

TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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2012 Awards Banquet

Taft Sportsmen's Club members came out to celebrate and rejoice on Saturday January 19 for the 2012 Awards Banquet. The event was a great success with over 100 club members in attendance. Once again held at OT Cookhouse, long time TSC supporters Dominique and Kevin Payne prepared a spectacular banquet hall and meal.

The night was hosted by master of ceremonies Billy White and Craig Johnson prepared the excellent animal display.

The Taft Friends of NRA presented the Taft Sportsmen's Club four checks totaling over \$50,000. This grant money was awarded to the club for many of its programs at the January 12 Central CA State Grant Meeting in Visalia.

The Sportsman of the Year for 2012 was Wayne White. Wayne has been instrumental in helping make the trap program so successful this year. Wayne is a regular attendee of many TSC events acting as the official photographer and has just finished serving a two year commitment to the board. Thank you Wayne for your hard work and commitment to the Taft Sportsmen's Club.

The Taft Sportsmen's Club would like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers that helped make the annual banquet another rousing success and we certainly look forward to hosting another great event next year.

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2012 Activity/Event Coordinators		
Newsletter - Wes Morris	Membership - Wesley Morris	
Publicity/ Sunshine - Sue Brown	Awards Banquet - Tom/Sue Brown	
Kid's Fish Pond - Tom Brown/Sue Brown	Master of Ceremonies - Billy White	
Grant Writing/Web Page - Wes Morris	Banquet Program Display - Craig Johnson	
Fireworks Booth - Mike Donnelly	Junior Hunt - Tom Brown / Sue Brown	
.22 Action Shooters - Josh House	Trap Range - Wayne & Melanie White	
Antler Measuring - Jeff Miller	Fish Reports - Craig Johnson	
Hunter Safety - Larry Heptenstall, Jay Thomas	IDPA - Joe Little	
2012 Officers		
President - Tom Brown	Vice President - Melanie White	Secretary - Wes Morris
Treasurer - Sue Brown		
2 Year Beard		
Billy White	Karen Chitwood	Jeff Miller
1 Year Beard		
Wes Morris	Craig Johnson	Josh House
	Mike Donnelly	
2012 Awards		
A Zone Buck		
1 st Place - Don Pezer	2 nd Place - Chad Chitwood	
1 st Place Women - Tammy Pezer	2 nd Place Women - Sherry McWorther	
1 st Place Junior - Brandon White		
Remainder of State Buck - George Napoleon Perpetual Trophy*		
*1 st Place - Vance Ross	2 nd Place - Eric Ross	
Out-of-State Buck - Moslander Perpetual Trophy*		
1 st Place Junior - Clayton Hamblin	2 nd Place Junior - Cotton Hamblin	
Luck Buck		
Jim Chitwood, Jeff Miller	1 st Place - D.J. Hamblin	
Trout - Sticker Lane Perpetual Trophy*		
*1 st Place - Billy White 5.8 lbs	2 nd Place - Jeff Miller 1 lb-4oz	
Largemouth Bass		
1 st Place - Chad Chitwood 3 lbs-2 oz	2 nd Place - Billy White 2.94 lbs	
Ocean Bottom Fish		
1 st Place - Don Pezer 3lb 10oz veselin	1 st Place - Craig Johnson 24lb veselin	
1 st Place W - Tammy Pezer 1lb 4 oz veselin	1 st Place W - Marina Johnson 15lb veselin	
1 st Place Junior - Taryn Yochum 1lb 4oz veselin		
Migratory Gamefish		
1 st Place - Kim Hayes 14.5lb crbook	Sutton Yochum 1lb 3oz veselin	
Adult Fish Barrel		
Sue Brown, Tom Brown, Sally Johnson, Jeff Miller		
Nature Photography		
1st Place - Billy White	2 nd Place - Craig Johnson	
'AA' Trap		
1 st Place - Don Pezer	1 st Place - Steve Schmitz	
'C' Trap		
1 st Place - Wayne White	1 st Place - Melanie White	1 st Place - Andrew Montoya
Life Time Service Award		
Clarence Ferguson	Jack Gill	
Appreciation Award		
	Bill Asserson	
Sportsman of the Year		
Wayne White		

The list of winners from the 2012 Taft Sportsmen's Club Award Banquet.



