# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER

## 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, November 12, 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, November 17, 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**

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| 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 | | |

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!!

**THANKSGIVING FAMILY DINNER – NOVEMBER 14, 2026 – 6:30 pm**

Turkey, ham, salad, soup, mashed potatoes and more!! Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served about 6:30 pm. The first dinner of the season will warm you up as much as it will fill you up! $20 per person. Tickets are limited and not available at the door. Please call Gregg Willett at 559-623-4826. The weather forecast calls for a "perfect" day. The fun, friends and food say it will be an even better evening. There will be several drawings, too. For our "less mobile" diners, there will be parking for you close to the club house doors.

**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.

Club bylaws state that the list of names of eligible nominees be presented to the Secretary at least 45 days (October 29th) before the election. At this time, additional nominations for any of the positions may also be received from the floor at the December 10, 2026 meeting.

| **NOVEMBER 2026 Club Phone: 559-409-2527** | **DECEMBER 2026 Range Phone: 559-651-1415** |
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| 1 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/<br>4 Wed Public Shoot ???<br>7 Sat **RANGE CLEANUP DAY**<br>**8 Sun 22 LR Shoot** 8 to 12 noon. **4H at 12 pm**<br>11 Wed Public Shoot ???<br>14 Sat Public Shoot A Price/M Price/J Price<br>**15 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon - 4H at 12**<br>18 Wed Public Shoot ???<br>19-20 **Thursday & Friday - CBRSA set up & practice**<br>**21 Sat CBRSA Competition** - Spectators are welcome!<br>**22 Sun CBRSA Competition** Benchrest is so cool!<br>24 Wed Public Shoot D Stellman/D Steelman Jr/?<br>28 Sat Public Shoot ???<br>**29 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon**<br>Range Safety Officers. 559-623-4826<br>We need YOUR help! Become an RSO! | 2 Wed Public Shoot ????, ????,????<br>**5 Sat CBRSA**<br>**6 Sun CBRSA**<br>9 Wed Public Shoot<br>12 Sat Public Shoot<br>**13 Sun 22 Long Rifle Shoot**<br>16 Wed Public Shoot ????,????.????<br>**19 Sat RSO Shoot Range Closed**<br>20 Sun Public Shoot ????,????,????<br>23 Wed Public Shoot ????,????,????<br>26 Sat Public Shoot D. Steelman, D. Steelman Jr, ????<br>**27 Sun Black Power / 4H**<br>30 Wed Public Shoot ????,????,????<br>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! |

**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; **22 LR Shoot-** Loren Metzler 559-280-8287; **RSO and range scheduling –** Gregg Willett – 559-623-4826. **4H** –???

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

*Club president Russ Beechinor said that a new VSA website is coming soon…after the new year, and will have an online payment system. *A review of the gun range lease with the city hasn't changed much over the years. One item that has come up is the share of the expense of the water well. The well is on the police range side of the fence and it provides service to the shotgun, police, and VSA range. The lease also confirms that police can use our range for long range and tactical training.

**Kent Cartridge** is recalling specific lots of select 12-gauge and 20-gauge shotshell ammunition due to the potential for excessive chamber pressure when fired. The issue is limited to the certain product code and lot number combinations identified below. Affected ammunition could generate excessive chamber pressure during firing. https://kentcartridge.com/recall/

**Olin Winchester**, LLC is recalling the specific lots of 9mm Luger 115 grain Full Metal Jacket and 115 grain Jacketed Hollow Point pistol ammunition. NOTE: If any of the specific lots was purchased before March 25, 2021, it is NOT subject to the recall. (This recall dated 8-6-2021) https://winchester.com/Support/Customers/Winchester-9mm-Luger 115 gr-recall Name of Product:

**Stack-On biometric gun safes**, pistol vaults, and lock boxes, distributed by Alpha Guardian and Stack-On. CPSC evaluated these safes and found that the biometric programming feature can fail without consumers realizing that the safe's contents, including firearms, can be accessed by unauthorized users, including children. CPSC urges consumers who own affected safes to remove the batteries that power the biometric feature, disable the biometric feature by puncturing the biometric reader with a screwdriver, and only use the keys to lock and access contents from the safe. Product Safety Warning Date: January 30, 2025.

