

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JANUARY

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

2026

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, January 8, 2026, 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, January 13, 2026, 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 membership and participation with the Visalia Sportsmen's Association.

Club House Phone # (answering machine): 559-409-2527

Russ Beechinor – President	559-280-4061	Ferdinand Dancil – Board Member(a25)	559-909-2363
Gregg Willet – Vice President	559-623-4826	Terry Henry – Board Member (e25)	559-901-0651
Kelly Salinas – Treasurer:	559-307-9411	Jeff Knight – Board Member (1yr-a25)	
Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Marty Malone – Board Member (e24)	559-331-2098
Jim Mayfield – Chairman of the Board:	559-802-7967	Royce Nalls – Board Member (a25):	559-730-8485
Russ Broyles – Board Member (a24)	559-280-7536	Dirk Steelman – Board Member (e24):	559-732-7726
Chris Calhoun – Board Member (e25)	559-679-7257	Frank Tebeau – Board Member (e24):	559-731-0090
Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (a25)	559-302-8718		

HAPPY NEW YEAR! ALL THE BEST TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!

At the December 11, 2025 meeting: The election of officers and directors was held. The officers for the coming year are: President – Russ Beechinor; Vice President – Gregg Willett; Treasurer – Kelly Salinas; Secretary – Chris Norman. The two elected directors are Chris Calhoun and Terry Henry. President Beechinor had the task of appointing three directors. At the club meeting he announced the appointment of Royce Nalls. At the December 16 board meeting he announced the appointment of Jeremy Chavez and Ferdinand Dancil. Also at the board meeting, the directors accepted the resignation of director Lee Miller and have appointed Jeff Knight to fill the remainder one year term as a director.

At the December board meeting: The club FFL services will officially close the end of the year. Dirk Steelman made the announcement that due to California's expensive and restrictive requirements for interior, exterior, and surveillance of customers and the retention of the video files for years, amongst the myriads of other requirements, the FFL services for the club will be closed.

FAMILY DINNER – SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026 – 6:30 pm!!!!

Chicken Fried Steak! This meal will warm you up and is a great family meal. If you haven't been to one of our family dinners, they are pretty low key and very welcoming. We would love to have you for dinner at the VSA clubhouse. Dinner includes the side dishes and dessert to make a full meal! Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served around 6:30. Tickets – only \$20 - 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.

JANUARY 2026

Club Phone: 559-409-2527

FEBRUARY 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Sat Public Shoot ???	1 Sun Public Shoot ??? 4H at 3 pm to?
4 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Lehman/Merryweather x2	4 Wed Public Shoot ???
4 Sun 4H 3pm to 5 pm	7 Sat Public Shoot ???
7 Wed Public Shoot ???	8 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12
10 Sat Public Shoot ???	8 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm
11 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12	11 Wed Public Shoot ???
11 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm	14 Sat Public Shoot ???
14 Wed Public Shoot ???	15 Sun Public Shoot
15 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	18 Wed Public Shoot Davis Vaz/?
16 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	21 Sat Public Shoot
17 Sat CBRSA - Benchrest competition	22 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm
18 Sun CBRSA - Benchrest competition	25 Wed Public Shoot
21 Wed Public Shoot David Vaz/?	28 Sat Public Shoot
24 Sat Public Shoot ???	
25 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm	Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our
28 Wed Public Shoot ???	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.

More from the December club and board meetings: Thank you to Brian Benton for his two years serving on the board. Your input and insightfulness are greatly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference. Best wishes to Lee Miller for his year on the VSA board of directors. Some personal commitments have kept him from continuing his 2nd year on the board. And, welcome to Jeff Knight to fill the remainder of Lee Miller's term (1-year). Jeremy and Ferdinand return to the board after a year when their previous appointments expired January 2025.

Please save your used printer ink cartridges and bring to the club. At Office Depot, printer ink cartridges turned in are "worth" \$2 each applied to future purchases.

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.

ATT phone at the range: Russ Beechinor has been checking in to other options than an ATT landline from ATT. The average monthly bill for the business line about \$450. Question for our business owner members, what have you encountered for pricing or other services?

CRPA – California Rifle & Pistol Association will have a booth at the AG EXPO in Tulare, February 10, 11, 12. Volunteers are needed to sell drawing tickets and CRPA memberships. You can call Ilah Renzi at 559-749-4803; or, Matt Johnson at 559-571-2239, for details about volunteering. Thank you in advance.

FOR SALE: The following items for sale are from the estate of Alan Meurer. His wife, Terrie, is ready for these items to go to a good home, a home where they can be used and appreciated for their quality. Alan was a club member for many years. He was instrumental in mentoring many rifle shooters and archery students., and excelled in archery hunting. He bought the best and took care of his "tools". He also bought items to be used in the future. His health had other plans, he left us too early.

- **FOR SALE:** Excalibur "Matrix 380 Extra" crossbow, with RealTree Xtra Timber camo and factory scope. Arrows/bolts, soft case, accessory case includes many extras, instruction manual(s), and tools. Asking \$1,600.00. It's still "new" in the case.

- **FOR SALE:** Left-handed Matthews Conquest compound bow. The Conquest series are high-end target bows known for their accuracy, speed, and smooth draw. Alan bought this one years ago and never used. Includes accessories. The bow is a beautiful blue color. Asking \$1,225.00.

-**FOR SALE:** Coyote Pelt plush, good color and in nice shape. \$100.00.

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CCW Classes at the club – There is one class scheduled for January. The first and only class for January is scheduled for **Saturday, January 24th, 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.

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. 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: Starting in 2026, meetings are now held on **the first Tuesday of the month.** All meetings will be held at the Visalia Sportsmen's Association clubhouse. The **January 2026** meeting will be on **Tuesday, 6th** of January. 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/np/clients/californiariflepistol/eventRegistration.jsp?event=20404&>

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.

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-FOR SALE: AMS BOWFISHING "Fish Hawk" Archery Fishing Bow. With arrows, broad heads, an additional "RetrieverPro" reel, accessories and hard case. Extra room in the case for more gear. Asking \$375 for all.

-FOR SALE: Badlands Bino system - pre owned still looks brand new. The most comfortable way to carry your binoculars or range finder while out in the field. Contact Terrie for measurements. Only \$90.

-FOR SALE: Alpine Micro/Alpine Archery Compound Fishing bow. Pre-owned in excellent condition with lots of extra accessories. A good hunting bow known as a really good fishing bow. \$425.00.

- For details and photos, please call Terrie at 559-469-6938, or email at: Terbear1411@earthlink.net Thank you.

Have you seen this? YouTube - **Hunting Videos RJM Hunting** Australia's Worst Pests, War on the Rats, Feral Pigs. It's truth in pest control down under. The videos are graphic, but I find them immensely entertaining.

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