

Taft Sportsmen's Club

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Semi-Monthly Newsletter

June & July, 2011

THANKS FROM MIKE DONNELLY, 2011 FIREWORKS BOOTH

Mike Donnelly, chairman of the 2011 fireworks booth for the Taft Sportsmen's Club, would like to thank all club members, friends, and families in our community for their outstanding support during the operation of this year's fireworks booth. Also a big thanks to the following people and businesses: John Miller, Adrien & Jennifer Baker, Eric Ross, Joe Gregory, Melody White, Jimmy & Karen Chitwood, Chad Chitwood, James Donnelly, Kacie Lane, Clarence Ferguson, Aaron Burt, Craig & Marina Johnson, Shirley Donnelly, Alan Brookshire, Don & Tammy Pezer, Paul Burt, Owner, of Paul Burt Electric for installation all of the electrical for the stand and for the donation of two bikes for the club raffles, to Darrell Melton and Darrin Layton for generously donating the use of their property and electricity at the Arena Cross for the booth, and to Dale & Patti White and Sahib Mujahid of Excellent Fire Protection for charging our fire extinguishers. Winners of the box of American Pride Fireworks was the Gina Flinn, the bicycles were won by Eric Ross and Thomas Demalade, the mini bike was won by Dirk Hagoort, Jr. Congratulations to all our winners! We appreciate Taft Sportsmen's Club's faithfulness to their club, all of our patrons, and to the wonderful people of Taft for their continued support of the Taft Sportsmen's Club. Proceeds from this event will benefit local groups including Taft High School and Taft College wildlife conservation scholarships, habitat restoration, the annual Junior Pheasant Hunt, and donations to families in our community during the holidays or during times of need. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Taft Sportsmen's Club or would like any information, please contact **Tom Brown**, President, at **765-2704**.

HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE

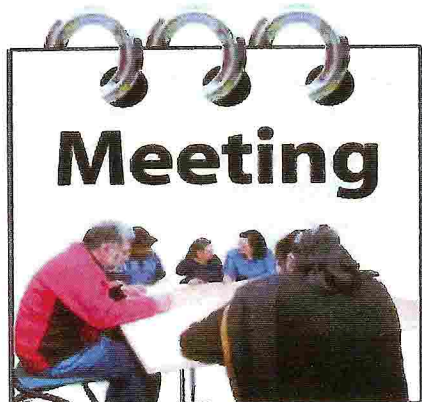
Our next Hunter Safety Course of the year will be held on **August 1, 2, & 3** at the **Westside Parks & Recreation District**. **Ray Mortimer, Larry Heptinstall, & Jay Thomas** are the instructors for these classes held at **500 Cascade Place** from **6:30 – 9:30 p.m.** There is a \$5 per person facility fee due from all in attendance. This fee is collected by the **Westside Parks & Recreation District**. If you know someone needing to take the class in order to obtain a California Hunting License, let them *know* about these classes. No fee is required by the **Taft Sportsmen's Club** to take the classes and the registration takes place the first night of the class. There are three **(3)** mandatory sessions for this course. The last hunter's safety class of the year is scheduled for **October 3, 4, & 5, 2011**. Mark these dates on your calendars.



ATTENTION – NEW MEETING LOCATION

We have moved our meeting location to the **Pizza Factory** located at **614 Center Street, Taft**. Please join us for our next meeting, have a pizza, salad, or a drink and become an active part of your club. Our upcoming meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, July 26 @ 6:30 – Pizza Factory
Tuesday, August 23 @ 6:30 – Pizza Factory
Tuesday, September 27 @ 6:30 – Pizza Factory
Tuesday, October 25 @ 6:30 – Pizza Factory
Tuesday, November 22 @ 6:30 – Pizza Factory
Tuesday, November 27 @ 6:30 – Pizza Factory



TRAP SHOOTS

The weekly trap shoots are being held on **Thursdays @ 4:30** at the **Trap Range on Petroleum Club Road**. Grab your gun, the family, and your shells and head on out to the range for a great evening. Hope to see you then!

GRADUATION DAYS

Well — all the schools are out for the summer. We're sure that most of us had someone in their families graduating or at least knew someone graduating. We would like to congratulate all graduates from the class of 2011 and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. The Taft Sportsmen's Club recipient of a \$500 scholarship was Zayra Balenzuela who attends Taft College. Congratulations to Zayra and all the graduates of 2011.



