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# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



## Calendar of Events

- 05/08/12 – Pin Shoot Practice
- 05/09/12 – Wednesday night horseshoes begins
- 05/12/12 – Pin Shoot Match
- 05/12/12 – Pond stocking
- 05/19/12 – Neil Donahue Fly Fishing Derby
- 05/20/12 – Spring Fishing Derby
- 05/21/12 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 05/27/12 – Safari 3-D Shoot
- 06/02/12 – Safari League Traditional Rendezvous – Day 1
- 06/03/12 – Safari League Traditional Rendezvous – Day 2



Remembering those  
who paid for our  
freedom.



### Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

The vests from the Indoor League are in. Contact me or Mark Goodwin to pick them up. Once again, thanks to Mark for running the League and rebuilding the target frames.

We will be hosting a Safari 3-D Shoot on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration is from 7:00am – 11:00am. In honor of Memorial Day, all members of our armed forces, past and present, will shoot for free. Set-up will be on Saturday at 1:00pm, as this is the last day of Turkey season. The Safari League Traditional Rendezvous will be held at the Club again this year. This will be a 2-day Shoot – June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Flyers with more detailed info are available on the patio info board.

Don't forget the Hunt and Gear Giveaway to be drawn on June 17<sup>th</sup> (father's day – hint, hint, girls). Only 200 tickets will be sold. See me for tickets or they can be purchased at the Lounge. Big news – T.J. finally hit the apple!!! That's all for now, shoot straight.

### Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

HUGE congratulations to John Maloney for shooting a perfect round this month! Tuesday night trap is open at 6:00pm and is a great night to practice. Thanks to Bob A. again for running this. As always, we shoot on Sundays (11:00am) as a group – a big group. Come on up and enjoy the fun.

### Horseshoes – Bob Drolet

Wednesday night horseshoes will start again on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm sharp. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lounge or you can show up that night.

### Trout – Glenn Standring

We will be stocking the pond on Sat May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Come on down and bring the kids to help out. The Neil Donahue Fly Derby will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am – 11:00am. Sign-ups start at 6:00 am. The regular Spring Derby is May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am – noon. Sign-ups start at 6:00am. The canoe and kayak raffle will be held after the derby. **Tickets are still available in the Lounge.** We need to sell some tickets.

Work will begin on the front and back spillways soon, which might close the bridge near the road. The Sportsman's Flea Market went great. We sold out on tables and the place was packed. Thanks to Ron Laferier and Bob Drolet for manning the Club's table. As most have seen, all the benches around the pond have been stained, thanks to Tony Ramen who put in a lot of time doing them. They look great. Remember, the Jack Poisant Kids' Kiver Derby will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am- 11:00am for ages 12 and under. Free hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and juice. 5 cents per kiver prize and lots of fun. Thanks and keep a tight line.

### Rifle/Pistol – Jeff Haines and Dave Carlstrom

No one is listening! People are still shooting on the ground, shooting at stations and basically being careless at the range. All shooting is on paper targets only and must be hung in such a way so that the spent round(s) will impact the bank behind the range. Also, target supports are not targets! We have to police ourselves to ensure the longevity of our range. What you bring in – bring out. Pick up your ammo, targets and any cardboard and discard appropriately.

We have range officers with vests who will be monitoring the range daily. Remember no card, means no shooting. One guest, one time – no exceptions. You do not have to be a range officer to ask someone to show their card. Please be safe and have fun.

• Pin Shoot Practice Dates: May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> – Starting time is 5:30pm, cost is \$2.00. Pistol range is closed for this shoot.

• Pin Shoot Match Dates: May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 16<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, along with a baseball type hat. Sign-up time on both days is 8:30am. Range will be closed from 8:00am – 1:00pm

### Lounge – Cheryl Baribeault

Thanks to all who participated and helped run the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jack Poisant pool tournament. 18 teams competed over 2 days. The winning team was Ron Hebert Jr. and Nancy Krom, runners up were Donna Stacy and Al Harper. What a nice tribute to Jack!





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## May 2012 Newsletter

### President's Message – Jim Nishan

I alerted the shooting chairpersons at the April meeting that I'd like to see a competitive club championship event in late August or early September. I'd like to see archery events, trap, rifle and pistol event to include muzzle loader. Details will be coming but I am looking to this as a fund raising event to help improve facilities for all members.

There have been a number of incidents reported from the pistol and rifle range of individuals loading and shooting on a cold range, shooting at items on the ground (causing ricochets) and more. The range chairman has purchased vests for his range officers and they will be checking. I will also be checking once or twice a day when I hear shooting. If you see unsafe acts please report them at the Lounge if no range officers are present. The bartender will call me and if I am in the area I will respond. Taking plate numbers could help identify those causing the problem.

