

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

APRIL

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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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, April 9, 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, April 14, 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.

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At the March club and board meetings:

A Celebration of Life for Steve Quinn will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 12 noon at Marvin Davis Ranch, 3766 N. Colipen Rd., (same as Rd. 80), Tulare, CA 93274. Phone (559) 686-8876. Using Google maps, Colipen Road will auto-correct to Road 80.

Range maintenance: Frank T has spearheaded the search for a suitable agricultural disc for use at the range. After a couple months of being posted in the newsletter and checking local dealers, the search for a good, used disc yielded no results. Frank proposed to the membership at the March club meeting purchasing a new 9-foot offset disc for the amount of (about) \$18,600. A motion was made to purchase, seconded and approved. UPDATE: At the March 17 board meeting, Gregg W. announced that a used disc, smaller and more maneuverable for use on our range, was available in Fowler for \$5,200.00. It was checked out and found to be in good condition with a few included accessories. Directors approved the purchase of the used disc. How about that? Good timing!

The acquisition and assembly of a new picnic table at the club was coordinated by Gregg W. Some of the VSA Scout troop members painted the new and existing tables. At the board meeting it was okayed to purchase another of the commercial quality tables. Most of the existing tables, if not all, are well over 20 years of service life.

At the range, the ATT landline phone service monthly charge has increased astronomically over the last several years. For 2025, the monthly commercial rate for the range was approximately \$450, plus fees and taxes and service charges mostly due to credit card processing. Russ has researched the alternatives, it looks like Starlink will offer the best for a lot less.

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Club Phone: 559-409-2527

MAY 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Wed Public Shoot ?	2 Sat Public Shoot Broyles/Tebeau/? CCW after 3 pm
4 Sat Public Shoot ? CCW qualify after 3 pm	3 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Lehman/S Merriweather
5 Sun Public Shoot ? 4H after 3 pm	6 Wed Public Shoot ?
8 Wed Public Shoot David Vaz/?	9 Sat Public Shoot A Price/J Price/M Price
11 Sat Tulare County 4H match shoot	10 Sun 22 LR Shoot 8 am- noon and 4H 12 to 5 pm.
12 Sun 22 LR Shoot Men, women & junior's class/4H	13 Wed Public Shoot ?
15 Wed Public Shoot ?	14 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice
16 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	15 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice
17 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	15 Sat CBRSA - Benchrest competition
18 Sat CBRSA - Benchrest competition	17 Sun CBRSA - Benchrest competition
19 Sun CBRSA - Benchrest competition	20 Wed Public Shoot ?
22 Wed Public Shoot ?	23 Sat Public Shoot ?
25 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/R Broyles/F G Richert	24 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm
26 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm	27 Wed Public Shoot ?
28 Tues CLOSED All day special event	30 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/?
29 Wed Public Shoot ?	31 Sun Public Shoot ?
Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range	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 March club and board meetings:

Family dinner – The next scheduled dinner will be the traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the club. Thank you to all our attendees over the last 5 months. Especially thank you to the dedicated work of the cooks, set-up and cleanup crews, servers, the bar keeps and ticket sellers. There’s close to two dozen people each dinner putting in countless hours for the enjoyment of our club members, family, and guests!!

Hunter Safety Education classes: As of March 12th, the Hunter Ed classes at the club have not been definitively scheduled. Loren Metzler, HSE instructor, said there may be one in May and August. As soon as I know more, I will get the information sent out.

The **range cleanup day** on March 7th was well attended. In addition to the several club members, members of the Scout troops made quick work of the list of things to do.

When I was in Scouts many, many years ago, it was the teamwork to achieve goals and helping others that I remember most. Our Scout troops are always looking for boys and girls of all backgrounds and abilities. Interested adults, especially women, are needed to accompany the young girls in Scouts for a variety of projects and excursions.

<https://www.seqbsa.org/volunteer/> Sequoia Council Boy Scouts of America (Fresno). The Sequoia Council serves Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties. (Send me an email, or give me a call or text (Chris Norman, editor), and I can provide you with a contact for the VSA Scout troops.)

Volunteering at the club? There is a wide variety of projects always in need of a few hands to accomplish the to-do list. Around the club or the range, you can contact Gregg W, Russ Beechinor, Jim M to see what’s coming up where extra hands are needed. Their phone numbers are on page 1. What’s on the list? Painting bench numbers on the shooting benches, wiring for the range PA system, clubhouse maintenance items, and more.

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.)

RSOs – Please note: RSO Meeting for **ALL RSOs**, April 25, 2026, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch is provided. We will review range rules, upcoming changes, how to process paper work, problems and short-comings discovered and needing to be addressed. Attendance is required. If you can’t make it, contact Greg Willett 559-623-4826, or Russ Beechinor 559-280-4061, you may be accommodated for a later second class.

CCW Classes at the club – As of February 2026, there is only one class scheduled per month. The class for April will be **Saturday, April 4th, 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 next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 7th, 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 **May** meeting is 5-5-2026.

<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/>

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.

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.

FOR SALE: Savage Mod. 12, LRPV, Cal. 223, Bench/Varmint Rifle, Very Heavy Fluted Barrel, HS Precision composite stock, 11 pounds without scope, Sub-MOA, \$500. Fred (559) 303-0545. Please leave a message.

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Where to find **Hunter Ed** courses: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Learning> scroll down, click on Hunter Education. Then choose either Traditional or Online. <https://www.registered.com/programs/california/160?zip=93291&distance=50> Traditional Hunter Education course consists of a minimum of 10 hours of classroom, homework, and field instruction. The Traditional Course is most often preferred by first-time hunters. **All students** are required to obtain a California Get Outdoors ID (GO ID) prior to registering for California Hunter Education courses. If you are a previous CDFW license holder (i.e. Fishing), your GO ID is printed on the license above your name.

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Appointment Date/Time _____

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