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# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

## Calendar of Events

- 02/03/12 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 02/05/12 – Pond Stocking
- 02/12/12 – Bill Bjork Annual Ice Fishing Derby
- 02/17/12 – Pond Stocking
- 02/20/12 – Monthly ASC Meeting
- 03/02/12 – ASC Meat Raffle

### Archery - Ron Kazlauskas

Tickets are available for the Auburn Archers Hunt and Gear Giveaway. Grand prizes will be a Wild Boar Hunt at Big Boar Lodge in Homer, NY. This includes the hunt, 1 night lodging, meals, and field preparation of the animal. There will be over \$500 in other prizes. Tickets are \$10 each and only 200 will be sold. The drawing will be June 17<sup>th</sup> after the 3-D shoot.

Schedules for all of the Club's archery shoots are posted on the patio. We've added some new shoots this year, and the Saturday bowhunter shoots will now be open for compound shooters as well as traditional.

Wednesday night indoor shooting is still going on. Cost is \$5 per night.

That's all the news for now. Shoot straight.

### Trout – Glenn Standing

We will be stocking on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, so come on down and help out. The pond will be closed from the 5<sup>th</sup> till the ice fishing derby. The derby is February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 12 noon. Kitchen will be open at 6 o'clock and sign-ups start then also. We will also be stocking Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. If you're around, come on down and see some nice fish put in the pond. The pond will be closed the rest of the day but will be open Saturday morning.

One new rule has been added to the pond rules. There are no longer any lead sinkers under 1 oz allowed. This is a new state law so we are abiding by this. Remember 2 tilts and 1 jig, or 3 tilts. Also, 2 trout per day with only 1 being over 15 inches, 6 trout per week per member. Let's have a safe and fun ice fishing season.

The tickets for the canoe and kayak raffle will be arriving any day! They will be on sale at the derby. The canoe is a 14ft Oldtown Guide which comes with paddles and seats with backs. The kayak is a 10ft Oldtown Vapor and it comes with a paddle, 2 rod holders and an anchor system. Please support this raffle 6 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Tickets will be going out in the next newsletter. Let's sell out this year! It only helps us put more trout in the pond. Thanks and keep a tight line.

### Junior Conservation Camp – Cheryl Baribeault

The Club will be sponsoring 1 child this year to attend the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. If you are interested in receiving this sponsorship, please submit your application and a letter of why you want to attend the camp to Cheryl Baribeault before March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### Spin for Hope – Angie Lizewski

On March 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, I will be participating in the American Cancer Society's "Spin for Hope" and I will be riding for three members that are currently fighting cancer. My first hour of my journey will be dedicated to Cheryl G. aka "OC", my second hour will be dedicated to John H. and finally my third hour will be dedicated to Jack P. These three people will keep me inspired and keep me going because when I think I am ready to give up and can't pedal any longer I will remember why I am doing this and know that none of them are giving up on their fight. Please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society to help finding a cure. I will leave a jar behind the bar and you can place cash or a check made out to "American Cancer Society" or if you wish to donate on-line, please leave your e-mail address with the bartender and I can forward you the link to my fundraising page. Now some of you are asking yourselves what is "spin"? The best way I can describe this is "imagine a whole bunch of exercise bikes lined up inside a health club studio. Riders are on each one, spinning the pedals at a rapid pace. The lights are turned down low, pumped up music fills the air and an instructor is calling out commands. The riders ride as one, pedals are spinning faster as they grimace with exertion, sweat dripping off their bodies". Sound like fun? Come down and join me!



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**February 2012 Newsletter**

**President's Message – Jim Nishan**

I apologize for not submitting some words last month but I was sick for a few days after the meeting and it just didn't get done. I would like to recognize Mark Goodwin who has told me he is donating a deer to the May game dinner. Curtis Litterer has donated some Ram meat which is now in the kitchen freezer. I have 42 lbs of ground venison (Cajun and Sweet Italian sausage) in there also. I've put aside the meat from a small deer in my own freezer if we need it. Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> I will be driving to Big Boar Lodge, Homer NY, hunting on Wednesday for a hog and maybe a cull fallow deer. Thursday morning it's back home, hopefully with some more meat for the game dinner. Jeff Haines has committed to the hunt also and a couple of others are in, if I can stage. I hope that we can make this an annual club event with the ultimate goal of providing meat for a game dinner. The game dinner will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 and Cheryl is getting the tickets made up at this time. They should be available soon. The tickets are available for a donation of \$25.00. Cocktails will be at 5:00 and the meal at 6:00.

Jeff Haines has really stepped up to the plate on this one and is taking on the load of preparing the meal. I/we owe him big for this one, as we do everyone who chips in and helps him get the work done. Joe LeBlanc has volunteered to do a venison stew and George of the legendary Miss Worcester and George's Diners will be right there with him. I like the way people are stepping up to make this a class event. It will also be a learning event for all involved but we are bringing back a tradition that has been missing from the club for several years. Submitted with respect: Nish

**Lounge**

Come on down for a SuperBowl potluck and cheer on the Pats!



**Membership– Angie Lizewski**

Initial ASC application fees have been raised to \$25 (formerly they were \$10). Please note that any late renewals will also be subject to the \$25 fee.

**Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley**

Our next Meat Raffle will be held Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm! The March Meat Raffle will be Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!

**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 1/16/12 was Member #668 - No winner.

**Worcester County League - Craig Cortis**

The January W.C.L. meeting was held 1/20/12 at Singletary Rod and Gun in Oxford. Three guest speakers gave interesting reports on specialized, ongoing work involving areas affecting all who share our outdoors interests. Lieutenant Charles Ziemba, supervisor of the Mass. Environmental Police for the Central District, related anecdotes and described some of the difficulties associated with having only one sergeant and nine officers under his command to cover 86 cities and towns in the Worcester County area. Ian Farley, a forester with Mass. D.C.R., reported on the Asian Longhorned Beetle problem that's so familiar to residents of Worc. and certain adjoining towns. These insects are a destructive, invasive species that have been traced to China. They came here in untreated and damp pallet or shipping crate wood and experts on the subject estimate that if they take hold and spread their numbers in New England, the total economic loss could potentially be in hundreds of billions of dollars! (The beetles infest 13 known types of hardwood trees, with sugar maples being their favorite "hosts". Pines and other softwoods are not affected.) Bill Davis, Central District Mgr. for MassWildlife, warned us about the importance of understanding a change in the 2012 "Antlerless Deer Permit" issuance process. This year, with the start of the new electronic licensing system, MassWildlife, will no longer conduct a permit drawing and your chances of winning won't involve hunting/sporting license numbers. Also, you will no longer receive mailed notification and/or remittance postcards as license customers. The application period started 12/1/11 and will end on 7/16/12. As before, all hunters wishing to apply for such permits must do so when they initially buy their licenses or at any time prior to the deadline of 7/16/12 (No exceptions!)

Reminder to A.S.C. archers interested in helping out at the W.C.L. indoor range at the D.C.U. Outdoors Show on 2/10 – 2/12/12: Call Dave Papale at 508-829-2837 for scheduling information. (Our range will not be in the usual spot this year.) Next W.C.L. meeting will be 2/17/12 at Century Sportsmen's Club, Rochdale St., Auburn, 7:30 p.m.