

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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, October 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, October 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**

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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.

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 13th club meeting.

Range cleanup day – Saturday, October 11 7 am to? Bring your gloves and basic hand and yard tools to get the range grounds, benches, tables, target stands, etc., in good shape heading into the winter season. Lunch is included.

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Club Phone: 559-409-2527

NOVEMBER 2025

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/??	1 Sat Public Shoot	M Price/J Price/A Price
4 Sat Public Shoot	M Fieker/P Kuykendall/?	1 Sat	3 to 5 pm is CCW shooting
4 Sat	3 to 5 is CCW shooting	2 Sun P	Dearborn/Lehman/Meriweather(s)
5 Sun Public Shoot	J Price/A Price/?	5 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/??
8 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/??	8 Sat	Range Cleanup Day closed to all shooters
9 Thursday & 10 Friday is CBRSA set up and practice		9 Sun	22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm
11 Sat Range Cleanup Day closed to all shooters		12 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/??
12 Sun 22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm		13 & 14 Thursday and Friday is Benchrest set up/practice	
15 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/??	15 Sat CBRSA	Observers are always welcome.
16 & 17 Thursday and Friday is Benchrest set up/practice		16 Sun CBRSA	Meet the shooter between stages.
18 Sat CBRSA	Maybe it will be this weekend	19 Wed Public Shoot	???
19 Sun CBRSA	where a world record is set!	22 Sat Public Shoot	R Broyles/??
22 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/??	23 Sun Black powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm	
24 Fri Closed all day for a special event		26 Wed Public Shoot	???
25 Sat Public Shoot	???	29 Sat Public Shoot	R Broyles/??
26 Sun Black powder 8 to 12		Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061.	
29 Wed Public Shoot	C Aliso/??		

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.

Notes from the September club and board meetings:

Things keep moving forward. It was reported that participation at the range has been good, even on the really warm days. It was discussed that the club house needs a termite inspection. Thank you to Dirk S, for coordinating a new alarm system installation at the club. Frank T, as usual, provided an update on 2nd A legislative issues. Ron C won a gun in the monthly club meeting gun drawing...winners need to be present as tickets are only sold to those at the meeting. VSA Gun Dinner has event tickets and pre-event drawing tickets on sale NOW!

Board meeting: Have you considered joining the fun of the Sunday **22 LR SHOOT**? Leroy C discussed a few incentives to add to the fun such as having a gun give-away drawing for the participants. Junior participants who might win would get \$\$\$. The **.22 LR shoot** has four “class divisions”: Juniors; Women’s; Men’s iron sights; and, men’s scoped 22s. At the end of the year, if there’s enough money in the pot, high overall scorer in each division would win a gun. (I think I got it right, details are subject to change, and more information will be coming.)

Discussion was held about the range schedule of the CBRSA – Benchrest shoots, as well as the schedule for the black powder shoots. Benchrest competitions are held throughout the western states (and U.S.) with many of the shooters traveling to the out of state shoots. The schedule is set by the Benchrest governing bodies.

It was brought to the attention of the directors that we need, really...really need, a volunteer to help with the basic cleaning and organizing of the clubhouse. Thus, this is in the newsletter. Perhaps one of our readers out there?

FOR SALE: Sig Sauer “Comp” 9mm pistol, N.I.B. (new in the box). Asking \$700. Two of these available.

Sig Sauer “Rose” 9mm pistol. Asking \$850. Sig designed this pistol for women. Call for details on what model and package. Vortex “Fury” 10x42 laser binoculars, NIB, \$800.00. Call Gary at 559-799-6435.

FOR SALE: 1) Winchester M70 heavy varmint barrel, 22-250, Leupold scope VX3 6x20, \$1200. 2) Custom built 300prc, Leupold scope VX5hd, 5 boxes of ammo, \$3000. 3) Ruger 10/22, \$150. 4) Savage 22 single shot, \$150. Give Dan a call at 559-679-3863.

FOR SALE: Magneto speed V3 Chronograph for sale. Like new, lightly used, comes in a hard case, selling for \$175. Call John at 559 240-3022.

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

FOR SALE: 1) Winchester M73 DLX .45 Colt NIB, \$2000. 2) Winchester 1903 .22 Winchester Self-Loading \$600. 3) Springfield Trapdoor .45-70 \$1100. 4) Colt Derringers (a pair) .22 Short, consecutive numbers with a presentation case \$600. 5) Baretta 92 Magazine (2) 9mm \$20 each; Glock 34 Magazines (6) 9mm \$20 each; CZ85 Magazines (2) \$20 each. Call Loren at 559-280-8287.

CCW Class at the club – Starting with the classes in October, instructor Albert Chan has changed the Friday class time to 9 am to 5 pm. The Friday class now matches the Saturday class start time.

CCW Classes at the club – There are **TWO (2) classes scheduled for October**. The first one is **Saturday, October 4, 2025, 9 am to 5 pm**. The second one is **Friday, October 10, 9 am to 5 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. For **November**: Saturday, November 1st, and tentatively Friday, November 21st.

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 1st – Table packages are available for purchase NOW. Individual ticket sales will be available soon. Royce Nalls, chairperson for the event, said committee members are *FIRE 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.

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, October 28th**. Click or copy and paste the link below:

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

December 9th 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. Nominations are being accepted for the positions of chairperson, co-chair, secretary, treasurer, and two members at large (for one of the member at large positions). For more information, please contact: Matt Johnson at 559-571-2239, or email: crpatularekings@gmail.com

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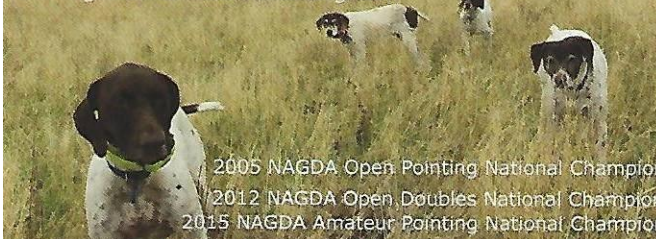
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