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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



Calendar of Events

- 01/09/13 – Indoor Archery League Begins
- 01/21/13 – Monthly ASC Meeting
- 02/01/13 – Friday Night Meat Raffle



Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

We had 53 shooters show up for the Toys for Tots shoot and filled my pick-up truck full of toys. They were delivered to American Legion Post 92 in Grafton. Much thanks to all who helped set up a fun shoot and to our new kitchen crew for a great breakfast. The indoor league begins on Wednesday, January 9th. The cost is \$5.00 per week for 10 weeks. Shooting is open to members and non-members and any age can shoot. First arrows fly at 6:00pm. The 2013 Safari League kicks off on Sunday, January 20th at Nipmuc. That's all the news for this month. Shoot straight.



Mass Wildlife

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program (JDS) is a dynamic arts and science [curriculum](#) that teaches wetlands and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. The program incorporates scientific and wildlife management principles into a visual arts curriculum, with participants completing a JDS design as their visual "term papers." Follow this link for more information on the curriculum and guidelines for the official contest.

www.fws.gov/juniorduck/curriculum.html

Rifle and Pistol– Jon Owens

I just wanted to let everyone know who uses the Rifle and Pistol ranges that there are a new set of rules that are posted at the ranges. I also wanted to thank the people that are cleaning things up and keeping it neat.

Judo – Gary Pray

As you may recall we last proposed a weekly Thursday evening jujitsu class, i.e., gentle/soft warrior arts, training for both men and women. As it turns out, we are getting far more requests for a monthly, possibly Saturday morning, woman's self-defense class. If you are interested and committed, or have any questions, please contact Jeff at jboisvere@charter.net. You can also text or call him at (508) 864-9004. As part of an on-going jujitsu program, you will become adept at a variety of instinctive and effective defensive skills. We look forward to hearing from you.

Trout – Glenn Standring

The Bill Bjork Memorial Ice Fishing Derby will be held on February 17th, 2013, from 7:00am till 12 noon. Sign-ups start at 6:00am and the kitchen will be also be open at 6:00am. We will be stocking on Feb 10th at noon, so come on down with the kids and help out and have fun. We will be doing the Canoe and Kayak raffle again this year and hopefully we will have them here for the ice fishing derby. We will be drawing the raffle at the Spring Open Derby on May 19th. The Neil Donahue Fly Fishing Derby will be on May 18th. We will be stocking on May 12th at noon. Again, bring the kids down to help and have some fun. Thanks and keep a tight line.

ASC Meat Raffle – February 1st – 7:00pm
All are welcome, so come on down and bring a friend for a night of fun.



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January 2013 Newsletter

Kitchen – Steven MacKenzie

I am looking forward to being the chairperson for the Kitchen. I hope to bring great food and profit for the Club. I would like to thank Tim and Cheryl Baribeault for helping me with past two events and showing me around the kitchen. They were a great help! We will be opening the kitchen for the Meat Raffle which will be held on February 1st. The menu will be Italian, Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese subs served with chips and also Hot Dogs served with Chips or American Chop Suey. If all goes well and we do have a turnout, I will open the kitchen for every Meat Raffle. I would like to get the kitchen walls cleaned and painted and we will get this done before the first Meat Raffle. Wishing you and your family a prosperous New Year!

Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley

There will NOT be a raffle in January but we will resume on Friday, February 1st, 2013. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm! Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!

Junior Conservation Camp – Brenda Reschke

The Club will be sponsoring 1 child this year to attend the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp, 8/4/13 - 8/16/13. If you are interested in receiving this sponsorship, please submit your application and a letter of intent (why you want to attend the camp) to Brenda Reschke before March 1st. This deadline will be strictly enforced, so don't miss out on this great opportunity. The letters from the camp applicants will be presented to the Board of Directors at the March Club meeting, at which time a decision will be made on the sponsorship. As stated on the web site:

"Boys and girls aged 13 to 17 years old who enjoy outdoor activities and want to learn more about the environment are eligible to attend. Enthusiastic outdoorsmen and women today, they will become tomorrow's leaders in safeguarding our outdoor heritage. The camp is a unique outdoor experience offering a balanced program of conservation education and instruction in outdoor recreation activities. The camp's programs introduce young people to the ethical concepts and knowledge essential to a lifetime of properly enjoying our natural resources and the leisure activities that depend on their careful stewardship."

Applications and information are online at <http://juniorconservationcamp.org/> and completed applications and letters can be left for Brenda in the ASC lounge.

Lounge

Our beloved Patriots have clinched a playoff berth again. Come on down and join us for game time! Usually some good food and company!

Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The December meeting was held 12/21/12 at Hubbardston Rod and Gun. News from MassWildlife Central District included preliminary deer season numbers for Worc. County. Deer check stations tallied 655 deer taken during archery season and 1,057 during the shotgun season. Former state senator Bob Wetmore attended the meeting and warned delegates regarding the political aftermath of the Conn. school incident of Dec. 14. Our special guest speaker was Ted Merchant from the Central Mass. Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Ted detailed a worthwhile volunteer project involving specialized surveys to be conducted at numerous culverts (but not dams) along coldwater streams and rivers capable of sustaining healthy trout populations. The culverts are some of the most important links, so to speak, along entire river systems when considering the free passage of fish. Analysis of data collected from the surveys will be used to upgrade, clean-up and improve the conditions of many key culverts and their associated inflow and outflow spots in Central Mass. (Trout Unlimited is concerned primarily with conservation of cold running water fisheries and cleanliness of these habitats.) W.C.L. will most likely have more representation on the Mt. Wachusett Advisory Council; a new delegate from Nimrod Rod and Gun is interested in possibly attending meetings of that organization.

A.S.C. archers who'd like to help staff the League's archery range during the coming D.C.U. Outdoors Show, Feb. 8-10, are reminded to call Dave Papale for scheduling information without delay. You can reach Dave at 508-414-2863.

In the wake of the terrible tragedy at Newtown, Conn., I know that some might consider it insensitive or even selfish for gun rights advocates to be expressing concern about restrictive legislative proposals. I nonetheless submit to you that if you care at all about our paramount freedom to be legally armed as civilians in this country, be ready for the most relentless onslaught of anti-gun activity any of us will have seen in our lifetimes. You've already seen and heard the beginnings of this in the news, and I guarantee you that it will not diminish. We've already lost a measure of support of some traditionally pro – 2nd Amendment legislators in various state legislatures and on Capitol Hill in Washington – this may turn out to be an unstoppable avalanche that could culminate in serious efforts by some to repeal the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. The make-up of the Supreme Court could change if any of the most reliably conservative justices were to retire in the next four years, namely Justice Antonin Scalia or Justice Clarence Thomas. Anything could happen, but we have one best avenue to pursue: strengthening the NRA by joining and staying as a member. This is absolutely critical, now far more than ever before. The NRA may be the only bulwark holding back the most nightmarish and confiscatory gun control bills you could imagine.

Next W.C.L. meeting is 1/18/13 at Singletary Rod and Gun in Oxford, 7:30 p.m.