

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MAY

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, May 14, 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, May 19, 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
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Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (a25)	559-302-8718		

**At the April club and board meetings:** Club president Russ wisely stayed home the night of the club meeting due to illness. V.P Gregg did a great job in covering all the meeting details.

New club members Maggie and Bobby from Three Rivers, were introduced at the club meeting. "Welcome!"

Gregg W (vice-president Gregg) said the recently purchased used disc is now at the range and ready to be placed in service for maintaining the range surface. Thank you to Hunter H for the lead to the previous owners of the disc. Gregg pitched in and coordinated the refurbishing of the picnic tables at the range. They were recently repainted with the help of Russ Broyles, Frank Tebeau and members of the Scout troop.

Chris N reviewed some recent expenses for the club and the range. Credit card processing for March recorded net sales of \$671.00 (\$508 Visa and \$163 Master Card) and the processing fee of \$139.95. Monthly pest control for the range and the club = \$105.00. Paper targets: 2 cases of NRA rapid fire, 500 per case, at \$125.00/case; 2 cases of NRA 200-yard targets, 250 per case, at \$67.00/case; plus, shipping of \$120.32, tax of \$32.64. Total = 536.96. SoCal Edison April utility bill for the club was \$415.25; for the range was \$82.97.

Don O'Dell, 4H Shotgun Shooting Sports coach, introduced four (4) members of the team that will be going to the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in June. The team of Bryce B., Bradley H., Reed G., and (? – I did not receive the name of the fourth team member) will be representing the state of California in sporting clays, trap, and skeet. 4-H youth from across the country will compete in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading, and hunting skills. Nationals are held each June in Grand Island, Nebraska, at the Heartland Public Shooting Park. Mr. O'Dell stated the cost of travel for the team members, coaches, and chaperones, at \$16,000, to get there, be there, and get back home. Continued on page 2

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES – SATURDAY(S) JUNE 13 & AUGUST 8, 2026.**

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Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Sat Public Shoot	Broyles/Tebeau/? CCW after 3 pm	3 Wed Public Shoot	B Hawkins/?
3 Sun Public Shoot	Dearborn/Lehman/S Merriweather	6 Sat Public Shoot	? CCW qualify after 3 pm
6 Wed Public Shoot	?	7 Sun Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/C Calloway
9 Sat Public Shoot	A Price/J Price/M Price	10 Wed Public Shoot	?
10 Sun <b>22 LR Shoot 8 am- noon and 4H 12 to 5 pm.</b>		13 Sat Public Shoot	?
13 Wed Public Shoot	?	14 Sun <b>22 LR Shoot Men, women &amp; junior's class/4H</b>	
16 Sat Public Shoot	?	17 Wed Public Shoot	?
17 Sun Public Shoot	?	20 Sat Public Shoot	?
20 Wed Public Shoot	?	21 Sun <b>Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm</b>	
<b>21 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice</b>		24 Wed Public Shoot	?
<b>22 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice</b>		<b>25 Thu CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice</b>	
<b>23 Sat CBRSA - Benchrest competition</b>		<b>26 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice</b>	
<b>24 Sun CBRSA - Benchrest competition</b>		<b>27 Sat CBRSA - Benchrest competition</b>	
27 Wed Public Shoot	?	<b>28 Sun CBRSA - Benchrest competition</b>	
30 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/?		
31 Sun <b>Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm</b>			
Call Gregg for details and benefits of being one of our		Range Safety Officers. 559-623-4826.	

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**– Leroy Chism 559-804-3501; **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026; **4H Shooting** –???. **22 LR Shoot**- Loren Metzler 559-280-8287; **RSO and range scheduling** – Gregg Willett – 559-623-4826.

**More from the April club and board meetings:**

Continued from page 1 – 4H Nationals: 4H clubs, parents and supporters have been busy with various fundraisers for the team. A motion from the floor was made and seconded for a “pass the hat” collection to support the team. \$331 was collected and at the April board meeting directors approved a motion to add \$1,000 to the total collected at the club meeting.

There are a couple items on the board agenda that remain open for discussion. Paving the parking lot at the clubhouse. There’s only so much D.G. gravel that can be applied and adding extra won’t change the fact that there is lousy drainage. When it rains, good luck getting into the clubhouse through the soupy mess. The club is getting closer to the end goal of the club reorganization and incorporation to a 501c3 charitable organization. Membership price adjustments have been discussed and need additional discussion. The subject of raising membership prices, while the price of “everything” has gone up, requires careful consideration. Our officers and directors and everyone else who put in numerous hours at the club and range are volunteers and are aware that “everything” costs more. The directors have committed to have some of the club funds sitting in a checking account to be placed into CDs. The funds will be FDIC insured and “laddered” for different maturity dates in such a way to be available for VSA gun dinner pre-event expenses, club or range expenses. Having our money safely earn and grow is one way to help offset some of the costs of doing business.

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES – SATURDAY(S) JUNE 13 & AUGUST 8, 2026.**

The first class of the year at the club will be Saturday, June 13. 8 am to 5 pm. This will be a traditional, in-person, class. California requires hunter education training for those who have never held a California hunting license, who do not have a hunter education certificate, or who do not have a hunting license from another state or province issued within the past two years. Hunter Ed class details and registration is online (only): <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>. Registration opens 30 days before the class date and is required to attend the class. Additional info on page three.

**VSA Fishing Trip** – Year after year, these fishing trips coordinated by Marty Malone have been a fun-filled fishing fiesta! Saturday, August 1, 2026, on the chartered *Stardust* out of Santa Barbara. The trip is \$175 and is limited to 25 people. Call Marty – 559-331-2098 - for details and to make a payment to hold your place on the boat.

**CCW Classes at the club – At this time, there is only one class scheduled per month.** For **MAY**, the class will be **Saturday, MAY 2nd, 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 **June** class will be Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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, June 2nd, 6:30 pm**. Please pre-register so they are ready for you.

<https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/californiariflepistol/eventRegistration.jsp?event=20619&>  
If registration is closed, please email [abrewer@crpa.org](mailto:abrewer@crpa.org) to RSVP. The **July** meeting is 7-7-2026.

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/>

The **.22 Rimfire Matches** held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

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.

**FYI – Range maintenance:** The third Monday of the month will be Tractor Day maintenance at the range.

**FOR SALE:** Sig Sauer "Legion"; Sig Sauer "Macro"; Sig Sauer 320; all are new in the box.

Vortex model 500 HD 10x42 binoculars with rangefinder. Holosun HE507K-GR green dot sight, designed for micro/subcompact pistol (not exclusively), asking \$200.00. Text for prices, Gary, 559-799-6435.

**FOR SALE – Ranger Bass Boat & Trailer**, 1992, powered by a Yamaha 150 Pro V, this boat is from the Mike Renzi estate and is sold as-is where-is (Visalia). Please call or text for details. An appointment is needed to see the boat. The seller can be reached at 559-749-4803.

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