VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION OCTOBER

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, October 8, 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, October 13, 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 Chairman, May 14, 2026		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 September club and board meetings:

Have you noticed the difference in the appearance and cleanliness of the restrooms at the range. A new cleaner (Brooke Legas) was hired to take over the duties and has made great improvements. Thank you, Brooke!!! Range cleanup day will be October 10th. One of the tasks that we will need help with is pulling wires for lights and cameras. Then there's the regular "get going" jobs where your hand and yard tools will come in handy. Reminder, if there's anything that needs attention on repairs or maintenance, please contact Gregg or Russ or one of the RSOs. Big or small, if it needs attention, please let us know.

2026 ELECTION of Officers and Directors: The election is scheduled for the December 10, 2026, general club meeting. There are five (5) director positions that will be open at that time. The VSA club has 10 directors (also known as board members). Directors serve for 2-year terms, with half of the positions to be filled this election and half to be filled at next year's election. There will be three (3) elected director positions to be voted on. The following directors are nearing the end of their elected term: Marty Malone, Dirk Steelman, and Frank Tebeau.

Additionally, there will be two (2) appointed director positions open at that time. The two-year terms of Russ Broyles and Jeff Knight are coming to a close. The club president has the responsibility of making the appointments for these two director positions. Officers serve one-year terms. The candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are voted on each year.

Nominations for officers and directors are now being accepted! The VSA Election Committee is chaired by Michaele Gerard. To place your name on the ballot or for more information about the election or the positions that are available please contact Michaele at 559-901-1749, or by email: mgerard1942@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER 2026 **Club Phone: 559-409-2527**	**NOVEMBER 2026** **Range Phone: 559-651-1415**
3 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/L Espino/M Garcia	1 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/
4 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/F Tebeau	4 Wed Public Shoot ???
7 Wed Public Shoot ???	7 Sat **RANGE CLEANUP DAY**
10 Sat RANGE CLEANUP DAY	**8 Sun 22 LR Shoot** 8 to 12 noon. **4H at 12 pm**
11 Sun 22 LR Shoot 8 to 12 noon. **4H at 12 pm**	11 Wed Public Shoot ???
14 Wed Public Shoot ???	14 Sat Public Shoot A Price/M Price/J Price
15-16 **Thursday & Friday - CBRSA set up & practice**	**15 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon - 4H at 12**
17 Sat **CBRSA Competition** - Spectators are welcome!	18 Wed Public Shoot ???
18 Sun **CBRSA Competition** Benchrest is so cool!	19-20 **Thursday & Friday - CBRSA set up & practice**
21 Wed Public Shoot ???	**21 Sat CBRSA Competition** - Spectators are welcome!
24 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/D Steelman Jr/?	**22 Sun CBRSA Competition** Benchrest is so cool!
25 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon - 4H at 12	24 Wed Public Shoot D Stellman/D Steelman Jr/?
28 Wed Public Shoot ???	28 Sat Public Shoot ???
31 Sat Public Shoot A Price/M Price/J Price	**29 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon**
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. Down to the wire, RSOs fill in the days of service!
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 September club and board meetings:
*Election - On or before Friday, October 23, 2026, the election/nomination committee will present a list of eligible nominees to the club secretary, Chris Norman. A notice of the election and the list of nominees will be included in the December newsletter prior to the election. Nominations for directors may also be received from the floor during any meeting of the voting members at which directors are to be elected. (In other words, write-ins are accepted at the December 11th meeting.) Candidates will be introduced at the November 13th club meeting.
*Tulare-Kings Gun Owners (local CRPA chapter) has scheduled a fun "game night" for Tuesday, December 1st, in conjunction with the regularly planned meeting.

FYI – Out at the range when members are checking in it is imperative to scan your membership card.
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. Call Gregg W for more to become one of our RSOs at 559-623-4826.
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.

FREE – or, maybe a little gas money – Moving boxes and packing paper. U-Haul and Home Depot small, medium, large, extra-large, some heavy-duty medium. There's a couple dozen of them. They were used for a short distance move a couple weeks ago. Call/text Chris at 661-805-0164.

