

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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, May 8, 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, May 13, 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 April club and board meetings:

Club member Peggy W. mentioned that CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) and So Cal Edison have a program providing emergency battery backup systems for life support and essential medical devices. The Critical Care Backup Battery program provides free portable backup batteries to power medical devices. They are portable to be able to use outside the home in case of evacuation, etc. Some guidelines need to be met. Search SCE.com and Critical Care Backup Battery.

Between having hard to get NRA Range Safety Officer materials and a boatload of work for his regular job, Russ Beechinor is having difficulties scheduling an RSO training class. Stay tuned, hopefully not much longer.

Frank T gave some legislative updates on introduced bills.

SB704 - Commencing on July 1, 2026, this bill would, except as specified, prohibit the sale or transfer of a firearm barrel, as defined, unless the transaction is completed in person by a licensed firearms dealer. The bill would require the licensed firearms dealer to conduct a background check of the purchaser or transferee and to record specified information pertaining to the transaction, including the date of the sale or transfer.

SB 248 - This bill would, beginning July 1, 2027, require the department to mail to any person who notifies the department pursuant to the above-described reports of a firearm transaction a letter that includes certain information relevant to firearm ownership, such as information on how to legally transfer or relinquish a firearm and resources regarding gun violence restraining orders, among others.

Hunter Safety Education classes at the club – Two classes are on the calendar: **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>. More information on page 2.

MAY 2025 Club Phone: 559-409-2527

JUNE 2025 Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Sat Public Shoot M. Renzi/I. Renzi/? and CCW Shoot at 3pm	1 Sun Public Shoot M Garcia/L Espino/?
4 Sun Public Shoot M. Garcia/G Willett.?	4 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?
7 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/L Hernandez/?	7 Sat Public Shoot ???/??/?
10 Sat Public Shoot A Slate/Santos/Knutson/Kuykendall	8 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	8 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm
11 Sun 4H Shoot 12 noon to 5 pm	11 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?
14 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/ L Hernandez/?	14 Sat Public Shoot Greg Willett/?
17 Sat Public Shoot J. Dearborn/H Howard/?	15 Sun Public Shoot Dearborn/Lehman/Howard/Calloway
18 Sun Black Powder 8 to noon/4H noon to 5 pm	18 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?
21 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/L Hernandez/?	19 Thu CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice
22 Thu CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice	20 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice
23 Fri CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice	21 Sat CBRSA – Benchrest competition
24 Sat CBRSA – Benchrest competition	22 Sun CBRSA – Benchrest competition
25 Sun CBRSA – Benchrest competition	25 Wed Public Shoot L Miller/?
26 Mon CBRSA – Benchrest competition	28 Sat Public Shoot Russ Broyles/Greg Willett/?
28 Wed Public Shoot Lee Miller/L Hernandez/?	29 Sun Black Powder 8 to noon/4H noon to 5pm
31 Sat Public Shoot ???/??/?	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.

More from the April meetings:

Hunter Ed class - June 21st and August 9th will be the Hunter Ed classes at the VSA clubhouse. Loren Metzler, Hunter Ed instructor, mentioned that posting of the class to the wildlife.co.gov website and registration will be 30 days before the class date. If the class shows as being full, "click" thru the class details, there should be a stand-by list with limited spaces for those that missed the actual registration. Class size is limited to 30 people. The April class filled quickly. Best wishes.

Range restroom roof – It came to the attention of the club directors and officers that the roof on the restrooms at the range needed repairs. Upon a closer look, it needs to be replaced. One quote came in for discussion at the April board meeting and it was agreed to get at least one more quote.

Some of the more mundane items that are addressed are typical for keeping a range and clubhouse business running. For example, the laptop Kelly Salinas, treasurer, uses for the club’s accounting no longer works. A replacement has been ordered. Member Bob G. is making new metal target frame holders. New replacement red and green lights for the range have been re-ordered. The first order for the lights we received wasn’t what was originally ordered and were incompatible for the equipment we have. First quarter 2025 Sales and Use Tax and Firearm and Ammunition Excise tax returns and payment are due before the end of April. Club member Madeline E-H. donated a much-needed wireless microphone for the club’s PA system. Her experience working at Galaxy Theater, Tulare, solved a problem we were having for several months. Thank you!

One of the items on the list to do for the conversion of the club to a 501(c)3 charitable organization was the adoption of a conflict-of-interest statement. A sample form was reviewed with suggested changes to fit the VSA club. The revised form to be accepted and completed by the officers and directors.

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.

The **Tulare-Kings Gun Owners** local CRPA chapter had their first fundraiser dinner on Saturday, April 26th. The food was good, the attendance was strong, and there was something for everyone in the raffle items and live and silent auction items.

Question: If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have? Answer: Very large hands

CCW Classes at the club – There are TWO (2) classes scheduled for MAY. The first one is **Saturday, May 3, 2025, 8 am to 4 pm.** The second one is **Friday, May 16th.** 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 is at least one class in **June:** Saturday, June 7th, 8 am to 4 p.

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.

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.

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

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 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 May 27, at Rankin Field, Tulare.

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/>

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/223-wylde-the-ideal-ar-15-chamber/> by Philip Massaro 11-15-2018.

The 5.56 NATO employs a slightly larger chamber dimension, as well as a longer leade—the distance from the bullet’s resting place in the chamber to that point at which it engages the rifling—and therefore 5.56 NATO ammunition is loaded to a higher pressure. Our sporting .223 Rem. on the other hand, is loaded to a much-lower pressure, and has a much-shorter leade dimension. The general rule: It is safe to fire .223 Rem. ammo in a 5.56 NATO chamber, but the reverse is not true.

One Mr. Bill Wylde, of Illinois, solved the issue with a bit of engineering genius. He created a hybrid chamber, called the .223 Wylde. As with most thing genius, his design is simple, yet extremely effective. Wylde took the leade angle of the 5.56 NATO design and mated it to the tighter chamber body dimension and leade length of the .223 Rem. design. Wylde’s chamber gives enough room in the throat so 5.56 NATO cartridges won’t build dangerous pressure, but keeps the improved concentricity—and resulting accuracy—of the .223 Rem. This chamber design allows the owner to shoot both types of (identically dimensioned) ammunition without a worry in the world.

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