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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

Calendar of Events

- 05/03/11 – Tuesday night trap shooting begins
- 05/11/11 – Wednesday night horseshoes begins
- 05/14/11 – Rifle/Pistol Range Clean Up day
- 05/15/11 – Pond stocking
- 05/16/11 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 05/17/11 – Pin Shoot Practice
- 05/21/11 – Pin Shoot Match
- 05/21/11 – Neil Donahue Fly Fishing Derby
- 05/22/11 – Spring Fishing Derby



Remembering those
who paid for our
freedom.



Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

There are no formal activities scheduled for the next month. Out next shoot will be on June 5th. This will be the Safari 3-D League Traditional Rendezvous. Work parties will be posted on the patio.

If you use the practice range, please be sure to dispose of your used targets. Also, be sure to review the range rules concerning broadheads, etc. Lastly, remember that the practice range is open to the public on Sundays. If you see someone, feel free to show them around the Club along with the field and 3-D ranges. That's all for now, gone turkey hunting...

Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

Tuesday night trap will begin on 5/3. Bob A. has again volunteered to help us out running this! As always, we shoot as a group on Sundays at 11:00am.

Trout – Glenn Standing

We will be stocking the pond on May 15th at 12 noon. Come on down and bring the kids and help out. The Neil Donahue Fly Fishing Derby will be held May 21st from 7:00am till 11:00am. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Registration starts at 6:00am. The spring fishing derby will be held on May 22nd from 7:00am till 12 noon. There will be adult and junior prizes. The tagged trout and smallest trout will keep everyone interested. We will allow 1 (one) re-sign up before 9:00am. We will see how this works out. The kitchen will be open at 6:00am, so come hungry and registration will start then. The Canoe and Kayak will be raffled off at the end of the derby. Tickets will be available at the derby or if you haven't sent yours in, get them in here. Tickets are also still available in the Lounge. The Horn pout derby will be held Saturday, July 23rd from 8:00pm till 12 midnight. All money will be turned back to the club for future stockings. 1st prize is bragging rights! More about the kiver derby and junior bass derby next month. I'm thinking July 31st. Thanks and keep a tight line...

Horseshoes – Jack

Wednesday night horseshoes will start again on May 11th at 6:00pm sharp. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lounge or you can show up that night.

Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Change

At their April 21st meeting, the 7-member Mass Wildlife board approved the use of break-action breech muzzleloaders during muzzleloader deer hunting season. This change will be effective for the 2011 season. Mass Wildlife will be sending out an official press release on the matter.

Rifle/Pistol – Dave Carlstrom

- Pin Shoot Practice Dates: May 17th and June 14th – Starting time is 5:30pm, cost is \$2.00.
- Pin Shoot Match Dates: May 21st and June 18th – Starting time is 9:00am, cost is \$5.00 for main classes and \$2.00 for sub-classes. Eye and ear protection are a must, along with a baseball type hat
- A work party is scheduled on May 14th from 9:00am – 12 noon to clean up the range. Please come down and help.

Trapping – Ron Kazlauskas

The trapping season ended on April 15th with 11 (eleven) beavers taken out of the pond. Had lots of fun running the trap lines with members and guests. As the saying goes – wait till next year...

Bird Banding - Keith A. MacAdams

The 2011 spring season of Bird Banding has begun. We began with net lane cleaning and clearing in late March and have been banding weekends since April 3rd. As we don't have any nets on the clubhouse side of the pond yet this year due to those Dam Building Rodents we have been working out of the trap field. If you don't find us on the clubhouse porch look for us over there. To date, April 18th, we've banded 48 new birds and had 18 recaptures of previously banded birds on 5 days of banding. Weather permitting, we will be banding Friday - Monday through mid May and at least Saturday and Sunday thereafter through late June. We are planning to get some nets set up on the clubhouse side of the property as soon as time and manpower permit and then will be operating from the clubhouse porch as usual. If you would like to be put on our e-mail list please see us at the club or contact auburnbirdbander@aol.com



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May 2011 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

