

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

APRIL

PO BOX 105, VISALIA, CA 93279

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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, April 10, 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, April 15, 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**

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Notes from the March club and board meetings:

Thank you to everyone for the superb job well done at the range cleanup day on March 8th. Club members and *Scouts* got to work from the front gate to the back berm. There were 36 names on the sign-in sheet. Your efforts really make an impact. It won't be long – hopefully – for the replacement red and green lights to arrive and to be installed at the range.

Russ is urging all our RSOs to step up and get your names on the range calendar. It's difficult and un-nerving to be a day or so before a public shoot day with only one or two RSOs (or none) to confirm their commitment to open and run the range. Without the minimum three RSOs, the pistol lanes may not be open to shooters. It's possible the range may be closed for lack of RSOs on duty.

The March 15, fish and chips dinner was the last one for the season. The next dinner season will start in November with the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. If you haven't been to the club for one of our family dinners, I truly wish that you would take the time to taste how well our volunteer cooks put a meal together for everyone's enjoyment. See you in the fall.

The SCI Dinner was held on Saturday, February 22nd. Several attendees stated the meal was excellent! The VSA club supported the dinner fundraiser with the purchase of two tables and the dinner tickets were distributed through a drawing to members. The drawing tickets that came with the table(s) purchase, did not prove fruitful. No winnings.

Hunter Safety Education classes at the club – Three classes have been scheduled: **April 19, June 21, and August 9.** Registration is online. These are in-person classes. Hunter Ed class details and registration is online: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>.

APRIL 2025	Club Phone: 559-409-2527	MAY 2025	Range Phone: 559-651-1415
2 Wed Public Shoot ?		3 Sat Public Shoot M. Renzi/I. Renzi/?	
5 Sat Public Shoot Kinsel/Dearborn/Sandoval		and CCW Shoot at 3pm	
6 Sun Public Shoot Willett/Renzi/Renzi/Howard		4 Sun Public Shoot M. Garcia/?/?	
9 Wed Public Shoot ?		7 Wed Public Shoot ???/???/???	
12 Sat Public Shoot M Price/J Price/A Price		10 Sat Public Shoot ???/???/???	
13 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12		11 Sun 22 LR Shoot Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12	
13 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm.		11 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm	
16 Wed Public Shoot ?		14 Wed Public Shoot ???/???/???	
19 Sat Public Shoot R Broyles/G Willett/F Tebeau		17 Sat Public Shoot J. Dearborn, ???/???	
20 Sun Black Powder 8 to noon/4H noon to 5 pm		18 Sun Black Powder 8 to noon/4H noon to 5 pm	
23 Wed Public Shoot ?		21 Wed Public Shoot ???/???/???	
24 Thu CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice		22 Thu CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice	
25 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice		23 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	
26 Sat CBRSA – Benchrest competition		24 Sat CBRSA – Benchrest competition	
27 Sun CBRSA – Benchrest competition		25 Sun CBRSA – Benchrest competition	
29 Wed CLOSED – Special event – all day		26 Mon CBRSA – Benchrest competition	
30 Wed Public Shoot ?		28 Wed Public Shoot ???/???/???	
Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061		31 Sat Public Shoot ???/???/???	

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.

Frank T gave us an update on some of the legislative news happening in Sacramento and beyond. There was discussion about the 11 percent excise tax of the gross receipts from the retail sale in this state of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition. **It’s a tough battle to prove this tax is illegal...states can tax their citizens. Fishing with Marty!!! – Saturday, July 12, out of Santa Barbara.** \$160 per person. Marty can be reached at 559-331-2098 for details. More info to come soon.

CRPA Chapter fundraiser dinner will be April 26, 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. The VSA board approved the purchase of one (1) table for the event. (Approval was made at the March 18 meeting.) **VSA GUN DINNER** – Royce Nalls, dinner chairperson, said plans for the 2025 dinner are under way. A tentative date will be the first week in November and the venue will be booked soon. Firearm purchases for the dinner will start soon as well.

Scouts – John Lose, chartered organization representative, stated that at the end of the year two of the VSA chartered troops will need new scout masters. For more information regarding our *Scouts* programs and how you can help the youth in our community through *scouting*, please call John at 559-974-0998.

CCW classes at the club – Officers and directors are learning more about the CCW classes that are offered at the club with various instructors. When a program is up and running and the majority of our officers and directors are not directly involved, we accept that this popular benefit for club members is working. How well is it working? Right now, we don’t have any firm numbers of participants. How many are existing club members? How many are non-members? If the directors pursue this in the future, I hope to get back to you with more info.

What do you know? – Club member Kevin Green needs your help. Do any of you remember a gunsmith or gun shop in the Strathmore or Lindsay area as far back as the 1960’s? Kevin is interested in knowing more about his dad’s deer rifle or the person that customized it. “Red” Green, had a customized deer rifle, the action is marked “Mod.98” (probably a Mauser action?), and the barrel is stamped “V.W. Hansen” and “270 Win”. Kevin remembers it was a father & son shop and that they may have moved to the Midwest several years ago. The firearm has a Bausch & Lomb “Balvar” 8A scope 2.5x8. Kevin can be reached at 559-991-5129, or kgreen@mgreencpas.com

CCW Classes at the club – There are TWO (2) classes scheduled for April. The first one is **Saturday, April 5, 2025, 8 am to 4 pm.** The second one is **Friday, April 18th.** 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. There are **TWO** classes scheduled for MAY: **Saturday, May 3rd,** and **Friday, May 16th.**

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.

New *For Sale* listings for the April newsletter:

FOR SALE: 1) Winchester model 94, 30-30, 2) Winchester M70 heavy varmint, 22-250, with Leupold VX3 scope, 3) Custom built 300prc, Leupold VX5hd scope. Call Dan 559-679-3863.

FOR SALE: Sako M995, chambered in 30-378 Weatherby. New, unfired, 26-inch barrel, JP muzzle brake, synthetic stock, no sights or optics. Asking \$1,000.00. Call Henry at 559-901-0777.

FOR SALE: LEICA 10x42 BA TRINOVID Binoculars ~ previously owned but in EXCELLENT shape. Asking \$850. Please call Terrie 559-469-6938. Photos available.

FOR SALE: VORTEX FURY HD 50000 10x42 Binoculars ~ previously owned but in EXCELLENT condition. Asking \$850. Please call Terrie 559-469-6938. Photos available.

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.

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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 iPhone 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 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/>

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