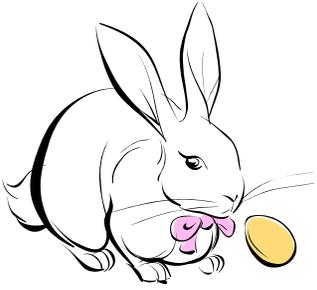


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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



Calendar of Events

- 04/01/11 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 04/16/11 – Kids Easter Egg Hunt
- 04/16/11 – Traditional Bowhunter Shoot
- 04/18/11 – ASC Monthly Meeting



Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

We will be holding our first Traditional Bowhunter shoot on Saturday April 16th. Registration is from 7:00am – 10:00am and the cost is \$5.00 (five). Sign-up is at the field house located at the trap range. The indoor league is over and jackets have been ordered. Hats off to Mark Goodwin for running a great league.

That's all for now, shoot straight...

Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

Trap is open on Sundays at 11:00am to shoot as a group. We are all anxiously awaiting for Caitlin to beat her Dad... and it's coming soon! We welcome new shooters always. We have several members to work with new shooters, so if you haven't tried trap, come on up and join the fun. If you use the range on your own, please remember that we have to shoot steel shot and biodegradable clay pigeons only. The biodegradable clay pigeons can be purchased in the lounge for \$10.00 per case of 135. We are looking to open up one night a week the 1st week of May. I am still working out the scheduling, but it will probably be Tuesday nights again. We have blocked off the entrance down to the range due to the wet muddy conditions. Please park up top by the field house until the ground dries out. Thanks to my committee for all your help at the range!

Trout – Glenn Standring

No one has caught any of the Golden Trout as of yet. They are still worth \$25, just have them confirmed by another member (known as the honor system). Hopefully we'll see the Club side come alive after the ice thaws out. Be careful on the bridge, but it will be fixed before the derby. We will be stocking May 15th at 12-noon sharp. Come on down and see what goes into getting the pond ready for the spring season. Kids are always welcome to help out. The Neal Donahue Fly Derby will be held May 21st from 7:00am – 11:00am and it is catch and release. The kitchen will not be open, but we will have muffins, doughnuts, and coffee. Come on down and have some fun. Your first three fish must be registered, but you can keep fishing. The regular spring derby will be held the next day, Sunday May 22nd from 7:00am – noon. There is a 3 fish limit, but you will be able to re-sign up one time before 9:00 am, after you have limited out. We are going to try this so that some of you are not done fishing by 7:30am. We'll have a tagged fish and maybe a raffle. We will be drawing the canoe and kayak raffle at this time. If anyone needs more tickets, come on down and pick some up in the Lounge. The Club has been great to the trout stocking efforts, so let's sell out this raffle. Next month there will be more on the kids' kiver derby and hornpout derby. Again, thanks to all the crew that are always there to help out. Thanks and keep a tight line...

In the Field

With the Spring Turkey season here, below are a sample of safety points. See <http://www.wildturkeyzone.com/articles/safety.htm> for the entire list:

1. **When turkey hunting, assume that every sound you hear is made by another hunter. Once you pull the trigger, you can never take that shot back.**
2. Never stalk a turkey. The chances of getting close enough for a shot are slim, but the chances of becoming involved in an accident are increased.
3. Eliminate the colors red, white, and blue from your turkey hunting outfit. Red is the color most hunters count on to differentiate a gobbler's head from the hen's blue-colored head.
4. Never move, wave, or make turkey sounds to alert another hunter to your presence. A quick movement may draw fire. Yell in a loud voice and remain hidden.
5. Never attempt to approach closer than 100 yards to a roosting turkey. The wild turkey's eyesight and hearing are much too sharp to let you get any closer.
6. Be particularly careful when using a gobbler call. The sound and motion may attract other hunters.
7. When selecting your calling position, don't try to hide so well that you cannot see what is happening around you. Remember, eliminating movement is your key to success, not total concealment.
8. Select a calling position that provides a background as wide as your shoulders, and one that will completely protect you from the top of your head down. Small trees will not hide slight movements of your hands or shoulders which might look like a turkey to another hunter who could be unwisely stalking your calls. Position yourself so you can see 180 degrees in front of you.
9. Camouflage conceals you. It does not make you invisible. When turkey hunting, think and act defensively. Avoid all unnecessary movement. Remember, you are visible to both turkeys and hunters when you move even slightly. Sitting perfectly still will help you take more turkeys than all the camo you can wear.
10. Never shoot at a sound or movement. Be 100 percent certain of your target before you pull the trigger. Don't ever shoot at a "piece" of a turkey. You must see the whole bird to determine whether it is safe or legal to shoot. A good rule of thumb is to not shoot until you can clearly see the gobbler's eye. That way, the bird will be in range and you will be sure it is a turkey.

