

TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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2011 Awards Banquet

The 2011 Awards Banquet was a rousing success with 140 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 \$42,000. Coleen Morris made the presentations while Gary Morris, Wesley Morris, Susan Brown, and Travis Milner held the life sized checks.

The Sportsman of the Year for 2011 was Jimmy Chitwood. Jim has been a tireless volunteer for the Taft Sportsmen's Club. He cleans up the range, helps at the fireworks booth, is at the Junior Pheasant Hunt, puts in countless hours and the Trout Pond, and has always been dependable for this club. Jimmy's love for the outdoors, hunting, and fishing makes him an excellent recipient off the Sportsman of the Year.

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.

Now it is time to get out and earn those awards!

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2011 Activity Coordinators		
Newsletter - Sue Brown/ Shirley Donnelly	Membership - Sue Brown	
Publicity - Sue Brown	Awards Banquet - Tom/Sue Brown	
Kid's Fish Pond - Tom Brown/Sue Brown	Master of Ceremonies - Billy White	
Grant Writing - Wes Morris	Banquet Program/Display - Craig Johnson	
Fireworks Booth - Mike Donnelly	Junior Hunt - Tom Brown / Sue Brown	
Sunshine - Sue Brown	Trap Range - Allen Brookshire / John Miller	
Antler Measuring - Jeff Miller	Fish Reports - Craig Johnson	
Hunter Safety - Ray Mortimer	Larry Heptenstall, Jay Thomas	
2012 Officers		
President - Tom Brown	1 Year Board	2 Year Board
Vice President - Melanie White	John Miller	Wes Morris
Secretary - Wes Morris	Jim Chitwood	Allen Brookshire
Treasurer - Sue Brown	Melanie White	Josh House
	Wayne White	Mike Donnelly
2011 Awards		
A Zone Buck		
1 st Place - Gerardo Figueroa	2 nd Place - James Donnelly	
1 st Place Women - Marina Johnson		
Remainder of State Buck - George Napoleon Perpetual Trophy*		
**1 st Place - Vance Ross 08 74 0/8		
Out-of-State Buck - Moslander Trophy*		
**1 st Place - Joe Gregory NV 01 3/8	2 nd Place - Eric Ross NV 85 2/8	
Junior A Zone Buck		Junior Out-of State Buck
1 st Place - Taryn Yochum 69 7/8	1 st Place - Sutton Yochum	
Luck Buck		
Jim Chitwood, Don Pezer, Ray Kookan, Craig Johnson, Jeff Miller, Tom Brown, Chad Chitwood		
Trout - Sticker Lane Perpetual Trophy*		
*1 st Place - Jeff Miller 8 lb-5oz 2 nd Place - Mel Gregory 5.93 lbs		
Largemouth Bass		
1 st Place - Chad Chitwood 5 lbs-15oz 2 nd Place - James Chitwood 4 lbs-4oz		
Ocean Bottom Fish		Ocean Game Fish
1 st Place - Don Pezer 8lb 12oz		1 st Place - Craig Johnson 23lb yellowtail
Adult Fish Barrel		
Sue Brown, Tom Brown, Sally Johnson, Marina Johnson, Tammy Pezer		
Junior Fish Barrel		
Taryn Yochum		Sutton Yochum
Nature Photography		
1 st Place - Craig Johnson 2 nd Place - Sally Johnson		
'AA' Trap		'B' Trap
1 st Place - Tom Moore		1 st Place - Brock Fedewa
'C' Trap		Women Trap
1 st Place - Jeremiah Morris		1 st Place - Melanie White
Life Time Service Award		Junior Trap
Betty Scheidemantel Ray Kookan Bill Asserson		1 st Place - Michael Chitwood
Sportsman of the Year		
Jimmy Chitwood		



Banquet night attendees sit down for an excellent OT Cookhouse meal. The Wall of Animals and raffles prizes fill the background.



The line starts to form for dinner.

Jimmy Chitwood receives his Sportsman of the Year Award



Emily Arnold from OT Cookhouse serves dinner to banquet attendees.



Memberships

The club currently boasts a membership of **250** members. Remember that club dues are effective for a calendar year, so be sure to pay your 2012 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. Be sure to renew by March 1st if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. If you think there is an error, please contact us and we will help get it figured out.

January-12 means January 2012 aka over due!

Trout Pond at the Central Valley Sportsman's Boat & RV Show

By Wesley Morris

The 35th Annual Central Valley Sportsmen's Boat, RV and Outdoor Living Show will be held at the Kern County Fairgrounds from Friday February 24 through Sunday February 26, 2012.

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 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

"Just to be able to see the look on these kid's faces when they catch their first fish is outstanding." – Tom Brown

Members Under the Weather

Becky Brookshire had surgery and is at home recovering. Melanie White spent too many years riding motorcycles and riding horses and is having some back issues. She is going to the doctor to try and find out the issue. Please keep both of these members in your thoughts and prayers.



