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# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



### Calendar of Events

- 11/02/12 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 11/17/12 – ASC Food Drive
- 11/18/12 – ASC Food Drive
- 11/19/12 – Monthly ASC Meeting
- 11/24/12 – Donna Stacy Benefit
- 12/02/12 – Toys for Tots Archery Shoot



### Elections - Brenda Reschke

WE NEED YOU! Members, please seek out the chairperson of the committee you are interested in and get involved with Club events and regular maintenance. Kitchen always needs people to clean up after events, Grounds can always use people to help empty garbage barrels, Newsletter needs people to help fold and prepare for mailing, Archery and Black Powder can use help setting up the courses for events, Rifle/Pistol people to clean the range, etc. We are the people of the Club - we make it the success it is and we can always make it better with more help!! Come support YOUR club and maintain our sporting traditions!!

Thank you to my committee, here are the election results. Also, the membership vote decided NO SMOKING in the building.

### 2012-2013

Officers, Trustees, Directors at Large and Committee Chairs

#### Officers

President	Jim Nishan*
Vice-President	Brenda Reschke*
Treasurer	Mike Lessard*
Asst. Treasurer	Alice Niewiera*
Secretary	Brenda Reschke*
Clerk	Carla Walsh*

#### Trustees

Brenda Reschke	2008
Jim Nishan	2009
Dave Carlstrom	2010
Gary Pray	2011
Mark Goodwin	2012

#### Directors at Large

John "JJ" White*	Tom Jackson*
Perry Tougas*	Doug Nelson*
Dave Skebos*	Fran Krevosky
Bruce Bent*	Joe Vigeant
Albert Stearns*	Kirsten Jackson

#### Committee Chairs

Committee	Chairperson	Committee	Chairperson	Committee	Chairperson
Archery	Ron Kazlauskas*	House	Tim Baribeault*	Newsletter	Cheryl Auger*
Bar	Cheryl Baribeault*	Hunter Ed.	Jim Nishan*	Nominating	Brenda Reschke*
Bird Banding	Keith MacAdams*	Grounds	Jeff Haines*	Publicity	Nancy Krom
Bird/Game	Bill Girardin*	Judo	Gary Pray*	Rifle	Jon Owens
Black Powder	Art Lessard*	Kitchen	Jim Nishan	Special Events	Karen Donovan
Ecology	Bill Girardin	W.C.L.	Craig Cortis*	Trap	Cheryl Baribeault*
Entertainment	Donna Stacy*	Meat Raffle	Ginny Lilley*	Trout	Glenn Standing*
Horseshoes	Bob Drolet*	Membership	Mark Goodwin		

\* Incumbent

### In the Field – Doug Nelson

MASS WILDLIFE ADVISORY CWD FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA

Hunters are reminded that whole deer may not be imported into MA from CWD-positive jurisdictions. With the recent confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a Pennsylvania deer, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is reminding hunters of the ban on importing intact deer carcasses from CWD-positive jurisdictions such as Pennsylvania and New York, into Massachusetts. More details at: [http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/diseases/cwd\\_info.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/diseases/cwd_info.htm)

### Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

Not much news this month, we've all gone hunting. The 2013 Safari 3-D schedules are available on the patio notice board. The last shoot of the year will be held on December 2nd. This will be our annual Toys for Tots Shoot. Set-up will be on Saturday at 11:00am to let everyone hunt their morning stand. Shoot straight.

### Trapping – Ron Kazlauskas (MTA Regional Director)

Trapping season opens on November 1st. Seems a couple of beavers have moved back into the pond, so we'll be after them early. Again, if you find a trap, please don't disturb it, even if there's an animal in it. We have to check our traps every day and dispatch animals differently.

### Judo – Gary Pray

The Judo committee held the Woman's Self-Defense seminar on October 14th, and according to the feedback everything went extremely well. The fact is, we actually ran out of time to complete the lesson plan (possibly too much laughing), but not to worry, we'll schedule a follow-up within a month or two. My thanks go out to all the guys for their work and dedication, and our biggest thanks to all the ladies for their participation. Also, for those of you interested in a more regular, evening class (maybe Thursdays 6-7), let us know or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Lounge.

## ASC Meat Raffle – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm

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



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### November 2012 Newsletter

#### President's Message – Jim Nishan

The annual meeting/elections have come and are now part of our history. I thank all who participated by running and/or voting. I am honored to remain in the president's position. I would like to recognize the fact that my opponent, Jeff Haines, has been for years and remains one of the most active and generous members the club has. The result of the members' vote on the smoking question is that the club or bar to be exact will be nonsmoking. My reign as kitchen chairperson will be one of the shortest in club history. A member who actually has some cooking skills has volunteered to take the position. The people stepping up to offer their help is staggering. Nancy Krom who has volunteered many hours in the past cleaning the kitchen deserves special recognition.

