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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



Calendar of Events

- 03/02/12 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 03/17/12 – St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- 03/18/12 – ASC Black Powder Woods Walk
- 03/19/12 – Monthly ASC Meeting
- 03/31/12 – Kids Easter Egg Hunt
- 04/06/12 – ASC Meat Raffle



Archery - Ron Kazlauskas

The indoor league will be ending in a few weeks on March 7th. Anyone wanting a vest must be paid in full by that date. You do not have to shoot to get a vest. The cost is \$50.00.

Ticket sales are going well for the Hunt and Gear Raffle. Cost is \$10 (ten) per ticket with only 200 tickets sold. As of now, we have enough to give prizes to 1 out of every 10 tickets.

We have ordered some new target backstops for the practice range. These will be made by Rinehart, the same as our 3-D targets. Our first shoot of the season will be a 15 target bowhunter shoot on Saturday, April 7th. This year, the shoots will be open to traditional, compound, and crossbows. Check the board on the patio for more details. Also, watch for work party dates to get the 3-D and field course cleaned up.

Trout – Glenn Standring

We had 38 adults and 6 juniors sign up for the ice fishing derby and most everyone caught fish. All had a great day. 1st place was Gordon Bocash, 2nd place was Jim Murphy, and 3rd place was Ray Mancini. 1st place for juniors was Jack Lavin, 2nd was Ben Sealey, and 3rd was Nina Dykas. Nice to see a young girl out there. I hope that everyone had a fun time. Thank you to the great kitchen crew, the four women who registered the fish, and the 4 guys who did the measuring. Without all of you, none of this stuff happens.

The tickets for the Canoe and Kayak Raffle are enclosed. If you need more tickets just ask the bartender in the lounge. These are real nice boats and if you want to see them they are hanging in the lounge.

The indoor flea market will be held at the Club on March 24th, 8 A.M. till 1 P.M. To reserve a table call the lounge. Tables are \$10 each. REMEMBER ONLY HUNTING, FISHING, AND CAMPING ITEMS ARE TO BE SOLD. Team up with a couple of friends and get some money for some of the items that you don't use anymore or have upgraded to. There is a table to donate items with proceeds going to the kids fund. Let's make this the best one yet!

Remember no lead sinkers, 2 fish per day with only 1 over 15", and 6 fish per week. Thanks and keep a tight line.

Trapping - Ron Kazlauskas

The Mass Trappers will be hosting a fur auction on Sunday, March 18th after their quarterly meeting. The auction is open to everyone. Both green and tanned furs will be available.

Many of you are aware of the kitten that was allegedly caught in a foothold trap in Southbridge. The Massachusetts Trappers Association is on the record as being of the opinion that this incident is staged and not a case involving a trapper.

Black powder – Art Lessard

The Leicester Rod and Gun club will be holding a woods walk black powder shoot on March 4th. Period dress encouraged but not required - in-lines welcomed. I don't have all the details yet, when I get them, I'll pass them along. A guess on my part will be some new targets to shoot at, meat prizes, fire start and all the other great stuff that comes with a club event. Bill Burt is in charge of the event, you can contact Billy at 1-508-847-5066 or you can call me at 1-508-265-4334 days

Jack and Ron's Annual Flea Market

It's that time of year again – Jack and Ron's Annual Flea Market! Camping, Fishing and Hunting Equipment only. It will be held Saturday, March 24th from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Any donations are welcome for the kids' table. All tables cost \$10 and dealers are welcome. To reserve tables, please call (508) 832-6492 or see any of the bartenders.

Special Events – Debi V.

This year's **St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** will be held on Sat. 3/17/12. Dinner will be served from 3:00 - 5:30pm. Tickets can be purchased in the lounge - \$7.00/person - each ticket turned in enters you into the Pot O' Gold Raffle.

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!!!! No tickets will be sold on the day of the dinner. So don't wait or hesitate, get your tickets early! Tony Yodice will be here to entertain us from 6:00 'til ??? Raffle Drawing at 6:30 - you must be present to win!!! Wear your best greenery and come on down for some great food and lots o' fun!

The **Kids Easter Egg Hunt** (ages 12 & under) is scheduled for Sat. 3/31/12 at 2:00pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be in the lounge by March 17th. Hop on down with the kids and celebrate the beginning of Spring!