Clockwise from above: Stephanie House holds her nephew Elijah Morris as he picks a raffle prize; Billy White applauds the presentation of Friends of NRA Funds to Wesley Morris and Josh House; the 2013 trophy board; Clay Hamblin accepts his trophy for 1st Place Junior Buck; Wayne white accepts the Sportsman of the Year award, congratulations Wayne! (photos courtesy Matt Henry: Taft Midway Driller)

Hunter's Safety Course

Here is a reminder that the next Hunter Safety Course will be May 6–8, 2013. We are able to offer these classes with the cooperation of the West Side Recreation & Park District and the California Department of Fish and Game.

2013 Hunter Safety Schedule

February 4–6, May 6–8, August 5–7, October 7–9

The classes are held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 6:30–9:30 PM at the WSRPD Community Center Auditorium and are instructed by Larry Heptinstall and Kenny Beard. All three days are mandatory and a one-time \$5 facility fee is collected at the registration on Monday night.



Gate Combination Change & Range Etiquette

The gate combination will change effective Saturday March 9, 2013. Please remember, do not share this gate combination with anyone. If someone asks for the gate combination, do not give it to them. If they are a member, they receive their newsletter with the combination and they can always contact Wes Morris at info@taftsc.com or 661 745-0416 and he will verify their status and issue the combination.

Additionally please do your part to read and understand the range rules and also to take care of your range. You can find the range rules at

www.taftsc.com/range.html and they will specify who has range priority on which days and how to interact with other club members.

If you bring targets to shoot, please remove them from the range when you are finished. We have trash cans available, please use them. **NO GLASS SHOULD BE SHOT AT THE RANGE AT ANY TIME!**

If you witness people abusing the range, please call us at 661 745-0416. If it is a serious enough violation, please call 911 and report range vandalism or an unsafe situation and then contact your club.

CCW Applications and Classes

Did you know it is relatively easy to apply for a Concealed Weapon Permit for anyone who resides in Kern County? It does not matter if you live in a city inside of Kern County, you can apply directly to the Kern County Sheriff's Office and with a valid reason and they will approve you.

Better yet, did you know residents of the City of Taft can apply at the police station and the only reason Chief Ed Whiting needs to see is "self defense"? No need to drive to Bakersfield when your Taft City permit is good state wide, you can handle all of your application here, and you don't need "a valid reason".

If you want more information, please contact Larry Heptinstall at 661 342-4033. They run an initial CCW class every other month and a renewal CCW class every month at the TSC Range. You can register for the class by putting a \$25 deposit at Ten Percent Firearms and see our club calendar for class dates.

And with the passage of SB-1367 last September, CCW holders can now lawfully carry their licensed handguns while archery hunting. It probably isn't a bad idea to carry something while archery hunting just in case you run into a large four legged critter or an "up to no good" two legged critter while you have your bow.

Memberships

The club membership has dropped to **175** paid members. Remember that club dues are effective for a calendar year, so be sure to pay your 2013 dues. You can find more information on our website at www.taftsc.com/membership.html .

Please note that your membership expiration date is printed on your address label on this newsletter. Please do not let your membership expire. If you think there is an error, please contact us and we will help get it figured out.

January-13 means January 2013 aka over due!

Membership Dues Increase

On November 20, the Board Members voted to increase the membership dues from \$25 a year to \$40 a year, effective for the 2013 calendar year. The new membership application in this newsletter has the increase on it.

Additionally the business card advertising rate increased from \$45 to \$60. Again, please see the new applications included in your newsletter.

2013 Trout Pond at the CV BS&RV Show

The 36th Annual Central Valley Sportsmen's Boat, RV and Outdoor Living Show will be held at the Kern County Fairgrounds from Friday April 5 through Sunday April 7, 2013.

The Taft Sportsmen's Club will be setting up a trout pond again this year and we could use your help by volunteering to work at the event.

For many of the kids fishing at this event, it will be their first catch ever and it promises to be a special time for everyone.

TSC President Tom Brown recently related his

Get Well Soon

Everyone seems to be healthy! If you know someone that could use a pick me up, let us know and we will send them well wishes.

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Meeting Minutes Online

Interested on what happens at the monthly meetings and board meetings of the Taft Sportsmen's Club? Well now you can read the public records of these meetings online from our website. Go to www.taftsc.com/newsletter.html for a listing of the meeting minutes as well as the club constitution and by-laws.

