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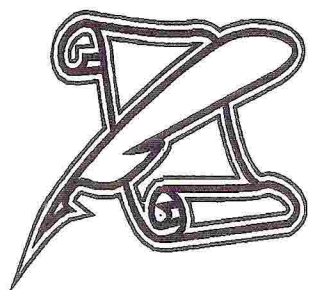
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Months of April & May, 2011

NOW A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We've got a lot of new and exciting projects still to come this year. We have our banquet and trout pond behind us, and we are having great turn outs for our range clean ups and other range projects. I want to thank everyone for all their help that has been given to us and let you know that I appreciate all that you do for your club. Now, we're gearing up for the 4th of July fireworks booth and **Mike Donnelly** has graciously accepted the chairmanship again this year of this big event; so, I am asking everyone to pitch in and help **Mike** out at this year's event. We're waiting for the draw for our location this year. We've got more exciting pro-



jects coming up with our Laser Shot system as well as some exciting events with our newest partners, the IDPA. We'll be holding several pistol shoots between now and the end of the year. Check out our Facebook for dates of events. With everyone's effort we're having another great year with our club in all our endeavors. We can always use your help with any and all of our projects. Now is the time to get involved and help your club to grow even more. Thanks again to our great members and all the support that you have shown.

SUNSHINE

If you know of any member that is sick, or someone that has passed, or just anyone that might need a little encouragement note, give **Sue Brown** a call so she can get a card off to them. Call **765.2704** for **Sue**.



2011 NRA Dinner

We've got tickets for the **2011 NRA Dinner and Auction** to be held on **Thursday, June 9, 2011**, beginning at **5:00 p.m. at OT's Cookhouse at 205 N. 10th St., Taft**. Please join the NRA in keeping our firearms heritage alive and well. You can contact us for additional ticket information or please find enclosed the dinner information flyer. We need to support our friends at the NRA as they have always supported the Taft Sportsmen's Club. It's going to be an evening full of fun and surprises and giveaways. Come on and join in the fun.

MEMBER RECOGNITION



One of our members, **Craig Johnson**, an instructor at Taft College, was recently honored as a "Valley Great" running coach by Fresno State. Please take a look at the enclosed article from the Taft Midway Driller. Our congratulations go out to Craig.

TRAP RANGE



We're having our weekly shoots at the range on **Thursday afternoons** beginning at **4:30**. Kids 16 and under get to shoot for free. We'll have the Laser Shot out the range on **June 3**, and we'll be able to demonstrate and let everyone participate and show us their skills and have some fun. Also, a BBQ is slated on **June 3** after the shoot for members and non-members. We'll have some good eating - **\$6 for adults** and **\$4 for kids**. Come on out!

SNAKE TIME

Did you know that more than 8,000 people are bitten in the US each year by rattlesnakes, but only about a dozen or so will actually die. It's starting to warm up, and snakes will be out; so, here's a few tips in case you or anyone else should get bitten.

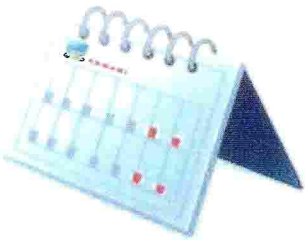
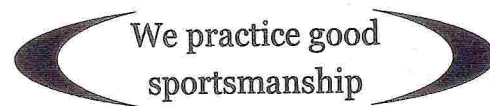
1. Move yourself and/or a victim immediately to a safe area to avoid being bitten again. Keep the victim calm.
2. Remove watches, rings, etc. They could constrict swelling.
3. Keep the bite below the level of the heart.
4. Immobilize the affected area, and if possible, wash the bite area gently with soap and water.
5. If you need to transport a victim, contact the medical facility to confirm they are prepared to treat a snakebite victim.
6. Do not give any stimulants such as alcohol.
7. Do not apply a tourniquet or ice to the puncture.
8. Apply suction from a snakebite kit as a last resort, but do not use one's mouth.
9. If possible, it is crucial to kill and keep the snake for identification purposes.
10. Call the nearest medical facility for immediate treatment. It must be verified that the facility carries anti-venom to treat the bite.

These are a few things to keep in mind when an accident like this occurs.



RANGE COMBINATION

Be watching for a letter in the mail with a new combination for the range gate. This letter will go out to all club members. The combination hasn't been changed for a few years; so, it's time. We ask that you don't give the combination out to your friends. We're noticing that people are leaving their spent shells, glass, and garbage laying around at the range. We need to be aware and pick up our trash. We also ask that you don't use glass as targets. We've had the storage trailer broken into several times with stuff taken, but we now have a secure system to keep people out. We ask for everyone's cooperation to help keep our range safe and clean. We're in the process of creating some new range rules. As soon as these are completed we will post at the range. We're very fortunate to have our range. We ask you to respect it!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, May 24 @ 6:30 at
Taft Motorcycle Club

Taft College graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 20 at Martin Memorial Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be issuing a \$500 scholarship to one proud individual.



Taft IDPA May Match

Share · Public Event

Time Sunday, May 15 · 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location Taft Sportsmen's Club Range

Created By Taft Sportsmen's Club & Junior Division

More Info Come shoot our next Taft IDPA Match Sunday May 15, 2011. Check in will be a 9am and the event starts at 10am. Bring you gun, holster, mag pouches, concealment, and at least 100 rounds. Cost is \$20 or \$15 for IDPA or TSC members or those with military ID.

Remember that juniors and first time ladies are always free and can receive free ammo and a loaner gun and holster if you are one of the first 8 to register.

If you have any questions, just e-mail us at info@taftidpa.com

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The Committee Cordially Invites You to Attend Our 9th Annual
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TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB & JUNIOR DIVISION

Please find below the annual renewal membership that's due January 1. Please complete the application and send it in along with your \$25.00 membership fee to:

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You and members of your family (children under 18 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.

