

CORAOPOLIS DISTRICT SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017 Issue

Website: www.cdsa.biz

IMPORTANT DATES:

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.....3rd Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm

FAMILY NIGHT.....Saturday, March 25 – 6PM to 9PM / see details & RSVP below.

Indoor Spring FLEA MARKET.....Saturday, April 22 / 8am to 1pm

JOAD.....Sundays, September 11, 2016 thru April 30, 2017 / 4:30pm-7pm

JUNIOR RIFLE.....Mondays, September 19, 2016 thru May 8, 2017/6pm-9pm

CDSA Annual Corn Roast.....Sunday, August 13 / 1PM – 5PM / see details & RSVP below.

GUN BASH 2017.....Saturday, September 23 / 12pm – 6pm (details below)

[additional information regarding these events on the pages below]

Newsletters are quarterly (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct). Information must be received by the prior membership meeting.

_____ Each Year Your Membership Dues must be paid between _____
_____ November 1 & December 31. (NO bills or reminders are mailed!) _____

*** NEW RENEWAL PROCEDURE ***

To renew by mail send to:

Coraopolis District Sportsmen, Attn: Membership Chairman, 106 Coketown Road, Coraopolis, Pa. 15108
Include a check made out to Coraopolis Sportsmen and a business size, self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your card and a copy of the updated rules & regulations.

Also, in November and December each year, you may renew your membership between 6:30pm & 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month, immediately before the monthly Membership Meeting.

IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID IN FULL BY DECEMBER 31, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

LATE RENEWALS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND ARE ASSESSED A \$25 LATE FEE.

CDSA Membership is closed! Call Jeanne at 724-695-0483 to be placed on next year's waiting list

Empty Chamber Indicators ARE Required (ECI will be the new term used in Safety Education courses replacing OBI)

Everyone shooting firearms must use an "Empty Chamber Indicator" (also sometimes called a "Chamber Flag" or ECI) so that range officers and other shooters can easily confirm that everyone's firearms are in a SAFE condition prior to entering the range to set or check targets. An ECI must be inserted into each firearm prior to anyone declaring the range to be "clear" for target setting or checking. Range Officers and other members will enforce this rule.

****NEW** CLUB WEB-SITE: www.cdsa.biz**

Newsletters are quarterly, but the website is updated monthly (or more) and available all the times. Check it often, especially the calendar! Also the CDSA Newsletter is available on the web site, before the mailed or E-mailed copies arrive.

A MESSAGE from the CDSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

If you have any questions or a suggestion, please, come to the Membership Meeting to ask your question, voice your opinion, or offer your suggestion. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month, at 7:30PM. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

FAMILY NIGHT: SATURDAY, MARCH 25 / 6PM to 9PM (see RSVP below)

Join us for a CDSA sponsored, FREE night of entertainment, pizza, salad, and a build your own ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR. Please, RSVP with the number of people attending no later than Friday, March 24 by calling Jeanne 724-695-0483.

CDSA ANNUAL CORN ROAST: SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 / 1PM – 5PM (see RSVP below)

Join us for the annual, fresh picked corn roast. CDSA provides entertainment, corn on the cob, ribs, chicken, brisket, beer, soda, water, all needed paper products, etc. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. The cost is \$5 per family. If your grown children & family want to attend, you can pay another \$5 to include them. RSVP on or before Friday, August 11 by calling Jeanne, 724-695-0483.

2017 CDSA GUN BASH FUND RAISER : SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 / 12PM-6PM (doors open 11AM)

Held at the Kennedy Township Fire Hall. Prizes, raffles, 50/50, drinks, and snacks all day. Food buffet 1pm to 5pm. We plan on having tickets ready for sale in late March, watch for the announcement. Ticket prices are \$35, BUT if you pay for your ticket **before SEPT. 1st**, you will only pay \$30. Any questions, call Rick Lewis 412-965-7892.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM (RSO)

The club will be using volunteer Range Safety Officers to monitor the ranges and help novice shooters and new club members learn safe shooting practices and proper range etiquette. The RSOs are fellow Club member volunteers. Please treat them with respect and observe their commands and instructions. They are here to help maintain our Club as a safe and enjoyable place to shoot. If you are interested in being a volunteer Range Safety Officer, please contact one of the Club officers or attend a meeting.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC ARCHERY DEVELOPMENT (aka “JOAD”) (Indoor Range)

JOAD practices are held Sundays from 4:30pm – 7pm on the Indoor Range from September thru April. Children ages 6-20 years are welcome. The cost is \$5 per practice to cover range fees and equipment/event costs. Equipment is available for children wanting to try archery & to confirm interest prior to investing in equipment. We provide USAA Level II Certified coaches. Competitions at other clubs begin in December and run thru April and would require joining USAA Association. (\$35). CDSA also hosts a tournament here on March 3, 4, 5, 2017. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from all tournaments. For additional information call Rick Lewis 412-965-7892 or Bill Rosenwald 412-216-0390. (Check CDSA calendar regularly for adjustments)

JUNIOR RIFLE (Indoor Range)

Junior Rifle practice is held every Monday night September through April, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. This is for children ages 11 years through 18 years. Instruction will be given on gun safety, proper handling of a rifle, and the proper techniques. The club provides the .22 rifles, ammo, and a NRA certified instructor. Stop down on Monday night to see the program in action and get more information. (Check the CDSA calendar frequently for schedule adjustments)

INDOOR COMBAT PISTOL (Indoor Range)

Combat Pistol meets every Wednesday night, year-round, at 7:00 PM. We invite all to come down and practice with your handgun by participating in a variety of indoor speed shoots. It is fun and great practice if you keep a handgun for protection. Cost is only \$2 range fee and \$1 for each target that you shoot. All levels of shooters are welcome.

