

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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2026

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 9, 2026, 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 14, 2026, 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 membership and participation with the Visalia Sportsmen's Association.

Club House Phone # (answering machine): 559-409-2527

Russ Beechinor – President	559-280-4061	Ferdinand Dancil – Board Member(a25)	559-909-2363
Gregg Willet – Vice President	559-623-4826	Terry Henry – Board Member (e25)	559-901-0651
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Chris Norman – Secretary:	661-805-0164	Marty Malone – Board Member (e24)	559-331-2098
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Russ Broyles – Board Member (a24)	559-280-7536	Dirk Steelman – Board Member (e24):	559-732-7726
Chris Calhoun – Board Member (e25)	559-679-7257	Frank Tebeau – Board Member (e24):	559-731-0090
Jeremy Chavez – Board Member (a25)	559-302-8718		

At the June club and board meetings:

Starlink is coming soon to the range. ATT is on its way out due to the \$450+ monthly phone service charge. Starlink will be able to support phone, data, and internet. Gregg W is seeking member input on alternatives to the holes in the railroad ties to hold target frames. He is also taking suggestions for weights to hold the metal target frames on a windy day that are easy to carry and durable. There was \$420 in one-day shooter fees and \$3,000 in memberships (new and renewals) for the month of June. There is a correction to last month's newsletter regarding membership price increases. The **Junior** membership will be \$20/year starting January 1, 2027.

Jim Mayfield has retired. His guidance and project leadership has been handed over to six other volunteers to carry on the variety of roles Jim handled for years. Jim is now a "regular" club member, if that's even a possibility. Thank you, Jim! See you at the range and club meetings!

Hot brass catchers! What? It is highly advised that low cut tops not be worn at the range (especially women). Hot brass down a sensitive area can be a serious safety issue. Imagine a loaded firearm in your hand, hot brass is ejected onto soft tissue, and the reaction is to twist and turn and wave that gun all around! Ooooh, no, no, no.

RSOs – when you see the range calendar on page 2, you'll notice a lot of question marks that indicate more RSOs are needed for some dates or that no RSOs have signed up for duty. Yes, you can be one of our RSOs. We need men and women who can commit to a few days a year and show up on time, have some inter-personal skills, and can remind others of our range rules and etiquette. The benefits are pretty rewarding as well. Call/text Gregg at: 559-623-4826.

VSA Fishing Trip – Marty reminded everyone of the charter on Saturday, August 1st. See page 2 for details.

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES – SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026.

JULY 2026

Club Phone: 559-409-2527

AUGUST 2026

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

1 Wed Public Shoot ?	1 Sat Public Shoot ??? CCW qualify after 3 pm
4 Sat CLOSED - Be safe on this 4th of July	2 Sun Public Shoot M Garcia/?
5 Sun Public Shoot ?	5 Wed Public Shoot ???
8 Wed Public Shoot ?	8 Sat Public Shoot Beechinor/Salazar/Dancil
11 Sat Public Shoot ?	9 Sun 22 LR Shoot Men, women & junior's class/4H
12 Sun 22 LR Shoot Men, women & junior's class	12 Wed Public Shoot ???
15 Wed Public Shoot ?	15 Sat Public Shoot G Willett/?
18 Sat Public Shoot ? CCW qualifying after 3 pm	16 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/?
19 Sun Public Shoot J Dearborn/D Lehman/?	19 Wed Public Shoot ???
22 Wed Public Shoot ?	22 Sat Public Shoot ???
25 Sat Public Shoot Beechinor/Salazar/Dancil	23 Sun Black Powder 8 am to 12 noon
26 Sun Black Powder 8 to 12	26 Wed Public Shoot ???
29 Wed Public Shoot ?	29 Sat Public Shoot L Espino/G Willett/?
Call Gregg for details and benefits of being one of our Range Safety Officers. 559-623-4826 We need YOUR help! Become an RSO! It's very gratifying	See all the Public Shoot days with the (?). That means no RSOs have signed up for duty as of the date of publication.

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**– Leroy Chism 559-804-3501; **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026; **4H Shooting** –???

22 LR Shoot- Loren Metzler 559-280-8287; **RSO and range scheduling** – Gregg Willett – 559-623-4826.

****FYI – Range maintenance:** The third Monday of the month will be Tractor Day maintenance at the range.

More from the June club and board meetings:

At the range, eye and ear protection is mandatory. No open toe shoes. The golf cart at the range can be used by shooters to service their targets at the 200- and 300-yard lines. It is especially helpful in the summer heat.

FYI – Who do you call for more info about the clubhouse and range activities? Gregg Willett is the “call me” contact, he can be reached at 559-623-4826. The second “call me” person is Debbie Bechinor, at 559-936-4385.

VSA GUN DINNER - Saturday, November 7, 2026, at the Tulare Memorial Building. More details coming soon.

Membership pricing: Directors agreed on new membership pricing, **effective January 1, 2027**. After much discussion of the pros and cons of new pricing for several months the new pricing will be:

Club only (no range), individual = \$50; Adult, individual, club and range = \$100; Spouse, added to an adult membership for club and range = \$50; Juniors = \$20; Family, includes spouse and any juniors = \$150; LIFE membership = \$750; Family Life membership, two adults and juniors up to age 17 = \$1,000.

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASS – AUGUST 8, 2026.

