

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JUNE

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, June 11, 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, June 16, 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)	559-730-8894
Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Marty Malone – Board Member (e24)	559-331-2098
Jim Mayfield – Retired, May 14, 2026:	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		

At the May club and board meetings:

Skip M from Porterville was the sole new member introduced at the club meeting. Welcome Skip. If you have been a member for awhile now and haven't made it to a club meeting, come see us. Put it on your calendar, the second Thursday of each month, and say HI! Join the fun. Free hotdogs and chili. Cold drinks. Win something!

Any **tractor drivers** out there? We are looking for one or two of you to be our "as needed" tractor operator at the range. Our tractor is approximately 100hp and is used with a disc. Please call or text Gregg to be next in line to call if or when our primary operator, Gregg isn't available. Gregg: 559-623-4826.

RSOs – when you see the range calendar on page 2, you'll notice a lot of question marks that indicate more RSOs are needed for some dates or that no RSOs have signed up for duty. That's not a preferred way to operate a range so we are asking **for your help!!!** Yes, you can be one of our RSOs. We need men and women who can commit to a few days a year and show up on time, have some inter-personal skills, and can remind others of our range rules and etiquette. The benefits are pretty rewarding as well. Call/text Gregg at: 559-623-4826.

FFA lamb for sale – Elisa S. explained that she is in her second year of FFA and will be showing two lambs at the Tulare County Fair. One lamb will sell at auction at the Fair. She is seeking a private buyer for the second. Text or leave a message for Elisa at 559-329-2727. Instagram: @elisa_sheep2026

VSA Fishing Trip – Marty reminded everyone of the charter on Saturday, August 1st. See page 2 for details.

VSA treasurer report – Kelly stated the general checking account balance (end of April) was \$90,431.77; The fundraiser account balance was \$165,318.62. Jim M reported April memberships at \$3,245.00, and one-day shooter fees at the range of \$240.00.

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

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Club Phone: 559-409-2527

JULY 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot	B Hawkins/???	1 Wed Public Shoot	?
6 Sat Public Shoot	??? CCW qualify after 3 pm	4 Sat	CLOSED - Be safe on this 4th of July (CCW?)
7 Sun Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/C Calloway	5 Sun Public Shoot	?
10 Wed Public Shoot	???	8 Wed Public Shoot	?
13 Sat Public Shoot	Beechinor/Salazar/Dancil	11 Sat Public Shoot	?
14 Sun	22 LR Shoot Men, women & junior's class/4H	12 Sun	22 LR Shoot Men, women & junior's class
17 Wed Public Shoot	???	15 Wed Public Shoot	?
20 Sat Public Shoot	???	18 Sat Public Shoot	?
21 Sun	Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H 12 to 5 pm	19 Sun Public Shoot	?
24 Wed Public Shoot	???	22 Wed Public Shoot	?
25 Thu	CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	25 Sat Public Shoot	Beechinor/Salazar/Dancil
26 Fri	CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	26 Sun	Black Powder 8 to 12
27 Sat	CBRSA - Benchrest competition	29 Wed Public Shoot	?
28 Sun	CBRSA - Benchrest competition		
Call Gregg for details and benefits of being one of our		Range Safety Officers. 559-623-4826.	
See all the Public Shoot days with the (?). That means no		RSOs have signed up for duty as of the date of publication.	
We need YOUR help! Become an RSO! It's very gratifying			

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 May club and board meetings:

Directors and officers have been discussing several projects: Potentially paving the club parking lot area (really expensive and we have just started to reach out for estimates.). The ATT landline at the range (expensive for the usage and benefit received) and switching to Starlink VOIP service as well as placing “repeaters” at the range to have better cellular service under the metal roof. Liability insurance through the NRA, which is based on the number of members, one-day shooters, and other range programs. The need to update the cameras and recorder at the range. A clubhouse/range rental agreement was reviewed and some changes noted. The agreement is applicable to other organizations that use our facilities. There are now four new shotgun target stands at the range used for “patterning” where your shot is aimed at vs. where your shot goes. Bob G. for fabricates the stands. Thanks.

Membership pricing: Directors agreed on new membership pricing, **effective January 1, 2027**. After much discussion of the pros and cons of new pricing for several months the new pricing will be:

Club only (no range), individual = \$50; Adult, individual, club and range = \$100; Spouse, added to an adult membership for club and range = \$50; Juniors = \$10 (same); Family, includes spouse and any juniors = \$150; LIFE membership = \$750; Family Life membership, two adults and juniors up to age 17 = \$1,000.

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 is 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). Pre-registration opens 30 days before the class date and is required to attend the class. <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>. Pre-registration opens 30 days before the class date and is required to attend the class.

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>

All students are required to obtain a California Get Outdoors ID (GO ID) prior to registering for California Hunter Education courses. Previous CDFW license holders (i.e. Fishing), your GO ID is printed on the license.

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 hold your place on the boat.

RETIRED: Jim Mayfield announced his retirement as Chairman of the Board at the 5-14-2026 board meeting. After several decades of service to the club as a member, director, President, and past-president Chairman, Jim said he felt he isn't able to keep up with the duties as he was used to. Jim, thank you, job well done all the years.

CCW Classes at the club – At this time, there is only one class scheduled per month. The **JUNE** class will be **Saturday, June 6th, 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 **July** class will be Saturday, July 18. The July class was rescheduled due to the 4th of July holiday.

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, July 7th, 6:30 pm**. Chairperson Ilah said there will be dinner as well as a new gun drawing for a .22 lr handgun will start (200 tickets @ \$10 each). Please pre-register so they are ready for you. Here's the link: July 7 - <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20669&>

If registration is closed, please email 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 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.)

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

FOR SALE: Ammo for the M1 Garand, or similar (.30-06 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. Asking \$200 per can. Call Jerry at 559-730-1446; email halford@theworks.com.

FOR SALE: Sig Sauer "Legion"; Sig Sauer "Macro"; Sig Sauer 320; all new in the box. Holosun HE507K-GR green dot sight, designed for micro/subcompact pistol et al. 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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