



Auburn Sportsman's Club
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2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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It's that time! Please fill out and return this form with your dues. Checks should be made out to "Auburn Sportsman's Club". Kids are up to age 11, Juniors are ages 12 to 17, Retired members are 65+ and a member for 5 years. Payment is due by Oct 1st, or a \$25 late fee will be applied. Please renew early - not only does it save you a late fee, but hunting seasons start opening in September/October!!

Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

Once again, the Archery Committee put together a great shoot. The Safari 3-D League Championship was hosted by the Club on August 5th. Lots of help showed up on the Friday before the shoot and several junior members as well. Their good work was best expressed by one shooter on Sunday who said "This was the best shoot all year". Great job, guys, gals and kids. This year two of the newest "Knockers" put the Club on the winner's list. Nikki Law won first place in women's bowhunter, with Ginny Lilley coming in third. Out last Safari League Shoot will be on September 9th. We will set up on Friday afternoon before the shoot to allow committee members to shoot on Saturday. Thursday night 3-D shoots will start on September 6th. Right now we plan to shoot for 6 weeks, but if there's enough of interest we may go longer. Cost is \$5.00 to shoot and we start at 6:00pm. September 15th will be our popular Bow, Knife, Hawk Shoot. This is a fun shoot with 15 targets using bow, knife, hawk and spear. Compounds are welcome this year. Cost is \$5.00 to shoot. Special Award for the top shooter using a Traditional Bow. On October 6th, we will have a Whitetail Shoot. This is a fun way to get ready for the season. The course is 15 deer targets in hunting conditions. It's only \$5.00 to shoot. This will be our last shoot of the year until December with our "Toys for Tots" shoot.

Trapping – Ron Kazlauskas

The Mass Trappers will be holding their annual meeting at the Club on Saturday, September 16th. Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting, although they cannot participate. After the meeting will be the chicken BBQ on a first come basis as well as trapping demonstrations and items and fur for sale.

Rifle/Pistol – Dave Carlstrom

- Pin Shoot Practice Dates: September 4th – Starting time is 5:30pm, cost is \$2.00.
- Pin Shoot Match Dates: September 8th – Sign-up time 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. Remember Range Safety!
- The Range will be closed on October 6th from 8:00am – 4:30pm for a Women on Target class

Judo – Gary Pray

It just keeps getting better. Jim Nishan is proving that judo is for all ages. He is back in the competitive circles and recently placed third (bronze) at the New England Invitational. According to Jim, the medal was for "Not leaving in a stretcher." OK, sure Jim, but nice work. Also, providing sufficient interest, the judo committee will offer a Woman's self defense class (date to be announced). Topics to include blocking, striking, throws, strangle holds, joint locks, vital areas, etc.. The class is free but a five dollar club donation will be appreciated. If you are interested, please use the sign up sheet in the lounge.

Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

We are having a protection (partners) shoot at trap on Sunday, Sept 16th. Partners will be randomly drawn based on ability. The trap machine is fixed and throwing clays straight and fast, thanks Bruce and Jon for your work on that. We have officially changed over our 12 gauge shot to Winchester. Cost on trap is \$12.00/round. Please remember if you bring your own shot it must be STEEL, we are shooting over water. Also, we only use biodegradable clays, these are available for sale in the lounge for \$10.00/case of 135.

Trout – Glenn Standing

The hornpout derby was a wet one. 5 kids and 3 adults signed up. Jake Reschke was the big winner with 11 hornpout. Great Job! The youngest fisherman, Ben Streeter, caught 4. All had fun and got soaked. The bridge and grate work is almost finished. It was a lot more work and finances than anyone expected, but this will never have to be rebuilt again. Check it out and take a walk around the whole pond. Thanks to Dave Skeebos, Jeff Haines, TJ, Mike Dusavage, Al Harper, and Bill Bird for all the work. On September 9th from 7am to 1pm we will be having a Hunting and Shooting Sports Flea Market. Tables are \$10 and limited, some indoors and outdoors. This will be held during the 3-D Archery Shoot. So, we should have some hunters here! Call the Club to reserve a table. We will be stocking the pond on Sept 25th at 12 noon. Bring the kids down and help out. The Fall Fly Derby will be Sept 29th from 7 am to 11 am. The Open Catch and Release Derby will be held on Sept 30th from 7 am to 11 am. All guests must be with a member!!!! That's it for now! Thanks and keep a tight line!

