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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

Calendar of Events

- 02/06/11 – First Pond Stocking
- 02/13/11 – 4th Annual Bill Bjork Ice Fishing Derby
- 02/18/11 – Second Pond Stocking
- 02/21/11 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 03/01/11 – Junior Conservation Camp Applications Due
- 03/12/11 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Party



Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

The Thursday night Indoor League has started.. The cost is \$5.00 (five) per night. We'll be getting windbreakers this year for everyone who pays for all 10 weeks. Safari League and Club event schedules are posted on the information board on the patio, be sure to pick up a copy of each. Not much else for news this month, shoot straight!

Wood Duck Recovery – J.J. White

Good News! Ron K. snow shod out and checked the Wood Duck boxes – 3 of the 4 revealed chicks were hatched. This is a good start!

Trout – Glenn Standing

Hope everyone had a great holiday. There are still fish in the pond and there is plenty of ice. Remember, the Bill Bjork Memorial Ice Fishing Derby will be held Feb 13th from 7:00 am till noon. The pond will be stocked on Sunday Feb 6th at noon and will be closed from then until the derby. Anyone wishing to help out just come on down, kids are always welcome. Registration for the derby will start at 6:00 am. The kitchen will be open at 6:00 am as well, so make sure you stop by to get some good food and coffee. We will be raffling a Jet Sled XL at the derby, 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The sled is great for ice fishing, yard work, or dragging deer out of the woods. All the money will be used to stock some Big Fish at the spring derby. Remember, the second stocking on Feb 18th at 3:00 pm. Come on down and help out, thanks. This year we will be changing our annual Spring Raffle. Instead of the Radison Canoe (which is a great canoe), we will be raffling 2 prizes. 1st prize will be an old Town Guide 14 1/2 foot canoe, green with paddles and back support seats. This is a real nice boat. 2nd prize will be a 10 foot Old Town Vapor Angler Kayak, with anchor trolley system, rod holders, comfort flex seat and paddle. Let's support this raffle. Any questions or comments, leave me a note in the Lounge or see me on the pond. Keep a tight line.

Junior Conservation Camp – Cheryl Baribeault

The Club will again be sponsoring 2 children this year to attend the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. If you are interested in receiving one of these sponsorships, please submit your application and a letter of why you want to attend the camp to Cheryl Baribeault before March 1st. This deadline will be strictly enforced, so don't miss out on this great opportunity. The letters will be presented at the March Club meeting, at which time a decision will be made on the sponsorships. As stated on the web site: "Boys and girls aged 13 to 17 years old who enjoy outdoor activities and want to learn more about the environment are eligible to attend. Enthusiastic outdoorsmen and women today, they will become tomorrow's leaders in safeguarding our outdoor heritage. The camp is a unique outdoor experience offering a balanced program of conservation education and instruction in outdoor recreation activities. The camp's programs introduce young people to the ethical concepts and knowledge essential to a lifetime of properly enjoying our natural resources and the leisure activities that depend on their careful stewardship." Applications and information are online at <http://juniorconservationcamp.org/> and completed applications and/or any questions can be left for Cheryl. Please feel free to contact Cheryl with any questions.

Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

The New Year's Day Trap Shoot was a great success once again! We all had a great time. Thanks to my committee for your help in planning this event. A special thanks for Mike S and Bill B for plowing at the range so we could shoot.

The Winners:

- Best of 5 from 25...Bill Bird
- Step back from 20...Becky
- Rapid 5's with a partner...Joe V and Steve K
- Left handed Shoot... Ron Hebert Jr.
- From the hip...Dave Couture





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February 2011 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

The club's hunter education team will be running the following courses in 2011. Many members of the team will be involved also with bow programs in Spencer (Archery Plus) and Singletary. Dates TBA. Interested members must sign up with the state at (978) 772-0693 to reserve a seat.

- Feb 22, 24, 26, 28 @ Auburn Club
- April 5, 7, 9, 11 @ Leicester Rod & Gun 1015 Whittemore st, Leicester, MA 01524
- May 10, 12, 14, 17 @ Baypath, 243 Guelphwood rd, Southbridge, MA 01550
- May 15 HE Archery @ Auburn Club
- August 23, 25, 27, 29 @ Auburn club

The house committee has done good work in bringing the Lounge area back into compliance with the Board of Health. Work on the hall will be started soon. All in all, I predict good things will be happening in there and we will in a few months be able to offer rentals in a hall that shows the class this club is capable of. I'd like to mention the Club's website. For years, people ran their mouths about the wonderful things they were going to accomplish and nothing happened. Finally a member stood up and backed his words with actions. Dave Schroeder, with Chris Slavinkas' support, has been doing a great job. Congratulations!

