

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JANUARY

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

2025

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 9, 2025, 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 14, 2025, 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	John Clark – Board Member (a24):	559-
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Terry Henry – Board Member (e23)	559-901-0651
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At the the December 12, 2024, club meeting:

ELECTION of Officers and Directors: Results of the election as tabulated by the election committee chaired by Michael Gerard are as follows. The four officers have been re-elected to their positions: Mike Renzi, president; Russ Beechinor, vice-president; Kelly Salinas, treasurer; and, Chris Norman, secretary.

We have two new elected directors in Marty Malone and Dirk Steelman. Staying on the board as an elected director is Frank Tebeau. President Mike Renzi announced his two appointments to the board and they are Lee Miller and John Clark. The election committee was Michael Gerard, chair, and Carol Thomas, Peggy Webb, Patti Braun and Tom Braun.

We would like to recognize the service of Michele Amaral, Jeremy Chavez, Leroy Chism, and Ferdinand Dancil. Their dedication to the club and the range operations is greatly appreciated. Their input helped focus the choices and decisions that are needed for short- and long-term goals and objectives.

FAMILY DINNER – January 11, 2025 – 6:00 pm - Hearty Home Cookin'!!

Chicken fried steak, fried okra, biscuits and gravy. and more, and a dessert for a delicious home cooked dinner! All that and more for \$20 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. There will be several drawings, too. For our "less mobile" diners, there will be parking for you close to the club house doors.

At the range on foggy days, if you can't see the back berm there won't be any shooting until the fog lifts enough to see the berm.

JANUARY 2025 Club Phone: 559-409-2527

FEBRUARY 2025 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Wed Closed for New Year's Day	1 Sat Public Shoot ?
4 Sat Public Shoot ???	1 Sat CCW qualify shoot starts at 3 pm
4 Sat CCW Class Shoot at 3 pm.	2 Sun Public Shoot ?
5 Sun Public Shoot ???	5 Wed Public Shoot ?
8 Wed Public Shoot G Willett/?	8 Sat Public Shoot ?
11 Sat Public Shoot ???	9 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12
12 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12	9 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm.
12 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm.	12 Wed Public Shoot ?
15 Wed Public Shoot ???	15 Sat Public Shoot ?
18 Sat Public Shoot ???	16 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 - 4H at noon to 5 pm.
19 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/Howell	19 Wed Public Shoot ?
22 Wed Public Shoot ???	20 Thur CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice
25 Sat Public Shoot R Broyles/G Willett/?	21 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice
26 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 - 4H at noon to 5 pm.	22 Sat CBRSA – Benchrest competition
29 Wed Public Shoot ???	23 Sun CBRSA – Benchrest competition
	26 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.

Reminder: – 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.

At the December club and board meetings:

Family Dinner volunteers – We have a regular crew of cooks that spend untold hours prepping and cooking. What we really need are a few folks to help in the cleanup the morning after the dinner. Stop by the clubhouse at a meeting and let any of the cooks (or Jim Mayfield) know that you are available to assist. Thanks.

There will be a **cleanup day at the range** in February. Date to be determined.

Russ will be scheduling an NRA-RSO (range safety officer) class in the near future. This RSO class will be for **ALL of our RSOs!!** The goal is to bring all the RSOs “up to speed” and “on the same page” regarding the range procedures and policies. This class is for you if: a) you are an RSO, but haven’t served for a while, b) you are actively serving RSO days, but haven’t attended a class in some time, c) if you are currently “in training” and haven’t had a class, and d) if you are interested in becoming one of our RSOs.

Give Russ Beechinor a call for information about the benefits and responsibilities of RSO duty. Men and women, you can do it! Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061.

At the club meeting, a motion was made to “pass the hat and the club to match” a donation to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve *Toys for Tots* program. A check for the amount of \$504 was written to the Toys for Tots program.

Also approved by the board for the *Toys for Tots* program, Royce Nalls made arrangements for a donated Christmas tree to be set up and decorated at the December family dinner. The tree was auctioned off the night of the dinner with the dollar proceeds to be matched by the club. The highest bidder gets the tree and the ornaments and the Toys for Tots program gets the money raised! The winning bid amount was \$537.00, the club matched for a total of \$1,074.00.

The December **prime rib dinner** was tasty, but the turnout was less than usual. The dinner generated \$1,360 in sales and according to Jim M, had a net loss of \$61.00 after expenses.

Out at the range, the pistol berm received a new layer of dirt to cover the past few years of impacted bullet strikes. As a reminder, there is **NO “MINING” of lead** at the range. State regulations and range policies prohibit the reclaiming of range lead without proper permits and certification.

CCW Classes at the club – The next class is scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2025. After the morning class session at the VSA clubhouse, 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: 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.

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. Please call Michael G. at 559-901-1749, or Peggy W. at 559-300-7529.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: The next meeting will be (not available at press time for the newsletter). You don't have to be a CRPA member to attend. <https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/> CRPA Chapter fundraiser dinner will be April 25, 2025, at the International Agri-Center Banquet Hall, 4300 S. Laspina St., Tulare. Smoked prime rib dinner, \$85 individual tickets, and table packages are available.

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.

Tractor enclosure at the range – Who knew that getting quotes for a tractor enclosure/shed would be so time consuming? Mike Renzi has been finding out that quotes may include anchors, a man door, a roll up door, a stated sheet metal thickness gauge, a cement stub wall, no flooring, etc. It's like comparing apples to horses! Some quotes might have a cost estimate for the permits. Some are a bare-bones do-it-yourself kit on pallets.

Russ Beechinor, the club's in-house go to I.T. guy has mentioned he will be upgrading the website and point-of-sale program in the near future for security upgrades. No small feat, it will take a fair amount of work.

501(c)3 Corporate reorganization update. Secretary Chris Norman recently delivered the revised bylaws, a signed certification of said bylaws and a list of officer and directors names and addresses to the attorney.

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