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# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



## Calendar of Events

- 03/04/11 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 03/12/11 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Party
- 03/21/11 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 03/26/11 – Sportsman's Flea Market
- 03/27/11 – Black Powder Woods Walk
- 03/27/11 – Trap Range is Closed



### Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

A sure sign of spring – the target butts are visible again! We even have some hardcore members shooting the field course. The indoor league is still going on Thursday evenings. It only costs \$5.00 (five) to shoot and is a good way to warm up for the 3-D season.

The youth "3 on Target" shoot was held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Despite the small turnout, a good time was had by all, shooting at bulls-eyes and some of our new 3-D targets. Jake Reschke won a gold medal for putting 3 consecutive arrows in a Bulls-eye. Special thanks to Mark Goodwin for helping to set up targets and giving pointers to the kids. Safari League schedules and Club shooting schedules are posted on the patio bulleting board. Be sure to pick up a copy.



### Trapping – Ron Kazlauskas

As the ice melts on the ponds and the swamp above, the beavers will start to become more active. Yearlings will soon be evicted as newborns arrive in April and May. Some members run trap lines on the Club's property, and will be setting traps out as soon as open water appears. If you happen across a set, do not disturb it. Even if an animal is in the trap, do not disturb the set! By law, all traps are checked daily, and non-target animals are released unharmed. If anyone would like to join me on my line, you are more than welcome. Once the ice breaks and I can make my sets, I will post a notice on the patio as where to meet, what to bring, etc. Until then, I and other trappers ask your cooperation and do not disturb our traps.

### ASC Flea Market – Jack & Ron

Jack and Ron's 4th Annual Sportsman's Flea Market will be held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8<sup>00</sup>am til 2:00pm. Tables are \$10 (ten) and dealers are welcome. As a reminder, HUNTING – FISHING – CAMPING EQUIPMENT only. We are also looking for donations for the Kids' table. All money made on this table will go towards future Kids' events. Once again, donations for the Kids' table should also be Sportsman related items only. Doughnuts, coffee and hot dogs will be served. Please call the Club for more info.

### Trout – Glenn Standring

The ice fishing derby was a great success. We had 66 adults and 8 juniors. There were 74 fish caught. A few people limited out in minutes, so we are going to try to come up with something to make that a little different. 1<sup>ST</sup> place for the adults was Roland Groleau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean Peterson, and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Gerry Leclair. Good Job!! 1<sup>st</sup> for the juniors was Nick Kamyick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jake Reschke, an 3<sup>rd</sup> was Cam Stisis. Great Job!! Hope everyone had fun. Thank you to Ron L, Peg F, Amy S, Alice, Jeff H, T.J., and Joel. These things would not happen without your help. The Jet Sled was won by Nikki and the smallest trout was won by Steve Deaskie. That was just something a little different that worked out. There are 3 golden trout that will still pay \$25 each if caught and verified. We stocked again Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> so there are plenty of fish in the pond. Just a reminder that the limit is now 2 fish per day with only 1 being over 15" - 6 fish per week limit. This seems fair to most members so if someone is new, please remind them of the rules. Next up - the Spring Derby, more to come. The tickets for the Canoe and Kayak raffle have arrived and are in the newsletter this month. Let's try to sell out this year. If anyone needs extra tickets let us know. Thanks and Keep a tight line



## ASC Meat Raffle – March 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

All are welcome, so come on down and bring a friend for a night of fun.  
Don't forget to go to [www.auburnsportsmansclub.com](http://www.auburnsportsmansclub.com) for more Club info



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### March 2011 Newsletter

#### President's Message – Jim Nishan

I leave for South Carolina Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> to hunt for deer sheds. Before leaving, I'd like to recognize some who have stood up and represented the club and themselves in a positive light. Norman Ostergard is a retired life member and a man who represents the pride that once went with calling yourself an Auburn Archer. He showed up on the first day of the Outdoor show in the DCU center ready, able and willing to put in many hours working the complimentary youth archery portion of the Worcester County League of Sportsman's Clubs display. He worked Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. He has been doing this for as long as I can remember. He is what we all should strive to be.

