

TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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Winter 2017

2017 Club Awards

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

Sportsman of the Year:

John Miller

Remainder of the State Buck:

George Napoleon Trophy - Greg Gill

Out of State Buck:

Moslander Trophy - Don Pezer

2nd Place Mel Simmons

Luck Buck:

Billy White

Trout:

Sticker Lane Trophy - Billy White

2nd Place - Mike Berry

Ocean Bottom Fish

1st Place Women's - Sandy Ross

Ocean Game Fish

1st Place - Don Pezer

Junior Fish Barrel

Mason Bratcher

Adult Fish Barrel

Sally Johnson

Nature Photography

1st Place - Chad Chitwood

2nd Place - Craig Johnson

Trap - High Gun

1st Place - Mike Liljeroos

Runner Up - Jennifer Liljeroos

Women's - Rhonda Blythe

Senior - Gary Morris

Doubles - Tim Holmes

Long Yardage - Tom Moore

Mid Yardage - Bill Blythe

Short Yardage - Bob Morris

Junior - Frank Rosche

AA - Ron Mitchell

A - Jim Walsh

B - Hom Holmes

C - Steve Schmidt

D - Gregg Gill

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Sporting Clay Shoot

On Saturday February 4, 2017, we hosted our annual Sporting Clay Shoot. It funds our scholarship program including the JC Chitwood Memorial Scholarship and provides support for the JR Pheasant Hunt held later in the year.

Top Team this year was IFG Services made up by Keith Welch, Eric Peters, Tom Roberts, Dirk O'Rear and David Welch

2nd Place team was Surface Pumps made up by Jacob Reed, Mike Jones, Vance Ross, Dale Hamblin and Tim Nishikubo.

Top Shooter was David Welch and Top Female Shooter was Jennifer Liljeroos

The Club will be able to offer 5 scholarships for Taft High School, 5 scholarships to the JC Chitwood Memorial Scholarship, 2 Scholarships for Taft College and 2 Scholarships to young people outside of the Taft area.

Special thanks to those who worked before, during and after this annual event making it success

Trout Pond 2017

The Taft Sportsman's Club is hosting the Trout Pond at the Central Valley Sport Show, March 10, 12pm - 8pm, March 11, 10 am to 7pm, and March 12, 10am to 5pm. This is a new show to the area, so we will be located on the south end of the fairgrounds. We need as many volunteers as possible. Free admission is available to volunteers who work the event. For more information about volunteering contact Tom Brown at 661-978-1230. Not only will we be providing a fun time for the youth, but the company that runs the show will be donating an air rifle, and fishing rod and reel and Yeti style cooler for the club to raffle. Each of these items has a value of \$250. Come on out and have a good time at the Sport Show!

On the Cover

John Miller - Taft Sportsman's Club Sportsman of the Year

Gone Home

Steve Merlo - Avid fisherman, hunter, writer and friend

Matt Henry - Friend to the club, photographer, writer for the Midway Driller newspaper.

Memberships

The club membership has increased to 177 paid members. Remember that club dues are effective for a calendar year, so be sure to pay your 2017 dues. You can find more information on our website at 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 1st. 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 for a listing of the meeting minutes as well as the club constitution and by-laws.

Skeet Shooting

Every Thursday at 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Come on down to the skeet shooting station. It will be open the regular trap shoot.

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!

Fabulous Ferrous Fracas

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

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 March 4, 2017. **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.

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1 10:30-2:30 MTC Training	2 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	3 10:30-2:30 MTC Training	4 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range 8am-12am
5	6	7	8	9 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	10 10:30-2:30 MTC Training 12:00-8:00pm Trout Pond	11 CCW Initial Class @ TSC Range 8am-4pm 10:00-7:00pm Trout Pond
12 3pm-7pm Junior Trap Shoot 10:00-5:00pm Trout Pond	13	14	15	16 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	17 10:30-2:30 MTC Training	18
19	20 7pm - 11pm Taft PD Training	21	22	23 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	24 10:30-2:30 MTC Training	25 8am - 1 pm Fabulous Ferrous Fracas
26	27	28 6:30pm - 8:30pm Club Meeting	29	30 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	31 10:30-2:30 MTC Training	

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range 8am-12am
2	3	4	5	6 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	7	8 CCW Initial Class @ TSC Range 8am-4pm
9 3pm-7pm Junior Trap Shoot	10	11	12	13 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	14	15
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23	24	25 6:30pm - 8:30pm Club Meeting	26	27 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	28 10am-12pm Dept Fish & Game	29
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May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 2pm - 4pm Skeet Shooting 4pm - 11:30pm Trap Shooting	5	6 CCW Renewal Class @ TSC Range 8am-12am
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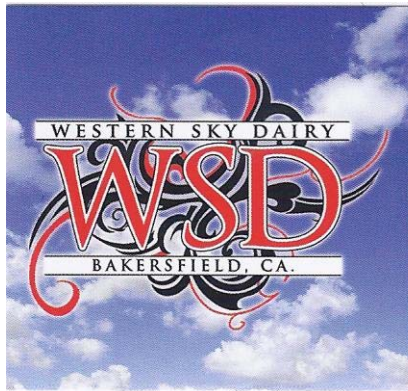
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Please find below the annual renewal membership is due January 1. Please complete the application and send it in along with \$40 membership fee to:

Membership Chairman
Taft Sportsmen's Club & Junior Division
PO Box 1245
Taft, CA 93268-1245

You and members of your family (children under 18 years old living at home) will continue to receive the 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 PayPal. Here is the link www.taftsc.com/membership.html.

By paying your dues you and your guests agree to follow the range rules and range etiquette. You can find them online at <http://www.taftsc.com/range.html>.

RENEWAL / NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Spouse: _____
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Address _____
Number Street City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email address: _____

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? Please check one:

Yes	I would like to help save club fund by receiving the newsletter via email!	No	I would like to receive the club newsletter to the mailing address above.
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CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR

By paying annual dues you agree to abide by the club range rules

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Membership Cards

Please note your 2017 membership card is printed as your address label on your newsletter.

Range Combination Change

The Range Combination is changing on Mar 4. You will receive the new gate combination if you have submitted your Range Rules Agreement.



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This address label is considered to be your current membership card.