Lounge - Cheryl Baribeault

Football Season is right around the corner and our Pats look like a strong team again. (At least we can hope for a while and get out of the misery of the Red Sox season) Feel free to bring a dish down to share for game time. T-Shirts and Denim shirts are on order. Should have the T-shirts the 1st week of Sept and the others to follow in a week or two. We will be selling fleece camo hats in time for hunting season, \$10.00 each. Sign up at the lounge.

Calendar of Events

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| • 09/04/12 – Pin Shoot Practice | • 09/15/12 – Bow, Knife, Hawk Shoot |
| • 09/07/12 – Meat Raffles Begin | • 09/15/12 – Trap Partners Shoot |
| • 09/08/12 – Pin Shoot Match | • 09/17/12 – ASC Monthly Meeting/Nominations |
| • 09/08/12 – Wiffle Ball Tournament | • 09/25/12 – Pond Stocking |
| • 09/09/12 – Hunting and Shooting Sports Flea Market | • 09/29/12 – Fall Fly Derby |
| • 09/09/12 – Safari League Shoot | • 09/30/12 – Open Catch and Release Derby |

ASC Meat Raffle – September 7th – 7:00pm

All are welcome, so come on down and bring a friend for a night of fun.



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September 2012 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

Nominations of officers will take place during the September meeting on September 17, 2012. It appears that several critical positions may be left vacant if some responsible member does not step up to take over the job. Rifle/Pistol, Nominations, Kitchen, Special Events and Membership are all committees where the present chairperson is stepping down. The club only survives through the work of volunteers please step up and help out. The general election on October 15, 2012, in addition to election of officers, will include a ballot question regarding smoking in the enclosed areas of the club - in particular the bar. I spoke to Donna Stacey at the last meeting and she should be submitting arguments for continuing to allow smoking in the bar this month and next. It is my hope that by advertising the question over two months we can finally have it decided one way or the other by a vote open to all members who wish to have a voice. In the past the matter has been voted up or down at meetings only to have large numbers flood the next meeting to reverse the decision. This is you the members chance to have what I hope will be a final say in the matter. The member who brought this matter to a head was going to write a piece for ending smoking in the bar but has not been at the last few meetings so I will play devil's advocate to Donna's submissions over the next two months. Here are points to consider: A vote to not smoke does not open the bar to kids running rampant through the place at all hours. The question of allowing kids into the bar at anytime remains in the hands of the Bar Manager. The smoking vote will do nothing to remove that power from him/her. There may be many reasons for ending smoking in the bar as there are many for keeping it a smoking facility. The best reason I see to change the policy as it exists now is that many members are now deprived of the right and privilege of using the bar area to hang with friends and swap tales/lies of their hunting/fishing prowess because of the smoke. Even smokers at times complain of how heavy the smoke can be. Some members, especially as they get older, find themselves physically unable to spend any amount of time there. So, I guess the question for me comes down to this: Is the bar/lounge there for all adult members to enjoy the special camaraderie and fellowship of other hunters, fishermen, and folks that enjoy the shooting sports or only for those who can handle the smoke physically and or do not mind heading to their deer stand smelling like an ashtray? This having been said I want the question open to as large a percentage of the members as we can get in here to vote "yes" or "no" for smoking as well as for individuals who will be sitting as Committee Chairpersons and directing the future of the club. Yea or nay please exercise your right to be a part of the process. Submitted with respect: Nish

Special Events – Debi V. (soon to be Debi A.!!!!)

