



February 2016 Newsletter

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On Thursday, February 11, 2016, the Taft Chamber will install the new Board of Directors and honor the community award recipients for their contributions to our community for 2015. You are invited to attend the "Masks & Mimosas: A Mardi Gras Soiree" at the Taft Fox Theater. Tickets to attend are \$45 and can be purchased at the Chamber office or by calling 661-765-2165.

Our guest speaker for the Installation is Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, representing the 34th District for the State of California. Shannon is a great representative for our community and a passionate, dynamic speaker who continuously fights for our district.

We are welcoming four new Board members on our Board of Directors including Jan Ashley (Retired RN), Alan Sorensen (Buena Vista Golf Course), Jerry Starr (West Side Health District), and Adam Taylor (California Highway Patrol).

Our Chamber membership nominated several deserving individuals for the 2015 community awards and our Board selected the winners as follows:

Business Man of the Year: Bob Colston, Colston Construction

Business Woman of the Year: Sheri Horn-Bunk, Taft College Foundation

Business of the Year: Accelerated Environmental Services

Volunteer Award: Oildorado 2015 Board of Directors

Youth Leadership Award: Tanner Melton

Community Service Award: Shannon & Earlene McMillin

If you would like to join us for this wonderful event, call to reserve your space today!

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Executive Directions

By Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director

It was my privilege to end my day yesterday, watching the latest Republican Presidential candidate debate sponsored by Fox News. Regardless of one's political affiliation, it is important to note occasionally—even when the country is not steeped in political rantings—that we are a blessed nation. Not everyone in the world has the ability to scrutinize those seeking their allegiance in an upcoming election. True, we may not know all there is to know about our favorite candidate; but we have the ability to avail ourselves of some telling moments with our candidates, some of whom disagreed with the actions of the moderators of the debate. I thought the moderators handled the proceedings beautifully, taking control of those who were speaking out-of-turn.

This experience made me reflect upon a similar example of an American public forum that I had experienced two weeks before in a meeting of the Taft City Council. Stay with me . . . There really is common ground. The notice that fare prices for our local transit system might be increasing, that we might have to modify bus stop locations and availability had brought out a few citizens who were in opposition to the changes. The Council meeting began with a public hearing to listen to the concerns of citizens before the Council took official action to, as it seemed to me, mitigate the obvious: if we do not increase the income from fares, the grant will be taken from us.

As the Public Hearing began, the floor was given to a citizen who began by threatening the Council that if any of his children were hit by a car while crossing Wood Street (apparently, their bus stop was slated to change), he would be back down to City Hall to hold them responsible. He also made reference to the fact that he knew where most of the Council members lived and knew they did not need to depend upon public transportation—a line of argument this attendee found inappropriate and offensive. He sat down only after he complained that his children would not be able to go to school because he could not afford to get them there and a not-so-vague suggestion that the Council had decided to increase the fares just because they could make life worse for poor people.

Another person, who was calm and professional, spoke to the Council stating that the fare increase would adversely affect senior citizens on fixed incomes. She also offered adjustments to routes that could positively increase ridership in Taft Heights. The third speaker was a Transition

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Governor Brown fails to acknowledge his role in California's problems

Assemblywoman Shannon Grove believes Governor Jerry Brown correctly identified some of California's most serious problems in this State of the State speech, but fails to see his policies as the real cause.

"Brown talked about the state's wild budget fluctuations, but that is caused by his tax policies that overly depend on the wealthy for tax revenue," said Assemblywoman Shannon. "He lamented disappearing middle class jobs, but ignored anti-business climate he has created by increasing the cost of hiring employees, and promoting policies that constantly raise the cost of everything from energy, to healthcare, to housing, and to food."

"And when it comes to funding the basics like road maintenance and services to our vulnerable developmentally disabled community, Brown responds with plans for higher taxes," said Grove. "Our taxes are never high enough with this Governor, even when the government coffers are overflowing with taxpayer money."

Grove represents the citizens of California's 34th Assembly District, covering the majority of Kern County.

Give from the heart...

