

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MARCH

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, March 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, March 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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| Russ Beechinor – President | 559-280-4061 | Ferdinand Dancil – Board Member(a25) | 559-909-2363 |
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| Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (a25) | 559-302-8718 | | |

At the February club and board meetings:

After months and months of getting the run around at BMO, where the club had a checking account, Russ was finally able to get the account closed. He got the right person on the right day at the right time and “Bingo!” we (Russ) recovered the \$5,891.22 that took over a year to close the account.

Vice-president Gregg Willett located and purchased a wood burning stove in Hanford and placed it at the range in order to take the chill out of the air. Soon to go in will be signs warning of a hot surface - don't touch, and possibly some barricades.

Secretary Chris Norman reported the fourth-quarter 2025 sales and use tax report was filed and paid the end of January (\$635.00). The club pays sales tax on food and beverage sales and retail (FFL) sales. The cost of February newsletter printing of 160 copies, double-sided, black & white on 20-lb. paper was \$90.16. If you find any old printer or toner cartridges around the house or work, bring them to the club (or range), to be recycled at Office Depot where \$2 (each, up to 10 per month, \$20) can be applied (like a rebate) to Office Depot reward account holders. Chris also filed an updated **Statement of Information CA Nonprofit Corporation** with the Secretary of State. The form updates the VSA club officer's contact information after the club election in December. \$25 filing fee.

FAMILY DINNER – SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 – 6:30 pm – Fish & Chips dinner!!

See you there! Dinner tickets are \$20 and are not available at the door. Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. There will be several drawings, too. For our “less mobile” diners, there will be parking for you close to the club house doors.

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APRIL 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

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| 1 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Lehman/A-S Merriweathr | 1 Wed Public Shoot ? |
| 4 Wed Public Shoot ??? | 4 Sat Public Shoot ? CCW qualify after 3 pm |
| 7 Sat Range cleanup day 7 am to ? Lunch is included. | 5 Sun Public Shoot ? 4H after 3 pm |
| 8 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12 | 8 Wed Public Shoot David Vaz/? |
| 8 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm | 11 Sat Tulare County 4H match shoot |
| 11 Wed Public Shoot ??? | 12 Sun 22 LR Shoot Men, women and juniors class. |
| 14 Sat Public Shoot Willett/Broyles/Tebeau | 15 Wed Public Shoot ? |
| 15 Sun Public Shoot R Corona/?? | 16 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice |
| 19 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice | 17 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice |
| 20 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice | 18 Sat CBRSA - Benchrest competition |
| 21 Sat CBRSA - Benchrest competition | 19 Sun CBRSA - Benchrest competition |
| 22 Sun CBRSA - Benchrest competition | 22 Wed Public Shoot ? |
| 25 Wed Public Shoot | 25 Sat Public Shoot ? |
| 28 Sat Public Shoot | 26 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12---4H 12 to 5 om |
| 29 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm | 28 Tues CLOSED All day special event |
| Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range | 29 Wed Public Shoot ? |
| | 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 Rimfire 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 February club and board meetings:

Incredibly tragic news was reported by John Lose, Scouts chartered organization representative, that a house fire in Porterville claimed the lives of three family members February 4. It was reported by The Porterville Fire Department that 35-year-old Gladis Plumlee died along with her 15-year-old son, CJ, and 14-year-old daughter, Sophia. The Plumlee family were all involved in Scouting and had volunteered many times at the VSA for range cleanups and served food at the VSA dinners. One child was recently awarded Eagle Scout and the second was to be awarded in the near future. A motion was passed for a “Pass the Hat” collection. At the club meeting (\$500 was raised) and at the February family dinner (\$535 was raised). Directors voted unanimously to donate an additional \$1,000 to the Plumlee family survivors.

Safari Club International – California Sierra Chapter Dinner Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2026. For more info and tickets for the 33rd 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 .22 Rimfire Matches held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 8 am have been really popular. Participants are stating: How encouraging everyone is; how much fun it is; how everyone of all ages are included; and how exciting it can be!! You can join the fun. Whether it is only once, or a couple times out of the year, you can do it! The classes of shooters are: Men’s scoped rifle; Men’s open sights; Juniors; and Women. At the end of the year, awards and prizes will be drawn for each class of shooter as well as a “Participation” award (if you only make it to one of the shoots, you are entered as a “participation” for a chance to win one of the prizes.)

An LA Times story, February 3, 2026, by Lila Seldman, reports California wildlife officials have approved a plan to eradicate Catalina’s entire deer population as part of a broader effort to restore the island ecosystem, sparking fierce opposition from an unusual coalition of hunters and animal welfare advocates.

Per the plan conceived by the Catalina Island Conservancy, professional hunters will shoot the island’s non-native mule deer on the ground over four to five years.

The conservancy, which owns and manages 88% of the island, says getting rid of the deer is necessary to bring back the island’s unique plants — including the [Catalina Island mountain mahogany](#), which may be the rarest tree in North America. That in turn would reduce wildfire risk, restore groundwater and allow other animals to thrive, according to the nonprofit. A handful of deer in Avalon, Catalina’s only city, will be sterilized and allowed to live out their days on the island.

Steve Quinn, a loyal, reliable, and hardworking supporter of the Visalia Sportsmen’s Association has recently passed away. Steve coordinated the VSA Junior Rifle Program for decades. He was instrumental in teaching many hundreds of local kids the fundamentals as well as the mastery of high-level international competition.

CCW Classes at the club – As of February 2026, there is only one class scheduled per month. The class for March will be **Saturday, March 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. The **April** class will be Saturday, April 4th.

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 **March 2026** meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:30 pm.** Please pre-register so they are ready for you. If registration is closed, please email abrewer@crpa.org to RSVP. The **April** meeting is 4-7-2026.

<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. 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: Ammo for the M1 Garand, or similar (30 caliber ball ammo). From the Civilian Marksmanship Program, it is in the original metal boxes. The standard rectangular boxes "Spam Can", has 192 rounds in 8 round clips in bandoliers. Also, one can of 250 rounds, linked ammo. Asking \$200 per can.

Contact Jerry at 559-730-1446, or email: halford@theworks.com.

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INFO: A number of handgun models has recently been added to the roster of Handguns Certified For Sale by the Office of the Attorney General. To see what's new, go to: <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/certified-handguns/recently-added>

Magnum Research has added a .44 magnum pistol in several colors. Diamondback Firearms has added a .357, 2" revolver. Smith & Wesson has added a couple 10mm handguns, a .32 H&R revolver, a .22 lr revolver, and a couple .357 revolvers. Other manufacturers have added several handguns to the roster.

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: Coyote Pelt plush, good color and in nice shape. \$100.00. Contact Terrie, see below.

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. Terrie.

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Appointment Date/Time _____

Club Website: <http://visaliasportsmens.com>. For more info about the club, programs, activities, newsletters (current and past), visit the website, or call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. Jim is our master club coordinator as well as the best source for any tickets for club events or drawings. For any of your newsletter concerns, "wanted" or "for sale" items, please feel free to contact me, Chris Norman, editor, at: visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com, or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.