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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

Calendar of Events

- 07/07/12 – 15 Target Bowhunter Shoot
- 07/10/12 – Pin Shoot Practice
- 07/14/12 – Pin Shoot Match
- 07/16/12 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 07/28/12 – Hornpout Derby
- 07/29/12 – 4th Annual Jr. Member Pancake Breakfast

Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

It's been a busy and exciting month for the Auburn Archers. We held the Safari 3-D Traditional Rendezvous on June 2nd and 3rd. Despite torrential rain on Saturday, we had 58 archers shoot over the 2 days. A few hardy folks even pitched their tents to spend the weekend. The following weekend, the "Knockers" went to Hamilton Rod and Gun Club to shoot the Rinehart 100. This is a 2 day, 100 target shoot with lions, tigers and bears (Oh My!). They even had a life size giraffe. We all shot well, raised hell and came home the best known Club of the weekend. Hats off to "Hebe Sr." for not missing any target, our Black Powder Chairman Artie, for taking on the course with a self-made bow as well as being our chef after the shoot. Our 2 new "Knockers", Ginny and Nikki (who really tried hard to find her prince) held their own, and both came home with their heads held high (and most of their arrows). There were many groups of archers representing different bow companies and archery shops. I'm proud to say that the Auburn Sportsman's "Knockers" was the only group that shot as a Club! Check out the pictures of our merry band on the patio. Sixty-three archers showed up for our Father's Day shoot. Lots of comments about our course and grounds. Hats off again to all of my committee for setting up a great shoot. Jeff, T.J., Ron Sr. and Jr., Chumly, Trav, Joe, Beeze, Terrie, Artie and anyone I forgot – my apologies! THANKS!

We'll be having a 15 Target Bowhunter Shoot on Saturday, July 7th. Registration is 7:00am – 10:00am. Sign up at the field house or the trap range. Cost is \$5.00. The Safari 3-D Championship will be on Sunday, August 5th. Look for set-up times and committee shoot schedules. That's all for now – shoot straight.

Trout – Glenn Standing

For the Spring Derby, the junior winners were 1st Dominic Mastromatteo, 2nd Cameron Godin, and tied for 3rd were James Cobb and Marian Carrier. Sorry I didn't include it in last month's newsletter.

The Jack Poisant Kids Kiver Derby was a great day. 35 boys and girls had a lot of fun and caught 276 fish. 1st was Jeffery Kudron with 32 kivers, 2nd Jake Reschke with 29 kivers, and 3rd Cam Stitis with 28 kivers. All the kids did a great job! Thank you to Brian and Chris Cofske for donating 1 girl's and 1 boy's bike to raffle off at the Derby. Noelle Zigler and Ryan Lachapel were the lucky winners. All the kids went home with a medal from this special day. Thanks to everyone for coming. Special thanks to Cheryl, Tim, Fran, Bob, Ron, and Mary for making this a great day.

The UGLY Fish "Hornpout" Derby will be July 28th from 8 pm till 12 midnight. Sign-ups start at 7pm, \$5.00 a person and all money goes back to the trout stocking. Come on down and camp out and have fun. The Lounge will be open until 12:00 (midnight) during the hornpout Derby and the Kids and Junior members' Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday morning. So, even if you don't fish, still come down to eat breakfast and help support the kids.

I have been approached about letting guests fish the pond if they are here vacationing from out of state. This is a rule that needs to be discussed. If you have a view on this, leave me a note in the Lounge before the next meeting or better yet come to the meeting to voice your own views. We will decide this then. Thanks and keep a tight line.

Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

The new ammunition is here, we still have a few weeks worth of the old ammo but when that is gone, the new pricing will be in effect. \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids. We have had some real hot shooters over the past month, Angie, B, and Tommy J all looking to get their hat shot (no they won't be wearing it) and hung in the Lounge in the case with John M, who has hit a second 25 and keeps flirting with a 3rd! We are at the beginning stages of a summer potluck BBQ and Partner Competition. It will probably be towards the end of the summer, let me know if you have any suggestions for the trap range. Bob is there for Tuesday night shooting starting at 6pm and Sundays remain the same year round, 11:00am as a group, weather permitting. Also, please check the calendar of events for Archery 3-D shoots and Woods Walks as we will not shoot on those days.

Thanks and Have a Happy Summer!

Rifle/Pistol – Dave Carlstrom

- Pin Shoot Practice Dates: July 10th and August 14th – Starting time is 5:30pm, cost is \$2.00.
- Pin Shoot Match Dates: July 14th and August 18th – 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.

Fourth Annual Junior Membership-Run Pancake Breakfast

We will again be having a Pancake Breakfast, this year's date is Sunday 7/29/2012 8:00am-11:00am. Blueberry, Chocolate Chip or Regular pancakes with or without Sausage will be available. Cost is \$4.00 for pancakes only, \$1.00 for a side of sausage. The pancakes are all you can eat! I am looking for kid and junior members to help put this on please let me know if you can help out by calling or stopping by the club to sign up. We also need hungry people to come have breakfast with us. Please come down and support the kids!