Taft Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Taft Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street

Enter to Win

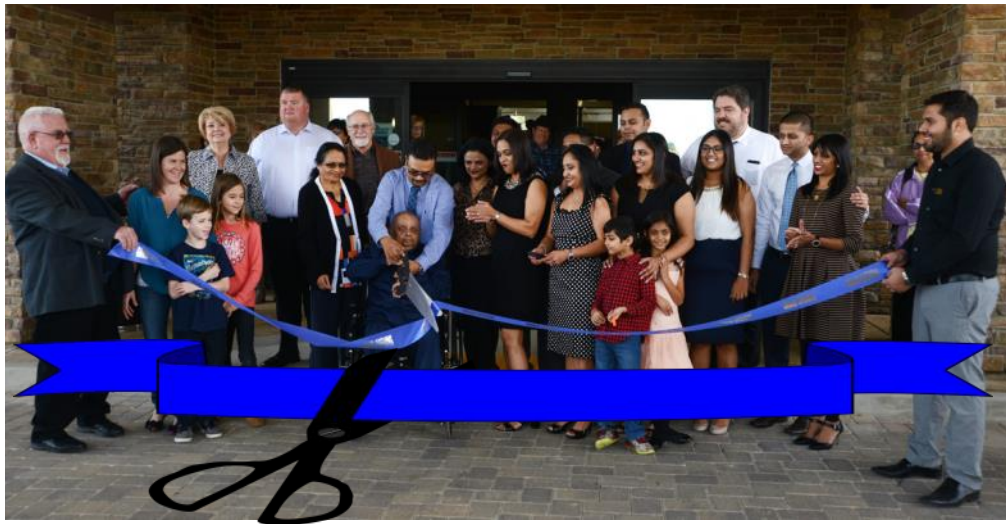
Romance Package

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- Bring picture ID with date of birth
- Be free from all cold, flu, cold sores, or symptoms of infection
- Eat a meal at least 3 hours prior to donating
- Please wait 1 year after tattoos and body piercings
- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with Parental Consent
- Weigh at least 110 pounds



**203 S. 6th Street, Taft
661-745-5555**

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to Independent Living (TIL) student from Taft College who read a letter she had written, explaining how necessary the transit was to her getting to work and how the increase in fare would adversely affect her budget. The last two speakers were clear, respectful, and prepared.

Councilman Dave Noerr, speaking on behalf of the Council, offered a well-structured explanation of the problem in which the City finds itself with regards to the Transportation Grant. This grant requires that fare box (the riders of the transit system) monetarily support 10% of the cost of the system. At this time, the income from fares does not even cover half of that 10%. He also explained the steps through which the City has guided its citizens to reach an understanding of the grant parameters and to have an adequate input into solutions.

There have been numerous public meetings, many of which offered food (lunch, dinner) to the participants, in which the issues facing the transit income shortfall have been addressed. Having attended several of those meetings, I can attest to the fact that the public's input was asked for in every conceivable way on many, many occasions. The residents of the community received letters, flyers were circulated, Facebook notifications were posted inviting them to attend these public input meetings. As a result of the meetings and the surveys submitted, changes were made to better meet the needs of the riders and the potential riders; however, the fact remains, if we cannot support a mere 10% of the cost of a community transit system, we will not have one.

This explanation by Councilman Noerr was interrupted on several occasions by the first speaker yelling from the back of the Council Chambers. Although he was cautioned, it was not until Mayor Miller told Speaker #1 he would be asked to leave if he continued.

When I put these two events side-by-side, it is difficult to imagine two more distinct scenarios: the Presidential debate -- a huge venue attracting hundreds of audience members and a real-time home-viewing audience in the millions, a high-cost production complete with well-paid moderators, and an issue that will affect everyone in the world versus the Taft City Council—meeting in a relatively-small City Council Chambers, being observed in person by (maybe) twenty people, videoed for access on the City's website, moderated by our City Mayor, discussing an issue that may affect a few hundred people.

So what is the common denominator? It is the exercise of every citizens' right to voice his or her opinion and to be heard. *We the people* is alive and well in these United States, but we have to exercise that right. But with the right comes the responsibility . . . I think I heard that in Mr. Trope's government class at good ol' TUHS, many years ago. It is our responsibility to be informed. Don't be the person yelling from the back of the room that "nobody told me". City Council meetings are PUBLIC, and YOU are invited. If you don't know for whom to vote in the Presidential election, get informed. Watch a debate, read some non-partisan articles, listen to interviews. If you do not know what is going on in our community, go to the City website, read a newspaper, attend a meeting—*especially* if the public meeting invitation is sent to your home.

We are Americans, living in the best county in the world. Let us be worth of our rights.