The last class of the year at the club will be Saturday, August 8, 8 am to 5 pm. This is a traditional, in-person, class. California requires hunter education training for those who have never held a California hunting license, who do not have a hunter education certificate, or who do not have a hunting license from another state or province issued within the past two years. Hunter Ed class details and registration is online (only). Pre-registration opens 30 days before the class date and is required to attend the class. <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>. Pre-registration opens 30 days before the class date and is required to attend the class.

Find **Hunter Ed** courses: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Learning> scroll down, click on Hunter Education. Then choose either Traditional or Online. <https://www.registered.com/programs/california/160?zip=93291&distance=50>

All students are required to obtain a California Get Outdoors ID (GO ID) prior to registering for California Hunter Education courses. Previous CDFW license holders (i.e. Fishing), your GO ID is printed on the license.

VSA FISHING TRIP – Year after year, these fishing trips coordinated by Marty Malone have been a fun-filled fishing fiesta! Saturday, August 1, 2026, on the chartered *Stardust* out of Santa Barbara. The trip is \$175 and is limited to 25 people. Call Marty – 559-331-2098 - for details and to hold your place on the boat.

Reloaders – Brass: Contact Gregg Willett for used brass collected at the range. Misc. calibers. 559-623-4826.

CCW Classes at the club – At this time, there is only one class scheduled per month. The **JULY** class will be **Saturday, July 18th, 9 am to 5 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 **August** class will be Saturday, August 1st. The July class was rescheduled due to the 4th of July holiday.

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. 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.

Reminder: CCW Classes – As of July 1, 2025, if there are no sign-ups for a CCW class, the class will be canceled. The CCW instructors will NOT be at the club on the morning of a scheduled class if no one pre-registered for the class in advance. (This includes anyone needing the second 8-hour class for a renewal certificate.)

Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter: Starting in 2026, meetings are now held on **the first Tuesday of the month.** All meetings will be held at the Visalia Sportsmen's Association clubhouse. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 7th, 6:30 pm.** Chairperson Ilah said there will be dinner as well as a new gun drawing for a .22 lr handgun will start (200 tickets @ \$10 each). Please pre-register so they are ready for you. Here's the link: July 7 - <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=20669&>

If registration is closed, please email abrewer@crpa.org to RSVP. The **July** meeting is 7-7-2026.

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. 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/>

The August meeting will be 8-4-2026.

The **.22 Rimfire Matches** held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 8 am have been really popular. Participants are stating how encouraging everyone is; how much fun it is; how everyone of all ages are included; and how exciting it can be!! You can join the fun. Whether it is only once, or a couple times out of the year, you can do it! The classes of shooters are: Men's scoped rifle; Men's open sights; Juniors; and Women. At the end of the year, awards and prizes will be drawn for each class of shooter as well as a "Participation" award (if you only make it to one of the shoots, you are entered as a "participation" for a chance to win one of the prizes.)

FOR SALE – REDUCED PRICE! Asking \$7,500. Ranger Bass Boat & Trailer, 1992, powered by a Yamaha 150 Pro V, this boat is from the Mike Renzi estate and is sold as-is where-is (Visalia). Please call or text for details. An appointment is needed to see the boat. The seller can be reached at call or text Ilah at 559-749-4803.

FOR SALE - Colt "Automatic Pistol" .25 caliber *Pocket Model, Hammerless*. This classic 6 shot, semi-auto pistol is in good+ condition. Comes with holster and ammo. Asking \$600. Ilah 559-749-4803.

FOR SALE – 1) Stevens 320 Security: 12-gauge pump action shotgun. Ideal for home defense, it features an 18.5-inch barrel, a 5+1 capacity, all black. Asking \$200. 2) Stevens 320 Security 12-gauge pump shotgun. This one has an under-barrel mounted light. Asking \$250. 3) Marlin XT-22, .22lr bolt action rifle, clip magazine, with an "accu-trigger" and attractive wood stock. Asking \$275. 4) Marlin 60W, a special edition variant of the iconic tube-fed, semi-automatic .22 LR rifle. It typically features a gold-plated trigger, a gold stock medallion, and is known for its exceptional accuracy and reliable straight blow-back action. Asking \$275. Ilah 559-749-4803

FOR SALE – Archery! Hoyt vintage bow; fishing bows; crossbow; Archery Buttresses (aka Target Butts) designed for broadheads and field points. They are a durable self-healing foam. Contact Terrie Meuruer at 559-469-6938. Texts are fine. If calling, please leave a message to confirm your call is not spam. Thank you.

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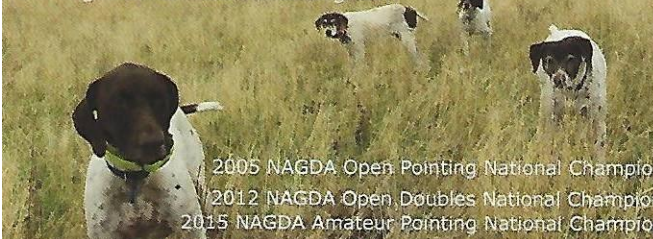
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Appointment Date/Time _____

Club Website: <http://visaliasportsmens.com>. For more info about the club, programs, activities, newsletters (current and past), visit the website, or contact Russ Beechinor 559-280-4061, For range info, contact Gregg Willett at 559-623-4826 For any of your newsletter concerns, "wanted" or "for sale" items, please feel free to contact me, Chris Norman, editor, at: visaliasportsmen@hotmail.com, or by phone/text: 661-805-0164.