

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER

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, September 10, 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, September 15, 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 August club and board meetings:

At the August 13 general meeting there were two guests; Dawn (made the trip down from Clovis), and Henry (he was a guest of Carol and Ed T. Henry lives a couple doors down from Carol and Ed T here in Visalia). Hello.

We heard that additional paperwork has been submitted to the attorney working on our conversion to a 501c3 charitable organization. We are waiting for any updates from the Secretary of State.

The janitorial service for the range restrooms has been canned. The price kept going up while the actual service results went down. Do you have any recommendations/referrals? Please contact Gregg Willet.

RSO class for all new and current RSOs to review processes and procedures will be Saturday, Sept. 26th.

The September 10 general meeting will be the official call for candidates for VSA officer and director positions for the election in December. There are 5 director positions (two-year terms) and the four officer positions (one-year terms) to be voted on.

The VSA fishing trip saw some nice fish brought on board. A few of the fishermen were in attendance at the August meeting. The report was swells of 10-feet and nearly everyone “chumming” over the side during the day.

Scouts - John Lose, Scouts chartered representative liaison, stated six (6) Scouts were awarded Eagle Scout status at the recent awards ceremony held in Exeter. Congratulations! That's outstanding!

Directors reviewed last month's motion for a 3% credit card surcharge for all c.c. transactions. After discussion of, and difficulty of implementing the surcharge for our business model, a motion was presented and passed for revising the 3% surcharge to apply to c.c. transactions at the VSA gun dinner only.

VSA GUN DINNER - Saturday, November 7, 2026, at the Tulare Memorial Building. More details coming soon.

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Club Phone: 559-409-2527

OCTOBER 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

2 Wed Public Shoot ???	3 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/L Espino/M Garcia
5 Sat Public Shoot ???	4 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/F Tebeau
6 Sun Public Shoot ??? 4H at 3 pm	7 Wed Public Shoot ???
9 Wed Public Shoot ???	10 Sat RANGE CLEANUP DAY
12 Sat Public Shoot ???	11 Sun 22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 noon. 4H at 3 pm
13 Sun 22 LR Shoot 8am Men, women & junior's class	14 Wed Public Shoot ???
16 Wed Public Shoot ???	15-16 Thursday & Friday - CBRSA set up & practice
19 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/?	17 Sat CBRSA Competition - Spectators are welcome!
20 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon	18 Sun CBRSA Competition Benchrest is so cool!
23 Wed Public Shoot ???	21 Wed Public Shoot ???
26 Sat CBRSA Competition - Spectators are welcome!	24 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/D Steelman, jr/?
27 Sun CBRSA Competition Benchrest is high tech!	25 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon
30 Wed Public Shoot ???	28 Wed Public Shoot ???
	31 Sat Public Shoot A Price/M Price/J Price
Call Gregg for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-623-4826	
We need YOUR help! Become an RSO! It's very gratifying	
See all the Public Shoot days with the (?). That means no RSOs have signed up for duty as of the date of publication.	

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 August club and board meetings:

Do you know that each club meeting has a drawing for a (choice of) handgun? Tickets are \$10 and are only sold at the club meeting. The August drawing proceeds were \$450. That's only 45 tickets...for a chance to win a gun! Most months have more tickets in the hopper, occasionally there might be fewer than 45. We also have a consolation drawing which is five to ten items of various merchandise. What? We have free hotdogs and chili before the meeting!? We sure do, and cold drinks available for purchase.

Shootout for Scouting – Directors approved a \$500 expenditure for a “Station Sponsor” at the fundraiser.

FYI – Out at the range when members are checking in it is imperative to scan your membership card. It's the easiest way to determine your membership expiration date and to provide a reminder if you are due for renewal.

The data is not sold, traded, or bartered to any other entity.

More range notes: Water has been seeping under the east side lane from the dairy field on to our range. We're working on a solution to keep the farmer's valuable water on their property. Gregg W completed the installation of 168 pipe sleeves to hold the target frames in the railroad ties.

RSOs – What are the requirements to become an RSO? We require that you be at least 21-years of age and a VSA member. Beyond that, we ask for at least three (3) days of service at the range and you work well with others to keep the range participants safe. We don't expect our RSOs to be expert shooters or gunsmiths or “law enforcement.” Call Gregg W for more info on becoming one of our RSOs = 559-623-4826.

FYI - Shootout For Scouting Friday, September 18, 2026. Kingsburg Gun Club, 2246 Gilbert Dr., Kingsburg CA 93631. This is a fundraiser for Scouting America, Sequoia Council. Get your team together and bring your own gun and ammo (three rounds of 25 clays). The day includes a BBQ lunch and a gift bag, a silent auction and awards presentation.

For more information, please contact Karin Bushoven: email ka83175@scouting.org; phone 559-999-8062.

FYI – RSO meeting has been scheduled for September 26th at 9 am. Lunch is included. Mandatory? Yes!

This **RSO meeting** is for current RSOs to review range operation standards on public days and “closed” hours.

One of the benefits of being an RSO is the ability to use the range on during non-public shoot days and times.

VSA 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 = \$20; Family, includes spouse and any juniors = \$150; LIFE membership = \$750; Family Life membership, two adults and juniors up to age 17 = \$1,000.

CCW Classes at the club –The **SEPTEMBER** class will be **Saturday, September 5th, 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 **October** class will be Saturday, October 3rd.

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

Here's the link to register for the September meeting. It only takes a minute or two.

Sept 1 - <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20769&>

If registration is closed, please email abrewer@crpa.org to RSVP.

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/> October 6th, will be next month's meeting.

Tuesday, October 6 <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20819&>

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.)

FOR SALE – Ruger American 1st generation, 308 Win, with black synthetic stock. New, never fired.

Asking \$425.00. Contact Guy at 559-397-9761.

FOR SALE – 2007 Yamaha Rhino 660, side-by-side. It has been upgraded with aftermarket carbon fiber wrap and an aftermarket front split windshield. Low miles and hours; runs and drive great! Asking \$7,000

Call or text Guy at 559-397-9761, or Kelly at 559-307-9411. Photos available.

FOR SALE – Remington 700 custom built rifle. 300 Win Mag, composite stock, Nightforce 5.5 to 22 illuminated scope with target ranging reticle, 28- inch barrel, JP muzzle brake, Harris bipod. Excellent condition, \$3500.00
Genuine Colt .22 conversion kit for use with full size 1911, made from 1947 to 1954. Nice condition, one mag. \$650.00. Call Henry 559-901-0777 Leave message.

FOR SALE - Colt "Automatic Pistol" .25 caliber *Pocket Model, Hammerless*. This classic 6 shot, semi-auto pistol is in good+ condition. Comes with holster and ammo. Asking \$600. Ilah 559-749-4803.

FOR SALE – 6.5 Creedmore ammo. Asking \$1 per round. Send Ilah a text for details. 559-749-4803.

FOR SALE – Sig Sauer Legion, 9mm pistol, \$900.00; Sig Sauer 320, 9mm pistol, \$600.00; and a Sig Sauer Macro, 9mm pistol, \$650.00. All are new in the box. Contact Gary by text for pricing and info. 559-799-6435.

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If you truly want to change your life - be willing to change your mind!

This is rapid change work. Are you ready to make a change?

Appointment Date/Time _____

Club Website: <http://visaliasportsmens.com>. For more info about the club and range programs and activities, visit the website or contact Gregg Willett at 559-623-4826, or, Debbie Beechinor at 559-936-4385. For any of your newsletter concerns, "wanted" or "for sale" items, please feel free to contact me, Chris Norman, editor, at: visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com, 661-805-0164.