UPCOMING IDPA SHOOT

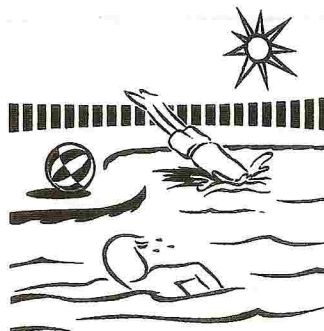
The **IDPA Action Shooters** will be holding their next shoot at the range on **Saturday, August 20** beginning around **9:00 a.m.** You're invited to join **Wes Morris** at the range for a great day of shooting. Below are listed the upcoming IDPA shoots —

Saturday, August 20
Saturday, September 17
Saturday, October 15
Saturday, November 19
Saturday, December 17

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Saturday, August 20, 2011

IDPA CLASSIFIER SHOOT

No Squading—Shoot through 3 Stages

8:00am—12:00pm

Taft Sportsmen's Club Range

\$20 per person

\$15 per person, IDPA or TSC members

SWIMMING & BBQ

11:00am—2:00pm

(BBQ will start at 12:00pm)

Natatorium Pool, 821 4th Street, Taft

\$10 per person: Adults (13 and older)

\$5 per person: Kids (12 and younger)

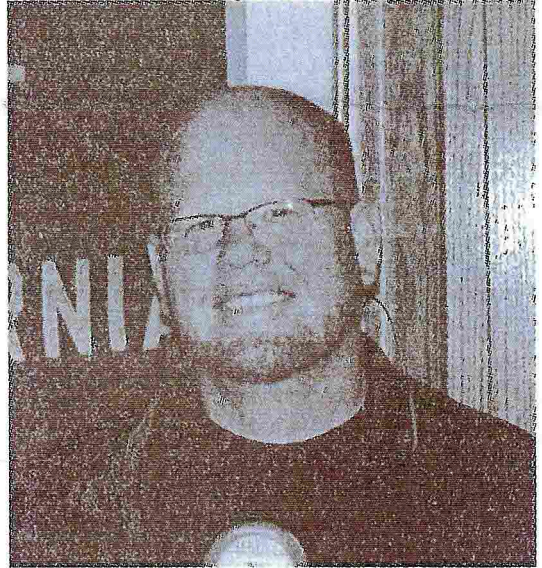
Taft Rotary Club learns about firearm advocacy

The activities of several firearms advocacy groups were the topic of last week's meeting of the Rotary Club. Rotarian Wes Morris, owner of Ten Percent Firearms in Taft, told of four groups active in the State's political activities relative to gun control. First was the National Rifle Association (NRA), while a nation-wide group, is very active in California in a number of areas including legislative

The California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) focuses strictly on California in ways similar to the NRA. The Calguns Foundation promotes education for all stakeholders about firearms laws, rights, and privileges. The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) is mainly an educational and legal action organization.

He said that there are very active programs of firearms education in the Taft area and the Central Valley leads the rest of the nation in fund-raising for this purpose.

Morris said there was no gun legislation until about 1933 when prohibition brought the use of firearms to the forefront as rival gangs began shooting each



Wes Morris

other. This prompted the first gun control laws. The Gun Control Act of 1968 was prompted by the assassination of Robert Kennedy. This prohibits the selling of firearms to certain categories of individuals.



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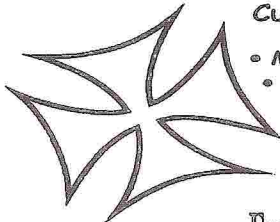
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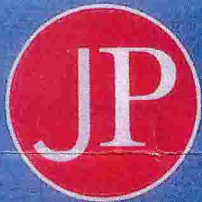


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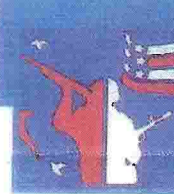
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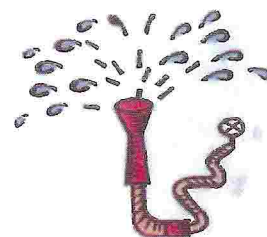
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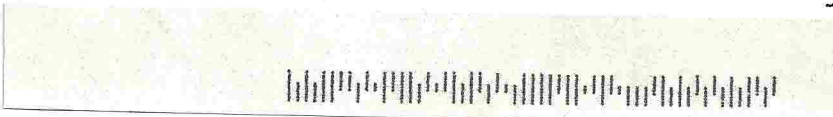
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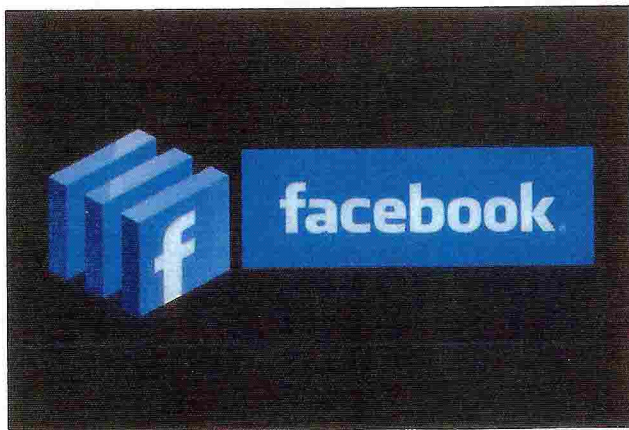


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