



**Auburn Sportsman's Club**  
50 Elm St.  
Auburn, MA 01501



**2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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It's that time! Please fill out and return this form with your dues. Checks should be made out to "Auburn Sportsman's Club". Kids are up to age 11, Juniors are ages 12 to 17, Retired members are 70+ and a member for 5 years. Payment is due by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, or a \$10 late fee will be applied. Please renew early - not only does it save you a late fee, but hunting seasons start opening in September/October!! Instant renewals in the lounge on 9/10 and 9/24 from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Come on in, pay your renewal and receive your card and pin instantly!

**Trout – Glenn Standing**

We will be stocking the pond on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Come on down and bring the kids to help. The pond will be closed till the derby. The Fly Fishing derby will be held Sat October 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00am till 11:00am. Catch and release. The Regular fall derby will be held Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00am to noon. This will be catch and release also. No bait or power bait. The pond will be open for regular fishing after the derby. Remember 2 fish per day, with only 1 being over 15 inches and only 6 fish per week. Please remember to pick up all used line and dispose of it in the tube at the bulletin board and/or in the tube at the far bridge. Thanks and keep a tight line.



Ron and a little "Irene" fishing

**Judo – Gary Pray**

We don't often have much to report, but a huge applause and congratulations goes out to Rafael Toledo. Not only is he a dedicated and resourceful member of our Judo team, but he recently took first place in his division at the North American Grappling Association's Hartford conference. You can be sure I'll be watching him closely as all of his victories were the result of strangle holds. Coming up, he will likely be competing at the Twin Rivers Casino this fall. I'll keep you posted.

**Rifle/Pistol – Dave Carlstrom**

The last pin shoots of the year are coming up.

- Pin Shoot Practice Dates: September 6<sup>th</sup> – Starting time is 5:30pm, cost is \$2.00.
- Pin Shoot Match Dates: September 10<sup>th</sup> – 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. No rain date. Remember Range Safety!

**Trap – Cheryl Baribeault**

My apologies to all that have showed up to shoot in the last couple of weeks, the machine has been down causing trap to be cancelled. The good news is the part is here and we should be up and running again beginning on 8/21. Please remember that we shoot on Tuesdays at 6:00pm and Sundays at 11:00am. Trap is open to the public, so feel free to bring a friend. We will not be shooting Labor day weekend due to the weekend-long Black Powder event.

**Archery – Ron Kazlauskas**

We hosted the Safari 3-D Championship again this year. Despite some uncooperative weather (torrential rain!!), 53 archers showed up. Once again lots of positive comments about the course. What a great committee I'm privileged to have. These guys and gals always do a standout job. We will be holding a Bow, Knife & Hawk shoot on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Blackpowder Shoot. Stick and String only, no compounds or crossbows. Another one will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Compounds will be allowed on that shoot only. Due to the issues with the lights, the Thursday night 3-D shoot is cancelled this year. That's all for now – shoot straight.

**Women on Target**

The GOAL Foundation and the ASC are proud to present a women's only instructional shooting clinic on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the ASC. Ladies, if you have ever thought about trying your hand at recreational shooting, here is your opportunity! Come join us for a women's only instructional shooting clinic. You will receive hands on instruction in shotgun, rifle and pistol by the fun, friendly and knowledgeable folks at the Auburn Sportsman's Club. All women are invited to participate regardless of skill level. No previous experience is necessary; just the desire to learn and have fun. For those interested in applying for a Massachusetts firearm license, there will be a lecture on state and federal gun law. All equipment and student texts are included. Lunch and refreshments will be served! The event fee is \$45 per person and is limited to 30 people. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. Please contact Tara at Gun Owners' Action League at (508) 393-5333 to register.

**Calendar of Events**

- 09/03/11 – 09/04/11 – 2 day black powder shoot
- 09/04/11 – 09/05/11 – Bow, Knife & Hawk shoot
- 09/06/11 – Pin Shoot Practice
- 09/10/11 – Pin Shoot Match
- 09/10/11 – Bow, Knife & Hawk shoot
- 09/19/11 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 09/20/11 – Cribbage begins
- 09/25/11 – Pond Stocking

# ASC Nominating Meeting- September 19<sup>th</sup>



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## September 2011 Newsletter

### President's Corner – Jim Nishan

The following is a copy of my response to the "New York 5 year deer plan" recent request for public comment. I don't know if it will have much influence. I do know it will have more influence than taking no action at all. The "trophy hunters" who push for antler restrictions may disagree with my opinion, such is life. My placing it here is not to begin a debate on antler restrictions but to demonstrate one of the small actions each of us as individuals can take in our home state or any we have an interest in.