ASC Meat Raffle – March 2nd – 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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March 2012 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

The tickets for the game dinner are on sale. A hundred tickets were printed but the hall is limited to ninety people. We can fit more in if people choose to use the picnic or bar area tables. Sixty (60) plus tickets have been sold as of 2/20/12. They can be bought at the bar. I also normally have some in my pocket if you see me on the ranges. There are two hunter education classes scheduled before the event and I expect the remaining tickets to go quickly there. The donation per ticket is \$25.00 and the big day is Saturday May 5th. The event begins at 5:00 PM with a social hour and the meal will begin about 6:00 PM. We now have some nice wild boar hams and front shoulder roasts to be added to the menu as well as some Fallow Deer venison. Jack Malmquist donated a deer and I am considering another business trip in the spring for a hog to be slow roasted. We are presently looking into options for the roasting of one. A number of folks have stated they would be looking to add some wild turkey to the menu during the upcoming spring season. Expect stir fry wild turkey. Our resident turkey fryer expert Art Lassard has volunteered his services. He claims that French fries cooked in the same oil as the turkeys are to die for. Brian Cofski is talking smoked trout. Donations big or small of game meats, fowl or fish are appreciated. It is my hope that this event will become an annual event and a piece of the legacy that we as sportsmen/women will pass onto the youngsters who will carry on the traditions the Club is dedicated to. I am disturbed by a rumor that a Club member poached a deer on the property and brought it to the club house looking for someone to tag it. If I had been present or could now prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt the poacher would no longer be a member of this organization and facing prosecution of his actions. It is said for evil to survive good men only need to remain silent. I will no longer be silent. If you desire to steal hunting/fishing opportunities from the legitimate sportsmen/women by poaching over harvesting or other acts counter to the purpose outlined in article II of our By-Laws do not involve and therefore endanger the club. If this is your standard of ethical hunting fine but when you bring it to the Club you involve each and everyone of us and it is not the standard of the vast majority of our members. If I observe or have evidence of these actions on Club property I will bring action. The ice has many weak spots. Use caution. If you decide to keep on ice fishing or just going onto the ice, do so at your own risk. Also, turkey season is the most dangerous hunting season and we have be careful out there. I will be shed hunting in South Carolina the month of March and will try to sneak in a true wild boar hunt along the Santee River. If the hogs or gators don't get me I'll see you in April. Submitted with respect: Nish

Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley

Our next Meat Raffle will be held Friday, March 2nd. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm!
The April Meat Raffle will be Friday, April 6th.
Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!

Lounge

If anyone knows Gloria Gauthier, could you ask her to call Cheryl directly 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 2/20/12 was Member #559 - No winner.

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The February League meeting was held 2/17/12 at Century Sportsmen's Club in Auburn. Dave Papale, W.C.L. exhibit manager at the annual DCU Outdoors Show in Worcester, reported on this year's results for the kids' archery range and associated W.C.L. booth and fishing simulator at the show, 2/10 – 2/12/12. Volunteers from various clubs helped the League tremendously, as usual. I want to express sincere thanks to A.S.C.'s Jim Nishan, his friend Cindy and Glen Chase for all the time and effort they put in during much of the show's run. Dave Papale and our League couldn't have had the success that we did without your help. Bill Davis of MassWildlife, Central District, responded to a question posed by a delegate regarding fish stocking practices. John O'Leary wondered if dumping fish fry into rivers or ponds from heights substantially above actual water levels (above bridges, etc.) might somehow hurt or adversely affect the fish. Some people perhaps assume that stocking should involve carrying containers directly down to the water so as to introduce fish gently to their new environments. Bill explained that, not only does this procedure not hurt or "shock" fish by their falling into water, it actually helps them to safely and quickly make the transition from containers into water. Their gill functions and metabolism are benefited in this way, as well as maintenance of proper body temperature, it seems. Bill further pointed out that it's a common practice to use aircraft for fish stocking in remote areas that otherwise would be too time-consuming and inefficient for manual efforts – Maine's F+W does this, as do departments in other states. W.C.L. will raffle-off two shotguns at our annual banquet on April 28. First prize is a 12 gauge Remington Versa-Max auto with 26" vent, rib barrel, 5 choke tubes, tools, stock adjustment accessories and its own special, fitted hard case. (This gun retails at over \$1,300.00 and handles any load/shell length with no adjustment required.) Second prize is a Remington 870 Express pump in 20 gauge, youth model, 3" chamber and 21" vent, rib barrel with 3 choke tubes. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00; you don't have to be present to win. See me at the club or call 508-987-2280. Next W.C.L. meeting is 3/16/12 at Nimrod League of Holden, 168 Coal Kiln Road, Princeton, 7:30 p.m.