

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MARCH

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

2025

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, March 13, 2025, 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, March 18, 2025, 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 Visalia Sportsmen's Association. **Club House Phone # (answering machine): 559-409-2527**

Mike Renzi – President:	559-802-6163	Chris Calhoun – Board Member (a23)	559-679-7257
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Notes from the February club and board meetings:

There will be a **range cleanup day** on Saturday, March 8th, 7 am - till it gets done. Lunch is provided. Come on out and bring your basic yard and hand tools. There's a handful of projects to do that will get us ready for spring and summer.

RSO class training booklets have been "lost" in transit. The training class will be scheduled when they arrive. This class is for ALL of our RSOs to bring everyone on the same page for range operation procedures.

Club volunteer appreciation – Jim Mayfield keeps a tally of the volunteers at the club at the club and are entered into a drawing for \$200 cash. Congratulations to Royce Nalls!! Thank you to ALL of our club house volunteers for the hours and hours of service to make *your* club a great place to gather with friends.

Tickets for the SCI dinner held February 22nd, were given out in a drawing for club members. I haven't heard if there were any winners within the group. Attendees were personally responsible for any drawings they wanted to participate in. The VSA club bought two tables. The table purchases came with raffle tickets which were entered into the drawings with the VSA stamp on each of the ticket stubs. No word of any winnings at this time.

FAMILY DINNER – MARCH 15, 2025 – 6:00 pm – Fish & Chips dinner!!

. See you there! Dinner tickets are \$20 and are not available at the door. Happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Please call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967. There will be several drawings, too. For our "less mobile" diners, there will be parking for you close to the club house doors.

MARCH 2025		Club Phone: 559-409-2527	APRIL 2025		Range Phone: 559-651-1415
1 Sat	Public Shoot	R Broyles/G Willett/R Sandoval	2 Wed	Public Shoot	?
1 Sat	CCW qualify	shoot starts at 3 pm	5 Sat	Public Shoot	? and CCW Shoot at 3pm
2 Sun	Public Shoot	?	6 Sun	22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12
5 Wed	Public Shoot	?	6 Sun	4H Shoot	12 noon to 5 pm.
8 Sat	Range Cleanup Day	– closed – no shooting	9 Wed	Public Shoot	?
9 Sun	22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12	12 Sat	Public Shoot	G Willett/?
9 Sun	4H Shoot	12 noon to 5 pm	13 Sun	Public Shoot	?
12 Wed	Public Shoot	?	16 Wed	Public Shoot	?
15 Sat	Public Shoot	?	19 Sat	Public Shoot	?
16 Sun	Public Shoot	?	20 Sun	Black Powder 8 to noon/4H noon to 5 pm	
19 Wed	Public Shoot	?	23 Wed	Public Shoot	?
20 Thu	CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice		24 Thu	CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice	
21 Fri	CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice		25 Fri	CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	
22 Sat	CBRSA – Benchrest competition		26 Sat	CBRSA – Benchrest competition	
23 Sun	CBRSA – Benchrest competition		27 Sun	CBRSA – Benchrest competition	
26 Wed	Public Shoot	?	29 Wed	CLOSED – Special event – all day	
29 Sat	4H County Match – all day		30 Wed	Public Shoot	?
30 Sun	Black powder 8am -12		29 Sat	4H Match Shoot – all day	
30 Sun	4H Shoot	Practice 12 noon to 5 pm	30 Sun	Black Powder 8 to 12 and 4H from noon to 5 pm	
Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061					

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 and 22 LR Fun Shoot** – Leroy Chism 559-804-3501; **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026; **4H Shooting** –??? - 559-xxx-xxxx. **RSO and range scheduling** – Russ Beechinor 559-280 4061.

Reminder: – Starting January 1, 2025, NO Open Toe Shoes on the range/shooting level. This will apply to RSO's, members, guests, and visitors. Thank you.

