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# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

## Calendar of Events

- 02/01/13 – ASC Meat Raffle
- 02/10/13 – Pond Stocking
- 02/17/13 – Bill Bjork Annual Ice Fishing Derby
- 02/18/13 – Monthly ASC Meeting
- 03/01/13 – ASC Meat Raffle

### **Black Powder - Art Lessard**

#### Camp Fire Woods Walks

When: Every Sunday Jan – Feb

Time: Coffee and Fire, 8:00am – 9:00am

Shoot Times: 9:00am – 12 noon.

Parking at the Pistol and Rifle Range. Please car pool from the Club parking lots if you can. Follow the trail up around the pistol range to "The Camp". Remember, LEAD AMMO ONLY – round ball, maxi ball, conical and maxi hunter. Bring your own coffee and period dress is not required, but bring your knife and hawk if you can. 20 Shots minimum – max 60 grain charge. Donations are not required. Maps are posted on the Porch and on the Range.

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Woods Walk – meat prizes

Two Nations Pow Wow – May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday and Sunday)

Traditional archery, knife and hawk Woods Walk with meat prizes and a 50/50 novelty shoot on Sunday. Camping in modern or primitive tents only. NO RVs.

### **Trout – Glenn Standing**

We will be stocking the pond at 12 noon on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, so come on down and help out. The Bill Bjork Memorial Ice Fishing Derby will be held on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 12 noon. Kitchen will be open at 6:00am and sign-ups start then also. We will start selling Canoe and Kayak tickets then. Hope to see lots of people there. Thanks and keep a tight line.

### **RKBA! (Right to Keep and Bear Arms) News – Doug Nelson**

It is time for members to get active in exercising and retaining our rights. For a quick, easy way to send an e-mail to all your elected officials at once, go to [www.ruger.com](http://www.ruger.com) and click the blue rectangle which says "PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS!". This will ask for some basic info like name, zip, etc, and then send it off automatically. While a good first step, this should be followed up by a telephone call or a visit to your representatives' offices.

Gun Owners' Action League: 1200+ Concerned Citizens Rally at State House. All who attended were concerned about this new legislation, having witnessed the failure of the acts of 1998, and knowing that this increased scrutiny will only lead to the criminalization of the law abiding. Travelling from near and far, by the car load and alone, some with children, many with signs and all on the same message - "stop punishing the law abiding", a crowd of approximately 1,200 - 1,500 concerned citizens rallied on the State House stairs on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Some Sportsman's Clubs sent busloads of members! For more info on how to get active to protect your rights, go to [www.itstime2a.org](http://www.itstime2a.org) or [www.goal.org](http://www.goal.org).

### **Thank a Landowner Today – from MassWildlife ([http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/mwnews/2013/mwnews\\_0113.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/mwnews/2013/mwnews_0113.htm))**

With the New Year just beginning and our fishing, hunting, or wildlife related adventures becoming special memories, it's time to remember the private landowners who, through their generosity, helped make these experiences possible. "Access to fishing, hunting, hiking, or watching wildlife is a privilege provided by landowners," says Marion Larson, MassWildlife Information and Education Chief. "Let them know you appreciate it. If you have been recreating on local land trust or other private non-profit conservation lands, be sure to include those groups on your thank-you list." Larson offers the following suggestions for hunters, anglers, and other outdoor users when thanking private property owners who allow access for outdoor recreation:

Be thoughtful and personal in expressing your appreciation, treating the landowner as you would like to be treated. If you are mentoring a new or young hunter, angler, birder or naturalist, include him or her in the process of thanking the landowner.

Visit the landowner at the end of the season to express your appreciation in person; if possible, provide him or her with some of your fish and game harvest, share images, or a list of the wildlife you discovered on their property.

Send a personal note or card thanking him or her for the opportunity to use their land. Consider giving a small gift such as a certificate to a local restaurant, a gift basket, or a subscription to Massachusetts Wildlife magazine. In the case of a non-profit landowner, make a donation or join their organization.

Offer to assist with tasks around the property that would be helpful, or identify, clean up, and properly dispose of any illegal dumping that has occurred.

Assist the landowner in protecting the property by documenting and reporting suspicious or illegal activities to the [Environmental Police](#) at (800) 632-8075.

"Hunting, fishing, birding, and other wildlife-related activities are traditions that will continue only if everyone follows the basic principles of being a responsible outdoor recreationist," Larson said. "Take a few moments to reflect on our outdoor traditions, including the importance of access to private lands in maintaining these traditions. What can you in 2013 to ensure that these recreational opportunities will continue to be available to you and future generations of outdoor users?"