Hunting season is upon us. Please be careful out there and remember, other people in the woods may not be as ethical and safety conscious as you. Be aware of your surroundings and hunt with safety in mind. If you hunt from an elevated stand wear a full body harness and a haul line. Gary will likely say a few words about the woman's self defense class. I must say though I found all the ladies to be great. This despite the fact Karen kept trying to turn me into a soprano. Submitted with respect: Nish

#### Trout – Glenn Standing

The fall derbies went great, even with the rain. The Fly Derby had 20 fishers and caught 12 fish. Tom Mahoney won 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave Fox won 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Joe Leblanc won 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to all! The Fall Open Derby which was catch and release had 29 adults and 12 youth catching 18 fish. 1<sup>st</sup> in the adults was Jake Kussy, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Gary Boss, 3<sup>rd</sup> was Bruce Costello, and the smallest trout was caught by Carrie Girardin. The youth winner was Ryan Lachampelle. He was the only youth to take in a fish. Good job!!! Thank you to everyone who helped out at both the derbies. Next up is the ice fishing derby - more info to come. If you are down by the pond take a walk around and pick up some of the weeds and reeds that are popping up on the path. Let's try to keep it so we can always walk around the whole pond. Thanks and keep a tight line.

#### Lounge

The Lounge is officially non-smoking, but please note that we are still an 18 plus Lounge and that children are not allowed in the bar. Non-members, as always, will need to be signed in by a member and can only be signed in once per week per the board of directors. The new Lounge hours have proved to be in the best interest of the Club and will continue, hours are posted on the Lounge doors. Please note that due to the board of health regulations we cannot store any food items for members in the bar or kitchen freezers. As most of you are aware we did have a price increase on Budweiser products and all are up a quarter due the second price increase this year from our distributor. Football is in full swing, we have potlucks during the games. Come on down and help root our Patriots (or your favorite team) on! We will be having a chili cook-off on December 2<sup>nd</sup> when the Patriots will be playing the Dolphins at 1:00pm. Please bring down your best chili recipe to enter. Prizes for the winner. We will be open on Thanksgiving as always for 9:00am, shrimp bloody marys and appetizers. There will be a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner, the Club will provide the turkey. Sign-up sheet will be in the lounge after Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### ASC Food Drive – Bob Drolet

We will be holding a food drive to benefit the Auburn Food Bank on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 6:00pm. Please bring in non-perishable items to help those who could use a helping hand.

#### Benefit for Donna Stacy

A benefit for Donna Stacy will be held on 11/24 from 1pm to 6pm here at the Club. Tickets are \$20.00. We will have music, prizes and more. Please come down and lend your support to Donna.



Chip Jordan, his grandson and an 1100 lb moose

#### Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The October League meeting was held 10/19/12 at NORCO Sportsman's Club. I was unable to attend due to a prior commitment and will try to briefly report on the meeting in the next newsletter. Many of you will read this before the Nov. 6 election. Those of you who'll vote will cast your votes for candidates of your own choosing, obviously as is your right. We also have the right not to vote at all, even if registered to vote – I'm certainly not telling you anything new here. I won't use up space recounting example of razor-thin election results that would've turned out differently if just a handful (literally) of people had chosen to actually vote instead of staying home. What about the occasional recounts we hear about? There are numerous cases every few years around this country in which a candidate was reported to have initially won an election by fewer than 10 votes, even by 1 or 2 votes in some instances. So, votes don't count? Sure, you might dislike each candidate in a contested election but chances are better than even that, deep down, you'll dislike one candidate at least a little more than his or her opposition, and in the end someone's going to win, whether you approve of the whole process or not. An account of a recent election as reported in the October issue of The GOAL News was almost unbelievable to me. Due to a state representative's decision to resign his seat so that he could take a job in the judicial system, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Berkshire District was left with a vacancy in the Mass House. A special election was held for the open seat; at least 4 candidates were on the ballot, including 1 from each of the 2 major parties. A combination of the usual apathy among citizens and the fact that this was a "special" election that didn't coincide with the normal election cycle resulted in a 24% turnout of registered voters in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Berkshire District, a number which doesn't surprise me. The thing that bothers me most is the shockingly low turnout of voters in that district who are registered as members of 1 of the 2 major political parties – only 10% of them actually voted. (Their candidate came in last.) This pretty much says it all, I think. How many times have you heard people who didn't vote admit that they nonetheless would have preferred so-and-so had won instead of the person who actually did win? It happens every time. You may not like any of the candidates running for various offices, but you won't help the one you dislike the least by not voting. Remember, every contested office on a ballot will be won by someone even without your participation, and that person will therefore exercise a degree of power over non-voters and voters alike – it's that simple. Do you believe that you stand on some noble principle by refusing to take part in a process you regard to be hopelessly corrupted and broken-down? The winners won't care about your notions. They'll just be thankful for the voters who put them over the top. The next W.C.L. meeting is 11/16/12 at Harvard Sportsman's Club, 7:30 p.m.