February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12-6pm, Houchin Blood Mobile 6pm, City Council 6:30-8:30pm, SBA	3 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Industry Night, Taft Petroleum Club 6:30-8:30pm, SBA	4	5 6-10pm, First Friday Car Cruise, Center Street	6 7-10am, Rotary Breakfast, TUHS 7-10pm, Father Daughter Dance, Westside Recreation
7  SUPER BOWL FEBRUARY 7, 2016	8 No School	9 6:30-8:30pm, Small Business Academy	10 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 4pm, Together We Can Mtg. 6pm, Speed Dating, The Bank Lounge 6:30-8:30pm, SBA	11 9am, Coffee with a Cop, Jo's Rest. 6-9pm, Chamber Installation and Awards, Fox Theater	12	13 10am, Camera Club Workshop @ Oilworker Monument
14 Valentine's Day!	15 President's Day! No School	16 5:30pm, Relay for Life Mtg 6pm, City Council Mtg 6:30-8:30pm, SBA	17 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Planning Commission Meeting Westside Waste Mgmt Blue Bin Mtg	18	19	20 8am-12pm, Tune In and Tune Up Event, Kern Co Raceway 6pm, West Kern Oil Museum Dinner
21	22	23 4pm, Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, City Hall	24 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting	25 5pm, The Fort Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction	26	27 2nd Annual Winter Show-down, Kern County Raceway
28	29					



MARCH 2016

SUN MON		TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6pm, City Council	2 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Industry Night	3 6pm, Kern COG Awards	4 9am, True Value Re-Grand Opening	5 True Value Re-Grand Opening
6	7	8	9 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber	10	11	12 7:30am, Taft Chamber Golf Tournament, Buena Vista Golf Course
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	14	15 6pm, City Council	16 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Rotary Reverse Draw 6pm, Plan Com	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19



March 2016 (cont.)

21-28, Spring Break, No School
 23, Kern Co Economic Summit
 26, Taft Sportmen's Club Clay Shoot
 29, Houchin Blood Mobile
 30, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
 31, Taft Oil Academy Career Day

April 2016

9, Kiwanis Kolor Fun Run
 9, Soroptomist Garden Tour & Lucheon
 4, Taft Job Fest @ The Fort
 16, Kern County 150th Year Showcase
 17, WCMA Community BBQ
 23, TUHS Hall of Fame
 29, Al Baldock Golf Tournament

COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE & COPS.

2nd Thursday of Every Month
February 11, 2016
9:00 a.m.
 ★★★★★★
Jo's Restaurant
 510 Kern Street
 Taft, CA 93268
 661-763-4621

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS
 FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.
 No agenda, no speeches,
 just coffee and a chance to ask questions, voice concerns,
 and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

Hope to see you there!

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 For additional information, please contact
 Chief Ed Whiting
 Belinda Cole at Taft City Hall
 (661) 763-1222 Extension 12

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Together We Can Meetings

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

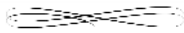
Chevron Valley Credit Union

1092 W. Kern St, Taft @ 4pm

Upcoming meeting dates:

May 11, August 10, and November 9

Featuring: guest speakers, address community concerns, share upcoming agency events, plan how we can collaborate

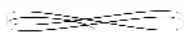


Taft, CA among safest cities in US

Residents of Taft can sleep easy at night. According to a study and interactive crime map released by ConsumerAffairs.com, Taft was recently named one of the safest cities in the nation.

According to the FBI's annual report *Crime in the United States*, there were more than 8.27 million property crimes in 2014 costing victims approximately \$14.3 billion. Even though the estimated number of property crimes decreased 4.3% in 2014 compared to 2013, those numbers are pretty alarming. Here's the bright side—ConsumerAffairs.com analyzed FBI and Census Bureau data to create an interactive map displaying the safest cities in the United States, and their analysis showed that Taft was 5 in state for most police officers per capita.

The free interactive crime map is available exclusively at www.consumeraffairs.com.



Fort Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Social: 5pm, Dinner: 6pm

Admission: One Dessert per person
or \$15 adults, \$7 Children (10 and under)

JobFest Series Resumes for Fourth Year

The Kern County Department of Human Services is pleased to announce the 2016 JobFest Series, bringing employment opportunities to every region of Kern County. With Kern County's overall unemployment rate at 10.2%, the JobFest series is just one way DHS is working to improve the lives of children and families in our communities.

Lake Isabella JobFest will take place Thursday, February 4 from 9am-12pm at the Lake Isabella Veterans Hall, 6405 Lake Isabella Blvd. The unemployment rate in the Kern River Valley is 8.8%.

