

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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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, February 12, 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, February 17, 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**

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## At the January club and board meetings:

Dirk Steelman announced that the VSA **FFL services have officially closed** as of the end of the year 2025.

The **.22 Rimfire Matches** at the VSA range are held on the second Sunday of every month, starting at 8 am. There is a \$10 registration fee. New this year are end-of-year prize awards. A .22 rifle will be awarded for the *highest year's total* score for each of the following: Men's scoped rifle class; Men's open sights rifle class; Junior's rifle class; and Women's rifle class. In addition, registered participating shooters will be given a ticket at each match. At the end of the year a winning ticket will be drawn. The winners in the various classes are not eligible for the participation drawing. (Not sure if your skills are up to par? No worries, they will take care of you!)

## **RIBEYE STEAK FAMILY DINNER – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 – 6:30 pm!!!!**

Ribeye Steak, you read that right! Why don't you pick up the phone right now and get your tickets for this fantastic meal? Where else can you go on a Saturday night for a steak dinner with sides and dessert...on Valentine's Day...and possibly win a gun? Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served around 6:30. Tickets – only \$30 - are limited and not available at the door. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. There will be several drawings, too. There is 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.

**At the range** – If due to fog you can't see the back berm, shooting will be suspended until visibility increases. The search for a less expensive phone service will likely mean a new credit card processing reader system to accommodate the increased security needed for a wireless system. Russ is planning on a RSO training class in February. Call him at 559-280-4061 to start your training now!

## FEBRUARY 2026

Club Phone: 559-409-2527

## MARCH 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/Lehman/Merriweather  
 4 Wed Public Shoot M Wong/??  
 7 Sat Public Shoot ???  
 8 Sun **22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12**  
 8 Sun **4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm**  
 11 Wed Public Shoot ???  
**12 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice**  
**13 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice**  
**14 Sat CBRSA – Benchrest competition**  
**15 Sun CBRSA – Benchrest competition**  
 18 Wed Public Shoot David Vaz/Dave Brown/?  
 21 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/F Tebeau/?  
**22 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm**  
 25 Wed Public Shoot M Wong/??  
 28 Sat Public Shoot ???  
 Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range

1 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Lehman/A&S Merriwea  
 4 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 7 Sat **Range cleanup day 7 am to ? Lunch is included.**  
 8 Sun **22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12**  
 8 Sun **4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm**  
 11 Wed Public Shoot ???  
 14 Sat Public Shoot Willett/Broyles/Tebeau  
 15 Sun Public Shoot R Corona/??  
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 Safety Officers. 559-280-4061.

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** – Gregg Willett – 559-6232-4826.

### More from the January club and board meetings:

Safari Club International – California Sierra Chapter Dinner Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2026. For more info and tickets for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner & Auction, please contact “*The Modern Savage*” at 559-339-8630. Individual tickets = \$70; Youth dinner tickets = \$35; Table and drawing ticket packs available.

### The Central California SCI chapter dinner that was scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

VSA board of directors unanimously approved the dissolution of the officer position of Executive Vice President now that the FFL services have been discontinued. It was announced in December that Dirk Steelman found the benefit to club members was far outweighed by the laws and regulations placed on a home-based FFL (especially) with few sales. The FFL license for the club was originally started by Doug Steelman in 1974.

In other discussion at the board meeting: It was decided to get new floor mats and a vacuum to maintain them for the clubhouse. Kelly S., treasurer, received guidance on who is to have a credit card issued to them and their credit limits. There is the need to have food purchases for the dinners, maintenance and repairs for the club, supplies and repairs and the range, technology for the club and range, etc., with several people “in charge” of those items and the responsibility that goes with having a company credit card. Kelly S. stated she has received conflicting information from BMO bank personnel on the procedures for the club to close the bank account and related credit cards account. Hopefully something can be done in the near future to be done with BMO. As directed by the board members, Kelly is working on preparing a monthly accounting statement of income and expenses. In regards to the ongoing process of moving the VSA corporate structure from a 501c7 “Member Benefit” organization to a 501c3 “Charitable” organization, Russ said the attorney needs updated financials, tax returns, and possibly revisions to the revised bylaws. Getting closer? We hope so.

**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.

**CW Classes** – Albert Chan, CCW class instructor at the club has announced that the scheduled second CCW class of each month has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Effective February 1<sup>st</sup>: There will be only one regularly scheduled CCW class per month, usually scheduled the first Saturday each month.

**CCW Classes at the club – As of February 2026, there is only one class scheduled per month.** The class for February will be **Saturday, February 7, 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 **February 2026** meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please pre-register so they are ready for you. If registration is closed, please email [abrewer@crpa.org](mailto:abrewer@crpa.org) to RSVP. The **March** meeting is 3-3-2026.

<https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/californiariflepistol/eventRegistration.jsp?event=20419&>

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/>

**FOR SALE:** Sig Sauer "Rose", \$900.00, new in box; Sig Sauer 365 Comp, \$700.00; Vortex 10x42 HD 5000 range-finding binoculars, \$650.00. Contact Gary B at 559-799-6435.

**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.

-**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](mailto:Terbear1411@earthlink.net) Thank you.



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