

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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2025

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, June 12, 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, June 17, 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 May club and board meetings:

NEW RSOs Training class: NRA Basic Range Safety Officer training course, Saturday, June 14th, 8 am to 5 pm, and Sunday June 15th, 8 am to 5 pm. The class is for our Range Safety officers that HAVE NOT previously taken the training course. If you are interested in becoming an RSO, please call Russ Beechinor at 559-280-4061 for details. The training is at the VSA clubhouse. Registration is online. Please copy and paste the address: <https://www.nrainstructors.org/SearchResults.aspx?State=n&zip=93291&radius=25.1&id=5&bsa=&youth=&women=> There is a \$40 class fee for the materials and supplies.

Out at the range: New metal target stands are being fabricated; the installation of new red/green lights and a sounding horn are to be installed after the correct items have been ordered and received; and, current recommendations are that pregnant women should not be allowed on the range.

Bring back the grizzlies?? For Immediate Release, April 15, 2025 SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The [California Grizzly Alliance](#) today released a peer-reviewed study assessing the feasibility of returning grizzly bears to California. The 200-page study — [Recovering Grizzly Bears in California](#) — concludes that there are no insurmountable biological, ecological, economic, legal or policy obstacles to returning California's official animal to the state. To read the text of the release, go to: <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/new-study-demonstrates-potential-for-returning-grizzly-bears-to-california-2025-04-15/>

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.

JUNE 2025

Club Phone: 559-409-2527

JULY 2025

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Sun	Public Shoot	M Garcia/L Espino/M Feilet	2 Wed	Public Shoot	???
4 Wed	Public Shoot	L Hernandez/C Alviso/?	5 Sat	Public Shoot	??? 3 to 5 pm is the CCW Shoot
7 Sat	Public Shoot	??/?/?/?/?	6 Sun	Public Shoot	???
8 Sun	22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12	9 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
8 Sun	4H Shoot	12 noon to 5 pm	10 Thu	Special event	Dept. of Fish & Wildlife all day
11 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?	12 Sat	Public Shoot	G Richert?
14 Sat	Public Shoot	Greg Willett/?	13 Sun	22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12
15 Sun	Public Shoot	Jeff D/Lehman/Howard/Calloway	16 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?
18 Wed	Public Shoot	L Miller/L Hernandez/?	19 Sat	Public Shoot	G Willett/?
19 Thu	CBRSA – Benchrest set up and practice		20 Sun	Public Shoot	Dearborn/Lehman/L Cote
20 Fri	CBRSA - Benchrest set up and practice		23 Wed	Public Shoot	L Hernandez/?
21 Sat	CBRSA – Benchrest competition		26 Sat	Public Shoot	???
22 Sun	CBRSA – Benchrest competition		27 Sun	Black Powder 8 to noon	
25 Wed	Public Shoot	B Hawkans/?	30 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/?
28 Sat	Public Shoot	Russ Broyles/Greg Willett/?	Call Russ for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-280-4061		
29 Sun	Black Powder 8 to noon/4H noon to 5pm				

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 May 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 – Additional quotes for the roof replacement were discussed and the directors chose the first quote received. Work should commence soon.

FYI – So Cal Edison bills for the previous month electricity were \$30 for the range and \$250 for the clubhouse.

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.

Raffle tickets! Marty has raffle tickets available. You could win your choice of \$300 or a 9mm handgun. The drawing will be held July 10. Call Marty to get your tickets. Proceeds go towards reducing the fishing trip cost.

Legislative updates: This one is still in the senate: SB 704, as amended, Arreguín. Firearms: firearm barrels. 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.

Legislative updates – there are too many to put in the VSA newsletter. Some of the best sources for current information can be found at CRPA.org, and <https://www.nraila.org/legal-legislation/>

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There is a \$40 class fee for the materials and supplies.

Potluck dinner at the club, Saturday, July 12 Bring us your best main dish and if your last name is A to M, please bring a side dish, too. Last name is N to Z, please bring a dessert as well. See you and your delectable delights at 6 pm and ready to eat at 6:30. Your dishes don't need to feed 20 - 30 people, use your discretion for how much you want to make. Possible options for fun things to do include ax throwing and cornhole!!

CCW Classes at the club – There are TWO (2) classes scheduled for JUNE. The first one is **Saturday, June 7, 2025, 9 am to 5 pm.** The second one is **Friday, June 13th, 8 am to 4 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. There are two classes in **July**: Saturday, July 5th., 9 am to 5 pm; and, Friday, July 18, 8 to 4.

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: The rifle is a sporter-sized VZ 24 Mauser in .35 Whelen. It has a synthetic stock, and nearly 100 rounds of ammo is included, with various bullet weights from 180 gr to 310 gr. Mike K. is asking \$700 for all. He can be reached at 559-799-7093.

(editor's note: VZ 24 Mausers benefit from precision German manufacturing. The .35 Whelen is an impressive cartridge that can handle a variety of bullet weights and bullet construction for the task at hand. Combine the two together and you have an impressively versatile firearm.)

Scouts – Do you know (or remember) the Scout Law? “A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.” On May 9th, 2025, the Live Oak District held their annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Visalia Sportsmen’s Association. Four Scouts recently achieving the rank of Eagle Scout were recognized as well as many others who are active in making a difference in their communities in the area. Kim Carl and Manuel Cortez were recognized with the Scoutmaster Key award. John Lose was recognized for his 40 years of Scouting, working in various capacities. Mr. Lose is currently serves as the chartered organization representative.

Did you make it to the Visalia Car Show 2025? You probably saw some of the scouts from the three (3) Scout troops the club sponsors. They were working the sales counters at the pancake breakfast booth.

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: 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/> Pre-registering for the meetings is very helpful. 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. Additional info indicates for all meetings, a food vendor is available at 6 pm and the meetings start at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **June 24th**, at Rankin Field, Tulare. Click or copy and paste the link below:

<https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11035&>

July 29th, Kings Gun Center: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11020&>

August 26th, Rankin Field: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=10964&>

Reverent: Collins Dictionary defines it as “showing great respect for”. “If you describe someone’s behavior as reverent, you mean that they are showing great respect for a person or thing.”

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