

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, July 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, July 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**

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

Fishing with Marty!!! – Saturday, July 12, out of Santa Barbara. \$160 per person. Marty can be reached at 559-331-2098 for details. Call ASAP, there are a few spots left on the boat.

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.

NEW RSOs: If you are interested in becoming an RSO, please call Russ Beechinor at 559-280-4061 for details.

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!!

VSA GUN DINNER 2025 – Saturday, November 1st – more details soon. Royce Nalls, chairperson for the event, said committee meetings are firing up and are **FIRED UP!!** If you would like to assist this event in any capacity, please contact Royce at 559-730-8485. Pre-event drawing tickets are now available. There are several to choose from for some fine firearms. Contact Royce or Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967.

Hunter Safety Education classes at the club – There is one more class on the calendar: **Saturday, August 9.** Registration is online. These are in-person classes. Hunter Ed class details and more information is on page 2.

Exeter Outdoors Association – 52 Week Drawing: 52 weeks = 52 guns! There's an "Early Bird" drawing for a Winchester gun safe if your ticket is bought by, or postmarked by August 1st. The drawing will be August 27, 2025. Week 1 begins Sept. 3 for a Henry Big Boy .45LC. Call Shirley at 559-936-7789 for info and tickets.

2 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alvizo/Mel Wong/?	2 Sat	Public Shoot	??? 3 to 5 pm is the CCW Shoot
5 Sat	Public Shoot	??? & 3 to 5 pm is the CCW Shoot	3 Sun	Public Shoor	???
6 Sun	Public Shoor	A Slate/P Kuykendall/H Lopez	6 Wed	Public Shoot	???
9 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alvizo/M Wong/D Steelman x 2	9 Sat	Public Shoot	G Richert/??
10 Thu	Special event	Dept. of Fish & Wildlife all day	10 Sun	22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12
12 Sat	Public Shoot	G Richert?	13 Wed	Public Shoot	???
13 Sun	22 LR Shoot	Loads of fun for everyone! 8 to 12	16 Sat	Public Shoot	Frank Tebeau/??
16 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alviso/M Wong/B Hawkins	17 Sun	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/L Cote
19 Sat	Public Shoot	???	20 Wed	Public Shoot	???
20 Sun	Public Shoot	J Dearborn/D Lehman/L Cote	23 Sat	Public Shoot	???
23 Wed	Public Shoot	C Alvizo/M Wong/D Stelman x 2	24 Sun	Black Powder 8 to noon	
26 Sat	Public Shoot	???	27 Wed	Public Shoot	???
27 Sun	Black Powder 8 to noon		30 Sat	Public Shoot	???
30 Wed	Public Shoot	Lee Miller/??	31 Sun	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 June meetings:

RSOs: When Russ sends out an email request for **RSOs needed** for certain days, please respond directly to Russ that you will serve on that day. Apparently, there have been several times where 5 or 6 RSOs have shown up unannounced to help out on that day. Russ can be reached at 559-280-4061.

Hunter Ed class - 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. Registration is online: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>.

RANGE SAFETY & PERSONAL CONDUCT: When a cease fire is called at the range, it is of utmost importance for all shooters to vacate the benches, stand behind the red line and NOT approach the bench or firearms or accessories on the shooting bench during the entire time of a cease fire! RSOs announce the upcoming cease fire to give shooters time to make the firearm safe and to collect any items from the bench *before* the cease fire is called. Shooters need to wait for the OK to proceed downrange call before passing the benches to go down range. If a shooter participant is so hard of hearing to not fully follow the range commands, RSOs have discretion to properly and safely get that person off of the shooting line.

Personal conduct: Shooters and observers need to follow the range commands of the RSOs. Please do not approach the benches during a cease fire. If you do need to get something off the bench during a cease fire, please contact a range safety officer BEFORE crossing that red line to reach for it.

Collecting brass? If it is not your brass, please ask the shooter *before* collecting their brass! Never, never attempt to collect brass from in front of the benches during a hot range. It doesn't matter how long your arm is or how long the handle on the rake is...don't do it! Ooooh, see that brass under the bench? OMG it's a good one, so shiny new, too! Don't do it if it's during a cease fire!

Do you recognize yourself as one of those people that don't stay behind the red line during a cease fire? Have you ever been to a gun range where a line break is called by the shooters (no RSOs at that range)? What do you feel when you are downrange checking your target and see that some dumb a@@@ is standing or sitting at the bench with their hands on or near a firearm? Please, please do not approach the bench during a cease fire!

This is so important, it is appearing here again:

Fishing with Marty!!! – Saturday, July 12, out of Santa Barbara. \$160 per person. Marty can be reached at 559-331-2098 for details. As of the June meeting, there were several spots available on the boat. Call ASAP!

CCW Classes at the club – There are TWO (2) classes scheduled for JULY. The first one is **Saturday, July 5, 2025, 9 am to 5 pm.** The second one is **Friday, July 18, 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 **August:** Saturday, August 2nd., 9 am to 5 pm; and, Friday, August 15, 8 to 4pm.

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.

This just in: Friday CCW Classes – As of July 1, 2025, if there are no sign-ups for a Friday class, the class will be canceled. The CCW instructors will NOT be at the club on Friday morning waiting for “nobody or anybody” who have not signed up for the class in advance.

FOR SALE: The rifle is a sporterized VZ 24 Mauser in .35 Whelen. It has a synthetic stock, and nearly 100 rounds of ammo are 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.)

FOR SALE: Precision Pet Products “Ware” A-Frame dog house for a medium size dog. Outside dimensions are approximately 31.5” x 25.5” x 27.5”. It has a metal frame for extra durability and it is elevated a couple inches above the ground level with adjustable feet. This dog house is a few years old. This home belongs to my sister-in-law; she will be moving soon. Her dog never wanted to go in it, and it has been under a patio cover since new. New ones are \$175 to \$190. Asking \$90, OBO. Photos are available. Call or text Chris Norman at 661-805-0164.

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. Additionally, it looks like a food vendor is available at 6 pm for the meetings and the meetings start at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **June 29th**, at Kings Gun Center, Hanford. Click or copy and paste the link below:
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&>
Sept. 30th, Kings Gun Center: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11040&>
October 28th, Kings Gun Center: <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=11025&>

What are you watching on the computer? I found www.bobmunden.com “The Fastest Gun Who Ever Lived.” Videos are on YouTube on various channels. Simply amazing. I remember seeing him on TV way back when! Check out the “Cowboy Fast Draw Championships”. The 2025 Fastest Gun Alive Championship will be held in Fallon, Nevada, July 16–20. There are several casino hotels in the area. That would be amazing to see in person.

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