THURSDAY NIGHT CDSA BULLSEYE PISTOL TEAM: (Indoor Range)

Thursday nights from late October through the end of April from 5 to 9pm. It involves bulls eye shooting with .22 and center fire pistols. Come see what it is all about or E-mail Dave Prepelka at djprepelka@comcast.net for more information.

OUTDOOR NRA SILHOUETTE SHOOTS: Come down next season & shoot Steel Targets with us! (outdoor range)

WHEN: The third Saturday of the month, April 15 through September 16, 2017.

WHAT IT IS: As the name implies, the course of fire is 40 targets cut out of steel that must be knocked down or off the stand to count. Ten chickens at 40 meters, ten pigs at 50 meters, ten turkeys at 75 meters, and ten rams at 100 meters. Allowed guns are .22 cal. rifles and handguns, center-fire handguns and pistol cartridge (.22LR, .22 mag, .357, .44 mag, etc.) lever guns. All shooting is done offhand. Matches shot for score are \$7 and require an NRA score-book. You can also shoot a practice round for \$4. Your first round is FREE!! Bring your favorite .22 and/or handgun down and give it a try. It is more fun shooting targets that clank and fall down than poking holes in paper. AND THE BONUS IS, THE TARGETS ARE SET FOR YOU. For more information call Terry 412-915-1193.

INDOOR NRA AIR PISTOL SILHOUETTE (upstairs Social Hall)

We meet every Friday night starting January 6 thru March 31, 2017] We start shooting at 7:30 pm until 9 pm (or until all shooters are done). Come on down and pit your skills against teeny, tiny chickens, pigs, turkeys, and rams. For information call Terry 412-915-1193.

RANGE CLOSURES: Check the Calendar on the web site and watch for notices posted on the Ranges. At times a last minute closure cannot be avoided. We work very hard to keep this from happening.

There are a lot of ongoing projects. This is your Club. It is not a business. The Club is 100% non-profit and relies on volunteers to get things done. Please, help make your Club better by cleaning up after yourself, sweeping up all your spent shells on the range (including shotgun shells), and volunteer when you can, every little bit helps. Each year, all volunteers will be eligible for a gift card drawing to be held at the January membership meeting. When you volunteer, please see an officer or board member to submit your name for the drawing. Thank you!

INDOOR FLEA MARKET – SATURDAY, April 22, 2017 – 8AM / 1PM

TABLES ARE \$10 EACH. You may sell just about anything that is legal to sell. CALL Jeanne at 724-695-0483 to reserve a table or for more information. Also you may come to pick out your table & set up on Friday, April 21 from 6pm-8pm.

Safety must be your first priority when using the ranges. Please, keep muzzles pointed in a safe direction and **DO NOT EVER TOUCH FIREARMS WHEN ANYONE IS ON THE RANGE!** Do not put them in a case, do not adjust the sights, do not touch them. Stand back and wait for the range to be clear. When the range is clear, you may handle your firearm.

>>> RULES THAT NEED YOUR ATTENTION <<<

- 1) Upon arrival on the ranges, sign in and pay your range fee, before setting up to shoot.
- 2) You must display your membership card at all times when on Club property. If you forget to bring your membership card, you are not permitted to shoot.
- 3) Absolutely no handling of a firearm when anyone is down range – EVER! It does not matter if you think it is unloaded or not. DO NOT TOUCH IT!
- 4) Ear and eye protection must be worn on the rifle and pistol ranges by EVERYONE, AT ALL TIMES! Putting your fingers in your ears or closing your eyes, is NOT PROTECTION!
- 5) Guests or family members may not use a shooting lane or bench by themselves. If you bring a guest or family member, only one person at a time may shoot. When your guest or family member is shooting, you must be within an arm's reach of them for safety.
- 6) Clean up after yourself and leave the range no worse than what you found it. Do not sweep empty shells off the pad onto the dirt or grass.
- 7) DO NOT put cardboard on the target stands that covers or touches the top board. These boards are being shot to pieces due to shooting too high, because the targets being shot at are mounted too high. The same applies to the side boards and this can be avoided by placing your personal targets away from the side boards.

**** IMPORTANT ** NEW RULES OR CLARIFICATIONS for 2017 **IMPORTANT ****

Most rules were reformatted to conform to NRA recommendations. We hope this makes them easier to understand and follow. Please, read ALL rules closely. If they are not clear to you, ask one of your Officers, Directors, or RSOs.

- **Administrative Rule 3** - any guest or family member UNDER the age of 18 is not required to pay range fees, but are required to be registered on the sign-in pages. Just add n/c in the payment block.
- **Outdoor Range rule 10** - target heights on all ranges cannot exceed 48 inches, this includes steel targets. This has always been an “unwritten” rule, but it is now documented and will be enforced.
- **Administrative Rule 8** – clarification – member must be within arms length of non-member or under-age shooter, at all times, when they are handling or shooting a firearm or bow. If you do not understand this rule, come to a meeting or ask an RSO.
- **Administrative Rule 9** – new type of Family Membership added to CDSA By-Laws allows a spouse of a member full range privileges after the spouse passes the CDSA Safety Orientation course.

New Rules signs have been posted on all ranges and every member should have received a copy of the 2017 rules when you renewed your membership. If you did not, please, come to the next membership meeting for a copy.

Our C.D.S.A. goal is for all shooters to have a safe and positive experience on all ranges.

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