Hornpout Derby - July 28th
4th Annual Jr. Member Pancake Breakfast – July 29th



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July 2012 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

By the time this reaches members we will be into July. Summer will be in full force and I hope being enjoyed by all. That having been said it also means that the fall season and more important to us as members of the best sportsman's club in the area, the hunting seasons are approaching. I recommend if one wishes to be successful this hunting season and/or wants to extend their hunting life over a longer number of years that you look at your preparation and conditioning regimes. By this, I mean that if you are not already doing so it is time to start shooting your bow and or firearms on a regular basis. I've had many hunters over the years tell me they had a deer in range and just could not pull the bow back after sitting for a few hours in a cold stand. I've seen others who have missed a number of shots only to find out the sights/scope on their gun were way out of whack because the hunter went out with the philosophy that they were fine when I sighted them in five years ago and what could go wrong sitting in the safe/corner/case? I can't tell you what could go wrong, but sighting in each year and getting used to the firing of the gun each season will go a long way to putting venison, upland birds, etc. onto your table.

Finally, look at your physical conditioning. Dragging a deer out is work folks. So is tramping the fields looking for the thrill of a bird busting out of the cover in front of you. We, the club as a whole, would like to see each of you around for a good many years and wish you luck with the spirits of the hunt.

There is a tree stand on the field course by target 25. I believe it to be a dangerous set up. It appears the owner has a large step up into the stand. Stepping up into a stand is likely the number one cause of serious injury and or death when using a tree stand. Screw in steps, are dangerous and damages trees. The placing of a stand does not reserve to anyone exclusive personal ownership of Club land. We have many members using limited space. Respect of another hunter on the property is expected from all other members. I did jump a big deer behind target 27 about a week ago.

Family Day is approaching as is renewal of membership and the election of officers. Several positions will be vacated. Since the day to day running of the club falls to the president. Unfilled positions would add to his or her work load and responsibilities. Please step up. With respect: Nish

Nominating – Brenda Reschke

WE NEED YOUR HELP this year! It's approaching that time of year again, our right to nominate and elect our Officers and Board of Directors! Members please think about how you can give back to your Club - be a part of its future. Some people are covering multiple committees – let's get some new people into office this year. Check out the Committees Listing in the lounge - what are you interested in? We will have vacancies in Committees such as Rifle/Pistol, Kitchen, Nominating, Membership, & Special Events - just to mention a few. Please review the By-Laws to ensure your nomination choice meets the requirements outlined in the By-Laws. Anyone nominated must be present at the September meeting to accept. **Start being a part of your club's future.** Please see me or leave me a note regarding your interests.



Special Events – Debi V.

ASC FAMILY DAY CHICKEN BBQ - Saturday, August 11th 12 noon – 8pm

This event is for members and their family and friends so come on down and enjoy! Ticket includes ½ chicken, baked potato, corn & salad served 1pm to 4pm. \$9/plate until Sunday 8/5 – then \$10 per ticket (if available). Hamburgers, hot dogs & chips will also be for sale. Tickets will be on sale at the bar July 7th.

Tony Yodice & his band 'On The Rocks' will be playing – so put on your dancin' shoes! We will have a 50/50 Raffle, Hole-in-One, Ladderball, Bean Bag Toss, Face Painting and the famous HAMILTON RAPIDS waterslide!!

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help out, please let me know!
HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER !!!

Worcester County League – Craig Cortis

The June meeting was held 6/15/12 at North Worcester Fox and Coon Club in Holden. Three guests from Fisheries and Wildlife attended. Mark Tisa, Asst. Director of Fisheries for F+W, reported on the status of a long-standing project involving the razing of existing F+W Field Headquarters buildings in Westboro and construction of a large new complex to be built on the same site. (There are many serious problems with the old H.Q. building.) The staff will vacate the site by early September and move to a temporary facility until June of 2014, at which time it's expected that the new H.Q. will be completed. Bonnie Booth of Spencer, who represents the Central District (Worc. County) on the 7-person Mass. F+W Board, explained that certain changes to regulations, seasons, etc. that are voted on and approved by the Board are often delayed in implementation or put on hold indefinitely because of open public hearings that must be held in various locations around the state. The outcome of such hearings can greatly affect whether or not a given change in policy will actually be enacted. Examples include extending the fall turkey season by one week, granting an allowance for hunters on the islands to bag more than just one deer per day, and so on. Mrs. Booth also mentioned that the F+W Board does, indeed, pay close attention to input, suggestions, complaints, etc. from the sporting public regarding the Board's decisions and operations – they don't just take us for granted, and are respectful of our opinions and experiences in the field or on the water.

Bill Davis, Central District Mgr., reported on captures and relocations of "problem" bears, particularly those that show up in areas in which people are unaccustomed to seeing them. (The Outer Cape is a recent prime example!)

The annual February Outdoors Show at the D.C.U. Center in Worcester will supposedly not be dropped, as had previously been reported. Another business wants to produce the show and keep it going. More on this later – it's good news. Next W.C.L. meeting will be September 21, 2012 at Royalston Fish and Game, 7:30 p.m. No meetings are held in July and August.