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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



Calendar of Events

- 01/01/11 – Third Annual New Year's Day Trap Shoot
- 01/07/11 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 01/13/11 – Indoor Archery League Begins
- 01/17/11 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 01/30/11 – ASC Youth Archery Shoot
- 02/13/11 – 4th Annual Bill Bjork Ice Fishing Derby



Bird/Game – *Billy Bird*

We had a great season. Special thanks to Mike Dusauvage, Mike Sterns and Marc Roberts for helping me make the pheasants fat and yummy! Thank you to all the kids for helping me catch and stock birds each week. Another thank you to the group that helped me take down the top net. Till next year.....

Archery – *Ron Kazlauskas*

Thanks to all the archers and Club members who made our annual Toys for Tots shoot a success. We completely filled the Marines' van with toys plus \$680 in donations, Over 80 shooters came to shoot.

The Indoor League will start on January 13th with the first arrows off at 6:00pm. Committee member Mark Goodwin will be running the League this season. Everyone who completes all 10 weeks will receive a shirt or jacket. Cost is \$5.00 per night. On Sunday, Jan 30th, we will be holding a youth archery shoot from noon to 3:00pm. Archers who qualify will receive a medal plus a certificate. This shoot is sponsored by Whitetails Unlimited and Parker Archery, and is open to young archers, 17 years old and younger. There is no cost to shoot but please sign up by Jan 15th to ensure we have enough medals and targets. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the patio bulletin board. That's all for now – Shoot Straight...



From the Field:



Tom Balcom and a nice 8 point taken during Archery Season



Some of the very hard workers who helped stock our pheasants

Trout – *Glenn Standring*

At the December meeting we reviewed the Trout Pond Rules. We changed just a few to be in line with other clubs with private ponds:

- No licenses will be needed from now on
- Changed no catch and release only on catch and release derbies. After the fall regular derby went well, we will be doing this again.
- Got rid of "sign the log" book, because nobody did it. I will put a book out there for any comments

We have scheduled the 4th Annual Bill Bjork Memorial Ice Fishing Derby, on Sunday Feb 13, 2011 from 7am to 12:00. Sign up will start at 6:00am. Same price and same prize setup 1st, 2nd and 3rd for adults and juniors. We hopefully will have tickets for the canoe drawing in the spring. We will be stocking on Sunday Feb. 6th at 12:00. The pond will be closed after that, until the derby. This year we will also be having a 2nd stocking on the 18th of Feb at 3pm for all the members to enjoy. If you would like to help out, please show up and you will see the quality of the fish we are putting into our pond. Kids are always welcome to help. Hope to see you there.

Remember you can catch and release fish all year. Couple of tips:

- Circle hooks work great.
- Barbless hooks also work great
- Bait fishing is very hard to catch and release
- Jig fishing in the winter works great

ASC Meat Raffle – January 7th – 7:00pm
All are welcome, so come on down and bring a friend for a night of fun.



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January 2011 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

Happy New Year! We made it through another one. I resolve to spend more quality time on the range. I resolve to average 400-500 arrows a week from the time the butts thaw out right up to the new season. I resolve to wait for good ethical shot opportunities in all my hunting endeavors. I resolve also (through the Hunter Education Program) to bring into our brother/sisterhood as many new people as possible in 2011. Finally, that these new outdoors people will be endowed with a wisdom and ethical standard that will stand them in good stead during their years afield and serve as positive examples that the majority of the non hunting community will view as a reason to continue our lifestyle when the anti's attack.

The club has close to 800 members. 30-40 members handle 98% of the day to day work needed to keep the ranges open, the birds fed and happy prior to stocking, maintain the facilities etc. Please consider becoming more active by joining a committee and giving some time to keeping this club the class of the area. You don't need to wait for a work party to form; ask the committee chair for a few ideas on something that needs attention and help out where and when you can. I chair Hunter Education and guarantee we are always looking for quality members to help spread the love of this outdoors to new sports persons.

Submitted With Respect: Nish



Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley

Our next Mega Meat Raffle will be held Friday, January 7th. Early bird tickets are available from 6:00pm – 6:30pm. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm! Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!

Monthly Meeting

Every meeting prior to adjournment, a member's number is drawn and if the member is in attendance, he/she will win the dollar amount in the meeting fund. The number drawn on 12/20/10 was Member #421 - No winner.

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The December meeting took place on 12/17/10 at Hubbardston Rod and Gun. Jim DiMaio, a forestry consultant retained by W.C.L., gave a report on the status of plans for timber harvesting of sections of the 100 acre parcel of rural land owned by the League in New Braintree. We've been contacted by a professional logger who has studied the area and is interested in working the property. A vote was taken authorizing continuation of the process to finalize permits and settle certain legal matters, as well as establish a formal conservation restriction with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for protecting the property in the future. Bill Davis of MassWildlife reminded delegates that 2012 will be the year for a full online process enabling people to get certain licenses and permits via the Internet. 2011 is scheduled to be the last year for hard copy licenses and stamps. I'll keep you posted on further developments. There are a number of new and/or "rehashed" gun, hunting, and related bills in the works at the State House, some of which are beneficial for us. As of 12/17, no numbers on most of the bills have been assigned – again, I'll keep you informed as things develop in the new legislative session.

The annual Outdoors Show at the DCU Center in Worcester is scheduled for Feb. 10-13 of 2011. Auburn archers interested in helping out at the W.C.L. archery range at the show should call Dave Papale at 508-414-2863 for more information. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

Next W.C.L. meeting is 1/21/11 at Singletary Rod and Gun, 7:30 p.m.