Annual Awards Qualifications

This is a reminder that the revised TSC Constitution & By-Laws require awards candidates to attend one General Meeting and two work parties. One of the work parties must be completed by August 1st. This requirement will be strictly enforced this year. We will include a list of members and their attendance to date in the July/August newsletter and on the website.

experience at last year's Trout Pond, "Just to be able to see the look on these kid's faces when they catch their first fish is outstanding. It honestly doesn't get any better than that. "

Treasurer Sue Brown shared, "This is one of our biggest events all year. Thousands of participants are exposed to our club and our raffles raise a lot of money. This is an event our members should not miss out on and we certainly can use their help.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tom Brown at (661) 765-2704. There are many shifts available over the three day, weekend event.

Your Rights are Under Assault!

After the tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the anti-gun forces in this country want to strip you of your basic civil rights. Their plan is to blame you for the actions of criminals and restrict your right to keep and bear arms. We need all gun owners to become active in the fight to preserve your civil rights. If you are not a member of the

National Rifle Association, you should join today. Despite the rumors and impressions some people give, a strong NRA is active in California fighting for your rights in Sacramento. Only through strength in numbers will they remain effective. Consider joining them today.

<http://membership.nrahq.org/>

2013 Club Officers

The annual elections were held on December 18th. The officers did not change, but the new two year board members will start their positions on February 1, 2013. Here are the results.

Two Year Board Member – Billy White
Two Year Board Member – Karen Chitwood
Two Year Board Member – John Miller
Two Year Board Member – Jeff Miller

One Year Board Member – Wes Morris
One Year Board Member – Craig Johnson
One Year Board Member – Josh House
One Year Board Member – Mike Donnelly

President – Tom Brown
Vice President – Melanie White
Treasurer – Susan Brown
Secretary – Wesley Morris

Classified Ads – Items for Sale

Do you have something you need to sell? Then please e-mail us at info@taftsc.com and let us know and we will put it in the monthly newsletter. Please send us the item description, price, your name, phone number, and your e-mail address.

Donated Ammunition for Sale

Longtime Taft Sportsmen's Club member Steve Hill recently donated some of his ammunition to the club. Since some of the ammunition is to some unique firearms, we can't use it for youth shooting, but we can sell it and use the proceeds to fund of our youth programs.

If you are interested in purchasing any of this ammunition, please contact us at 661 745-0416 and dial extension 0 or e-mail us at info@taftsc.com. You can also come see Wes the next time you are at Ten Percent Firearms to take a look.



List of Ammo for Sale:

.45 GAP Speer 185 Gr. GDHP \$25 2 Boxes 20Rnd
.45 GAP Speer 200 Gr. GDHP \$25 2 Boxes 20Rnd
.45 GAP Speer 185 Gr. Lawman \$27 2 Boxes 50Rn
~~.45 GAP Win 230 Gr. Winclean \$25 2 Boxes 50Rnds~~
~~.45 GAP Win 230 Gr. FMJ \$27 1 Box 50 Rounds~~
~~.45 GAP Federal 230 Gr. FMJ \$27 1 Box 50 Rounds~~
.243 Winchester 100 Gr. PP \$16 6 Boxes 20 Rnds
.243 Remington 80 Gr. PSP \$18 2 Boxes 20 Rnds
.17 Rem Remington 25 Gr. HP \$27 2 Boxes 20 Rnd
12 Ga Dead Coyote 3.5" T \$40 3 Boxes 10 Rounds
12 Ga Dead Coyote 3" T \$40 3 Boxes 10 Rounds
~~12 Ga Rem Wing HD 3.5" BB \$25 1 Box 10 Rounds~~
~~12 Ga Rem Wing HD 3" T \$25 4 Boxes 10 Rounds~~

.22 Action Shooters – 4th Saturday of the Month

Do you have a .22 rimfire rifle or pistol you wish you would go out and shoot more often? We have a reason for you to shoot it at least once a month at our .22 Action Shooters Matches!

The stages are designed to not require more than 10 rounds to complete (unless you miss) and you can use any .22 rimfire rifle or pistol. Juniors (under 21) always shoot for free and adults are only \$20 or \$15 with club membership.

We shoot every 4th Saturday at 9 AM so don't miss

out on what is turning into one of the most exciting events at our range.



