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# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



## Calendar of Events

- 12/02/12 – Toys for Tots Archery Shoot
- 12/07/12 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 12/08/12 – Kids Christmas Party
- 12/15/12 – Adults Christmas Party
- 12/17/12 – Monthly ASC Meeting
- 01/01/13 – Fifth Annual New Year's Day Trap Shoot
- 01/09/13 – Indoor Archery League Begins



### Archery– Ron Kazlauskas

Finally some decent hunting weather. Hats off to “K”nocher T.J. Bush for taking his first deer, a nice 6 point buck. What really made this deer special was that he took it on his new property located somewhere in Massachusetts. The Indoor League will be run by Mark Goodwin again this year. Shooting will be on Wednesday nights starting at 6:00pm The first date will be January 9<sup>th</sup> and will run for 10 weeks. Cost is \$5.00 per week, and everyone paying for all 10 weeks will receive embroidered Auburn Archery items (to be determined when the shooting begins). That’s all for now, shoot straight.

### Trap – Cheryl Baribeault

We are in the planning stages for our Fifth Annual New Year’s Day shoot. We look forward to seeing you all then. As always, we are open on Sunday mornings at 11:00am. Good luck to all the hunters!

### Hunter Safety

With Shotgun season upon us, it’s important to remember SAFETY FIRST! These “10 Commandments of Hunter Safety” can be found at: [http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunt\\_ten\\_commandments.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunt_ten_commandments.htm)

1. Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm.
2. Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle.
3. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
4. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
5. Unload firearms when not in use.
6. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.
7. Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log, with a loaded firearm.
8. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting.

### Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The October League meeting at NORCO Sportsmen’s in Princeton featured discussion on W.C.L. donating to a fund for operating an archery program in area schools. A vote was taken to approve such a contribution; this archery activity has been a success and is appreciated by all those involved. (I could not attend this 10/10/12 meeting.) November’s meeting was held 11/16/12 at Harvard Sportsmen’s Club, Boxborough. We had lengthy discussion regarding certain clubs that once were members of the Middlesex County League, which has been out of existence for a number of years now. The basic idea is that some such clubs might wish to join W.C.L. so as to again be part of a county league. We’ve been contacted by the president of one club in this regard and we expect to be in touch with others. A vote was taken to formally approve such outreach. W.C.L. would benefit from having additional clubs in our roster, particularly those that are no longer represented by a county league organized in their areas. Any club within our area is welcome, of course.

There will again be an Outdoors Show at the D.C.U. Center in Worcester this coming February, 2/8-2/10/13. Different management has taken over the show and we look forward to whatever positive changes in exhibits and policies might develop as a result. Auburn archers who wish to volunteer on the W.C.L. indoor archery range at this show must call Dave Papale at 508-414-2863 for full information. The sooner Dave hears from you, the better. Don’t wait to call if you know you’ll want to participate. By the way, regardless of your political “stripes” and opinions on the outcome of the elections last month, it’s time to accept an indisputable truth: those who care about legal gun ownership and usage in this country would be letting themselves and the rest of us down by not being members of the NRA. I’ve heard all the usual objections to this for many years, and I now don’t care what it is some shooters/gun owners may have against the NRA. If you don’t like getting their mail, do with it as you do with all the other unwanted stuff you get in your mailbox. Think they’re too hard-line and unyielding, politically? So are many legislators who’ve just come to power or been reelected and definitely do not share our philosophy, to put it mildly. Numbers count for organizations as they do for deciding elections, and the more members the NRA can claim, the more effective they can be in influencing legislators. Many of you belong to AARP, by far the biggest lobbying group in the country. The NRA would love to claim just one-half of the number of its members. Did you know that AARP has official positions on gun ownership that might surprise and disappoint you?

ASC Meat Raffle – December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
All are welcome, so come on down and bring a friend for a night of fun.



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**December 2012 Newsletter**

**President's Message – Jim Nishan**

Deer archery season is winding down for most of us and gun season should be in full swing by the time this gets to most of you. I will be hunting with a firearm sporadically but still plan on hitting a CT archery-only area as many days as I can before Christmas. Christmas Day I will drive my RV to South Carolina and begin my shed hunting. Pickings are slim this time of the year but I should do better in March. The pretty blond lady has relatives in SC and one has offered to let me hunt his farm the last few days of their deer season and likely have a chance to bag a true wild hog. I wish all of you wonderful holidays and a safe successful hunting season.

Committee Chairpersons need to stay current with their paperwork with the trustees who keep track of club finances. Failure to properly turn in receipts and account for funds issued force the trustees to shut the cash spigot off until accounts are squared. Any chairperson who has questions can approach any of the trustees for guidance.

The DCU Outdoor show will be three days next year. The dates are February 8-10. The Worcester County League will be running the youth archery segment. As usual, they need help herding all these kids in and out of the shooting line area so they can experience the thrill of archery. Volunteers call Dave at (508) 829-2837.

I try to allow a free flow of information at meetings and to not be rigid about Parliamentary Procedures if the conversation seems to be leading to a good place for the club as a whole. But, the last couple of meetings my control of things slipped. Nothing personal gang but I will likely have to tighten the reigns a bit.

Again to all members whatever way you choose to celebrate or recognize the holidays, may they bring you happiness and pleasure. With Respect, Nish

**Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley**

Our next Meat Raffle will be held Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm!

There will NOT be a raffle in January but we will resume on Friday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!

**Special Events– Karen Donovan & Debi Verseckes-Ammenheuser**

The kids Halloween party was fun for everyone! Adults as well as the children enjoyed their trick-or-treating through the lounge – thank you, DJ Krom for making the grim reaper come to life! The weather was great, so the kids got to paint their pumpkins outside. They also had A LOT of fun on Hainsie's Haunted Hayride!! Al Harper played the boogeyman once again, provoking screams of delight from the kids! My thanks go to all who helped out including my committee members Nancy, Joannie, Carla, Karen and Michaela!!! A special THANK-YOU goes to Mr. Drozdal of Drozdal Farms farm-stand on route 20 in Auburn for donating all the pumpkins! Make sure to visit his stand for your seasonal veggies.



I have really enjoyed my two year run as special events chairperson and profusely thank EVERYONE that helped at any of the events I organized. Good Luck to Karen Donovan as the new special events chair. Please know I will be available to help you whenever you need me. May each and every one of you enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

**The Children's Christmas Party** will be held Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm – 3:30pm.

Everyone can look forward to food, fund and games and a special visit from Santa! A \$10 gift must be provided by the parent for each child you bring for Santa to give out.

**The Adults' Christmas Party** will be held Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 11:00pm.

We're going to have a potluck (bring your favorite dish), Yankee swap (\$10 max), music, dancing and fun. Sign-up sheets are available in the Lounge.