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.



The Central Valley Sportsmen's Boat, RV, & Outdoor Living Show is at the Kern County Fairgrounds.

Online Newsletter

The Taft Sportsmen's Club Newsletter has met the Internet! You can find our newsletters online at www.taftsc.com/newsletter.html . If you would like to save the club the cost of postage, please e-mail us at info@taftsc.com and request we send you a notification when the online copy is available and we will stop sending you the paper version.

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New Club Officers



The 2012 TSC Club Officers are: (left to right) Tom Brown, President; Melanie White, Vice President; Wes Morris, Secretary, Susan Brown, Treasurer

Weekly Trap Shoots – Thursdays at 4:30 PM.

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



With the installation of new lights out at the range, the weekly trap shoots start at 4:30 PM and last as long as there are shooters there to shoot. That is right we can now shoot all year round.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members, per round. Juniors always shoot for free. Just bring out your shotgun and your ammo and have a great time.

International Defensive Pistol Association – 3rd Saturdays

Taft IDPA shoots on the third Saturday of the month every month whether rain or shine. 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 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.



Larry Brookshire is holding his child's hand in the mall when the child is suddenly kidnapped! Safety Officer Joe Little stands by to give the start signal.

Hunter's Safety Course

Here is a reminder that the next Hunter Safety Course will be February 6–8, 2012. 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.

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

2012 Hunter Safety Schedule

February 6–8, May 7–9, August 6–8, October 1–3



Monthly Club Meetings



Next Meeting: February 28th, 2012

Our club meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the banquet room at Pizza Factory at 614 Center Street in Taft. Come down and buy yourself some pizza and drinks and participate in the operation of **your** sportsmen's club.

Advanced Hunting Clinics

The advanced hunting clinics focus on the basics of hunting. The series includes sessions on how to hunt turkey, upland game, waterfowl, and big game. Topics covered in each clinic include type of firearm, ammunition, importance of sighting in the firearm, gauging distance, scouting, tracking, field dressing, shoot–don't shoot scenarios, hunter ethics, landowner–hunter relationships, conservation, and safety. The goal of this series of hunting clinics is to develop ethical, conservation–minded, successful hunters through education...taking the hunter a step beyond the basic Hunter Education course.

Contact for more information: Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916–358–4356 or www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/index.aspx

"DFG's Advanced Hunting Clinics focus on the 'how-tos' of hunting"

The next local clinic will be Saturday February 18, 2012 at Tejon Ranch. Topics will include: hunting turkeys both in the winter and fall, hunting regulations, huntable lands, proper types of firearms and ammunition, proper clothing, habits and habitats of wild turkey. Other topics include turkey hunting safety, hunter responsibilities and ethics, game care and cooking. All skill levels are welcome to attend.

Space is limited. Cost: \$45. 16 years of age and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/wildturkey_tejon.aspx

◀ December		~ January 2012 ~					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3 Horn Measuring 6 PM – 9 PM Pizza Factory	4	5 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	6	7 Work Party 8 AM – 1 PM	
8	9	10	11	12 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	20	21 IDPA Cancelled due to weather Annual Awards Banquet OT Cookhouse 6 PM – 9 PM	
22	23	24 Club Meeting 6:30 PM Pizza Factory	25	26 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	27	28	
29	30	31	Notes:				



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◀ January		~ February 2012 ~					March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	17	18 Taft IDPA 8 AM – 1 PM	
19	20	21	22	23 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	24 Trout Pond 2 PM – 7 PM	25 Trout Pond 10 AM – 7 PM	
26 Trout Pond 10 AM – 5 PM	27	28 Club Meeting 6:30 PM Pizza Factory	29	Notes:			

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If you want to share your hunting, fishing, or outdoors photos in the newsletter, please submit them to info@taftsc.com !



On January 7, Wes Morris, DJ & Clay Hamblin, Kevin & Little Kevin Newlen, & Bob Morris went hunting with Blake's Guide Service in Williams just north of Sacramento.



Wes Morris holds up a coyote he shot while coyote calling the last stand of the day on December 29.

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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 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: _____
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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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- Junior Pheasant Hunt
- Habitat Restoration
- Hunter Safety Courses
- Kid's Trout Pont – RV & Boat Show
- Hunting Contests
- Trap Shoots
- International Defensive Pistol Association
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Membership Cards

As we transition to a new secretary, please be aware we are currently behind in sending out membership cards. We will be attempting to catch back up over the next month or so. Thank you for your patience.

New Gate Combination

The TSC Range Gate Combination will be changing in the March/April Newsletter. Make sure your membership dues are paid in order to receive the newsletter and new combination.

We're on the Web!

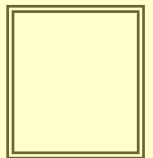
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