**CCI** – no recalls, but a couple warnings on their website: https://www.cci-ammunition.com/warnings.html

**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.

**Tulare-Kings Gun Owners** (local CRPA chapter) has scheduled a fun "game night" for Tuesday, December 1st, in conjunction with the regularly planned meeting. You do not have to be a VSA or a CRPA member to attend any of the meetings. More info is on page three of the newsletter.

**CCW Classes at the club –**The **NOVEMBER** class will be **Saturday, November 7th, 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 **December** class will be Saturday, December 5th.

**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 – I**f 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, November 3rd, 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.
November: https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20869&
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/
December 1st meeting: https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20874&

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 "participant" for a chance to win one of the prizes.)

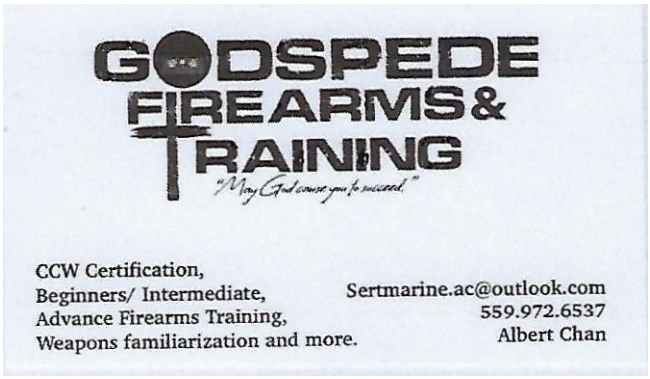
**RSO Appreciation shoot –** Saturday, December 19th, at the range. Hey RSOs, have you served duty this year? If not, you have a couple weeks, to serve duty to be eligible to participate in the **RSO appreciation shoot "Balls, Balls"**. Lunch is provided and there will be FOUR (4) guns given as prizes! Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and participation!!!!! As an RSO, you are invited to a special and fun pistol balls shoot as a thank you for all you do for the Visalia Sportsmen Club. December 19th; registration is at 8am; at the Dale Wimp Rifle Range.
**PLEASE** it is important that you RSVP to Frank Tebeau before Thursday, December 3rd.
Frank Tebeau 559-731-0090, or franktebeau2018@gmail.com
At this PISTOL shoot, your targets are Christmas ornaments!! **RULES/DETAILS**: **1-** Any caliber pistol. **2-** Any sights are allowed. **3-** Shoot from the standing position. **4-** Distances to shoot are: Round 1 = 7 yards; Round 2 = 10 yards; Round 3 = 15 yards; Round 4 = 25 yards. **5-** Three (3) shots per target, one shot per ball. **6-** There is a time limit of 10 minutes per round. **7-** Only one shot per ball is allowed. **8-** A shot will count if it hits a ball. **9-** Spotting scopes and binoculars can be used. **10-** Absolutely NO COACHING from anyone. **11-** In case of a tie score, shooters will have a sudden death shoot-off at 50 yards.
Guaranteed fun!! Hope you can make it! Get your service days at the range in soon to be eligible to participate.

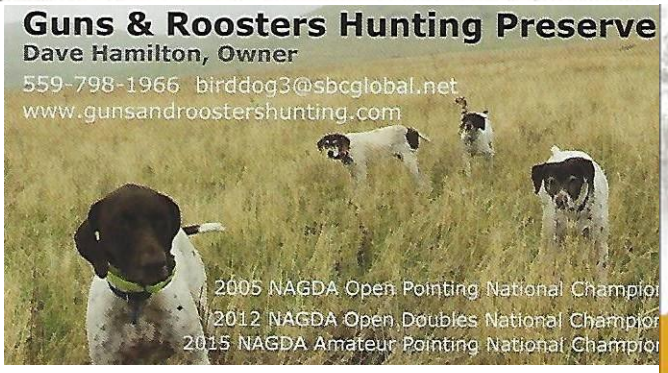



















**Club Website**: http://visaliasportsmens.com. For more info about the club and range programs and activities, visit the website or contact Gregg Willett at 559-623-4826, or, Debbie Beechinor at 559-936-4385. For any of your newsletter concerns, "wanted" or "for sale" items, please feel free to contact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