

# TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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Gary Morris  
2016 Sportsman of the Year

March-April 2016

## 2016 Club Awards

On Saturday, January 16, 2016, the club celebrated the annual Club Awards. Gary Morris won Sportsman of the Year. Here are the awards:

Sportsman of the Year:

Gary Morris

Remainder of the State Buck:

George Napoleon Trophy - Tammy Pezer

Out of State Buck:

Moslander Trophy - Eric Ross

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Craig Johnson

Luck Buck:

Billy White

Don Pezer

Jeff Miller

Trout:

Sticker Lane Trophy - Mike Berry

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Tom Brown

1<sup>st</sup> Place Women - Sue Brown

Large Mouth Bass

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Brad Howard

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Billy White

Ocean Bottom Fish

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Don Pezer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jeff Miller

1<sup>st</sup> Place Women's - Marina Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Women's - Sally Johnson

Ocean Game Fish

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Eric Ross

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Craig Johnson

1<sup>st</sup> Place Woman's - Taylor Ross

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Women's - Sandy Ross

Junior Fish Barrel

Mason Bratcher

Kaydence Chitwood

Adult Fish Barrel

Karen Chitwood

Jim Chitwood

Jaime-Lynn Bratcher

Nature Photography

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Marina Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Craig Johnson

Trap - High Gun

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Bob Morris

"A" Trap

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kim Holmes

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jim Walsh

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ron Jordan

"B" Trap

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Mike Liljeroos

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Tom Moore

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Tim Arnold

"C" Trap

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Bill Blythe

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Cory Engle

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Sid Fielding

Trap - High Gun Women's

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jennifer Liljeroos

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Rhonda Blythe

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Christina Holmes

Junior Trap

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Frank Rosche

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## On the Cover

Gary Morris receives the Sportsman of the Year award from President Jim Chitwood.

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## Well Wishes!

Rhonda Blythe recently had knee surgery. We hope she gets well soon.

## Memberships

The club membership has increased to **231** paid members. Remember that club dues are effective for a calendar year, so be sure to pay your 2016 dues. You can find more information on our website at [www.taftsc.com/membership](http://www.taftsc.com/membership).

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. These requirements will continue to be enforced.

## 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](http://www.taftsc.com/newsletter) for a listing of the meeting minutes as well as the club constitution and by-laws.

## Skeet Shooting

### Every Wednesday at 4:00 PM

We are proud to announce the addition of a new skeet shooting station. Starting March 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have skeet shooting starting at 4:00 PM until dark, every Wednesday until the time change in the fall. Entry fee is \$3 for members, \$4 for nonmembers. Contact Bob Morris at 768-4528.

## Trap Shooting

### Every Thursday at 4:30 PM

Trap shooting has restarted and is every Thursday starting from 4:30 PM until everyone is finished shooting.

In addition to the Thursday trap shoots, we have monthly youth trap shoots on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3 PM. 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!

## Taft Sport Shooters

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays

Taft Sport Shooters has their matches on the third Saturday of the month. Show up for registration at 8:30 AM and shooting starts at 9 AM.

Cost is usually \$25 for non-members or \$20 for TSC members or for shooters with military ID. Juniors (under 21) and first time ladies shoot for free and get free ammo!

Mainly we will be shooting Fabulous Ferrous Fracas with the occasional IDPA or Tactical Shotgun Match. To participate all you need is a handgun, at least three magazines, holsters, and about 200 rounds of ammo. You can get more details at [www.taftshooters.com](http://www.taftshooters.com).

## .22 Action Shooters

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9 AM so don't miss out on what is turning into one of the most exciting events at our range.

For more information please call 661-745-0416 x804.

## Business Cards

Are you interested in displaying your business card in our newsletter? We would love to advertise for you and would appreciate your support of the Taft Sportsmen's Club. Please see our application on our website at [www.taftsc.com/newsletter](http://www.taftsc.com/newsletter)

## Club Range Rules

**Safety is the number one priority of this range.** Always follow the four rules of gun safety:

1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded.
2. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
3. Always keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. Always know your target and beyond.

TSC is an uncontrolled range. As such extra care and precautions must be taken by club members during uncontrolled range time.

