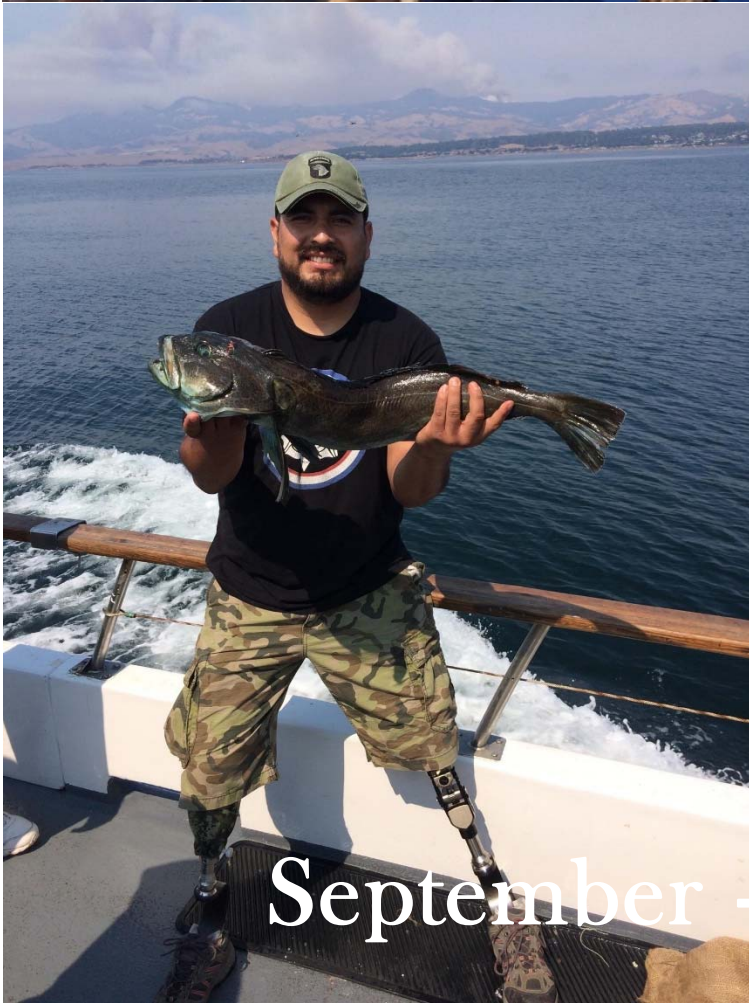


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September - October 2016

Fireworks Booth 2016

The Taft Sportsmen’s Club would like to thank all of our members, friends, and families for their support in making our annual Fireworks Booth such a great fundraising success. Despite the hotter than normal weather and many people leaving town for the Fourth of July, the booth was still a success. Special thanks to the Chitwood family for staying at the booth the entire weekend.

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Final Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to Taft Sportsman’s Club members Taylor Ross and Karson Gray. They are members in good standing who are attending schools outside Taft. They each were awarded \$500 Scholarships.

On the Cover

Chad Miller assisted Virg’s Landing Crew members on their 65’ Princess out of Morro Bay supporting 40 of our local Veterans and Wounded Hero’s for a fun filled day of deep sea fishing. Bags filled with fish, calm seas, sunshine, full stomachs from the Hot Galley along with good conversations, stories and lots of laughs made a great day to all who had the opportunity to go, and yes, Chad also had a chance to fish.

The Chitwood family and friends working hard at the annual fireworks booth.

Frankie Rosche, Bill Blythe and Tim Arnold enjoy the weekly afternoon trap shooting. All shot a 25 straight. Later in the month of June Bill Blythe also shot a 50 straight.

Memberships

The club membership has increased to 304 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.

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 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 16th, 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 2nd Sunday of the month at 3 PM. There is no cost to juniors and we can also provide firearms and ammo. Just bring your parent and come on down for some trap shooting fun!

Taft Sport Shooters

3rd 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.

.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. 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.

Save the Date!

The Annual Sporting Clay Shoot is February 4th, 2017 at Kern County Gun Club. Please mark your calendars (Saturday before Super Bowl) and start gathering your teams. We need donations, raffle prizes etc. to make this successful - this event supports our Scholarship Program.