Indoor Archery is in full swing on Thursday evenings. Mark Goodwin is running the show this year. Thursday Feb 26 they are surrendering the hall to Hunter Ed and there will be no shooting. New targets have arrived for the 3-D courses.

The ranges are in good shape but some still think their mother lives here and just loves cleaning up after them. Just like wilderness camping, if you carry it in please carry it out. Trap mentioned the couple of members who give their time and labor to plow out/clean up their area which allows them to keep going right through the winter. Every Sunday at 11:00 am gang, come down and join in. Ice fishing is running strong. T Mahoney is out there several times a week. Tournament dates are posted at the Club and will be posted, elsewhere, including here in the newsletter. There are a lot of good things going on here at the Club and I know I have not mentioned them all but space is limited. I do ask the silent majority who are rarely seen or heard from to consider helping out. House in particular will need help as the renovations and upgrades continue. Please step forward and help where and when you can. As usual submitted with respect: Nish

Special Events – Debi V.

A MERRY time was had by all at both ASC Christmas parties!! Food, music, crafts and fun were the highlights of the day until Santa arrived at the Kid's Party. He received an exceptionally warm welcome from 33 children and their guests. Raffle winners were Gracie and Ryan - each got a \$50 gift certificate for Toys-R-Us! Later in the evening the adults got to rock their JOLLIES! Pot luck dishes, music by BRETT TALBERT, a Yankee Gift Swap, raffle prizes, lots of laughs and quite a bit of dancing!! Santa couldn't stay for this party, but he made sure one of his ELVES hung around to ensure a "JINGLING" good time. To those who were there, glad you enjoyed . . . If you couldn't make it we surely missed you . . . next year we hope you come by and join in the FUN! MOST OF ALL ~ A HUGE THANK YOU to my committee members and ALL of those who helped in any way, shape or form to make these parties such a success!!! It is BECAUSE OF YOU that I enjoyed my FIRST EVENT as Special Events chairperson! Now, onto upcoming events - I am coordinating a St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Party for Sat. March 12.

WILL NEED help on the kitchen end of this one BIG TIME! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Lounge for volunteers (cooks & servers). Look for postings with more details on ticket sales and times.

BRETT will be back to play some jigs to keep us lively. So get out your green and dust off your Shillelagh's!! WHO KNOWS ~ maybe we'll have a "LUCKY LEPRECHAUN" in our midst!!!

You never know . . . I DO HAVE CONNECTIONS!!!!



Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The January League meeting was held 1/21/11 at Singletary Rod and Gun in Oxford. News item from MassWildlife included mention of District Fisheries Biologist Mark Brideau having updated the Central District stocked trout waters list for a posting on the www.MassWildlife.org website. This listing is updated each year to show any changes in stocked waters that result due to additional points of access being acquired, or any areas removed from the list owing to lost access or the degradation of habitat. All five Wildlife Districts in Mass. have updated information. In my report on the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee, I mentioned a great source of information available on the Mass Audubon website pertaining to wild birds here in our state. The Mass. Breeding Bird Atlas, revision (volume) II, contains a listing of over 220 species observed and documented by dedicated field spotters around the state. This is an ongoing effort, but the second revision is based on updated data for the years 2007-2011. A surprising number of different birds – well over 100 – have been documented within the Quabbin Reservation.

Mike Moss, president of the Mass. Council, gave a good report on legislative efforts backed by the Council in Boston. H.2229, a bill that extends a grace period on expiration dates for LTCs held by active-duty service men and women from Mass., was passed and signed into law by Gov. Patrick recently. Mike and the Mass. Council deserve a lot of credit for their tireless efforts on all our behalfs. A reminder to A.S.C. archers who are interested in volunteering at the W.C.L. archery range at the annual DCU Outdoors Show in Worcester, held this year on 2/10 through 2/13/11: Call Dave Papale at 508-414-2863 for scheduling information. Next W.C.L. meeting is on 2/18/11 at Spencer Fish and Game, 7:30 p.m. The club is located at the south end of Mechanic St. In closing, check the January issue of W.C.L. Sportsman's News for a great article on fisher "cats", an important animal many of you always have questions on. (The name is a misnomer; fishers are related to weasels and otter and do not prey on fish.)