*"I am a non resident hunter who owns and pays taxes on 34.7 acres in Sharon NY. I also hunt in Stueben County with several other individuals from MA during the last week of the gun season. I hunt hard and long to put venison in my freezer. I am not a trophy hunter. I am a deer hunter who eats venison several days a week. The imposition of antler restrictions in my opinion denies hunters such as myself the ability to decide whether we will take certain deer or not. If certain groups wish to see bigger racks etc. they can make the decision to pass game and chance it will grow older and bigger. I applaud them for their patience and dedication. I just do not believe men and women like myself should have our decision process taken away and our traditional rights trampled upon because others feel it is all about a trophy on the wall. With Respect: James Nishan"*

Nominations will be taking place during the September meeting if anyone out there is thinking of stepping up to the next level of commitment and taking on the responsibilities of leadership at the club. Hunting kicks off soon. I ask each member to be ethical and responsible afield as it makes life easier for all of us when the general public and land owners see us in a positive light. Be safe and use a full body harness if hunting off the ground. Spend some time on the ranges and make a good clean shot when the chance comes along. Enjoy the hunting folks.

### Special Events – Debi V.

FAMILY DAY was an AWESOME SUCCESS!!!! We sold all 116 chicken dinners and lots of burgers & dogs. The kids had a BLAST on the Slip & Slide that John Hamilton so graciously donated, God Bless you John. There was face painting - thank you Holly, bird feeder crafts - thanks to Billy Bird and the Scavenger Hunt (my favorite response to the question what does not belong in nature . . . BAR – because animals don't drink beer!) The Kids Raffle (Ecotarium tickets & 2 gift certificates) was won by Madden Dutcher, Justine Palermo & Brooklyn Palermo. Adults & kids had fun playing bean bag toss, ladder ball, horseshoes and doing an egg toss. The Band, Time Travelers, & Tony Yodice kept everyone lively with their music. We even had some karaoke! Hainsey won the hole-in-one golf raffle, while Mike Orcutt diligently manned that event. Louise Law (Nikki's Mom) won the 50/50 raffle and Chric Blais & Zack Malpas won in the Canoe Race! Special thanks go to the Ecotarium, the Bird Store in Sturbridge, Capen Hill in Charlton and Broadmeadow Brook in Worcester for their generous donations for the Nature Scavenger Hunt. I also want to thank Tim Baribeault, Jake and everyone else who helped with the clean up on Sunday! Did I mention we had a BUSY DAY? Oh, and did I mention the fact that the chicken was mmm..mmm.. goood. Thank you Perry, Ski, Dennis & Dave for such a delicious meal - let's do it again next year!! Well, I obviously need to say something here ~ I didn't think I would run for Special Events Chair again this year, but you know what? I AM! Yep, it wasn't all that bad – and this event was the make-it or break-it event. MADE IT!! Of course, I wouldn't feel this way if it weren't for a BUNCH OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE by my side. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE :) I could not have done it without my committee and crew ~ THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! For those of you who were there – glad you came and had fun! To those of you who could not make it – we missed you, hope to see you next year!



### Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby Tournament

We will be having another Wiffle ball tournament on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00pm! Please sign your team up in the Lounge. Burgers and dogs will be available on the porch, small entry fee per team. We will follow the official Wiffle ball Home run derby rules, teams can have between 3-5 players, 5 can bat but only 3 take the field, no running!!

### Cribbage and Meat Raffles are coming back

Cribbage is coming back! The first week will be 9/20/11 and will start at 7:00pm. Come on down for a great time. Also, The meat raffles are coming back and should be starting up in October - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month again. More info to come.

### Nominations – Brenda Reschke

At the monthly meeting, September 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hold nominations. If you are interested in a position, please review our By-Laws to ensure you are eligible to fill that position and please notify me prior to the September meeting. If you are seeking to be nominated, you must be in attendance at the meeting or if you are unable to attend, you must make nomination arrangements with me prior to the meeting. All nominees will be required to have their membership fees paid prior to the ballot being published, so renew early. Elections will be held on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, polls will open at 9:00am and close at 6:30pm. You will be required to present your current 2011 membership card to obtain a ballot. Absentee ballots will be available in the Lounge beginning Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will be required to present your membership card to the bartender and sign the ballot book.

### Proposed By-Law Change

In accordance with the bylaws of the Auburn Sportsman's Club, the below amendment has been submitted and will be reviewed and voted upon at the 9/19/11 ASC Monthly Meeting:

#### Article IV Membership

Section 2. Honorary Membership: *Add subsection c.* Members who have attained the age of 65 or over while having been an annual member for 5 consecutive years shall be deemed without further evidence to be a "retired" member. Retired members are excused from the payment of dues and shall have all of the privileges of the club, including voting rights.