Visalia Sportsmen's Association Gun Dinner – Saturday, November 7, 2025 Tulare Veteran's Memorial Building, 1771 East Tulare Ave, Tulare CA Doors open at 5:00pm dinner at 6:30. Table packages and pre-event drawing tickets are now available. Table packs include eight (8) dinner tickets, bucket drawing tickets, upgraded gun table drawing tickets. Table package #1 includes a Kimber Custom LW Shadow Ghost 9mm pistol. Table package #2 includes a CZ Redhead 20-gauge shotgun. Table package #3 includes a Browning X-Bolt 2 Medallion rifle (your choice of caliber).
3-Gun Progressive drawing = rifle, pistol, shotgun. **6-Gun** progressive drawing = Pistol, revolver, 17 HMR rifle, lever-action rifle, 28-gauge and a 12-gauge shotgun. **Winner Takes All =** Pistol, lever rifle, over-under shotgun. For info, table packs, or tickets, **call** Matthew at 559-909-4419, or Royce at 559-730-8485.

CCW Classes at the club –The **OCTOBER** class will be **Saturday, October 3rd, 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 **November** class will be Saturday, November 7th.

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:** Meetings are held on **the first Tuesday of the month**. All meetings will be at the Visalia Sportsmen's Association clubhouse. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 6th, 6:30 pm.** Please pre-register so they are ready for you. It only takes a minute or two. Here's the link to register for the October meeting. Contact Ilah, chairperson, for info: 559-749-4803.
October: https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20819&
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/
November 3rd meeting: https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20869&

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.

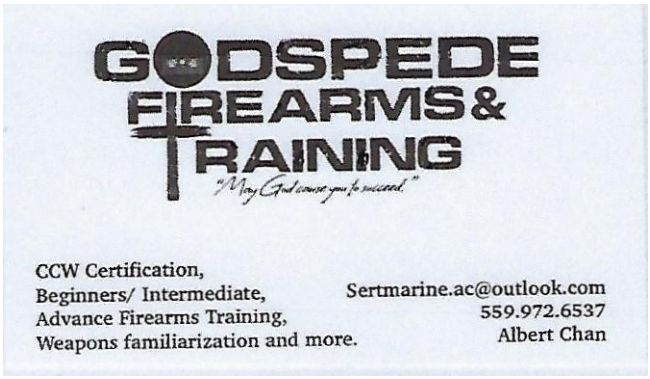
FOR SALE – Sig Sauer Legion, 9mm pistol, $900.00; Sig Sauer 320, 9mm pistol, $600.00; and a Sig Sauer Macro, 9mm pistol, $650.00. All are new in the box. Contact Gary by text for pricing and info. 559-799-6435.

FOR SALE – 1) Smith & Wesson M&P Shield, 9mm pistol, includes 4 magazines **and** a Trijicon Night Sight. The Trijicon is "new, never installed, front and rear sights3-dot set. $450.00. **2)** Kimber .45 magazines, two (2) each for the Kimber sub-compact model. $30.00 for both (not each). **3)** MagTech 30 Carbine factory ammo. Manufactured with brass cases, 50 rounds per box, new in the box. $20.00 per box. 30 carbine if most famously used in the M1Carbine rifle. **4)** Auto-Ordnance M1 Carbine, blued finish and an American walnut stock. It comes with four (4) 10-round magazines. $1,000.00. (M1 Carbine: The definitive semi-automatic platform featuring an 18-inch barrel, mild recoil, and detachable magazines. Modern commercial reproductions are built by companies such as Auto-Ordnance.) Call or text Brett at 805-550-0406.





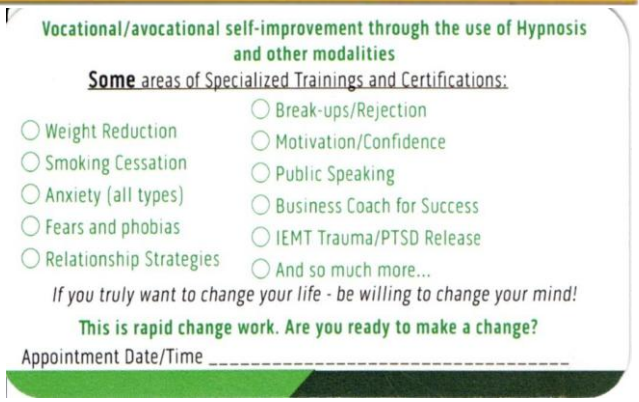












Club Website: http://visaliasportsmens.com. For more info about the club and range programs and activities, visit the website or contact Gregg Willett at 559-623-4826, or, Debbie Beechinor at 559-936-4385. For any of your newsletter concerns, "wanted" or "for sale" items, please feel free to contact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