Lamont JobFest takes place on Thursday, February 25 from 9am-12pm at the David Head Center, 10300 San Diego Street. Lamont's unemployment rate is 6.8%.

Mojave JobFest will take place on Thursday, March 10 at the Mojave Air & Space Port in the Stuart O. Witt Event Center, 1247 Poole St in Mojave from 10am-2pm. Mojave's unemployment rate is 18.4%.

Shafter JobFest will take place Thursday, March 17 from 9am-12pm at the Shafter Veterans Hall, 309 California Avenue. Shafter's unemployment rate is 8.7%.

Ridgecrest JobFest will take place Thursday, April 7 at the Kerr McGee Center, 100 W. California Ave in Ridgecrest from 10am-1pm. Ridgecrest's unemployment rate is 6.9%.

Taft JobFest takes place on Thursday, April 14 from 9am-12pm at the Historic Fort, 915 N. 10th Street, Taft. Taft's unemployment rate is 6.6%.

Bakersfield JobFest will take place on Thursday, May 12 at the Rabobank Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, from 9am-12pm. Bakersfield's unemployment rate is 9.1%.

Delano JobFest will take place on Thursday, June 16 at Cesar Chavez High School, 800 Browning Road, in Delano, from 9am-12pm. Delano's unemployment rate is 12.2%.

Employers with current job openings are invited to participate at no cost. Contact Shanda Evett at 661-635-2637 to receive an Employer Participation Commitment Form for your local job fair.

Job Seekers should come to JobFest dressed for success with at least 20 copies of their resume or Master Application. Job leads and resume assistance is available everyday to the public at all of our DHS locations. Visit www.KCDHS.org for location information.

For additional information or to make media arrangements, please contact Heidi Carter-Escudero at 661-633-7104.

Welcome to our new and returning members for January 2016!

Alliance Tax Credit Consulting
Alloy Construction
Ken Anderson
Banks Pest Control
Ben's Books
Best Western Plus Taft Inn
Buena Vista Golf Course
Calvary Temple Assembly of God
Community Christian Fellowship
Comprehensive Care Systems
Cooper's True Value
Dr. James Simonson
Dr. Loretta Garcia Lipscomb
Erickson & Brown Funeral Home
Fastrip Food Store #929
Flaco's Tacos
General Production Services
Hall Ambulance Service
Ray & Lodema Hatch
Helt Engineering, Inc.
Holland Inn & Suites
Harry & Carolyn Hosking
Lucard Apartments
Mariscos Taco de Maxico

Mary Kay/Damsel In Defense by Tina Yocum
Midway Laboratory
Midway Sunset Adventures
Napa—Country Truck & Auto Parts
Rotary Club of Taft
Savesorb
SMS Holding Co LLC
Snow Well Service, Inc.
Soroptimist International of Taft
State Farm, Julie Franks Agent
State Farm Insurance—Kathy Herm
Taft Holdings, LLC
Taft Motorcycle Club
Taft Plumbing Co, Inc.
Taft Sportmen's Club
The Color Bar
Waldrop's Auto Parts
West Side Health Care District
West Side Recreation & Park District
West Valley Real Estate
Westside Believer's Fellowship
Westside Economic Development Corp.
Westside Waste Management Co.
Willow Ranch Restaurant

Please renew your membership today!



2016 Taft Chamber Installation & Awards Ceremony

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Social Hour 6pm, Program 7:30pm

Taft Fox Theater

514 Center Street, Taft, CA

Wear your mask and enjoy a mimosa bar and hors d'oeuvres as we honor our community award recipients and celebrate a New Year at the Taft Chamber.

RSVP to 661-765-2165 or return response card by February 9

**2016
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Emmanuel Campos
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Roger Miller Insurance Agency

2nd Vice President: Tony Cordova
Synagro

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Jerry Starr
West Side Health Care District

John Swearengin
Kern County Sheriff's Office

Adam Taylor
California Highway Patrol

Adele Ward
Taft City School District

Rodney Wikoff
West Hills Church of the Nazarene

Taft Westside Little League needs your help!

For 63 years, Westside Little League has offered Little League Baseball on the West Side of Kern County. The League's operations rely on sponsor support and donations to keep the program going. In 2015, the program's cost totaled over \$25,000 and they are looking for support from the community for the 2016 season.

There are several ways to support the program including:

- Team Sponsorships—\$425 Single Team Sponsors
- Weekly Game Ball Sponsorships—\$60 per week
- Materials/Services/Supplies/Cash Sponsorships—Varies

Visit www.TaftWestsideLittleLeague.org or www.Facebook.com/TaftWSLL for more information.

