



Memberships

The club membership has decreased to **226** paid members. Remember that club dues are effective for a calendar year, so be sure to pay your 2014 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-14 means January 2014 aka over due!

Annual Awards Qualifications

This is a reminder that the revised TSC Constitution & By-Laws require awards candidates to attend one General Meeting and two work parties. One of the work parties must be completed by August 1st. These requirements will continue to be enforced.

2014 Club Officers and Vacancies

The annual elections were held on December 17th. Here are the results.

President - Melanie White
Vice President - Josh House
Treasurer - Stephanie House
Secretary - Wesley Morris

Two Year Board Member - Craig Johnson
Two Year Board Member - Don Pezer
Two Year Board Member - vacant
Two Year Board Member - vacant

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.

Condolences

Susan Brown's mother Lois Kessler passed away on February 7th. Please keep the family in your prayers and you can sign their online guest book at www.ericksonandbrown.com.

Trout Pond!

Friday February 28 from 10-7 PM
Saturday March 1 from 10-7 PM
Sunday March 2 from 10-5 PM
We need volunteers. Please call 745-0416, press 0

One Year Board Member - Billy White
One Year Board Member - John Miller
One Year Board Member - Karen Chitwood
One Year Board Member - Jeff Miller

There will be an election at the March 25 General Meeting at Pizza Factory at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in running for the open two year board member positions, please attend.

Stay Politically Informed & Stay Politically Active

As a California resident, our rights are constantly under fire from gun grabbing anti-civil rights politicians. These politicians often have no clue of what they are attempting to legislate against and despite the humor of watching Senator Kevin de Leon make a fool of himself online (<http://youtu.be/ijmFEv6BHM0>), his threat to your rights is very real. If you want to keep up on what is happening in California, please go to Firearms Policy Coalition's website (<https://www.firearmspolicy.org/act/california/>) and the NRA Members' Councils of California's website (<http://nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml>) to stay up to date on the latest affronts to your freedom. Be ready to call, write, and e-mail your politicians and stand up for your rights!

.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 an Action Shooters Match.

Youth Trap Shoots – 2nd Saturday

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



In addition to the weekly trap shoots on Thursday's at 4:30 PM, we have monthly youth trap shoots on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9 AM.

There is no cost to juniors and we can also provide firearms and ammo is always provided. Just bring your parent and come on down for some trap shooting fun!

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 an IDPA Match.

Tactical Shotgun Match

Saturday March 31, 2014 8AM
www.taftidpa.com

Trout Pond at the 2014 Sportsmen's Show

The 37th Annual Central Valley Sportsmen's Boat, RV and Outdoor Living Show will be held at the Kern County Fairgrounds from Friday February 28th through Sunday March 2nd, 2014.

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.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Melanie White at (661) 745-0416. There are many shifts available over the three day, weekend event.



Gate Combination Change & Range Etiquette

The gate combination will change to **** on March 1. Please remember, do not share this gate combination with anyone. If someone asks for the gate combination, do not give it to them. If they are a member, they receive their newsletter with the combination and they can always contact Wes Morris at info@taftsc.com or 661 745-0416 and he will verify their status and issue the combination.

Additionally please do your part to read and understand the range rules and also to take care of your range. You can find the range rules at

www.taftsc.com/range.html and they will specify who has range priority on which days and how to interact with other club members.

If you bring targets to shoot, please remove them from the range when you are finished. We have trash cans available, please use them. **NO GLASS SHOULD BE SHOT AT THE RANGE AT ANY TIME!**

If you witness people abusing the range, please call us at 661 745-0416. If it is a serious enough violation, please call 911 and report range vandalism or an unsafe situation and then contact your club.

Hunter's Safety Courses in Taft

Here is a reminder that the next Hunter Safety Course will be May 5-7, 2014. 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 and are instructed by Larry Heptinstall and Kenny Beard. All three days are mandatory and a one-time \$5 facility fee is collected at the registration on Monday night.

2014 Hunter Safety Schedule

May 5-7, August 4-6, October 6-8



Hunters Safety Courses



2014 Classes

May 5-7 ■ August 4-6
October 6-8

(no February class this year)

With cooperation from the Taft Sportsmens Club, materials and instruction for obtaining a California Hunting License are available four times per year. Registration takes place at the first class.

The class is taught in three mandatory sessions.

6:30-9:30 p.m.
Community Center Auditorium
500 Cascade Place, Taft

\$5 facility fee (per person)
(payable the first night of class)

Instructors:

Larry Heptinstall and Kenny Beard

~ March 2014 ~						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Trout Pond @ Kern County Fairgrounds 10 AM – 7 PM	1 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range Trout Pond @ Kern County Fairgrounds 10 AM – 7 PM
2 Trout Pond @ Kern County Fairgrounds 10 AM – 5 PM	3	4 Taft High Trap 3-6 PM	5	6 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	7	8 CCW Initial Class @ TSC Range Junior Trap @ TSC Range 9 AM – 2 PM
9	10	11 Taft High Trap 3-6 PM	12	13 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	14	15 Fabulous Ferrous Fracas 8:00 AM
16	17	18 Taft High Trap 3-6 PM	19	20 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	21	22 22 Action Shooters 8:00 AM
23	24	25 Taft High Trap 3-6 PM Monthly Meeting Pizza Factory 6:30 PM Elections	26 Veteran's Trap Shoot 4 PM – 7 PM	27 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	28	29 Tactical Shotgun Match 8:00 AM
30	31	Notes: There will be an election to fill two vacant board member positions at the March 25 General Club Meeting at Pizza Factory at 6:30 PM. Please attend if you are interested in running.				

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May 2014 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Taft High Trap 3-6 PM	2	3 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	4	5 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range
6	7	8 Taft High Trap 3-6 PM	9	10 Trap Shooting 4:30 PM	11	12 Junior Trap @TSC Range 9 AM – 2 PM
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Please find below the annual renewal membership that is due January 1. Please complete the application and send it in along with your \$40.00 membership fee to:

Membership Chairman
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PO Box 1245
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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

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CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1st OF EACH YEAR

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- 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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Trout Pond Workers Needed

Be sure to call Melanie at (661) 745-0416 in order to sign up to help work at the Trout Pond at the Central Valley Sportmen's Show Friday February 28, Saturday March 1, and Sunday March 2. Many shifts are available and this definitely counts towards your work party requirement.

Board Member Vacancies

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Gate Combination Change

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