

TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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2012 Trout Pond

The 2012 Trout Pond at the 35th Annual Central Valley Sportsmen's Boat, RV and Outdoor Living Show was once again the highlight of the show. This wouldn't have been possible without the continued support of our volunteers like: **Tom Brown, Sue Brown, Karen Chitwood, Jimmy Chitwood, William Barber, Clarence Ferguson, John Miller, Jeff Miller, Steve Schmitz, Don Pezer, Billy White, Aaron Burt, Mike Donnelly, Wayne White, Melanie White, Andrew Montoya, James Donnelly, Kacie Lane, Grant Robertson, & Billy Brashier.**

The joy on the children's faces (and their parents) as they catch their first fish is indescribable. You have to see it to believe it and we would like to invite all of our members to come out and pitch in at next year's Trout Pond.

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Memberships

The club currently boasts a membership of **256** 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 April 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!

Taft Sportsmen's Club Improves Communication!

The Taft Sportsmen's Club has taken a few steps to improve communication with its members.

First, we have created a new telephone system for the club. You can now contact multiple members of the club 24 hours a day at (661) 745-0416.

When you leave a voicemail at this new telephone number, it sends an e-mail to the relevant members so they can answer your questions in a timely manner. Since the people the system contacts can be changed, there is no need to change the club phone number when there are new elections.

"You can now leave a message for the club 24 hours a day and to the program you want." - Tom Brown

Member Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom Moore for the loss of his brother.

Keep Your Range Clean!

President Tom Brown has reported that the range has been a bit dirty lately. It is all club member's responsibility to clean up their targets and mess after shooting in the bays. That includes picking up your spent brass and shotgun shells.

Please do your part in helping keep our range clean for everyone to enjoy. Do not leave spent targets and trash in the bays. Please use the garbage cans for garbage and not targets! Thank you.

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.

And don't forget us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/taftsportsmensclub

You can also sign up for our Facebook Groups so you will be sure to get invited to the latest IDPA or .22 Action Match events!



Like our Facebook page and groups to help stay up to date on all of the latest and greatest your club has to offer.

New Gate Combination

The Taft Sportsmen's Club Range gate combination will change on Monday March 5, 2012. You can find the new combination in your mailed newsletter. Please do not share this combination with anyone. If they are a current club dues paying member, they will have the combination. Thank you.



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.

.22 Action Match

The Taft Sportsmen's Club is proud to announce a new shooting program that is to take place on the 4th Saturday of the month at the TSC Range: .22 Action Matches.

The .22 Action Matches are open to all ages of shooters and a variety of different .22 LR chambered rifles and pistols. Josh House and Jeremiah Morris will be spearheading the new program, but the more people that become involved, the more successful it will be.

The first match will be held on Saturday March 24, 2012 with registration starting at 8 AM. You can find more information at www.taftsc.com/22.html or on the flyer included in the newsletter.



Monthly Club Meetings



Next Meeting: March 27, 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.

Friends of NRA Grants

The Taft Sportsmen's Club was once again issued grants at the recent Central California Friends of NRA grant meeting in Visalia.

The Trap Program was issued \$15,793.32 to replace the current trap machine with a new automated machine and guns, ammo, and clays to start a new free youth trap shooting program.

The IDPA program was awarded \$19,228.25 in order to expand its current targets with more steel reactive targets and to also include guns and ammunition for the Defensive Multi-Gun Program.

The Laser Shot Trailer was approved for a \$2000 addition of an archery component which will include archery equipment and software.

And finally the Junior Pheasant Hunt was again granted full funding in the amount of \$6,811.84

"These grants are vital to the future and health of this sportsmen's club." - Wes Morris

in order to pay for birds, hunting vests, and safety glasses.

Central California FNRA Chairman Wesley Morris stated, "These grants are vital to the future and health of this sportsmen's club. We have been able to finance so many useful programs with these funds. The least our membership can do is to go and support our local FNRA dinner banquets, like the upcoming Taft Banquet at OT Cookhouse on Thursday June 14."

The grant funds should be distributed sometime in March and the details will follow in future newsletters.

~ March 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time	12	13	14	15 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	16	17 Taft IDPA 9 AM
18	19	20	21	22 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	23	24 22 Action Shooters 9 AM
25	26 Club Meeting 6:30 PM Pizza Factory	27	28	29 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	30	31



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~ April 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	6	7
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 Taft IDPA 9 AM
22	23	24 Club Meeting 6:30 PM Pizza Factory	25	26 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM	27	28 22 Action Shooters 9 AM
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Member Photos

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



On February 19, Monte Gould and Joe Little hosted an IDPA Safety Officer class at the Petroleum Club and the Taft Sportsmen's Club Range. 13 students showed up to become certified IDPA safety officers. Thank you to everyone for attending.



Matt Duff & Jessie Harrison from the Outdoor Channel at the 2011 Jr. Pheasant Hunt. The TSC Jr. Pheasant Hunt airs on The Outdoor Channel in March.

Taft Sportsmen's Club & Junior Division

NEW!

RIMFIRE ACTION SHOOTING



Saturday, March 24, 2012

(and the 4th Saturday of every month following)

8:00 a.m. **Registration Begins**
8:45 a.m. **Safety Briefing**
9:00 a.m. **Shooting Competition**

Location: **Taft Sportsmen's Club Range**

Join us for our new Rimfire Action Shooting Program... Fun (and cheap) for everyone!

- 5-6 simple stages each match
- Combination of steel, clay and paper targets
- Just about any weapon chambered in .22lr is allowed... from rifle to handgun, scope or no scope
- Equipment needed: .22lr rifle or pistol, ammunition, at least 5 magazines, eye and ear protection
- No automatic or suppressed weapons
- Juniors must have a parent present while participating and know the 4 rules of gun safety
- Info/rules on our website - www.taftsc.com/22.html

MATCH FEES:

\$15 Club Members
\$20 Non-Club Members
\$10 Seniors (60+)
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RE-ENTRY FEES:

\$10 Same Weapon
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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
- Helping with the Veteran's Stand Down
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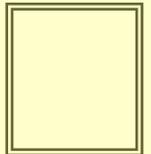
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