

CORAOPOLIS DISTRICT SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EACH YEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID

STARTING * OCTOBER 1 * thru DECEMBER 31.

(NO bills or reminders are mailed!)

THE JANUARY "GRACE PERIOD" HAS CHANGED FOR 2018 AND BEYOND.

IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID IN FULL BY DECEMBER 31,

YOU WILL BE CHARGED ** A \$25 LATE FEE **

IF NOT PAID BY JANUARY 31st, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

After January 31st renewal will depend on if openings are available.

****NEW RENEWAL PROCEDURE effective 2017****

If you have a computer, go to www.cdsa.biz

At the top of the Home page is a "General Info" tab. On the drop-down menu, you will find "Membership Renewal Electronic". Fill out all information, including the type of membership, (adult, senior, junior). Then click the Submit button at the bottom. Information is sent to Bernie Higby, CDSA Membership Chairman.

Then by mail send:

- 1.> a check made out to Coraopolis Sportsmen for your dues
- 2.> a note with your name and that you filed your electronic information update
- 3.> a business sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope, so we may return your membership card and a copy of the updated rules & regulations.

MAIL TO: C.D.S.A. MEMBERSHIP, 106 COKETOWN ROAD, CORAOPOLIS, PA. 15108.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER, you may pick up a renewal form at CDSA or have someone print one for you. **Fill it out and follow the mailing instructions above.**

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PAY IN PERSON MAY PAY THEIR DUES ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, OR DECEMBER, BETWEEN 6:30PM-7:30PM, BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING STARTS,

OR
THE 1ST TUESDAY OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER, BETWEEN 6:30PM-7:30PM, BEFORE THE DIRECTORS MEETING STARTS.

To keep C.D.S.A.'s information up to date, **ALL MEMBERS** are required to fill out a **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM EVERY YEAR.** The **RENEWAL FORMS** are available at CDSA or online.

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 firearms are in a SAFE condition prior to entering the range to set / check targets. An ECI must be inserted into each firearm prior to anyone declaring the range to be "clear" for target setting or checking. RSOs and other members will enforce this rule.

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.

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. We added 6 new Range Safety Officers (RSOs) on Sunday, March 26, 2017.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC ARCHERY DEVELOPMENT (aka "JOAD") (Indoor Range / starts Sunday, October 8, 2017)

JOAD practices are held Sundays from 4:30pm – 7pm on the Indoor Range from September thru April. Children ages 6-20 years are welcome. 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 2, 3, 4, 2018. 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)

*****STARTING IN 2017 the weekly fees for JR Rifle and JOAD will be eliminated. Instead the shooters and archers will be required to sign up for a CDSA junior membership. The cost is \$10 per year. This year only the \$10 fee will cover the remainder of 2017 and all of 2018. For details see your instructors on opening day. *****

JUNIOR RIFLE (Indoor Range / Starts Monday, September 25, 2017)

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 / all year)

Combat Pistol meets every Wednesday night, year-round, at 6:00 PM. (shooting starts 7pm). We invite all to come and hone your skills with your hand gun 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. Non-members are welcome and may also bring a friend.

THURSDAY NIGHT CDSA BULLSEYE PISTOL TEAM: (Indoor Range / Starts Thursday, October 26, 2017)

BULLSEYE meets Thursday nights from late October through mid-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 Neal Hurley at nealhurley@hurley2.com for more information.

OUTDOOR NRA SILHOUETTE SHOTS: CANCELLED in 2017 until further notice / due to poor attendance.

INDOOR NRA AIR PISTOL SILHOUETTE (upstairs Social Hall)

We meet every Friday night starting January 5 thru March 30, 2018. We begin shooting at 7:30 pm until 9 pm (or until all shooters are done). Come on down & pit your skills against teeny, tiny chickens, pigs, turkeys, and rams. Information call Terry 412-915-1193.

RANGE CLOSURES: Check the Calendar on the web site and watch for notices posted on the Ranges.

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, and 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 are posted on all ranges & every member should have received a copy of the 2017 rules when you renewed your membership. If you did not, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES:

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.....3rd TUESDAY of EVERY MONTH @ 7:30pm
Junior RifleStarts Monday, September 25 AT 6PM, ages 11-18
J.O.A.D.....Starts Sunday, October 8, at 4:30 pm, ages 6-20
[additional information regarding these events and others on the pages inside]

**Please, see front page of the Newsletter for important information regarding membership renewals.
Your *new* renewal period is October 1st through December 31st.
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****The new Short Range Bays are open****

Please, review the rules posted on the bulletin board to the left of the sign in booth. Also each range has posted rules & restrictions unique to that particular range. Read all before using the ranges.

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