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Taft Shooter's Challenge 2012

The First Annual Taft Shooter's Challenge was held on Saturday September 29th, 2012 at the Taft Sportsmen's Club Range and throughout the Westside and was an exciting success. Shooters came from as far away as the Bay Area and Los Angeles in order to compete in this challenging race that mixed shooting with Geocaching.

Competitors started by having to shoot all of the targets in a .22 long rifle stage. Stage 1 required shooters to shoot army men at about 30 yards with a scoped Savage MKII rifle. Stage 2 used an AR15-22 with a 3X ACOG scope to shoot clays at distances from a few feet to thirty yards. Stage 3 required competitors to shoot various steel targets with an open sighted S&W MP15-22 rifle. And Stage 4 used a Tactical Solutions Glock .22 LR conversion to shoot bowling pins at varying distances.

Once a competitor cleared their designated shooting stage, they would receive the coordinates to a Geocache that was planted somewhere on the Westside. There was a 2x4 course and a 4x4 course and Geocaches were ranged from the other side of Maricopa, to the hills high above Taft, and over to North Lincoln Street. Once the team arrived and found the Geocache, they brought a code word back to the range and were then assigned to the next shooting stage. The team that completed all four stages in the least time would be the winner.

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Three teams competed in the 4x4 class and five teams competed in the 2x4 class. However, one of the teams ended up leaving the 4x4 class and restarting after failing to find a Geocaching stage after about two hours of searching. You can see a complete list of the winners at <http://www.taftsc.com/22schedule.html> .

After the event was over, the competitors headed over to Hot Stone Pizza for dinner and an awards ceremony. An awesome raffle was held with the prizes being sponsored by Ten Percent Firearms with many Geocaching and shooting prizes being given away.

The Taft Shooter's Challenge will return in 2013.

See Page 2 for many exciting photos from the TSC 2012!



From Top Left: Kemborg takes on the all steel stage 3; Matt Maxcy shoots the TSG-22 Conversion; Team TerraYoMax and Marzipan enjoy the awards dinner; Kemborg takes a break after shooting, Yosemite John and TheDeviousMaxPower at their 4x4s, the jeep heading up the mountain; TerraGirl getting ready to shoot the AR15-22 with ACOG; first place 2x4 team Cache In, White Trash Out with their team and individual trophies; TheDeviousMaxPower & TerraGirl with their 4x4 first place trophy; The I Don't Knows giving the thumbs up with their pizza; the trophy and prize table; a view from the Jeep on the 4x4 course.



Memberships

The club currently boasts a membership of 266 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. 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-12 means January 2012 aka over due!

Junior Pheasant Hunt & Volunteers

The Taft Sportsmen's Club will be hosting the 18th Annual Junior Pheasant Hunt for junior hunters on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 & 18, 2012. This hunt is free of charge and open to all hunters with a **junior hunting license (16 and under)**.

We can use your help with this event. We need volunteers to plant the birds, supervise shooters, use their dogs, and help set up and clean up the event. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Tom Brown at (661) 978-1230 or (661) 765-2704.

Condolences

Long time club member ML Gregory passed away in September and David Eiland's son passed away. Please keep the families' in your prayers.

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.

If you are a junior hunter and would like to participate in this event, please see our flyer on the next page to register. The slots are filling up fast so be sure to get your application in today.

The deadline for application submission is November 14 or until the hunts are filled. Please be sure to watch our Facebook event page for the latest information about the event.



Scenes from the 2010 Junior Pheasant Hunt. This event is sure to be fun and exciting for the entire family. Get your applications in!



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JUNIOR PHEASANT
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September, 2012

The Taft Sportsmen's Club will be hosting the 18th Annual Junior Pheasant Hunt for junior hunters on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 & 18, 2012. This hunt is free of charge and open to all hunters with a **junior hunting license (16 and under)**. The annual hunt is a family event and a chance for young hunters to become acquainted with safe gun practices, learn respect for the environment, work with hunting dogs, and practice skills necessary to become a safe and successful sportsman. Sign ups are presently underway by application and from our website, <http://www.taftsc.com/pheasant.html>, and will continue until November 14 or until the hunts are filled. The Taft Sportsmen's Club is pleased to offer this junior hunt in conjunction with the California Department of Fish and Game—Game Bird Heritage Program, and our biggest supporter, the Taft Friends of the NRA.