We enjoyed another ASC FAMILY DAY CHICKEN BBQ despite the threat of rain (everyone got wet somehow anyway)! The meal was AWESOME and Tony Yodice & 'On The Rocks' well, they "ROCKED"! The kids had a ball sliding on the HAMILTON RAPIDS waterslide!! Kids of all ages had fun playing Ladder ball & Bean Bag Toss, and the Face Painting was a big hit – thanks to Holly Desha. One of the exciting highlights of the afternoon was the canoe race. Thanks go to Glen Standing for providing his canoe and kayak so that members could have a chance at racing. Franny K. and Nancy Krom diligently kept track of the times and monitored the safety of the contestants. Thirteen teams raced and the team with the best time was Dan & Curtis – congratulations! with a time of 3 min 44 sec, next in line were George & Matt at 3 min 56 sec, and a tie for third place between Dave & Nancy and Ron Sr. & Ron Jr. at 4 min 6 sec. Although Jon & Bruce came in at 11th place we have to give them kudos for the fantastic show they put on – they made it clear that you can cross the bridge and get back into the water with sophistication and grace – **NOT!!!** A huge hug and special thanks go to Gary Pray for being our on-the-spot photographer!!! Thanks for always giving us so many memorable photos. Please be sure to check out Gary's photos through the ASC website – click on Gallery then Gary's Photos. Rockin' Robin was the winner of the 50/50 Raffle, which this year was dedicated to Owen Benway of Oxford. My heartfelt THANKS go to my committee members Nancy Krom, Joan Pray, Ginny Perry, Carla Walsh, Bob Drolet, Karen Donovan and to the other members who stepped up to help out: Perry Tougas, Jim Ski, Dave Berthiaume, Franny K., Al Harper, Jeff Haines, Tim Baribeault and Cheryl & Steve (who we hope become members soon). I also want to say thank-you to Cheryl and Alice for being such fabulous bartenders!!

Nominations - Brenda Reschke

September is Nominations - 9/17/12 - If you are interested in being nominated you MUST be at the meeting. Elections will be held 10/15/12. There will be a ballot question on whether the membership wishes to allow smoking to continue within the lounge.

Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby Tournament

We will be having another Wiffle ball tournament on 9/8/12 starting at 1:00pm! Please sign your team up in the Lounge. Burgers and dogs will be available on the porch, small entry fee per team. We will follow the official Wiffle ball Home run derby rules, teams can have between 3-5 players, 5 can bat but only 3 take the field, no running!!

Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley

Meat Raffles are back! Our first will be held Friday, September 7th. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm! The October Raffle will be on Friday, October 5th. Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The W.C.L has not met during July and August. Our next meeting will be 9/21/12 at Royalston Fish and Game. I'd like to fill this space with some information that is a departure from subjects I normally cover, but it'll still be of interest to some of you who are up and about well before sunrise. On clear mornings if you look east in the sky before dawn, you can't fail to notice the planet Venus – it's the third brightest object after the Sun and Moon and shines pure white with a remarkable, dazzling brilliance. Actually, many people each year assume Venus to be some kind of U.F.O., generating numerous calls to various government, police and military authorities world-wide. (I'm not kidding!) The planet's relative nearness to the Earth coupled with its highly reflective, dense cloud layer causes sunlight to show it as an unmistakable beacon among all other points of light seen anywhere at any time it is above the horizon after sundown or before sunrise. Venus appears as a morning object from now through early March of next year. About mid-to-late April of 2013, it'll become an evening object, seen in the west after the sun sets. Venus is only 400 miles smaller in diameter than Earth and has 91% of our own planet's gravity, but the similarity ends there. A poisonous, ultra-thick atmosphere has brought about a "runaway greenhouse effect" on the planet's surface, which is invisible to telescopes owing to the clouds that constantly conceal the actual surface. Atmospheric pressure there is a crushing 90 times that of Earth at mean sea level here, and surface temperature varies from an average of about 870 degrees Fahrenheit, well above the melting point of lead! Venus day is longer than its year of 224.7 Earth days – the planet takes 243 Earth days to rotate once about its spin axis, as opposed to 24 hours for Earth. On 9/1, Venus rises about 2:30 a.m. and by 10/1 at 3:15 a.m., local daylight time for Worcester. Sunrise times on 9/1 and 10/1 are 6:10 and 6:43 a.m. Remember all the news stories about the rare transit of Venus across the face of the Sun last June? You can easily spot this other world throughout most of any given year if you know when and where to look in the sky.