

ASC Family Day - August 11th

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August 2012 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

The July meeting has passed and August is rapidly breathing down our necks. Hunting seasons will begin opening up before you know it. Three members of the Club's Hunter Education team will be helping out at the Conservation Camp. It's a long haul but worth the effort. The team will be teaching a Bow class August 19th at Nimrod. August 21st they begin a Basic Hunter Safety Course at ASCI. Sunday, August 26th will find them teaching another Bow Class at ASCI. Register with the state at 978-772-0693 if you want to attend. They accommodate walk-ins as best they can but it's best to register.

Please pick up your chicken BBQ tickets for the August 11th Family Day event. They are \$9.00 until August 5th. The day of the event they will be \$10.00 if available. Serving is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The pheasants have arrived and are doing well. Bill, Brenda, Jake and others worked hard getting the pen ready. Things look good.

Nominations will be happening during the September meeting. It looks like we will have some severe problems filling key positions. I'm sure Brenda will be addressing the problem also, so I will not waste your time listing each position.

Each member has the right to ask individuals using our facilities to show their membership card. He or she also has the obligation to do so in a courteous manner. I have a report of beer cans with bullet holes found on the pistol range. Please follow the rules and use paper targets. While on the subject, shooting at objects on the ground can result in ricochets escaping our back stop and placing the very existence of our ranges at peril. I believe our facilities are the best in the area. Please help keep them safe and clean. Submitted with respect: Nish



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 !!!

Lounge – Cheryl Baribeault

We have new hours for the Lounge. Opening at 1:00pm on Mon-Thursday and Noon, Friday Saturday and Sunday.

We will have embroidered ASC hats available in the Lounge, - camo, hunter orange and tan for \$12.00 each.

Also, we will have sign-up sheet to order embroidered ASC t-shirts (most colors), logo on the front, \$10.00 for sizes to XL, \$12.00 for XXL and XXXL. Add your name on them for an additional \$2.50, these will need to be prepaid and the order will go in 8/17.

Friday \$5.00 Lunch Specials in August!

- 8/03/12 – Sweet Italian Sausage, onions & peppers with potato salad or chips
- 8/10/12 – American Chop Suey with side garden salad and roll
- 8/17/12 – Triple Decker Turkey Club Sandwich with chips
- 8/24/12 – Swedish Meatballs over egg noodles
- 8/31/12 – Steamed Pastrami on bulkie with potato salad or chips

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The W.C.L. does not meet in July and August. A.S.C. now has about 900 members. I know that many, probably most of you newer members have joined this club to get access to shooting ranges, if for no other reasons. With that in mind, I'll assume that the following news is automatically important to you; if it isn't, it should be. We've recently learned that a large block of undeveloped land near the club has been sold with the intent of construction of up to 9 new homes on the land, which comprises approximately 43 acres in total size. This property lies to the south-southwest of the club, but does not abut our land. It's bordered along the southern flank by Barnes Road. After studying maps of properties in the area – including A.S.C. land – I've concluded that the shortest straight-line distance from the northeast border of the property to our 50-yard pistol range berm is about 2,900 feet, or .55 of one mile. (The actual southern border of our land is closer still.)

There are existing homes along Elm St., Stone Road and elsewhere that are closer to our ranges, but any new residential building close to a club like A.S.C. is always a concern. After all, target shooting isn't the only shooting activity that goes on here – you can hunt our land, and in doing so might be closer to this new residential area than you'd be if on the ranges only.

I'm not an Auburn resident, but it seems to me that you shooters and hunters who are might seriously want to be apprised of town business as discussed at Selectmen's meetings, Planning Board meetings and Zoning Board meetings held at Town Hall. I know this may sound a bit vague, but this club needs to have concerned members keeping track of any potentially harmful proposals raised at such meetings, particularly petitions presented by new property owners. Such things are always possible at any time. Simply being aware of what goes on at the Town Hall is an important contribution you could make to your club – I think you get the point. By the way don't forget town meetings, which could perhaps be held at a school or other venue. When do these various things take place? If you're interested, you will find out.