

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER

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, November 13, 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, November 18, 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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Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Lee Miller – Board Member (a24)	559-303-6101
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Russ Broyles – Board Member (a24)	559-280-7536	Greg Willett – Board Member (a23):	559-623-4826

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!!

THANKSGIVING FAMILY DINNER – NOVEMBER 15, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Turkey, ham, salad, soup, mashed potatoes and more!! Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:00 pm. The first dinner of the season will warm you up as much as it will fill you up! \$20 per person. 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. The fun, friends and food say it will be an even better evening. There will be several drawings, too. For our “less mobile” diners, there will be parking for you close to the club house doors.

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 positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are voted on each year. 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.

NOVEMBER 2025

Club Phone: 559-409-2527

DECEMBER 2025

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sat	Public Shoot	M Price/J Price/A Price	3 Wed	Public Shoot	L Espino/J Johnson/?
1 Sat	CCW	3 to 5 pm is CCW shooting	6 Sat	Public Shoot	???
2 Sun	Public Shoot	Dearborn/Lehman/S Meriweather	6 Sat	CCW	3 to 5 pm is CCW shooting
4 Tues	Closed today	Special DFW day at the range	7 Sun	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/R Broyles/?
5 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alviso/D Vaz/?	10 Wed	Public Shoot	???
8 Sat	Public Shoot	G Richert/?	13 Sat	Public Shoot	???
9 Sun	22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm		14 Sun	22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm	
12 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alviso/?	17 Wed	Public Shoot	???
13 & 14 Thursday and	Friday is Benchrest set up/practice		20 Sat	Public Shoot	M Hopper/J Chavez/?
15 Sat	CBRSA	Observers are always welcome.	21 Sun	Public Shoot	M Hopper/J Chavez/?
16 Sun	CBRSA	Meet the shooters between stages.	24 Wed	Closed for the Christmas Holiday	
19 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alviso/D Vaz/?	25 Thu	Closed for the Christmas Holiday	
22 Sat	Public Shoot	J Johnson/?	27 Sat	Public Shoot	R Broyles/?
23 Sun	Black powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm		28 Sun	Black powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm	
26 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alviso/?	31 Wed	Public Shoot	J Johnson/?
29 Sat	Public Shoot	???	Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061.		
30 Sun	Public Shoot	R Broyles/R Corona/J Johnson			

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 October club and board meetings:

Each club meeting starts with the Pledge of Allegiance, then an introduction of the new members, members attending their first meeting, and any guests. We welcomed Farrah (guest); Andy H (long time member, first time attending a meeting); and, George W (a new member, he joined the at the club meeting). Our club meetings have an average attendance of around 65 women, men and juniors. Our members represent all walks of life – professional, medical, school, trades, government, and so many more.

Members were reminded they had until October 26th to notify Michael Gerard, election chair, of their intention to run for a position and to have their names on the ballot.

Jim M. asked for one or two volunteers to help out at the club in the pre -meeting and -dinner preparations and set up. Check supplies, some cleaning, getting “stuff” ready and presentable. Contact Jim at 559-802-7967.

Royce stated that final preparations for the November 1st VSA Gun Dinner are under way with the dinner only a few weeks away.

Chris N reviewed some of the expenses and correspondence in the treasurer’s file. Credit card purchases on the October 2nd statement indicated there was \$3,215.76 for FFL purchases by Dirk S; \$288.18 for misc. expenses for the range or club by Russ Beechinor; \$80 for Pest control services, paid by Kelly S; and \$174.28 at Smart & Final for club items by Jim M. A new alarm system for the club \$1,276.66, alarm monitoring (1 year) \$395.88, and cellular service for the alarm (1 year) \$216.00. SCE utility bill for the club was \$819.14; for the range = \$81.42. Tulare County Tax Collector property tax for the club was \$343.80 for the year July 1, 2025 to June 30th.

The club received a letter from the IRS stating that a current year tax return (2024) had not been filed on time. More info is needed to follow up on this.

Toys for Tots It was agreed at the October board meeting to have donation boxes placed at the club and the range for the collection of new, unwrapped toys or clothing for kids and teens. All donations stay in the community where they are collected.

Dirk S coordinated a second termite inspection for the club. The directors will be deciding what action to take.

Royce N. brought up to the board a proposal to determine what it would take to upgrade (pave) the driveway and parking area at the club house. After each rain, the DG (decomposed granite) gets sloppy with very poor drainage. A motion was made, and passed, to start the process of determining costs and scope of work by contacting an engineering firm and or contractors.

CCW Class at the club – Please note that the Friday class time is now 9 am to 5 pm. The Friday class now matches the Saturday class start time.

CCW Classes at the club – There is ONE class scheduled for November. The first one is **Saturday, November 1st, 2025, 9 am to 5 pm.** If there are enough responses for a second class in November, it will be **Friday, November 21st, 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 **December**: Saturday, December 6th, and possibly a second class later in the month.

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. **No meeting is scheduled for November. December 9th** is the meeting and potluck dinner at Visalia Sportsmen's. Please pre-register so they are ready for you. If registration is closed, please email abrewer@crpa.org to RSVP. <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11045&>

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: The following items are ready for a new home. Interested? Don't hesitate to make an offer.

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) Beretta 92 Magazine (2) 9mm \$20 each; Glock 34 Magazines (6) 9mm \$20 each; CZ85 Magazines (2) \$20 each. Call Loren at 559-280-8287.

FOR SALE: Remington 12-gauge Gun Club Light Target Loads ammo. Stock #GC12L8. 2 ¾" length, 1 1/8 ounce of #8 shot. 1 case = 250 shot shells, 10 boxes of 25 each. \$80.00. Call/text Chris N at 661-805-0164.

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