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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

Calendar of Events

- 07/09/13 – Pin Shoot Practice
- 07/13/13 – Pin Shoot Match
- 07/13/13 – 15 Target Bowhunter Challenge
- 07/15/13 – ASC Monthly Meeting
- 07/27/13 – Hornpout Derby
- 07/28/13 – 5th Annual Jr. Member Pancake Breakfast
- 08/04/13 – Safari 3-D League Championship

Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

We held our first 3-D shoots of the season and once again, lots of praise to the Committee on a great course set-up. Our next shoot will be the “Bowhunter Challenge” to be held on Saturday, July 13th. This is a 15 target shoot, using North American big game targets (no exotics) in hunting conditions. Cost is \$5.00 (five), registration will be at the trap house from 7:00am – 10:00am. On Sunday, August 4th, we will again be hosting the Safari 3-D League Championship. Set-up will be on Friday and committee members will be shooting on Saturday morning. Any members with outdoor equipment they would like to see are welcome to set up a table on Sunday (no charge to set up)

We received a \$1,000 grant for the practice range butts from Scott Winchester’s local chapter of Whitetails Unlimited. We should be able to build 2, maybe 3, new target stands. Much thanks to you, Scott, and to Whitetails Unlimited.

That’s all for now – shoot straight.

Trout – Glenn Standing

The Jack Poisant Memorial Kiver Derby was held on June 23rd. 20 kids had a lot of fun and earned some money. All kids went home with some goodies and a special derby Medallion. Jeffrey Kudron was 1st with 49 kivers. Sam Streeter was 2nd with 32 kivers. Ben Streeter was 3rd with 31 kivers. All the kids did a great job! Brian and Chris Kofske donated 1 boy’s and 1 girl’s bike to be raffled off. Thank you very much Brian and Chris!! The boy’s winner was Jeffrey Kudron and the girl’s winner was Janna Tessier. Thank you to Franny K. for all the help cooking and sign-ups in the morning. Thanks to Cheryl for making sure the kids all got hot dogs, chips, juice boxes, and ice cream at the end of the day. Hope to see more kids down at the pond this summer. Any kids catching a tagged kiver, just let me know and there will be a prize. Next up is the Ugly Fish Derby, July 27th 8:00pm - midnight. Come on down and have some fun. Thanks and keep a tight line.

Rifle/Pistol – Jon Owens

- Pin Shoot Practice Dates: July 9th and August 13th – Starting time is 5:30pm, cost is \$2.00.
- Pin Shoot Match Dates: July 13th and August 17th – Sign-up is 8:30am, cost is \$5.00 for main classes and \$2.00 for sub-classes.
- Eye and ear protection are a must along with a baseball-type hat.
- No rain dates, if it rains, we will not shoot.

Fifth Annual Junior Membership-Run Pancake Breakfast

We will again be having a Pancake Breakfast, this year’s date is Sunday 7/28/2013 8:00am-11:00am. Blueberry, Chocolate Chip or Regular pancakes with or without Sausage will be available. Cost is \$4.00 for pancakes only, \$1.00 for a side of sausage. The pancakes are all you can eat! I am looking for kid and junior members to help put this on please let me know if you can help out by calling or stopping by the club to sign up. We also need hungry people to come have breakfast with us. Please come down and support the kids!



Women on Target

Ladies, if you have ever thought about trying your hand at recreational shooting, here is your opportunity! Come join us for a women’s only instructional shooting clinic. You will receive hands on instruction in shotgun, rifle and pistol by the fun, friendly and knowledgeable folks at the Auburn Sportsman’s Club. All women are invited to participate regardless of skill level. No previous experience is necessary; just the desire to learn and have fun. For those interested in applying for a Massachusetts firearm license, there will be a lecture on state and federal gun law.

The Clinic will be held here at the ASC on 8/31/13 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. All equipment and student texts are included. Lunch and refreshments will be served! This event fee \$45 per person and is limited to 30 people. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. Please contact Angie at Gun Owners’ Action League at 508-393-5333 to register.