Application for the Taft Sportsmen's Club Junior Pheasant Hunt
(Please Print Clearly)

Junior Hunter First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Telephone number (_____) _____
 Hunting License Number _____
 Date of Birth _____ Age _____
 Email Address for confirmation letter (yes) or (no) _____

Choice of Hunt (rank as choice 1, 2, 3, or 4)

- ____ Saturday, November 17, morning – Registration 7-8 am, Hunt 8 am to Noon
 ____ Saturday, November 17, afternoon – Registration 12-1 pm, Hunt 1-5 pm
 ____ Sunday, November 18, morning – Registration 7-8 am, Hunt 8 am to Noon
 ____ Sunday, November 18, afternoon – Registration 12-1 pm, Hunt 1-5 pm

Send application information no later than November 14, 2012 to:

By email pheasant@taftsc.com
 By mail Taft Sportsmen's Club Attn: Tom Brown PO Box 1245 Taft CA 93268-1245
 By phone Tom Brown at 661.765.2704
 By fax 661.763.1936

Food & drinks will be available
 Driving directions will be mailed or emailed with confirmation letters

December Meeting Change

Due to Christmas Day, the December General Meeting will be moved up to the third Tuesday of the month to December 18th, 2012. We will be having officer and board elections so we hope to see you there.

Club Officer and Board Elections

Club officer and board elections will take place at the December 18th, 2012 general meeting. This is your chance to get involved in the operation of your Taft Sportsmen's Club. All members in good standing are welcome to attend and run for office or one of the two year board positions.

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Changes

The Board of Directors have held a series of board meetings this spring to discuss proposed changes to the Taft Sportsmen's Club Constitution & By-Laws. This article serves as the notice of intent to amend the Constitution & By-Laws. The actual vote on whether to amend will be held at the General Meeting on November 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM at Pizza Factory.

Board of Director and Club Secretary Wes Morris reported, "A lot of the TSC Constitution & By-Laws were out of date. Large sections of it deal with the old Director of Civilian Marksmanship program and we simply do not need those parts in the By-Laws anymore.

There were a lot of inconsistencies on what is a junior member or a junior shooter and we cleared those up as well.

It has been ten years since we have changed the Constitution and By-Laws and the club has changed quite a bit in that time, so the Board of Directors felt it was time for an update."

If you would like to review the proposed changes before the General Board meeting on Tuesday November 27, you can find a copy of the proposed changes on our website at www.taftsc.com .

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:

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 .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.

Weekly Trap Shoots – Thursdays at 4:30 PM.

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



The weekly trap shoots are in full swing. Come on out and enjoy the nice weather and longer days perfect for shooting a round of trap.

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. 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.

New Range Rules and Membership Lists

The Taft Sportsmen's Club Range Rules have been updated and are available online and posted in the display case at the range.

The main addition to the rules is a designated priority day on Thursdays for shotgun shooters and clarification on where clay targets shot from the air can be launched and shot from.

Additionally since members who elect to get their

newsletters online do not receive a membership card in the middle of the year, a list of current club members has been posted in the display case. All club members should have their current club membership card or their name should be on this list in order to use the range. If anyone's name is not on the list, please ask them to leave or call us at 661 745-0416.

Thank you and stay safe on the range!

Monthly Club Meetings



Next Meeting: November 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.

2013 Taft Sportsmen's Club Banquet

Mark your calendars for the annual Taft Sportsmen's Club Awards Banquet coming up on Saturday January 19, 2013 at 6 PM at OT Cookhouse at 205 North Tenth Street. We will be publishing dinner cost and more details in the January/February 2013 Newsletter.

Hungry club members enjoy a great meal at OT Cookhouse at the 2012 Taft Sportsmen's Club Banquet. Mark your calendars for the 2013 banquet that takes place Saturday January 19th, 2013.



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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.

2012 Gold Country IDPA Regional Match

Several Taft IDPA members traveled to the Sacramento Valley Range on October 6th to participate in the 2012 Gold Country IDPA Regional Match. The match consisted of 10 challenging stages in a very well-run match.

Club Member Joseph Little took first place in the ESP Marksman class out of 15 shooters and promoted to ESP Sharpshooter. John Flory earned a sixth place finish in SSP Marksman class out of 24 shooters. Julian Delgado was the most accurate shooter in the entire match and received a 4th place finish in ESP Marksman. Edward Reyna was the first place SSP Master shooter and top Junior shooter and Leo Trunkey was 4th out of 15 shooters in SSP Sharpshooter.

Keep an eye on our Taft IDPA schedule page for more upcoming regional IDPA events.

<http://www.taftidpa.com/schedule.html>



John Flory prepares to shoot Stage 4 of the Gold Country Regional.



From left to right: John Flory, SSP MM 6th Place; Joe Little ESP MM 1st Place; Julian Delgado, ESP MM 4th Place & Most Accurate; Edward Reyna Top Junior & SSP Master 1st Place; and Leo Trunkey SSP SS 4th Place.



All of the Taft Sportsmen's Club IDPA shooters and Team Mom Carrie Morris.

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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.

2013 TSC Annual Banquet Dinner

Mark your calendars for Saturday January 19, 2013 at 6 PM for the annual awards banquet. It will be held at OT Cookhouse and more details will follow in the January/February Newsletter.

December General Meeting Change

The December General Meeting will take place one week earlier due to Christmas. The meeting will be on Tuesday December 18th, 2012. We will also be having officer and board elections at this meeting as well. Be sure to attend.

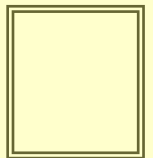
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