Legislative Report

Please visit your local gun store. There are 9 petitions out to change the recent legislation passed in Sacramento.

Special Thanks

We know that many of you have trekked many a trail mile hunting or camping whether it be in or around Alta Sierra, Greenhorn Summit, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Wofford Heights, Cedar Creek, Sandy Creek, Tobias

Peak, Pine Flat, California Hot Springs, Panorama Heights, Sugarloaf, Baker Peak, White River, Glennville or Johnsondale areas, we all need to send our prayers and blessings to those fire fighters who are tirelessly working and battling the Cedar Fire. Our appreciation also goes out to all the volunteers who have put in countless hours caring for and supporting our evacuees at this time, not to mention all the donations that are pouring in. We all know someone who has been effected by this fire one way or another.

Quail Support Project

On March 10, 2016 an application was submitted for a grant through Quail Forever for funds from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife's Upland Game Bird Stamp program. We were notified in July that the grant was approved by the State and we can begin purchasing materials and planning the project. The grant total is for \$3,952.00 and is for the rehabilitation of guzzler K-80 located south of Crocker Springs. This project will involve replacement of two guzzler tanks and rebuilding the protective fence around the guzzler. It's good to see some of the Upland Game Bird Stamp money come back to Kern County hunters who have purchased these stamps for years. By July 20, volunteers for the California Department of Fish & Wildlife had completed upland bird brood surveys in the Taft area that indicated quail production has been fair considering the ongoing drought. Overall, quail in the Temblors

and Caliente Mountains produced slightly over 4 young per adult in those areas where better habitat conditions exist.

The birds have yet to move back into many areas they occupied prior to the drought. Based on surveys over the past 18 years, the quail population is still 40-50% below what we saw prior to the drought. If we have a good spring in 2017 and if hunters will give the birds a break again this fall we should see very good huntable bird numbers next year. Chukars are still trying to recover and have not rebounded as quickly as the quail have in some areas.

1000 Man Shoot

On November 14, 2016, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Ariz., history will be made. 1,000 freedom-loving Americans will join together to set a World Record by simultaneously firing 1,000 Henry Repeating Arms Golden Boy Silver rifles! That's right, one week after the 2016 Presidential Election, the NRA and Henry Repeating Arms will be setting a firearms World Record.

Don't miss this opportunity to help make a new World Record!

We are looking for shooters and helps to help pull this off. If you would like to be a part of this history making event please let me know ASAP. You can also sign up on the web site. For more info <https://1000manshoot.nra.org/>

Get Well Soon

Please offer well wishes to Steve Schmitz as he recovers from a heart related event. Special thanks to his friends, especially the Fedewa family for checking on him on a regular basis.

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 _____ on Friday October 1, 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 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

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.

September 2016

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4		5		6		7	Skeet Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	8	Trap Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	9		10	CCW Initial Class @ TSC Range 8am-4pm
11	Junior Trap Shoot 3pm-7pm	12	MTC Training 12pm-3:30pm	13	MTC Training 12pm-3:30pm	14	Dept. Fish and Wildlife 9am - 1 pm Skeet Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	15	Trap Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	16		17	Taft IPDA 8am-1pm
18		19		20	TUHS Trap Club practice 3pm -6pm	21	Skeet Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	22	Trap Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	23		24	.22 Rimfire Action Match 8AM - 1PM
25		26		27	TUHS Trap Club practice 3pm -6pm Club Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm	28	Skeet Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	29	Trap Shooting 3:30pm - 11 pm	30	MTC Training 7am-9am		

October 2016

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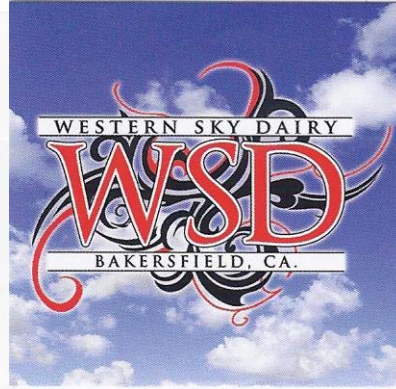
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