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CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR

Former Taft College running coach honored Craig Johnson honored by Fresno State as a 'Valley Great'

By Dennis McCall
Driller Staff Writer

It's been 17 years since Taft College was a dominant force in community college track and field and cross country, but a belated award has been bestowed on the architects of those programs.

Fresno State University has named former TC track and cross country coaches Doug Wells and Craig Johnson "Valley Greats" for their achievements.

Both, along with three former Cougar track standouts who competed at Fresno State, were honored recently in Fresno.

Johnson, who was TC's first cross country coach and an assistant to head track coach Wells, was recognized for coaching achievements.

Wells, although he has been a leading track and field coach for the past 28 years, was honored for his exploits as an athlete at Porterville high school and college.

After Taft College axed

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-Craig Johnson

its entire athletic program in 1994, Wells became director of track and field at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

"It was really unexpected," Johnson said of the awards, "especially after all these years. It was great to see Doug and three of the athletes that were here."

They are middle distance runner Jeff Roberson, who set an indoor world record in the 500 and is now a fifth grade teacher in Sacramento; Robert Foster, a two-time Olympic high hurdler; and Trishun Jackson, a sprinter on the 1990 Cougar team who

became a police officer and member of the SWAT team for the Fresno City Police Dept. and made a miraculous recovery after being wounded by a shotgun blast during a routine traffic stop.

"It's always good to hear what the kids are doing once they leave Taft," Johnson said.

He started the cross country program at TC after being badgered for more than a year by then Dean of Instruction Paul Filter.

"I kept telling him that I never competed and that I didn't know the first thing about cross country," Johnson said. "I finally gave in."

He was glad he did. Johnson guided the Cougars to eight conference, northern and southern California championships and one state title.

He also coached distance runners on the track team.

His success as a coach at TC earned him an invitation to the U.S. Olympic training facility in

Colorado Springs four consecutive years where he helped train athletes and participated in cutting edge research.

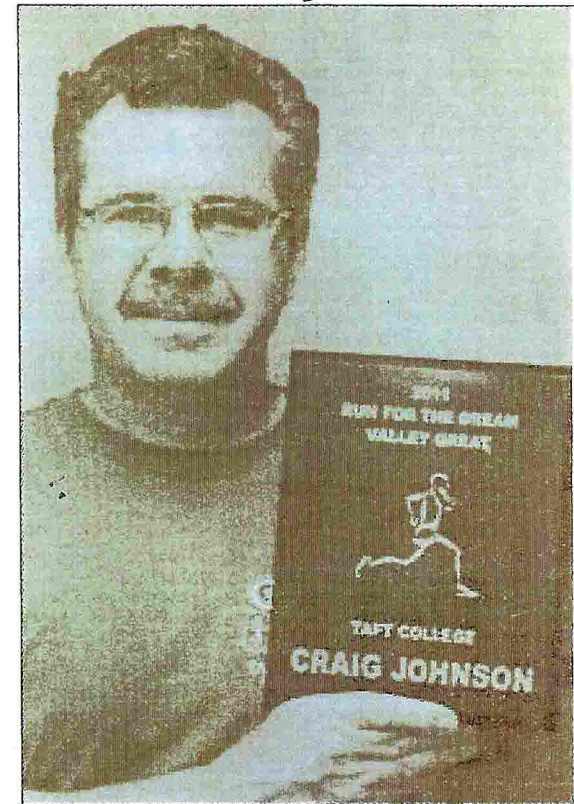
Under Wells and Johnson Cougar track teams won 11 conference titles, eight regional crowns and four state championships.

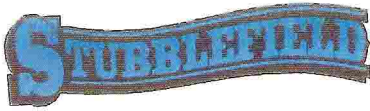
In 1985, at the state championships in Modesto, the Cougar men set a state record by scoring 144 points. It still stands.

In addition, the Cougars set eight national track and field records and produced three Olympians: Brandon Rock (USA), Brian Wellman (Bermuda) and Foster (Jamaica).

An assistant coach on many of those teams was Jeff Chudy, now the head football coach at Bakersfield College.

Former TC cross country coach Craig Johnson was named a "Valley Great" by Fresno State University. Johnson teaches biology at TC.





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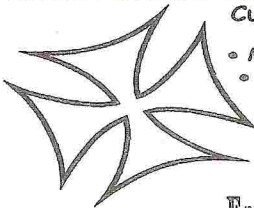
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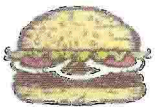
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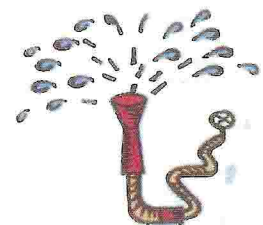
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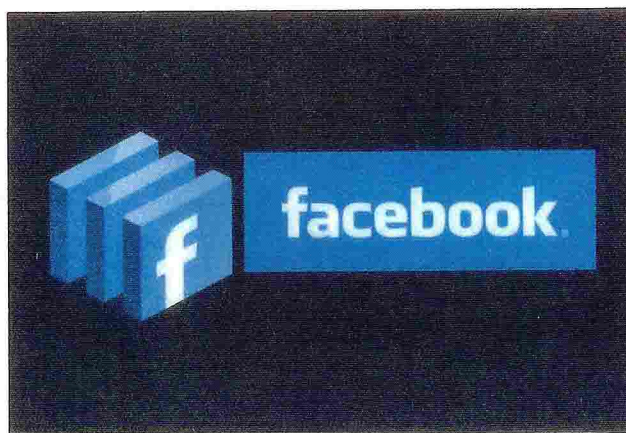
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