You can also donate through www.GoFundMe/TaftWSLL. All sponsorships and donations are tax-deductible.

Taft Westside Little League thanks you for your support. This is a worthwhile investment in the lives and memories of hundreds of local children, parents, and volunteers.

**TAFT OILWORKERS MONUMENT
SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

Call us at 661-765-2165 to order a brick for that special oilfield worker or family member to be placed at the Taft Oilworkers Monument.

4x8 Brick: \$100—8x8 Brick: \$175



SAVE THE DATE!

**Taft Chamber
Annual Golf Classic**

Saturday,

March 12, 2016

**Buena Vista Golf
Course**

Teams of 4—\$500

Call 661-765-2165

**400 Kern Street
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Masks & Mimosas

A Mardi Gras Soiree

Items You Might Donate for the Silent Auction

- Themed Baskets (i.e. Golf, Camping, Outdoors, Wine & Cheese, Sports, Tools, Food, Baking, Car Care, Beer, etc)
- BBQ w/ Accessories
- Vacation Getaway packages
- Tickets to a theme park or entertainment venue
- Hotel Stays
- Rounds of Golf
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Date Night
- Jewelry & Accessories
- Chocolates/Candy/Food Baskets
- Electronics (iPod, iPad, Camera, TV, DVD, Docking Stations, Headphones)
- Tickets to the Theater or Activity
- Kindle, Nook, or other e-readers
- Spa Packages, Manicures, Pedicures
- Tickets to a sporting event
- Lift Tickets at a ski resort
- Luggage, Bags, Purses
- Artwork
- Men's or Women's Watches
- Airline Tickets
- Gift Cards to Local Retailers
- Business Themed Items
- Membership
- Visa Cards
- Gas Cards
- Home decor

On Thursday, February 11, 2016, the Taft Chamber is hosting the Annual Chamber Installation Dinner and Community Awards Ceremony at the Taft Fox Theater. We invite you to participate in the event in a variety of ways. Your business, service club, or organization can donate a themed basket or group of items for the silent auction (something new for us this year!), purchase tickets to attend the event, sponsor the event, or bid on silent auction items at the event.

Your donation will be recognized at the event, during the auction, in the program, media advertisements, and event slideshow.

Please return the bottom portion of the form with your auction items to the Taft Chamber at 400 Kern Street by February 6. We will provide a donation receipt for your records. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit Chamber programs, the Downtown Business Committee, and the Taft Fireworks Show.

____ Yes! I want to donate an item for the Chamber Installation Silent Auction

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Items donated: _____

Approximate value \$ _____

Detailed Description of auction items: _____

Restriction(s): Not valid during: _____ Black Out Dates: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Questions? Contact Shannon Jones at 661-765-2165 or taftchamber@gmail.com



Fort Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Social: 5:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm

Followed by Dessert Auction

Admission: One Dessert Per Person OR
Adults \$15.00 Children 10 & Under \$7.00

Please RSVP by February 18th

I don't want to miss the fun or a chance to help The Fort, please include me!

Name _____ Phone _____

Total Number of Dinner RSVP's _____

Number of Dinners at \$15.00 _____ Number of Dinners at \$7.00 _____

Dinner is FREE with Donated Desserts. Number of Desserts Donated _____

Please include name & description on each dessert

The Historic Fort ~ 915 N. 10th Street, Suite 2 ~ 765-7371



14th Annual

Taft Chamber Golf Classic

Sponsorship Form

YES! I want to support the Taft Chamber of Commerce 14th Annual Golf Classic on **Saturday, March 12, 2016**. You can select more than one preference.

Company: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SPONSORSHIP PREFERENCE

_____	Raffle Sponsor	\$3,000
_____	Food Sponsor	Provide lunch for players
_____	Cart Sponsor	\$2,000
_____	Goodie Bag Sponsor	\$2,000
_____	Closest to the Hole Sponsor	\$800
_____ X # _____	\$20,000 Hole in One Sponsor (4 sponsorships available)	\$700 (insurance policy per hole)
_____ X # _____	Hole Sponsor (multiple sponsorships available)	\$250 (each hole sign)
_____ X # _____	Long Drive Sponsor (4 sponsorships available)	\$150 (each tee box)
_____	Team of 4 players	\$500

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

All signs will include your company logo and contact information. Please send your company logos to:

taftchamber@gmail.com

or call 661-765-2165 for assistance.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Mail completed form with payment to:

Taft District Chamber of Commerce

400 Kern Street

Taft, CA 93268



14th Annual Taft District Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic

Saturday, March 12, 2016 @ Buena Vista Golf Course

Sponsorship Opportunities

Raffle Sponsor—\$3,000

The Taft Chamber raffle is known for providing players with great prizes including golf clubs, golf attire, bags, baskets, TV's, cameras, iPad's, and more. The raffle sponsor receives the greatest exposure before, during, and after the tournament. You will be recognized on all publicity related to the event including the poster, flyers, banners, program, and website.

