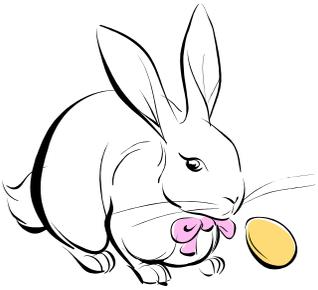


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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



Calendar of Events

- 04/03/12 – Tuesday Night Trap Begins
- 04/06/12 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 04/16/12 – ASC Monthly Meeting



Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

Trap is open on Sundays at 11:00am to shoot as a group. 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. Tuesday night trap will begin again on April 3rd at 6pm. Thanks to my committee for all your help at the range!

Trout – Glenn Standing

There's lots of fish still in the pond and the weather is great. So come on down and enjoy! Just a reminder 1 rod per angler, 2 fish per day, with 1 only being over 15", and 6 trout per week for each angler. No lead weights or jigs, that is state law. Please have your pin on and have your card with you. We have so many new members that the trout committee will be checking. Remember, MEMBERS ONLY, NO GUESTS.

It seems that the tubes for old line are working, if you see any line or trash around the pond please pick it up. This Club is all of ours. We'll be painting some of the benches before the spring derby. I'll be calling for help or just leave your name and number at the lounge and I'll get back to you. The kids kiver derby was Jack Poisant's favorite kids' event of the year. He made sure all kids had the same chance and all went home with a prize bag of goodies and plenty of nickels. We have named this derby the "Jack Poisant Memorial Kids Kiver Derby". This will be held on June 10th from 9am till noon. Hot dogs, chips, juice, and ice cream will be provided. Bring your 5 gallon bucket and let's catch a bunch. The derby is open to all kids and grandkids 12 years old and under. The Neil Donahue Fly Fishing Derby will be held on May 19th from 7 am till 11 am. The Spring Open Derby will be on May 20th from 7 am till 12 noon. Remember to come on down and buy some tickets for the canoe and kayak raffle at the lounge. We need everyone's help on this. The canoe and kayak winners will be drawn after the Spring Open Derby at 12 noon. Thanks and keep a tight line...

Junior Conservation Camp

Congratulations to Leo Cicero whom the Club has chosen to sponsor at this year's Junior Conservation Camp. As a reminder, the Massachusetts Junior Conservation 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. This is a great program and we all hope Leo has a great time!

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 6th – 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 2012 Newsletter



Jack Poisant

We lost a great man and Club member this month. Jack was a fixture at the “old farts” table. He loved the kids and dedicated so much of his time to kids’ events. We will all miss him greatly. He made so many memories for us all at the Club some of which include: shots that made him famous, cleaning the kivers for the kids, his famous fish fries, pots of homemade pea soup (as well as them many other yummy treats he would bring down to share), suffering from the Keystone flu and an occasional plague, fighting for the Club to have TV’s we could actually see... the list goes on and on. He will be greatly missed but will remain in our hearts always.

Spin for Hope – Angie Lizewski

A big **THANK YOU** for all of you that donated to the American Cancer Society. With your help I raised a total of **\$1,364.34**. I have to give a special kudos to one particular person who donated \$650.00. Thank you!!!!

The actual event was great, it was a little less than 3 hours due to warm up and cool down which I was a little disappointed with (yes I am crazy). My personal goal was to ride at least 60 miles and when we started 15 minutes later than I anticipated I started to get concerned over my personal goal; was it going to be too much for me to do? Was I foolish for picking such a high number after doing a 5k the day before? However, I completed my first 20 miles in 52 minutes and mile 60, at 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Jack, John and O.C. were my inspiration for this journey. Thank you all again!

Lounge

If anyone knows Gloria Gauthier, could you ask her to call Cheryl directly in the Lounge?

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The March W.C.L. meeting was held on 3/16/12 at Nimrod League of Holden, in Princeton. Nimrod’s president gave an introductory talk during which he mentioned that the club’s land holdings were 500 acres, a surprisingly large number for a Mass. club of this type. I was heartened to hear of so much open, undeveloped land being under the protection and stewardship of just one club and thought you’d be interested to know, too. Bill Davis of MassWildlife, Central District, reported on recent trout stocking. As of March 16, the following lakes and ponds had received rainbow trout from McLaughlin Fish Hatchery: South Pond, Wallum, Comet, Big Alum, Webster Lake, Quinsigamond, Fort, Whalom, Louisa, Conners, Demond, Long, Whitehall, Jordan, Sugden, West Wauschacum, East Brimfield Reservoir, Singletary, Pratt and Bell Ponds. The Ware, Quinapoxet, East Branch of the Swift and Stillwater Rivers also were stocked. John Root will be the League’s delegate to Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee, which meets about 4 times a year in Rutland. (I serve as the League’s delegate to the Quabbin W.A.C., which also holds 4 to 5 yearly meetings.) Some of you may have heard about recent mailings to holders of saltwater angling licenses. These special surveys involve offers to buy back such licenses for a very high price, with hundreds of dollars supposedly offered to the holder of an inexpensive Mass. License should he or she wish to relinquish it. I don’t have complete information on this program, but am told by Mark Goodwin, one of A.S.C.’s Board members, that this involves commercial saltwater licenses and perhaps is being offered so as to reduce fishing pressure on badly depleted populations of cod, haddock and pollock. I suspect that this buy-back offer will quickly become a matter of great interest and curiosity to a number of you who hear about it or receive a mailing. You’d be well advised to contact the Mass, Division of Marine Fisheries with any questions about these offers; the inland Fisheries and Wildlife officials are not part of the appropriate jurisdiction. See last month’s newsletter for my description of W.C.L. shotgun raffle prizes – I still have plenty of tickets for this April 28 drawing. Reach me at 508-987-2280. (The 1st prize is a \$1,300 Remington Versa-Max 12 gauge semi-auto!) Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and you do not have to be present to win. The Remington comes with many accessories. Next W.C.L. meeting is 4/20/12 at Leicester Rod and Gun, 7:30pm Check out the brilliant planet Venus in the west during early evening – Jupiter is below it.