ASC Meat Raffle – April 1st – 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 for more Club info



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April 2011 Newsletter

Lounge/Misc – Cheryl Baribeault

We have a member who is interested in playing in the lounge. Tony Yodice would like to entertain us... anything from Elvis to Green Day. We are hoping to have him down the end of April... shooting for the 23rd. Look for a posting in the Lounge and come on down for a night out!

The Club's BJ's membership has been renewed, so everyone that have associate memberships under the club can renew now. If you would like to get a BJ's membership under the Club's (you save ½ the membership cost) please stop by the Lounge and pick up a letter. Bring the letter to the service desk at BJ's to get the discounted membership.

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 3/21/11 was Member #398 - No winner.

Meat Raffle – Ginny

The last meat raffle is April 1st (no joke). Thanks to everyone for attending and making this a success! As always, thanks to everyone who has helped: Boston Bob, Rico, Carla, Joanie, John, Donna and if I missed you – sorry (Perry!) So make sure to be here for the last "huge" raffle. Thanks for a great year!

Special Events – Debi V.

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Party was a GREAT success! We sold out and everyone enjoyed the AWESOME corned beef and cabbage dinner!! BRETT was back and got us boogeying. Alice was the lucky winner of "The Pot O' Gold".

A HUGE THANK YOU to my committee members and "THE PAUL DYKE KITCHEN CREW"

The KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT (ages 12 & under) is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. We will be doing crafts as well as the hunt. Snacks will be provided, and we might possibly have some live bunnies visiting! A sign-up sheet will be in the Lounge by March 27th.



Is that all you got????!!!!

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The March meeting was held 3/18/11 at the Nimrod League of Holden club. Former Sheriff and Senator Guy Glodis of Auburn visited the meeting and thanked the League for past support and encouraged us in our various efforts. Bill Davis of MassWildlife reported that spring trout stocking would begin the week of March 21 and that weekly updates will be posted on the www.masswildlife.org website every Friday during the stocking season. You can also get information on stocked waters by calling the Central District in West Boylston at 508-835-3607, ext. 13, for a recorded list which also will be updated every Friday. Bill explained that lakes and ponds would be the first waters to be stocked and that rivers and streams would be handled once water levels go down. Regarding a possible new deer checking station in the area, we were told that Hamilton Rod and Gun in Sturbridge has offered to make their facility available to Fisheries and Wildlife for this purpose. The offer was referred to Sonja Christensen, Deer Project Leader at F+W, for consideration. Moe's Bait and Tackle in Berlin has shown interest in becoming a deer and turkey check station and might be added to the roster this year. We'll appreciate any such additional stations. Jim Wallace, Executive Director of GOAL, writes that Gov. Patrick's state budget proposal (submitted in late January) contains an interesting "outside section", something that is actually a change in state law that can cover almost anything under the guise of financial management, rather than being merely a fiscal line item. The section in question would combine two divisions of State Park Agencies now within the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). These two bodies – Division of State Parks and Recreation and Division of Urban Parks and Recreation – have different functions, but under the Governor's proposal would be merged into one agency. This bears watching because the potential result could be problematic for sports men and women who use state-owned forests and parks for hunting. The lands we use could perhaps be managed by the same people who run urban swimming pools and city parks, a worrisome prospect indeed.

Next W.C.L. meeting is 4/15/11 at Leicester Rod and Gun, 7:30 p.m.