Food Sponsor—Provide Lunch

This tournament brings in 160 players and corporate supporters of the Taft Chamber. The caterer for this event will provide the meal at the conclusion of the tournament. Tables for set-up is provided. Your sponsorship is recognized on the event poster, flyer, banner, and at the event for your support and is great publicity for your restaurant. The importance of this exposure can not be underestimated since you are feeding 160 very hungry, well connected individuals from all over Kern County and surrounding counties.

Cart Sponsor—\$2,000

Your company logo and contact information will be displayed on a placard in every cart at the tournament. Everyone rides in a cart; everyone will see your logo—every time they get in the cart. (For some players, that is more times than others!) Carts have a limited capacity for signs, so if this is your choice, please let us know now. You will also be recognized on the poster, flyer, and event related items.

Goodie Bag Sponsor—\$2,000

Every player in the tournament will receive a highly anticipated goodie bag. (Come on, really—Don't you go through the goodie bag first thing when you get to a tournament?) What better exposure than to be recognized first! Items for the goodie bag can include hats, golf balls, tees, ball markers, towels, and other golf related attire. You will also be recognized on the poster, flyer, and event related items.

Closest to the Hole Sponsor—\$800

There are 4 Par 3's on the course. Each Par 3 has a closest to the hole winner of \$200 per hole. Sponsorship signs are displayed at the event at each Par 3 hole. Recognition on the poster, flyer, and event signs are included.

\$20,000 Hole-In-One Sponsor - \$700 insurance policy **(4 sponsorships available)**

The popularity of hole #13 is legend. Out of our 12 year tournament run, 3 players have made the coveted shot and walked away with \$20,000. This year, we are spicing it up with a little bit of additional generosity. The first player to shoot a hole-in-one will receive \$20,000. Additionally, \$2,000 will go to the charity of the winning player's choice and \$1,000 will go to player who gets the next closest to the pin on that hole. There are 4 Par 3's on the course which means there are 4 chances to be the first to get a hole-in-one and 4 sponsorship opportunities for your company. Sponsorship signs are displayed at the event at each Par 3 hole and your company will be recognized on the poster, flyer, and event signs.

Hole Sponsor—\$250

Your business logo and contact information will be displayed on signs at the tee box for each hole sponsored. This is a great advertising opportunity for your business and a great way to show support for the Taft Chamber for a minimal cost.

Long Drive Sponsor—\$150 **(4 sponsorships available)**

An added feature of the tournament is the long drive contest where players shoot from their respective tees on hole #7. The farthest shot takes home a prize of \$150 per color tee box. Your company receives 1 sign at each tee box, denoting your sponsorship of the long drive.

Golfer Registration

Prizes and Giveaways

Player #1 Name: _____
 SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N
 Address: _____
 City, State Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Player #2 Name: _____
 SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N
 Address: _____
 City, State Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Player #3 Name: _____
 SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N
 Address: _____
 City, State Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Player #4 Name: _____
 SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N
 Address: _____
 City, State Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Tournament play: Men play from the white tees, age 65 and older play gold tees and women play red tees. Top gross team (no handicap) will win overall gross score prize and top 4 net (after handicap) teams will win prize money. Ties for place money will be determined by totaling place money divided by number of tied teams.

Team members must play their ball within one club length and no closer to the hole from the lie of the ball selected for play. If a ball selected for play is in a hazard or off the green, all team balls must be played from the hazard or off the green. When putting on the green, all balls must be putted from as close as possible to the lie of the ball selected for play.

Teams will be monitored during play by Chamber Tournament officials. Tournament disputes will be settled by tournament officials and their rulings will be final.

No Pro Participation.

