

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

2025

Established 1893([www.visaliasportsmens.com](http://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, September 11, 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, September 16, 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**

Russ Beechinor – Interim President (8-25)	559-280-4061	Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a23)	559-679-7257
Russ Beechinor – Vice President:	559-280-4061	Terry Henry – Board Member (e23)	559-901-0651
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Russ Broyles – Board Member (a24)	559-280-7536	Greg Willett – Board Member (a23):	559-623-4826

**2025 ELECTION of Officers and Directors:** The election is scheduled for the December 11, 2025, general club meeting. There are five (5) director positions that will be open at that time. The VSA club has 10 directors (also known as board members). Directors serve for 2-year terms, with half of the positions to be filled this election and half to be filled at next year's election. There will be two (2) elected director positions to be voted on. The following directors are nearing the end of their elected term: Terry Henry and Royce Nalls.

Additionally, there will be three (3) appointed director positions open at that time. The two-year terms of Brian Benton, Chris Calhoun, and Gregg Willett are coming to a close. The club president has the responsibility of making the appointments for appointed director positions.

Officers serve one-year terms. The candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are voted on each year.

Nominations for officers and directors are now being accepted! The VSA Election Committee is chaired by Michael Gerard. To place your name on the ballot or for more information about the election or the positions that are available please contact Michael at 559-901-1749, or by email: [mgerard1942@yahoo.com](mailto:mgerard1942@yahoo.com).

On or before Sunday, October 26, 2025, the election (Nomination) committee will present a list of eligible nominees to the club secretary, Chris Norman. A notice of the election and the list of nominees will be included in the December newsletter prior to the election. Nominations for directors may also be received from the floor during any meeting of the voting members at which directors are to be elected. (In other words, write-ins are accepted at the December 11th meeting.) Candidates will be introduced at the November 13<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**Election** Continued on page 2

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Club Phone: 559-409-2527

## OCTOBER 2025

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 6 Sat Public Shoot ??? - 3 to 5pm is CCW shooting  
 7 Sun **22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm**  
 10 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 11 Thursday & 12 Friday is CBRSA set up and practice  
 13 Sat **CBRSA Is this weekend going to be one**  
 14 Sun **CBRSA where a world record is set?**  
 17 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 20 Sat Public Shoot F Tebeau/J Dearborn/D Lehman  
 21 Sun Public Shoot M Price/J Price/A Price  
 24 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 27 Sat Public Shoot L Espino/G Willett/?  
 28 Sun **Black powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm**  
 Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our  
 Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061

1 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 4 Sat Public Shoot M Price/J Price/A Price  
 4 Sat 3 to 5 is CCW shooting  
 5 Sun Public Shoot ???  
 8 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 9 Thursday & 10 Friday is CBRSA set up and practice  
 11 Sat **Range Cleanup Day** closed to all shooters  
 12 Sun **22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm**  
 15 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 16 & 17 Thursday and Friday is Benchrest set up/practice  
 18 Sat **CBRSA Maybe it will be this weekend**  
 19 Sun **CBRSA where a world record is set!**  
 22 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 25 Sat Public Shoot ???  
 26 Sun **Black powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 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 559-280 4061.

**Election** Continued from page 1:

From the current bylaws adopted 7-21-14: 5.7. Nomination of Directors. At least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting of the voting members, the Nominations Committee shall present a list to the Secretary containing the names of eligible nominees as directors for the ensuing year. Said list shall contain the names of at least one eligible nominee to each vacancy. A notification of the annual meeting of the voting members and a list of nominees to the voting members shall be included in the Corporation newsletter prior to the election. Nominations for directors may also be received from the floor during any meeting of the voting members at which directors are to be elected.

**Notes from the AUGUST club and board meetings:**

**Mike Renzi**, Mike was elected President of the VSA December 12, 2020 and was seated as president on January 19, 2021. He was re-elected each of the past 4 years. Mike passed away August 11, 2025.

**VSA President transition:** Club bylaws provide guidance when the office of president is vacant: “In the President's absence or disability, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all of the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.” At the August 19, 2025, board meeting, directors agreed to have Russ Beechinor to continue in the interim as president until the December 2025 election of officers and directors.

The next **RSO Class** is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 8:00 am at the VSA clubhouse. This class is for any of our currently serving RSOs and our **newly enlisted** RSOs who have not had the official classroom instruction. Have YOU thought about becoming an RSO? Please contact Russ Beechinor at 559-280-4061.

**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.

**FOR SALE:** Restored military vehicles and trailer. 1) 1953 Willys Jeep. 2) Cushman three-wheel delivery scooter. 3) 1940's-era trailer. Carefully and lovingly restored, the previous owner has passed away and the family members who inherited the “ready-to-go in the parade” vehicles have made the difficult decision to sell. For more details and photos, interested parties can contact Erin at: erinmariem@yahoo.com.

**FOR SALE:** Sig Sauer “Comp” 9mm pistol, N.I.B. (new in the box). Asking \$700. Call Gary at 559-799-6435.

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

**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.)

**VSA GUN DINNER 2025 –** Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Table packages are available for purchase NOW. Individual ticket sales will be available soon. Royce Nalls, chairperson for the event, said committee members 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.

**Exeter Outdoors Association – 52 Week Drawing:** 52 weeks = 52 guns! Week 1 begins Sept. 3 for a Henry Big Boy .45LC. Call Shirley at 559-936-7789 for info and tickets. If your “number” is the winner, your ticket stays in the drawing for the remainder of the year.

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

**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 **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Click or copy and paste the link below:

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**, Kings Gun Center: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11040&>

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**, Kings Gun Center: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11025&>  
**November 25<sup>th</sup> – No meeting.**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Visalia Sportsmen's <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11045&>

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - **Election of Officers** will be at the October 28 meeting.

A CRPA membership is the first requirement for being on the ballot. This is your chance to volunteer, to be part of something bigger than yourself. If you are interested in running for chairperson, co-chair, secretary, treasurer, and two members at large (for one of the member at large positions), please contact Matt Johnson at 559-571-2239, or email: [crpatularekings@gmail.com](mailto:crpatularekings@gmail.com)



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