Ginny and the meat raffle people have done well. I've watched meat raffles for the past eight years. This is the best work I've seen out of them yet. Congratulations to a class lady who took on a hell of a lot more responsibility and work than she really wanted to for the benefit of the club. Congratulations also, to each member of her committee/work crew. The new house chairman is frequently seen working his butt off catching up on the many repairs and upkeep that had been ignored in the past few years. He has a huge job ahead of him in fixing up the hall. I know there are a lot of skilled workers out there who rarely come to the club house. This is the time to step up people. We need to rehab the hall and start pushing rentals to help support club activities. Folks, we need someone to step up and take on the bear that is the kitchen. It is a hard job but made easier if you develop a good group of people around you. I'd like to see Game Dinners back as an annual event. I'd also like to start an annual President's Dinner where we could recognize the accomplishments and achievements of our members. Combining the two may be an option but nothing can happen without someone willing to take on the kitchen. It may be an opportunity for a member who wants or needs a base to develop a catering business. This would require some discussion and a contract, but I'm willing to start the talks with anyone who steps up. Brenda will be running the March meeting. Be on your best behavior. She runs a tight ship.  
Submitted with respect: Nish

#### General Notices – Alice

A very special "thank you" to Scott McGuire for his generous donation of \$90. The money will be used for prizes for our Junior members. Also, the lunch menu in the Lounge is now available Monday - Saturday!

Just a reminder: We have 4 handicap spaces in the lower parking lot. **Please do not park in these spaces, unless you are legally allowed to do so.** Otherwise, it is illegal and rude. All violators will be towed at their own expense.

#### Monthly Meeting /Nominations – Brenda Reschke

Nominating: We have a vacancy for the Kitchen Chairmanship. Anyone interested in filling the vacancy, please see Brenda Reschke or leave your name & phone number in the lounge and she will contact you.

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 2/21/11 was Member #782 - No winner.

#### Special Events – Debi V.

REMINDER ... Come on down for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Party, Sat. March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner will be served from 3 - 5:30pm. We will have BRETT entertaining us in the Lounge after dinner has been served. So, bring your appetite and wear your green! Get ready to do a jig and have some fun!! Remember to keep your eyes peeled for a "LUCKY LEPRECHAUN" !  
*You could win a "pot o' gold"!!!*



"Heroes Night at the Sharks" Tickets are \$15.00. March 26<sup>th</sup>. DCU Center, Springfield Falcons Vs. Sharks. \$4.00 of every ticket sold goes directly back to the Veteran's Homestead to support our terminally ill Veterans! Orders are due by Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are flyers in the lounge or you can call Chris Curtis, 508.929.0504 with any questions.

#### Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

On behalf of Dave Papale (DCU Event Manager for the League) and the entire W.C.L., I want to express thanks and grateful appreciation to Jim Nishan, Norman Ostergard, and Glen Chase for their time and efforts in helping W.C.L. to staff and run our booth and archery range during the course of the February DCU Center Outdoor Show in Worcester. Many hours of work were contributed by these gentlemen and their efforts were invaluable. I also want to thank A.S.C. for the club's generous approval of funds to purchase tickets enabling a number of club members to attend the annual W.C.L. banquet and awards presentations, to be held this year on April 30 at the Spencer Country Inn. (This appropriation was voted on and approved at the 2/21/11 A.S.C. monthly meeting.) The League will have a drawing on that date for winners of our annual shotgun raffle. First prize is a Ruger Red Label 12 gage o/u field model with a set of various choke tube inserts; second prize is a Remington 870 20 gage pump, youth model. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. I have a number of tickets available and those interested can see me at the club or call me at 508-414-1178. You need not be present at the drawing to win. A limited number of tickets are printed for this special annual fundraiser. We sell tickets almost entirely within the Worcester County area only.

The February League meeting was held 2/18/11 at Spencer Fish and Game. Bill Davis of MassWildlife responded to a question on this winter's influence on deer populations in Central Massachusetts, a question put to him by A.S.C. president Jim Nishan. Bill's opinion was that, contrary to the impressions of many observers afield, this area has not experienced as significant an increase in deer deaths attributed to severe snows as some more northerly regions have reported. We don't tend to have the "deer yards" common to parts of New Hampshire and Maine that become congested with animals during bad weather.

Next W.C.L. meeting is 3/18/11 at the Nimrod League of Holden, 168 Coal Kiln Road, in Princeton, 7:30pm.