Hornpout Derby - July 27th
8:00pm - Midnight



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July 2013 Newsletter

President's Message – *Jim Nishan*

The last meeting had some interesting turns geared to putting us back on a path to being profitable. Now, to be honest, I totally believe and have argued for years that the club, as we know it, is in danger of being lost if we do not take actions to control our fiscal matters. Still, I did not expect some things to pass a vote of the Board of Directors. The first item was a rise in the dues for adult members from \$80.00 to \$95.00. This will take effect immediately. There will be a small increase to other memberships also. Even with the rise in dues, we are still the least costly club in the area to belong to. In addition, our facilities are as good, if not better than others. The second item was the ceasing of the past practice of committee drinks. The best argument made for the passage of this likely was the question of: is someone doing things for the good of the club or performing minimal chores for a series of free drinks? Both of these items will likely be discussed in detail by others in this Newsletter. While some may not be fans of these items. I believe that the members of the BOD, each as individuals, searched their hearts and voted for what they considered to be the best interest of the club.

On a positive note and in my opinion an extremely positive one, the club has a new committee. We have welcomed in the past few years an influx of members who celebrate their Native American heritage. Many members of this unique community have talked with me about how they can best contribute to the future of the club that has opened its heart to them. At the meeting, the BOD voted to create a Native American committee which will work to develop educational and social events to promote their cultures and educate others. Their first project will be the erecting and display of a small traditional native settlement in support of family day. There is a possibility that they will be using the club to meet with the Worcester Intertribal Indian Council to discuss future endeavors. In the past few weeks I have stopped in to check on things to find members sitting at the picnic tables with Elks Bear learning how to make flint arrow heads. The black powder crowd was hanging in there too. It may have had something to do with the scrap pieces of flint.

The chicks from the nest on the porch have taken flight. The first act of freedom by the first chick out was to poop on one poor member (who I will not name) standing there.

Enjoy your summer, be safe, and remember hunting season is only a couple of months away.

With Respect: Nish

Letter to the Editor – Membership Increase

I have been an active member of this Club for nearly 10 years. I often brag about what a great Club we have but I cannot let it go unmentioned that the decision to increase our membership was made with no notice to the membership as a whole. We, as a membership of nearly 1,000 people, deserve the right to have a voice in the matter, and even more importantly to have a vote on the matter. Why was smoking vs. non-smoking in the lounge (which only affects a small percentage of our membership) opened up to the entire membership to vote? This (the membership increase) is a matter that affects all of our paying members - adults, kids and juniors and yet it was not put out to the membership to have their say. There was no notice posted for the membership to know to come to the meeting and express their opinion(s). I understand that 23 voting members were involved and the vote was 12 to 11 to increase the dues. Obviously, this is a divisive issue that needs to be addressed on a broader scale. We are a Club of over 1,000 members and need to be given the chance to be heard on this matter.

Worcester County League – *Craig Cortis*

The June League Meeting was held 6/21/13 at North Worcester Fox and Coon Club in Holden. We had two special guests during the evening. Glenn Krevosky of Oxford, speaking about his business EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc., described his work in water quality situations involved with highway, bridge, catch basin and related construction projects. Glenn is particularly interested in how cold water trout fisheries with native fish populations are adversely affected by pollution, stagnation, chemical/toxic run-off from paved areas and industrial activity, jumps in water temperatures, and so on. He has an extensive resume and many years of experience in this highly specialized field, and has been retained as a consultant by numerous state agencies, local town and city governments, businesses and private citizens. Glenn encouraged those who observe questionable water quality conditions near their homes or areas of routine travel to consider reporting such observations in the event that they might not already be known about by authorities. He can be reached for advice at 508-797-0979 or e-mailed at Glenn.Krevosky@charter.net should you wish to contact him.

State Rep. Kim Ferguson, 1st Worcester District, is solidly on our side regarding hunting/gun rights issues and many aspects of personal freedom. Kim told delegates at our meeting that phone calls and other contacts with legislators made by concerned citizens over the last few months have had a definite positive influence on a number of her colleagues on Beacon Hill. Some who'd initially been in favor of tougher, more restrictive gun control proposals have moderated or changed their positions and voting inclinations, largely due to constituents' input. Certain others, like Rep. David Linsky of Framingham, remain unyielding in their support of such measures and will continue to seek greatly enhanced limitations on possession and use of firearms by law-abiding citizens. Kim urged us to "keep up the good work" and not back off or let up in our efforts to keep legislators informed of our concerns.

The W.C.L. does not meet in July and August. Next League meeting will be 9/20/13 at South Barre Rod and Gun, 7:30 p.m. (The club's address is 2626 Barre Road, Hardwick. As always, you need not be a club delegate to attend, if interested.)