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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



Calendar of Events

- 10/01/12 – ASC Election Absentee Ballots Available
- 10/05/12 – Meat Raffle
- 10/06/12 – Women on Target
- 10/14/12 – Woman's Self-Defense Class
- 10/15/12 – ASC Election (9:00am - 6:30pm)
- 10/15/12 – Monthly ASC Meeting



Archery - Ron Kazlauskas

We finished off the year with a great turnout of 56 archers at the September 9th Safari League Shoot. Once again, the committee set up a fun and challenging shoot. Great job guys and gals! We shoot a small 3-D course on Thursday evenings starting at 6:00pm. We held a meeting on the first night and decided to only set up 10 targets and waive the entry fee. We will continue to shoot as long as people show up. There seems to be some confusion on the use of broadheads on the practice range. Simply put **NO BROADHEADS ALLOWED**. Unfortunately, it was the actions of a few that brought this on, but with the cost of replacing the practice butts, it had to be done.

Our annual Bow, Knife and Hawk shoot was won by Blackpowder chairman Artie Lessard. For his skills with a very, very old crossbow and his knife and hawk he was awarded a bag of gold coins. I will be picking the dates for the 2013 3-D season at Baypath Archers on October 7th. If any committee needs a special date set aside, let me know so that I don't schedule on top of your event. We will be holding our annual "Toys for Tots" 3-D Shoot on December 2nd. A collection box will be placed in the Lounge for any donations. That's all for now, shoot straight.

Trapping – Ron Kazlauskas, NTA Regional Director

The Mass Trappers held their annual meeting at the Club on September 16th. Big thanks to Don Mayo and his crew for a great chicken BBQ. We had a couple of visitors from New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire and other Mass organizations and everyone was impressed with the Club and its grounds. A very common question was – "Will it be here next year?" We're already planning for a bigger and better event. I'll keep everyone posted.

Judo – Gray Pray

Just a reminder, the Woman's Self-Defense class will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14th at 10:00 AM. This seminar is open to the public so bring your friends and family. You can expect this to be an extremely beneficial introduction to personal safety. Moms, don't be afraid to bring your daughters because well, if I may, it will help us Dads to sleep a little better at night. Sign-up sheets are located in the Lounge.

Women on Target – Al Stearns

We may need people for Rifle and Pistol for the Women on Target Class on October 6th. This is a great event and very popular. We always could use more help with instruction, setup, takedown, food, etc. so please contact Al if you can help out.

Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

Tuesday night trap ends in October. Special thanks to my committee for helping out! 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.

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The September meeting was held on 9/21/12 at Royalston Fish and Game. This was the first meeting of our new W.C.L. "season", 2012-2013. All officers remain the same except recording secretary, a post which A.S.C.'s Jim Nishan has volunteered to fill. (Other officers were reelected as incumbents on a single ballot.) I'll continue on as second vice-president. Hunters are advised that there will be no online checking of game this fall – the new online check system is now being tested and will likely be initiated starting with the 2013 spring turkey season. All deer, bear and turkey taken in the fall of 2012 will be checked physically at designated check stations, same as in the past. In other news, a bill filed by State Rep. Canderas, designed to weaken the Mass. Endangered Species Act (MESA) was not passed thanks to the interest and involvement of sportsmen and women combined with a coalition of 72 sporting and environmental groups. This bill will probably be refiled and addressed by the same coalition in a future state legislative session. Our thoughts and best wishes are with A.S.C. member Glen Chase of Oxford, who reportedly has contracted an illness. Glen has been a great help to W.C.L. over the years in 4 different capacities. He's put a lot of work into running the "cook shack" food booth operated by the League at the annual Big MOE show held at Hamilton Rod and Gun in Sturbridge, as well as helping to staff the W.C.L. booth and archery range each year at the February Outdoors Show at the D.C.U. Center in Worcester. Glen also has assisted me in representing the League on the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee, Q.W.A.C. He's served as this club's delegate to the League during past years when I did not hold this position. We're thinking of you, Glen.

Women who might wish to receive a free, "ladies-only" introduction to shooting and archery at Royalston Fish and Game on 10/13/12 are invited to call 978-248-9875 for preregistration (required). You can go online to fstc2a@gmail.com – this special program is called FIRSTSHOTS and is for ages 15 or older. Next W.C.L. meeting is 10/19/12 at NORCO Sportsman's Club in Princeton, 7:30 p.m. Correction: In last month's article I wrote that Venus would be seen as a morning object through mid-March of 2013. I meant to say early January, if you're interested.

