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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

Calendar of Events

- 06/10/12 – 1st Annual Jack Poisant Memorial Kids Kiver Derby
- 06/12/11 – Pin Shoot Practice
- 06/16/11 – Pin Shoot Match
- 06/17/12 – Safari 3-D Shoot
- 06/18/12 – ASC Monthly Meeting



In memoriam – Jim St. George

We will miss your warm smile under your always present cowboy hat, your great sense of humor and your dedication to the ASC. Jim volunteered for every shooting clinic we had and was always there to give a hand at the pistol and rifle range. Thank you Jim, for all you did, you will be missed.

Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

The Club will be holding a Safari 3-D Shoot on Sunday, June 17th. Set-up will be on Saturday at 9:00am – meet at the trap field if you can help set up targets. The Boar Hunt will also be drawn Sunday after the shoot. There are still some tickets available. If you haven't yet picked up your vest from the Indoor League, contact me to make arrangements to pick it up. Hamilton Rod & Gun Club will be hosting the R-100 3D Shoot on June 9th and 10th. This is truly a one of a kind shoot with everything from pink flamingos to life-sized elephants. Even if you don't shoot, it's worth the trip just to see the course. Will the Club members who keep complaining about "how good we used to be" please show up and help us on the shoots? Otherwise – **ZIP IT!**

Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

Archery events will limit our Sunday shooting in June, but we are looking to make up some time by rescheduling. June 3rd - no shooting, we will shoot June 10th, and shoot Saturday June 16th instead of Sunday June 17th. We are open Tuesday nights at 6:00pm, no waiting! After a lot of frustrations from dirty ammo, jamming problems and misfires, we have decided to change the trap ammo from what we are currently using to Winchester steel shot. The cost of this ammo is more costly to the club thus trap will be going up to \$12.00/round for adults and \$10.00/round for kids. This rate change will take effect once the Kent ammo is depleted. As always thanks to my committee for all your help at the range.

Trout – Glenn Standring

The spring derbies went great. We had 20 Fly Fishermen who caught and released 41 fish alive. 1st place was Tom O'Rourke, 2nd place was Joe LeBlank, and 3rd was Mike Dusavage. The open derby had 50 Fisherman and 14 juniors. 1st place was Bruce Costello, 2nd was Tom Jackson, 3rd was Joe Godin. A lot of nice trout were caught and everyone had a great time. The canoe and kayak were also drawn, Phil St. George won the canoe and Karen Tautenham won the kayak. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets that made this a success.

The kids' kiver derby will be held June 10th – 9am till noon. Ages are 12 and under. Remember this is the first Jack Poisant Memorial Kids Kiver Derby, all kids are invited for fishing, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and a good time.

I just want to thank everyone for all the help with the derbies, the kitchen crew was great, and all who measured and recorded the fish did a great job. Thanks and keep a tight line...

Rifle/Pistol – Dave Carlstrom

- Pin Shoot Practice Dates: June 12th and July 10th – Starting time is 5:30pm, cost is \$2.00.
- Pin Shoot Match Dates: June 16th and July 14th – Sign-up is 8:30am, 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
- No rain dates, if it rains, we will not shoot



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June 2012 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

Every member that stepped up to make the game dinner a success is a special person. We owe each of you more than I can describe here. We netted over \$1,300.00 thanks to each of you. The most common quote heard that night was "I could not eat another bite." People raved about the quality of food Ed pushed out of the kitchen also. My personal thanks and gratitude goes out to each of you.

Senator Michael Moore sponsored a Firearm Safety & Education Day at the club. Jon Green of the Gun Owners Action League presented their "First Shot" course as a part of the day. As with Women on Target many members stepped up to help out with the live fire portion after lunch. Many individuals at the class were so impressed they (including the Senator) have joined the club. The quality of our volunteers at these events is our best recruiting tool. I do believe the pool of new members at the last meeting was the largest I've ever seen.

The hunter education team will be running a basic class at the club in August. They will also be presenting a bow class the same weekend. Lunch just might include venison burgers for those who are willing to pay a premium price over a regular burger. If you want to take a course call the state hunter education office at (978)772-0693 to register.

The club policy for now on is that if you want to use the rifle and/or pistol ranges you must wear your pin just as in fishing. There seems to be some confusion about guests. The old timers interpret things one way but others seem to see it different. Here is the bottom line. A member may bring one guest to the range. A non-member may be brought in as a guest once and only once after that he or she must join. The club will be placing sign-in books at each of these ranges. Members must sign in before shooting and list the name of any guest. This will help us track and control some of the recently reported problems such as dangerous acts and trashing of the facilities. Hunting season is not too far away, proper preparation could be the difference in filling the freezer or just having stories about the big one that got away. Be safe: Nish



Lounge – Cheryl Baribeault

With the nice weather here please remember that **NO GLASS** is allowed outside. This is a safety issue. We are at the beginning stages of planning another Wiffle Ball tournament. No date as of yet, but a sign-up sheet will be in the Lounge. 3-5 people per team, registered team needs to be the team that plays.

Special Events – Debi V.

HAPPY SUMMERTIME EVERYONE!!!! Plans are going smoothly for the **ASC 2012 Family Day** - We will be enjoying another TERRIFIC Chicken BBQ **with entertainment by Tony Yodice and his band**, Raffles, Games, Face Painting and of course, the kids' favorite ~ the WATERSLIDE!!!! So be sure to mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 11th**.

Worcester County League – Craig Cortis

The May meeting was held 5/18/12 at Eight Point Sportsmen's Club in Sterling. Four guests from Fisheries and Wildlife attended. Bill Davis, Mgr. for the Central District, explained that a "powerline" rig (two hooks in tandem on the same line) is considered as legal by the Environmental Police. Such a rig would constitute an angler's two-hook limit in open water. Bill also mentioned that there are currently no proposals at either the state or federal level regarding the perceived impacts on bait fish of double-crested cormorants and how such predation might be controlled or lessened. (Feeding habits of these birds have raised the question.) The range of ravens has been extending southward; the first reported (official) sightings of ravens in Central Mass. came from Quabbin in 1983. David Stainbrook, the recently-appointed Deer and Moose Project Leader for MassWildlife, gave an interesting program filled with surprising information and statistics on the 2011 Mass. deer harvest, including deer densities per square mile and zones in the eastern parts of the state where populations of animals have grown stronger, percentage-wise, than more rural areas. Marion Larson, the new Chief of Information and Education for F+W, introduced Astrid Huseby, who has been appointed as Recruitment and Retention Specialist for F+W. The post she has is not an H.R. position, despite the title. Rather, this new section will mount programs to improve the image of hunters among the non-hunting public, educate potential hunters as to how they might take up the sport and train people for actual participation in hunting. In closing, I want to pay tribute to longtime A.S.C. member and former Rifle and Pistol Chairman, Jim St. George of Auburn, who passed away at home back on April 27. Jim was largely responsible for planning and orchestrating many work parties involved in the construction of our fine 50-yard pistol range. He was a good man who gave much of himself – Jim will continue to be in our thoughts and memories. He was 58 years of age when he left us, much too soon. They don't come any better.