Top Gross & Net Teams

Payouts

1st Place Gross \$1,600
 1st Place Net \$1,600
 2nd Place Net \$1,400
 3rd Place Net \$1,200
 4th Place Net \$1,000

Hole-In-One Par 3's

(Hole 2, 6, 13, 17)

\$20,000 Cash + Bonus Prizes

Closest to the Hole

(Hole 2, 6, 13, 17)

\$200 Cash for each par 3

Long Drive

\$150 Cash on 7th hole tees

Putting Contest

\$200 Cash

Added Contests

\$5 Bucket Shot to win 50/50 Raffle

"Pay to Play" Hole 11 Long Drive

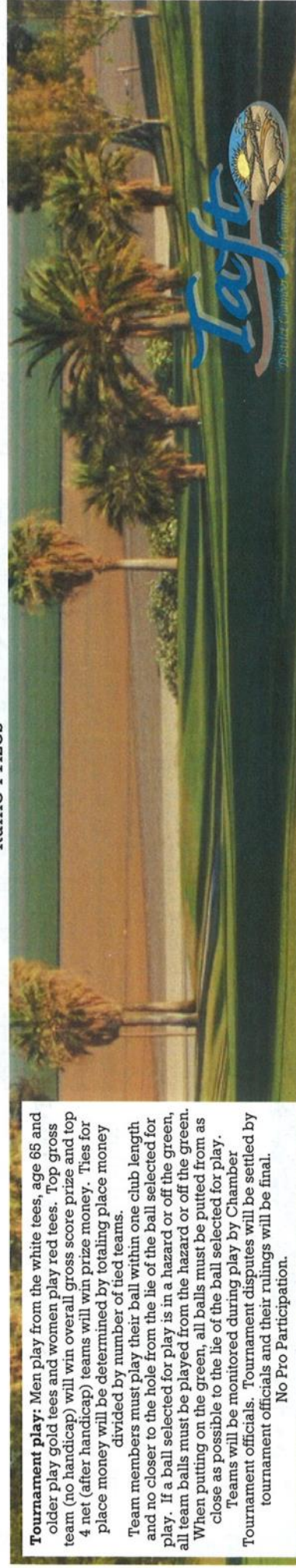
Raffle Prizes

**Total
Cash Prizes
\$88,100**

14th Annual

**Taft Chamber
Golf Classic**

**Saturday,
March 12, 2016
Buena Vista Golf
Course**



Taft District Chamber of Commerce 14th Annual Golf Classic

Saturday, March 12, 2016
Buena Vista Golf Course, Taft, CA

6:00am

Registration

7:30am

Shotgun Start

** Lunch and raffle following event
to be held at the Clubhouse**

Play format:

4 Person Team (form your own team)

Scramble Format

**See back for tournament play

Entry fee:

\$125 per player

\$500 per team

Registration includes green fees,
cart, drinks, goody bag, lunch, and
participation in the putting contest

Top Gross & Net Teams win!

1st Place Gross \$1,600

1st Place Net \$1,600

2nd Place Net \$1,400

3rd Place Net \$1,200

4th Place Net \$1,000

The Taft Chamber Annual Golf
Tournament is being held on
Saturday, March 12, 2016 and
we invite you to join us for
another fun tournament at
Buena Vista Golf Course in
Taft.

In addition to the top 5 team
payouts, players can win
\$20,000 for a Hole-In-One at
each par 3, \$200 for the
closest to the hole at each par
3, \$150 for the men's and
women's long drive, and \$200
for the winner of the putting
contest.

We have had 3 Hole-In-One
winners who have walked
away with \$60,000 in our
tournament history! There are
4 Par 3's on the course which
means there are 4 chances to
be the first to get a Hole-in-
One. **This year, it could be
you!**

Please support our wonderful
sponsors. Thanks to these
sponsors, the Taft Chamber is
able to host a fun golf
tournament, with great raffles,
cash prizes and giveaways,
and fabulous food and drinks.

Tournament Sponsorships & Teams

Teams of 4: \$500 \$_____

Please include golfer information on
the back

Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000 \$_____

Includes 3 teams, 4 Tee signs, Large
Event Banner, Recognition in media,
event program, and sponsor banner

Gold Sponsor: \$2,500 \$_____

2 teams, 2 Tee signs, Recognition in
media, event program, and banner

Silver Sponsor: \$1,500 \$_____

1 team, 1 Tee sign, Recognition in
event program, and banner

Hole Sponsor: \$250 \$_____

Tee sign (name) _____

Total Payment Enclosed: \$_____

Return this form and payment to:

Taft Chamber of Commerce

400 Kern Street

Taft, CA 93268

(661)765-2165



TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Third Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Saturday, March 26, 2016

Five Dogs Shooting Range 20238 Woody Road 93308

Taft Sportsmen's Club is a Non-Profit Organization ID#77-0220279

**TO BENEFIT TSC JUNIOR PHEASANT HUNT
TAFT COLLEGE AND TAFT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
JC CHITWOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Sign In: 8:00 am

Shoot Starts: 9:00 am

Ammunition available for purchase at Range

Teams and Individual sign-ups welcome ~ \$400.00 per team of five

\$ 80.00 per person* Limited to 34 Teams on 17 Station Course

Includes BBQ Lunch and Drinks

1st, 2nd Place Team Prizes. High Score.