I was asked to include a report on the Worcester County League by Craig Cortis as he is out of state dealing with a family illness. Quite likely, it is an end of life situation. I ask each member who is prone to prayer to remember Craig and his mother during this trying time. This month's WCL meeting was at the Leicester Rod and Gun Club. Much of the evening was spent discussing the annual banquet. Norman Ostergard, a long time Auburn Archer, will receive the "Youth Mentor" award. He is more than deserving of this honor. I will fill in for Craig Cortis as emcee for the evening. He is a hard act to follow, but our club has filled the role for a number of years and I felt it was proper. The club should be well represented with about 14 members committed to going. Another matter discussed was the potential for a land trade to help an abutter and protect the hunting areas of the league property. A full report will be made in May and a league vote in June. The matter will then be sent out to the member clubs for approval. Bill Davis from Fish & Wildlife reports that the stocking trucks are running every day. He suggests looking at the F&W web site for stocking dates and sites.

I was approached by Ginny when I returned from my shed hunting trip and thanked for what she called my kind words. Truth is not a kindness it is but the truth. The meat raffle folks did a good job.

The outdoor light should be going in over the next couple of weeks. If you want to help out see Bruce. Getting the hall fixed up seems to be taking more time than at least I had anticipated but I have a lot of confidence in the house committee chairperson's ability to accomplish the mission.

The club still dearly needs a kitchen chairperson. Members have been filling in to the best of their abilities. The work load has been a heavy burden to Cheryl and others who have done the work in addition to their own committee obligations. Timmy, Alice, Peggy, Jeff and others have chipped in to help support club activities. If I missed anyone, and likely I have, please forgive me. The bottom line is we need someone to accept the position.

Fishing has been great the past several weeks and does not look like things are slowing down yet.

Ron K., our beloved archery chairperson, did his best to clean out the beaver population on the property. He trapped quite a few including one over 50 pounds. Great job!!! Respectfully Submitted: Nish

Lounge – Cheryl Baribeault

With the nice weather upon us and many of us outside on the picnic tables and porch, please remember we only want cans and plastic cups outside to prevent any broken glass and accidents. In order to encourage this, the lounge will be running a summertime special beginning 5/1/11 on Bud and Bud Light cans...**\$1.75 each!!!** We are pleased to announce that after intense consumer testing, our Kayak and Canoe have received the "Winkleman seal of approval" Tickets are still available for the raffle in the Lounge!

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 4/18/11 was Member #624 - No winner.

Special Events – Debi V.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a lot of fun for the kids as well as the adults - despite the lack of sunshine and warmth. Twenty-four kids went scrambling through the side yard a little after 2:00pm and it didn't take them long to find all 180 Easter eggs!! We made bird feeders - THANKS to the time, talent and donation of plywood by Billy!!! Snacks and juice were served and even though we did this part inside, everyone kept the messiness to a minimum. A special thank you goes to Wendy Degenhardt of Millbury, MA, for bringing us a dozen bunny rabbits to add to the enjoyment of the day! Check out her website at agcsrabbitry.webs.com - to learn more about her adoption program and the care of rabbits. As always, a BIG { HUG } to my committee members - Joanie, Nancy, Denise and Carla, without whose help I could have *forgotten* a few things, as well as the set up and clean-up efforts that they so quickly attended to. Next scheduled event is Family Day set for Sat. Aug. 20th. Stay tuned for more information..... Happy Spring everyone!



Proposed By-Law Change

In accordance with the bylaws of the Auburn Sportsman's Club, the below has been submitted and will be reviewed and voted upon at the 5/16 ASC Monthly Meeting:

"No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the meeting room once the regular monthly meeting is called to order. Any member who leaves the meeting room will not be allowed to return unless he/she has left for an emergency or for a matter that effects the meeting. The presiding office may appoint a Sergeant at Arms to monitor the meeting room entrance."

Proposed Club Changes – Feedback Requested

We are reviewing the Newsletter distribution process and whether it would be beneficial (both financially and content-wise) to discontinue a separate mailing but rather include our content in the Worcester County League monthly magazine.

Also, we are reviewing the pros/cons of adding a Keno machine in the Lounge.

Both topics will be discussed in depth at the 5/16 ASC monthly meeting, so please attend and provide your thoughts.