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## February 2013 Newsletter

### President's Message – Jim Nishan

My hunting season is wrapped up. I hope yours went well. I now begin physical conditioning for the 2013 fall season. I have considered offering some form of move classes to promote weight loss and physical conditioning. Each class would include a small self defense portion. If enough people are interested, it will begin in April when I return from shed hunting. The president's game dinner will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Cocktail hour is 5:00 PM and the meal begins serving at 6:00 PM. Tickets are available at the club. The dynamic chef duo, have agreed to return. We will put out a call for donations when the menu is set. There will be a 50's dinner dance on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a fund raiser for the Two Nations Pow Wow which will be held May 4-5. We will need help to run parking and a booth at the Pow Wow. We are presently talking to members of The National Wild Turkey foundation regarding a "Women's Outdoors Weekend". Use of the pond is at the individual's own risk. Parents are responsible for supervising pond use by juveniles. Check out Wednesday indoor archery. It is fun and helps keep your shooting muscles in trim over the long cold winter. Submitted with respect: Nish

### Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley

Our next Meat Raffle will be held Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm! The March Meat Raffle will be Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all our members and friends who help make this event a great success!

### Monthly Meeting

Every meeting prior to adjournment, a member's number is drawn and if the member is in attendance, he/she will win the dollar amount in the meeting fund. The number drawn on 1/21/13 was Member #984 - No winner.

### Pedal to End Cancer – Angie Lizewski

It's that time of year again. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, I will be participating in the American Cancer Society's "Pedal to End Cancer" and I will be pedaling for all three hours again this year. We have lost several members over the past year to cancer and we have several that are still putting up one heck of a fight! You are all in my prayers! If you would like to make a donation to the American Cancer Society I will leave a jar on the bar again this year. Last year we raised over \$1,300.00. Can we do that again this year? Any amount big or small will help them find a cure. Let me know if you want to come join the fun, you can try it for one hour vs. the full three.

### Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

Our Jan. meeting was held 1/18/13 at Singletary Rod and Gun in Oxford. No guest speakers attended, but an intensive and thought-provoking discussion about the legislative threats now facing us occupied most of the evening. W.C.L. will compose and send letters to all legislators representing Central Mass. The letters will express our concerns and interests regarding the wave of anti-gun proposals now coming to a head. We will ask for consideration of our points of view on these crucial matters. I've written about the importance of strengthening the N.R.A. by joining but our state organizations will need more members if they are to have greater impact in shaping – to any degree – the results of legislative packages now filed on Beacon Hill. Be aware of two key persons behind the energetic push to limit your shooting abilities here in this state: Rep. David Linsky of Natick, 5<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District; and Senator Cynthia Creem of the First Middlesex and Norfolk Senate District. (Both are attorneys.) Mr. Linksy has filed a bill which would mandate, among many other things, liability insurance coverage for firearms!! The following summary of major points included in various bills and proposals is current as of approximately Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and is provided by GOAL, our foremost state organization for gun owners/shooters in Mass. (I'm a former Director, 1989-1991, and am a life member.)

1. Seven-round limits on "feeding devices" (magazines).
2. Forced sale or destruction of previously legal magazines over ten rounds in capacity.
3. Prison sentences of up to 15 years for failure to comply.
4. Mandatory insurance on firearms.
5. Mandating that certain types of civilian firearms be stored at a club or range, not at one's home
6. Mental and physical health waivers to be signed upon applying for a gun license.
7. Expansion of local licensing Authorities'\* discretion to deny or restrict licenses to all guns, including FID cards. (\*The police chiefs.)
8. Creation of newly defined crimes of assault with a firearm that would require no physical action by the lawful owner.
9. Many more – they're multiplying like rabbits.
10. Plus: Banning "high-power", weapons/ammo, which might mean all centerfire stuff - ?

Senator Creem and Governor Patrick have each come up with their own bills/proposals. We are facing serious threats now from all over, nationally and in the individual states. I know the kinds of guns and shooting that are so important to so many of you; these are precisely the sort of weapons that are first on so many lists of potential bans. Don't think you can just ignore what's going on – we have to follow these legislative proposals and keep our good organizations strong, or you could wind up using club ranges for slingshot practice. You need to contact your legislators, access the Internet for updates and join both NRA and GOAL. Next W.C.L. meeting is 2/15/13, 7:30pm, Southboro Rod and Gun.