Individual High Shooter Prizes for Male & Female

Make Checks Payable to Taft Sportsmen's Club or use Pay Pal

General Sponsor \$100.00 ~~~~ Station Sponsor \$250.00

Additional BBQ tickets will be available for non-shooters for \$10.00

*** SPECIAL GUN RAFFLE ***

- *GLOCK 27 .40 Fixed Sights Smith & Wesson Pistol*
- *SPRINGFIELD Armory XD 9mm 5" Pistol*
- *REMINGTON 870 20 Gauge 26" Wood Stock Shotgun*
- *SAVAGE A17 .17 HMR 22" Rifle*
- *REMINGTON 887 12 Gauge 18.5" Barrel Shotgun*
- *SPRINGFIELD Armory PX9109LP 1911 .45 ACP*
- *RUGER American .270 Winchester Rifle*

\$20.00 per Ticket – ** Pick your GUN * Pick your Bucket **

(If Winner does not pass background check, GUN will be forfeited and will become property of TSC for future events)

*** SPECIAL GUN SAFE RAFFLE ***

T & T Liberty 23 Gun Safe ~~ \$10.00 per Ticket

Name 1 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 2 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 3 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 4 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 5 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____

Registration Contacts:

Tom Brown – (661) 978-1230

Eric & Sandy Ross – (661) 979-8876 - sross@live.com

***** ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT 34 TEAMS *****

Send Check or Money Orders **Payable** to **Taft Sportsmen's Club**

Sandy Ross

12109 Brockridge Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93312

Or you may pay with Pay Pal: www.taftsc.com/clays.html

Shoot Charges:

Shooter Entry Fees **(\$80.00 per shooter or \$400.00 per team)**\$ _____

General Raffle Tickets* (\$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00)\$ _____

Additional BBQ Tickets (\$10.00 each)\$ _____

General Sponsor \$100 or Station Sponsors \$250\$ _____

Special Raffle (GUNS) Tickets ** (\$20.00 each)\$ _____

Gun Safe Raffle ** (\$10.00 each)\$ _____

50/50 Raffle ** (\$5.00 each)\$ _____

TOTAL CHARGE.....\$ _____

** WINNER FOR GUNS / GUN SAFE RAFFLE DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN IF NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ARE ON TICKET **

****SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZES ** MARK TICKET STUB WITH GUN CHOICE AND TICKET WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE CORRECT BUCKET DAY OF EVENT ****

GUNS ARE PURCHASED AT TEN PERCENT FIREARMS AND IT IS THE WINNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER GUN.

TEN PERCENT FIREARMS

1277 KERN STREET

TAFT, CA 93268

(661) 765-6899

WWW.TENPERCENTFIREARMS.COM

~~ TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE \$40.00 ~~

**Display your Company Business Card in the TSC Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Annual fee of \$40.00 (Due January 1st of each year)**

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www.taftsc.com

FREE Smog Repairs!

- ✓ Are you a San Joaquin Valley resident?
- ✓ Have you owned your car for more than 6 months?
- ✓ Does your car fail emissions testing?

If so, please join Valley CAN and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for a **FREE** car emissions test and diagnostic inspection



TUNE IN & TUNE UP Car Clean-Up Event

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Emissions testing from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

(event gate is subject to close earlier due to maximum vehicles)

No event entry before 6:30 AM. Please observe posted parking regulations.

LOCATION: Kern County Raceway Park, 13500 Raceway Blvd.,
Interstate 5 and Enos Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93311

The first 525 vehicles that qualify after the free emissions test will receive a

\$500 voucher

for repairs at a participating STAR smog shop

Please expect a 2+ hour wait

Free food and drinks start at 9 a.m. (while supplies last)

This event only provides emissions screenings,
no smog certificates will be issued at the event

For event information email info@valley-can.org or call 1-800-806-2004

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