More from the March club and board meetings:

Contributors to the Toys for Tots campaign were invited to an “Appreciation Gathering” on February 22nd at the Calvary Chapel campus. Our VSA club matched funds raised by club members which made a difference to many lives in the Visalia area.

The new banquet seating chairs at the clubhouse are comfortable. We have a strong lead for new bench seat cushions. We're hopeful this will move along fairly quickly to be make sitting on the benches comfy as could be.

Family Dinner volunteers – What we really need are a few folks to help in the cleanup the morning after the dinner. Stop by the clubhouse at a meeting and let any of the cooks (or Jim Mayfield) know that you are available to assist. Thanks.

Frank T gave us an update on some of the legislative news happening in Sacramento and beyond. He mentioned that silencers are legal in 41 states, with 21 of those states allowing silencers on pistols *and* rifles. How many of you think silencers are as quiet as depicted in the movies? No hearing protection required...nobody near the use of a silencer hears anything? Well, in actuality, they don't quite work like that!

At the range, the pistol berm backstop recently got a new layer of dirt. Recent observations of the pistol area show that many bullets are impacting the hard surface of the range and then hitting the berm. Behind the scenes there's a lot of discussion of what to do to make sure bullets are impacting the backstop at the proper height; raising the height of the targets, creating a small berm in front of the backstop, and other ideas.

The metal target stands have taken a beating over the years, some have taken a bullet or two. Yep, really. It might take a while, but having new ones made is on the list of things to do. The shotgun target stands/frames need work as well.

The club directors have put on hold the quotes and progress for a tractor enclosure (at the range) due to the cost of the solution being greater than the cost of the tractor. Simpler and less expensive options may come to light.

CCW Classes at the club – The next class is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2025, 8 am to 3 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 March class will be **Saturday, March 1st**.

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. There are now two (2) CCW instructors, Albert Chan and Wade Roberts, who coordinate together and schedule the classes. 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.

Photos available for the following “for sale” items. Please contact the seller.

FOR SALE: AMS BOWFISHING “Fish Hawk” Archery Fishing bow. Complete set up includes arrows, line, “RetrieverPro” reel, hard case, and accessories. Asking \$375 for all the gear. Call Terrie at 559-469-6938.

FOR SALE: BowTech compound bow with Advantage Timber camo. Complete with arrows with game points, hard case and more. Asking \$375. Terrie 559-469 6938.

FOR SALE: Excalibur “Matrix 380 Extra” crossbow, with RealTree Xtra Timber camo and factory scope. Arrows/bolts, soft case, accessory case includes many extras, instruction manual(s), and tools. Asking \$1,600.00. Terrie 559-469-6938.

FOR SALE: Walker’s Razor VX Ear bud Headset noise reduction rating 31db. Bluetooth connectivity. Asking \$80.00. Terrie at 559-469-6938.

FOR SALE: Apple I phone 11Pro, 64gb, unlocked phone. Comes with a LIFE brand phone protector case (\$90 value) & screen protector and Bluetooth earbuds. Charging cable not included. Asking \$300. Terrie 559-469-6938.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: Meetings are 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. There is no charge to attend!

The next meeting will be at **Visalia Sportsmen's Association March 25th:**

<https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11030&>

April: **Kings Gun Center April 29th:**

<https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11015&>

May: **Rankin Field May 27th:** <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=10959&>

You don’t have to be a CRPA member to attend. <https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/>

CRPA Chapter fundraiser dinner will be April 25, 2025, at the International Agri-Center Banquet Hall, 4300 S. Laspina St., Tulare. Smoked prime rib dinner, \$85 individual tickets, and table packages are available.

Membership renewals - You can pick up a hard copy of the renewal form at the club or the range or request one to be mailed to you if you haven’t received one already. While you are at the club or range, you can pay with cash, check or credit/debit card. If you choose to print the attached renewal form, please make a copy as well as a copy of your payment (your confirmation receipt), and mail it in. Make sure you keep your plastic membership card! Our records are updated on our "end". Nothing changes on your card. Please use the form to note any changes or additions. Thank you. Thank you.

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