has not been provided. After the morning class session, the afternoon instruction and qualifying shoot time will be at the range. (VSA Dale Wimp Rifle and Pistol Range, 7398 Ave 328, Visalia CA.) The state mandated instruction time for a **renewal** CCW is 8 hours. For a **new** CCW permit application, the requirement is 16 hours of instruction. You would need to attend two (2) of the 8-hour classes.

CCW Class reservation: It is anticipated that there will be a large demand for the classes. Class sizes will be limited to 40. If you want to attend the CCW class, text Albert Chan, 559-972-6537. Please provide your full name (as on your state issued ID) and your phone number. Please indicate if this is a renewal or new CCW application and if you are a current VSA member (or non-member). Due to the limited class size, you might not be scheduled for your first choice of class dates. There are now two (2) CCW instructors, Albert Chan and Wade Roberts, who coordinate together and schedule the classes. In addition, Scott James (CCW instructor) will fill in as needed. Payment info will be provided.

FEES:

VSA members:\$ 80.00 for 8-hour renewal\$200.00 for the 16-hour new CCW application

Non-members:\$130.00 for 8-hour renewal\$250.00 for the 16-hour new CCW application

Additional info: CCW class participants will need to draw from a holster (using dummy rounds/ snap caps, which will be provided). In addition, there are malfunction drills to perform.

VSA LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT – Directors approved a **20 PERCENT** discount on a LIFE membership for members who are 55 years of age or older **AND** have been VSA club member for a minimum of 10 years. Save \$100 on a current life membership, and \$150 on a family life membership. Call Text or call Russ Beechinor at 559-280-4061; or Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967 to see if you qualify!

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 29, 6 – 8 pm, at Kings Gun Center, Hanford. You don't have to be a CRPA member to attend.

<https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/> Information about the next meetings can be found on Facebook & Instagram: @tularekingsgunowners. crpatularekings@gmail.com. The next meeting will be the **Holiday Potluck Dinner**, Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the VSA clubhouse. Meetings are held on the scheduled Tuesdays, 6 to 8 pm.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://crpa.org/event/tulare-kings-gun-owners-a-crpa-chapter-meeting-holiday-potluck>

Foggy days at the range - Is it so foggy that you can't see the back berm of the rifle range? If so, there's no shooting at the range. That rule applies to the rifle and pistol lanes. You know how valley fog goes...it may be foggy at your house and the sun is shining a mile away!

Membership renewals - You can pick up a hard copy of the renewal form at the club or the range or request one to be mailed to you if you haven't received one already. While you are at the club or range, you can pay with cash, check or credit/debit card. If you choose to print the attached renewal form, please make a copy as well as a copy of your payment (your confirmation receipt), and mail it in. Make sure you keep your plastic membership card! Our records are updated on our "end". Nothing changes on your card. Please use the form to note any changes or additions. Thank you. Thank you.

Happy Hanukkah! Chanukah begins Wednesday evening, December 25, 2024 and continues through Thursday, January 2, 2025. Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and foods.

Here's some information (from history.com) regarding hanukkah: Hanukkah means “dedication” in Hebrew.

The eight-day Jewish celebration known as Hanukkah or Chanukah commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt.

The events that inspired the Hanukkah holiday took place during a particularly turbulent phase of Jewish history. Around 200 B.C., Judea—also known as the Land of Israel—came under the control of Antiochus III, the Seleucid king of Syria, who allowed the Jews who lived there to continue practicing their religion. His son, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, proved less benevolent: Ancient sources recount that he outlawed the Jewish religion and ordered the Jews to worship Greek gods. In 168 B.C., his soldiers descended upon Jerusalem, massacring thousands of people and desecrating the city's holy Second Temple by erecting an altar to Zeus and sacrificing pigs within its sacred walls.

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