ASC Election Day – October 15th
Polls will open at 9:00am and close at 6:30pm



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October 2012 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

The annual elections will occur the third Monday in October (10/15/12). Please participate. The question of smoking in the building will be on the ballot. Whichever way you fall on this question, this is your chance to participate in the process. Jeff Haines will be running against me for president. I like and respect Jeff, he is one of the most dedicated and generous members the club has. That being said we have some fundamental differences in our basic outlook about how the day to day operations of the club should be approached. I believe we the club has made moves in the right direction the past two years and I'm proud of the fact we had our first game dinner and recognition night in over ten years. The decision will be up to you the members. Again I ask you to please participate.

Hunting season has started well. Four members of the Auburn Sportsman's Club traveled to Nova Scotia for a bear hunt. Despite being hit by a hurricane and major flooding the trip went well. Hunter Fran shot the biggest bear. Joe V shot his first and Mark Goodwin passed on several small bears with the bow. I shot a small but pretty bear with a deep white V with the bow. Two days of sitting in a tree in CT has not produced a deer sighting yet but hope springs eternal. I will remind the members that most injuries within our brotherhood/sisterhood happen at this time of the year. Please be careful out there.

As president I have had to deal with situations that did not and do not bring a smile to my face but than there are the times that do. The following was presented at last months meeting:

Auburn Sportsman' Club Inc.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors

On August 20th, 2012 in recognition of his living example of the principles and ethical standards the club was created to promote:
In Hunting, Fishing, and the Shooting Sports we have selected:

Jacob Reschke

As the Junior Sportsman of the year for 2012

Jake's actions epitomize what a sportsman is supposed to be and brings honor to the Club. He sets a high standard for us all.



Nominations/Elections – Brenda Reschke

Nominations were held on Monday 9/17. Most positions are unchanged and running unopposed this year. Trustee, Marc Roberts resigned and we had 4 Directors that resigned, Cheryl Gauvin "OC", Terrie Reynolds, Angela Lizewski and Debi Verseckes.

We Thank You for your years of service and please know you will be missed. Changes to current positions are the following:

Ecology: Bill Girardin, Special Events: Karen Donovan, Rifle/Pistol: Jon Owens, Publicity: Nancy Krom and Kitchen Jim Nishan.

Nominations for President: Jim Nishan and Jeff Haines, Trustee: Mark Goodwin and Brenda Reschke, Membership: Tom Jackson and Mark Goodwin. Director At Large Nominations are: JJ White, Dave Skebos, Mark Goodwin, Perry Tougas, Al Stearns, Bruce Bent, Tom Jackson, Doug Nelson, Fran Krevosky, Steve Walsh, Kirsten Jackson, Joe Vigeant and William Shenette. All nominees will be required to have their membership fees paid prior to the ballot being published, so renew early. The ballot will also contain a membership vote concerning the continuation of smoking within the buildings.

Elections will be held on Monday, October 15th, polls will open at 9:00am and **close at 6:30 pm**. You will be required to **present your current 2012 membership card** to obtain a ballot. Absentee ballots will be available in the Lounge beginning Monday October 1st. You will be required to present your membership card to the bartender and sign the ballot book.

A response to last month's President's Message – A Member In Favor of Smoking in the Lounge – Ron Hebert Sr.

Smoking, enough is enough. How many times is it going to be brought up? We have voted to allow smoking. If the vote goes non-smoking, then there will be another vote to bring it back. BULL. Members joined this Club knowing there was smoking in the bar. Of the 700-800+ members there are a very small number that frequent the bar. I don't think any of us could name 75. It sounds like old timers against new comers who are rarely there. I hate playing this card, but a lot of the old timers are veterans. What the [heck] else can you take away from us? Why not spend the money and get the smoke evacuators working correctly? While you're at it fix the heat and air conditioning. We have the money, why not spend it on a money maker? Nish, I know what side of the table you're on, but honestly you're one of the people that is seldom here. Right or wrong, it's just my opinion, but I don't think that anyone should be heading to a deer stand after leaving a bar, (smelling like an ashtray or not). Thank you for your time.

Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley

Meat Raffles are back! Our next will be held Friday, October 5th. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm! The November Raffle will be on Friday, November 2nd. Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!