

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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, August 14, 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, August 19, 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**

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Notes from the JULY club and board meetings:

Hunter Safety Education classes at the club – There is one more class on the calendar: **Saturday, August 9.** Registration is online for the in-person class. Hunter Ed class details and more information is on page 2.

Range safety – Russ Beechinor related a range safety story about standing near an old flintlock rifle...you know the old firearms with the “flash in the pan” ignition. The flintlocks use a priming powder charge in the primer hole and the pan. Some flintlocks will need more priming powder than others. When the trigger is pulled, the flintlock strikes and the powder “flashes”. Sometimes the powder in the pan is sent several feet in all directions. You don't want to be near that “flash in the pan!”. You definitely need safety glasses any time you are around any of these old muzzle loaders. Small grains of powder can end up on your skin and clothing. Be aware.

VSA GUN DINNER 2025 – Saturday, November 1st – more details soon. Royce Nalls, chairperson for the event, said committee meetings are firing up and are **FIRED UP!!** If you would like to assist this event in any capacity, please contact Royce at 559-730-8485. Pre-event drawing tickets are now available. There are several to choose from for some fine firearms. Contact Royce or Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967.

Delano Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet – Saturday, August 9, 2025. American Slavonian Social Club, County Line Road (Road 148), Delano. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner tickets are \$75.00 online or by calling Matt Ince at 661-709-8259. For packages and drawing tickets please contact Matt. Fun for the whole family, come support the future of the shooting sports. Go to: <https://www.friendsofnra.org/> enter Delano CA in the search box.

Mike Renzi, our club president, has been having a go with his obstinately uncooperative body. He was recently diagnosed with liver cancer and has been approved by insurance for treatments. Mike and his wife, Ilah, continue thru each day with faith, strength, and humor. Please send your prayers and especially those humorous jokes and stories to: Mikeilahrenzi@gmail.com

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Club Phone: 559-409-2527

SEPTEMBER 2025

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Sat	Public Shoot	??? - 3 to 5 pm is the CCW Shoot	3 Wed	Public Shoot	???
3 Sun	Public Shoor	???	6 Sat	Public Shoot	??? 3 to 5 is CCW shooting
6 Wed	Public Shoot	???	7 Sun	22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm	
9 Sat	Public Shoot	Greg Willett/?	10 Wed	Public Shoot	???
10 Sun	22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12	11 Thursday & 12 Friday	is CBRSA set up and practice	
13 Wed	Public Shoot	???	13 Sat	CBRSA	Is this weekend going to be one
16 Sat	Public Shoot	Frank Tebeau/G Willett/?	14 Sun	CBRSA	where a world record is set?
17 Sun	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/Howell	17 Wed	Public Shoot	???
20 Wed	Public Shoot	???	20 Sat	Public Shoot	F Tebeau/J Dearborn/?
23 Sat	Public Shoot	???	21 Sun	Black Powder 8 to noon	
24 Sun	Black Powder 8 to noon		24 Wed	Public Shoot	???
27 Wed	Public Shoot	???	27 Sat	Public Shoot	???
30 Sat	Public Shoot	G Willett/R Beechinor/F Dancil	28 Sun	Black powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm	
31 Sun	Public Shoot	???	Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061		

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 559-280 4061.

More from the July meetings:

Exeter Outdoors Association – 52 Week Drawing: 52 weeks = 52 guns! There's an "Early Bird" drawing for a Winchester gun safe if your ticket is bought by, or postmarked by August 1st. The drawing will be August 27, 2025. Week 1 begins Sept. 3 for a Henry Big Boy .45LC. Call Shirley at 559-936-7789 for info and tickets.

RSOs: When Russ sends out an email request for **RSOs needed** for certain days, please respond directly to Russ that you will serve on that day. Apparently, there have been several times where 5 or 6 RSOs have shown up unannounced to help out on that day. Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061.

Hunter Ed class - August 9th will be the Hunter Ed classes at the VSA clubhouse. Loren Metzler, Hunter Ed instructor, mentioned that posting of the class to the wildlife.co.gov website and registration will be 30 days before the class date. If the class shows as being full, "click" thru the class details, there should be a stand-by list with limited spaces for those that missed the actual registration. Class size is limited to 30 people. The April class filled quickly. Registration is online: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>.

Fishing with Marty! – The fishing charter out of Santa Barbara was Saturday, July 12th. At the board meeting, Marty reported great success with everyone on the boat catching fish after fish. The pictures he was showing told the tale of the big fish stories. There were some *really big fish*!

Raffle tickets were sold to offset some of the costs of the fishing trip. The winning ticket was drawn at the club meeting on July 10. The winner was Brian F; he was not present at the meeting and a call to the phone number had a message "the mailbox is full."

Potluck dinner at the club on Saturday, July 12, was attended by a small-ish crowd of 20. Every dish was delicious. One of the dishes brought by Greg Willett resembled a cupcake. It was a muffin shaped, bacon-wrapped beef "meatball with mashed potato topping. Creative and tasty!!

FOR SALE: Remington brass for .444 Marlin caliber. 199 pieces, asking \$100.00. Call Bill at 559-972-9495.

This just in: July 24, 2025 (Reuters) - A divided federal appeals court on Thursday said California's first-of-its-kind law requiring firearm owners to undergo background checks to buy ammunition is unconstitutional, violating the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

In a 2-1 vote, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, California, upheld a lower court judge's permanent injunction against enforcing the law.

CCW Classes at the club – There are TWO (2) classes scheduled for August. The first one is **Saturday, August 2, 2025, 9 am to 5 pm.** The second one is **Friday, August 15, 8 am to 4 pm.** After the 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. There are two classes in **September**: Saturday, September 6, 9 am to 5 pm; and, Friday, September 19, 8 to 4pm.

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.

Reminder: CCW Classes – As of July 1, 2025, if there are no sign-ups for a **CCW class**, the class will be canceled. The CCW instructors will NOT be at the club on the morning of a scheduled class if no one pre-registered for the class in advance. (This includes anyone needing the second 8-hour class for a renewal certificate.)

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: There is no charge to attend and you don't have to be a CRPA member to attend. To find more info about the meetings, go to: <https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/> Pre-registering for the meetings is very helpful. When you click on the meeting link it takes you to the CRPA site. A pop-up will ask for a sign in/account. It looks like it is not required to have an account to register for the meeting. Additionally, it looks like a food vendor is available at 6 pm for the meetings and the meetings start at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **August 26th at Rankin Field, Tulare.** Click or copy and paste the link below:
August 26th, Rankin Field: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=10964&>
Sept. 30th, Kings Gun Center: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11040&>
October 28th, Kings Gun Center: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11025&>

One of the most common questions I receive is "How do I pay for a membership renewal?" Here's my response: The best way to pay for a renewal membership is to go to the range on a "Public Shoot" day, or go to the clubhouse prior to a meeting. The club house meetings are the second Thursday of the month (August 14, September 11, etc) and someone is usually at the clubhouse on the meeting day from around 3 pm on. Check the range calendar schedule in the newsletter for the Public Shoot days.

Why the range or the club? They have the 2-part membership forms and can accept cash, checks, and credit/debit cards. Upon payment, you get the 2nd page of the membership form as your "proof of payment".

I will attach a renewal form to this email. If you use it to mail in a check to our post office box, please make a copy of your form as well as a copy or photo of your payment check. At this time, we do not recommend writing in any credit or debit card info on a mailed form.

I can mail you one of our renewal forms (the 2-part form) that you can fill out at home and take to the range, to the club, or mail in (you would mail in the top page and keep the second page) with your check payment.

Let me know if you would like to have a form mailed to you.

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