

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER

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, December 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, December 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
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Russ Broyles – Board Member (a24)	559-280-7536	Greg Willett – Board Member (a23):	559-623-4826

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!!

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 candidates for the two (2) elected director positions are: Chris Calhoun, Jeremy Chavez, Annie Hayes, Terry Henry, Jeff Knight, Royce Nalls, Ilah Brock Renzi, and Sean Vedenoff.

Officers serve one-year terms. The candidates for the officer positions are: President – Russ Beechinor; Vice President – Greg Willett; Treasurer – Jeff Dearborn, Kelly Salinas; and Secretary – Chris Norman.

Additionally, there will be three (3) appointed director positions open at that time. The club president has the responsibility of making the appointments for these director positions.

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.)

FAMILY DINNER – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025 – 6:00 pm PRIME RIB!!!!

Prime rib! Yes! Including side dishes and dessert to make a delicious full meal! Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served around 6:30. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. There will be several drawings, too. There will be parking close to the club house doors for those needing a shorter walk to get inside. Feel the warmth? Join your "extended family" for a great evening.

Toys for Tot's donation boxes are at the club and the range for new, unwrapped toys and clothing for kids and teens.

DECEMBER 2025

Club Phone: 559-409-2527

JANUARY 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot	L Espino/J Johnson/C Alviso	3 Sat Public Shoot	???
6 Sat Public Shoot	Jeff Knight/?	4 Sun Public Shoot	???
6 Sat CCW	3 to 5 pm is CCW shooting	7 Wed Public Shoot	???
7 Sun Public Shoot	Dearborn/Broyles/A-SMerriweather	10 Sat Public Shoot	???
10 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/?	11 Sun 22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12
13 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/J Knight/?	11 Sun 4H Shoot	12 noon to 5 pm
14 Sun 22 LR Shoot	8 to 12 and 4H is 12 to 5pm	14 Wed Public Shoot	???
17 Wed Public Shoot	C Alviso/?	15 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	
20 Sat Public Shoot	M Hopper/J Chavez/M Chavez	16 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	
21 Sun Public Shoot	M Hopper/J Chavez/M Chavez	17 Sat CBRSA – Benchrest competition	
24 Wed Closed for the Christmas Holiday		18 Sun CBRSA – Benchrest competition	
25 Thu Closed for the Christmas Holiday		21 Wed Public Shoot	???
27 Sat Public Shoot	L Espino/G Willett/?	24 Sat Public Shoot	???
28 Sun Black powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm		25 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm	
31 Wed Public Shoot	J Johnson/C Alviso/?	28 Wed Public Shoot	???
Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061.		31 Sat 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: Bylaws spell out the voting details as such:

Article III Paragraph 3.3. Voting Rights. Each regular member in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote with respect to those matters submitted to the members for action or approval. There shall not be any voting of members by proxy. Associate members and junior members shall have no voting rights. Votes may be taken by voice, by a show of hands or by written ballot. Voting members shall have no right to cumulate their votes. Paragraph 3.2 (a) defines regular members. Regular members include all adult members who have paid membership dues.

Notes from the November club and board meetings: Please save your used printer ink cartridges and bring them to the clubhouse (a meeting or dinner night), leave them on the desk up front. They will be used for Office Depot credit (\$2 each, up to \$20 per month) for reducing the cost of the newsletter printing. We have 160 copies printed each month, and with an O.D. coupon code, it costs about \$95.00.

Jim M. stated there was \$2,825 in memberships and \$360 in one-day shooter fees for the month of October. He also asked for the status of the transition to a 501c3, it has stalled out. Russ said he has a call in to the attorney's office requesting an update. The November family dinner had 99 ticket sales, \$20 each, for \$1,980 income. The bar had \$190 in sales, and the drawings brought in \$1,070. No details on expenses at this time.

Parking lot upgrades at the club. It was discussed at the board meeting that a survey of the property and a list of the upgrades for utilities and more will be needed before heading to "engineering".

The City of Visalia, owner of the VSA range property, police range and the shotgun range, annual property tax bill invoice for our one-third share of the property amount was \$223.36. The land for the ranges was a city solid waste site for many, many years before being used as shooting ranges. The City remains as the property owner. The annual lease for the range, 2025 – 2026, is \$1,648.78.

Kelly, treasurer, stated the CPA is working on filing the past due 2024 tax return for 2024.

It was noted that the monthly ATT land line phone charges for the range are approximately \$464. Directors were surprised at that high dollar amount and discussion followed to check into alternative phone service. It is a business account and there were no long-distance charges.

The Central California SCI chapter dinner banquet will be Saturday, February 28th. Directors voted and approved the purchase of one table for \$900.00. Details to follow on how the tickets will be distributed.

Range Safety Officers have the privilege of using the range after hours and on closed days and can occasionally bring guests. It is still required to have ALL USERS of the range sign in the log book. Please do, so don't forget.

CCW Classes at the club – There are two classes scheduled for December. The first one is **Saturday, December 6th, 2025, 9 am to 5 pm.** And, **Friday, Dec. 19th, 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 **January**: There will be only one scheduled class which will be Saturday, January 24th, 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.)

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: Tuesday, 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&>

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. 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/>

WANTED: For maintenance at the range, we are looking for a used, good condition, wheel type disc, 10-foot (or so) tandem or offset. Please call Frank T at 559-731-0090 for details on what we are looking for. The disc we have now is way undersized for the tractor we acquired a few years ago.

FOR SALE: 1) Sig Sauer 226 MK25, the "Navy Seal" pistol. NIB, \$850. 2) Sig Sauer P229 Elite, \$850. 3) Sig Sauer "Rose" 9mm pistol. Asking \$850. Sig designed this pistol for women. Call for details on what model and package. 4) Vortex "Fury" 10x42 laser binoculars, NIB, reduced price, now \$700.00. Call Gary at 559-799-6435.

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.

Raise your hand if you attended the VSA Gun Dinner on November 1st. Now, while your hand is raised, wave it around if you enjoyed the meal and the fun and excitement. Now, pump your fist if you were a recipient of one or more of the over 100 guns in the room that night!!!. Now, if you weren't at the dinner, you have 9 or 10 months or so to get together with your family and friends, co-workers, or clients to make sure you will be there in 2026.

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