The following may be of interest. The House has stood up for us, now it is up to the Senate. Stand up for your traditional sporting rights and call your senators.

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry, hailed today's passage of the Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012 (H.R. 4089). The bill passed the House with a 274-146 vote. Sponsored by Rep. Jeff Miller (R-Fla.), the bill combines four legislative priorities that will expand recreational hunting, shooting and fishing opportunities and also reaffirms existing law and heads off determined bureaucratic efforts to deny hunters and shooters from using traditional ammunition. This important legislation is supported by more than 35 national conservation and sportsmen's groups. "NSSF thanks Rep. Miller for his exceptional leadership in helping to expand access and opportunities for sportsmen and in protecting and preserving America's hunting and shooting heritage," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. "We look forward to seeking passage of the bill in the Senate." Said Rep. Miller, "I think it is important to recognize the contributions that sportsmen make to protect our nation's most precious resources. Outdoor activities like hunting and fishing are a central part of our heritage and way of life, but they also help fund a good portion of our conservation efforts. We must remain ever diligent to ensure the rights of sportsmen. Thanks to the members of the sportsmen's community, Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and the House Committee on Natural Resources, H.R. 4089 will be able to address some of the most pressing concerns the outdoors community faces."

Included in H.R. 4089 is the Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act. The bill amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the original intent of Congress to exclude traditional ammunition -- ammunition containing lead-core components -- and fishing tackle from regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency.

H.R. 4089 includes other key legislative priorities of the sportsmen's community:

- The Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage Opportunities Act, which requires federal land managers to support and facilitate use and access for hunting, fishing and recreational shooting.
- The Recreational Shooting Protection Act, which requires National Monument land to be open to access and use for recreational shooting.
- The Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act, which will allow the importation of polar bear parts taken in a hunt in Canada, if legally harvested before certain dates.

### Special Events – Debi V.

We had a wonderful St. Patty's day turn-out. Everyone REALLY enjoyed the corned beef & cabbage dinner – THANKS AGAIN to the PAUL DYKE Kitchen Crew, you guys are AWESOME!!! Also, a BIG THANK YOU to my committee members for all the set-up, serving and clean up!!! We also want to thank Tony Yodice for doing such a GREAT job entertaining us! We look forward to seeing you at **FAMILY DAY**, Tony! The Kids' Easter Egg hunt was lots of fun!!! Kids got to learn about the Turtle Rescue League – a BIG Thank You goes out to Alexia and Natasha who came by to teach us about helping turtles to cross the road. In lieu of a children's raffle, \$50 contributed by "Jack & Ron's Flea Market" was donated to the Turtle Rescue League in Jack Poissant's name.

Plans are going smoothly for the **ASC 2012 Family Day** - We will be enjoying another TERRIFIC Chicken BBQ, Raffles, Games, Face Painting and of course, the kids favorite ~ the WATERSLIDE! So be sure to – mark your calendar for **Saturday August 11**.

### Worcester County League – Craig Cortis

The April League meeting was held 4/20/12 at Leicester Rod and Gun. We were told that the club has about 300 acres in total, an impressive amount for one club. Bill Davis of MassWildlife reported that the Merrill Ponds W.M.A. (Wildlife Mgmt. Area) in Sutton, a former warm water fish hatchery, actually has 7 dams within its borders. The Office of Fishing and Boating Access (O.F.B.A.) is drafting reports on these dams while Bill's Central District (Worc. County) evaluates the habitat value and recreational use of the various impoundments. Two of the ponds within the W.M.A. no longer hold water; two others are used regularly for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. The whole network of ponds ultimately flows into Lake Singletary. Bill Davis also mentioned that several destructive wildfires have recently been set by one or more arsonists on some W.M.A.s in Petersham, Phillipston, Millbury and other areas not fully tabulated. Various investigations are underway, of course. Alert citizens who might witness suspicious activity along these lines would certainly do us all a favor by reporting information to authorities forthwith. I gave a report at the April meeting of Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee, a board on which I serve as a delegate representing the Worc. County League. Delegates at that meeting were treated to an extensive presentation on moose biology and feeding habits, narrated by a specialist who conducts such research in conjunction with UMass, Amherst. We were told that an adult moose (particularly bulls) can routinely consume from 50 to 60 pounds of browse daily during the approx. 6-month spring-through-fall growth period of highest vegetation availability. Ron Amidon of Otter River Sportsmen's has been in touch with certain members of land trust and trail organizations that have shown an interest in joining W.C.L. – our shared concerns in preserving undeveloped, open land have brought this about. Next W.C.L. meeting is 5/18/12 at Eight Point Sportsmen's Club in Sterling, 7:30 p.m.