1. **Only club members with a signed hold harmless waiver on file may shoot at the range.**  
If you suspect someone isn't a club member, ask. If they cannot produce their membership card, ask them to leave.
2. Do not tell anyone the gate combination. If they are a member, they have it. Close and lock gate when you are finished.
3. Take your targets home. Do not leave trash, brass, or shotgun shells on the firing line. It is all of our responsibility to keep the range clean.
4. Shoot from designated target areas only. The picnic tables are never considered designated shooting areas.
5. All shooting inside the pistol bays must be kept inside the bay. **DO NOT SHOOT OVER THE BERMS WITH ANY FIREARM!**
6. All shooting from rifle lines must shoot into the berm. No shooting at targets on the ground that don't impact the berm. One bench per group.
7. Shooting clays from the air with a shotgun must take place from the cement trap lines and all shooting must face the north fence.
8. Don't shoot with people in front of you. If someone is using the pistol bays, you should not be using the rifle range. Don't walk in front of people shooting. If someone is using the rifle bay, you should not walk up to the pistol bays.
9. Report vandalism and theft. Maintaining a clean and safe range is everyone's responsibility.
10. Eye and ear protection is required at all times when on the range.
11. Offensive language will not be tolerated.
12. Don't drink alcohol or take drugs before or while handling firearms.
13. Children should be supervised at all times. Any unruly children and their parents will be asked to leave.
14. All animals will be on a leash and controlled while shooting activities are in progress.
15. **In case of an emergency, dial 911 or the Taft Police Department (661) 763-3101.**
16. **Report any and all accidents or incidents to the club as soon as possible. You may also call with any issues, concerns, or suggestions. (661) 745-0416**
17. **Failure to follow and comply with any and all range rules will result in loss of range privileges.**

## Rules for Range Use Priority

All bays will be used on a "first come, first served" basis. However, the 100 yard and 150 yard rifle benches cannot be used while shooters are down range in the pistol bays. To alleviate this conflict, **rifle shooters will get range priority on odd calendar days** and **pistol bay shooters will get range priority on even calendar days**. If a shooter arrives that has priority over you, you must pack up and move your equipment within 30 minutes.

**Shooting clays from the air with a shotgun has range priority on Thursdays until the regular trap program starts at 4:00 PM.** Odd calendar day rifle use and even calendar day pistol bay use have 30 minutes to pack up their equipment and give the shooting clays from the air with a shotgun shooters range priority.

Example: A member is shooting their rifle on an unoccupied range on July 20, an even day. A pistol bay shooter arrives and would like to use the pistol bays. The rifle shooter has 30 minutes to put their gear away and leave the rifle bench so the pistol bay shooter may shoot.

**The range is closed to individual member use during scheduled events.** Reminder signs usually will be placed on the front gate to remind members the range will not be available these dates. Most scheduled events are also on the website calendar.

**Failure to follow and comply with any and all range rules will result in loss of range privileges.**

## Gate Combination Change & Range Etiquette

The gate combination changed to [REDACTED] on Sunday January 31, 2016. **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 Sandy Ross at [info@taftsc.com](mailto:info@taftsc.com) or 661 745-0416 and she will verify their status and issue the combination.

Members must acknowledge the range rules in writing or online. You can find the range rules at [www.taftsc.com/range.html](http://www.taftsc.com/range.html)

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.

## March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	1 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm	2	3 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	4	5 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range 8am-12am
6	7	8 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm	9	10 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	11	12 CCW Initial Class @ TSC Range 8am-4pm
13 Junior Trap Shoot 3pm-7pm	14	15 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm	16 Skeet Shooting 4pm - 7pm	17 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	18	19 Taft IPDA 8am-1pm
20	21	22 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm Club Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm	23 Skeet Shooting 4pm - 7pm	24 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	25	26 .22 Rimfire Action Match 4th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot - 5 Dogs
27	28	29 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm	30 Skeet Shooting 4pm - 7pm	31 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	1	2

## April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range 8am-12am
3	4	5 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm	6 Skeet Shooting 4pm - 7pm	7 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	8	9
10 Junior Trap Shoot 3pm-7pm	11	12 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm	13 Skeet Shooting 4pm - 7pm	14 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	15	16 Taft IPDA 8am-1pm
17	18	19 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm	20 Skeet Shooting 4pm - 7pm	21 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	22	23 22 Rimfire Action Match
24	25	26 Taft High Trap 3pm - 7pm Club Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm	27 Skeet Shooting 4pm - 7pm	28 Trap Shooting 4pm - 7pm	29	30

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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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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number) (street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address (please write legibly): \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your newsletter e-mailed to you? Please check one:

YES	Yes I would like to help save club funds by receiving the newsletter by e-mail!
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No	I would still like to receive the club newsletter by postal mail to the mailing address above.
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**CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> OF EACH YEAR**



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## Membership Cards

Please note your 2016 membership card is printed as your address label on your newsletter.

## Range Combination Change

The Range Combination is changing on May 31. You will receive the new gate combination if you have submitted your Range Rules Agreement.

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