Zach Morris runs the timer for junior shooter Seth Taylor during the April .22 Action Shooters Match.

Youth Trap Shoots – Third Sundays at 1 PM

Trap shooters stepping up to the line to shoot at the weekly Trap Shoot.



In addition to the weekly trap shoots on Thursday's at 4:30 PM, we have monthly youth trap shoots on the third Sunday of the month at 1 PM.

There is no cost to juniors and we can also provide firearms and ammo is always provided. Just bring your parent and come on down for some trap shooting fun!

International Defensive Pistol Association – 3rd Saturdays

Taft IDPA shoots on the third Saturday of the month every month. Show up for registration at 8:30 AM and shooting starts at 9 AM.

Cost is \$25 for non-members, \$20 for IDPA or TSC members, or \$15 for members of both or for shooters with military ID. Juniors (under 21) and first time ladies shoot for free and get free ammo!


To participate all you need is a handgun, three magazines, holsters, and about 100 rounds of ammo. You can get more details at

www.taftidpa.com.



A new junior shooter draws and fires while Safety Officer Jeremiah Morris runs the timer and Match Director Joe Little observes during the June IDPA Match.

~ March 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range
3	4	5	6	7 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	8	9 CCW Initial Class @ TSC Range
10	11	12	13	14 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	15	16 IDPA 8:00 AM
17 Junior Trap Shoot 1 PM	18	19	20	21 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	22	23 22 Action Shooters 8:00 AM
24	25	26 Monthly Meeting Pizza Factory 6:30 PM	27	28 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	29	30
31	Notes:					



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◀ March ~ April 2013 ~ May ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	5 Trout Pond @ Kern County Fairgrounds 10 AM – 7 PM	6 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range Trout Pond @ Kern County Fairgrounds 10 AM – 7 PM
7 Trout Pond @ Kern County Fairgrounds 10 AM – 5 PM	8	9	10	11 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	19	20 IDPA 8:00 AM
21 Junior Trap Shoot 1 PM	22	23 Monthly Meeting Pizza Factory 6:30 PM	24	25 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	26	27 22 Action Shooters 8:00 AM
28	29	30	Notes:			

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Please find below the annual renewal membership that is due January 1. Please complete the application and send it in along with your \$40.00 membership fee to:

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You and members of your family (children under 18 years old living at home) will continue to receive the semi-monthly newsletter with your active membership. Thank you for supporting the mission of the Taft Sportsmen's Club.

You can also pay for your membership with Pay Pal. Please see our website for more details.

<http://www.taftsc.com/membership.html>

RENEWAL AND/OR NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Spouse: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(number) (street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: (____) _____-_____ Date of Birth: _____

e-mail address (please write legibly): _____

Would you like your newsletter e-mailed to you? Please check one:

YES	Yes I would like to help save club funds by receiving the newsletter by e-mail!
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No	I would still like to receive the club newsletter by postal mail to the mailing address above.
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CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1st OF EACH YEAR

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TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

For a \$60 donation your company will receive a business card sized ad and a copy of the bi-monthly Taft Sportsmen's Club Newsletter mailed (or e-mailed) to you. Along with supporting the Taft Sportsmen's Club in all of their endeavors, you will also be receiving valuable news and information on community and Taft Sportsmen's Club events. Here are just a few of the club activities.

- Junior Pheasant Hunt
- Habitat Restoration
- Hunter Safety Courses
- Kid's Trout Pont – RV & Boat Show
- Hunting Contests
- Trap Shoots
- International Defensive Pistol Association
- Helping with the Veteran's Stand Down
- Contributions for Christmas Funds
- Wildlife Conservation Scholarships

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e-mail address (please write legibly): _____

Would you like your newsletter e-mailed to you? Please check one:

YES	Yes I would like to help save club funds by receiving the newsletter by e-mail!	No	I would still like to receive the club newsletter by postal mail to the mailing address above.
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Membership Cards

Please note your membership card is printed as your address label on your newsletter. If you receive your newsletter online, your name is printed on a list at the range that authorizes you to use the range.

Range Gate Combination Change

Please note the combination to the gate at the range has changed. You can find the new gate combination inside.

Membership is Due!

Membership dues are for a calendar year. If you talk to anyone who did not receive their newsletter, it is because they had not renewed their membership. Have them renew today!

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2013 Membership Card**