



**Auburn Sportsman's Club**  
50 Elm St.  
Auburn, MA 01501



**2014 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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It's that time! Please fill out and return this form with your dues. CHECKS ONLY payable to "Auburn Sportsman's Club". Kids are up to age 11, Juniors are ages 12 to 17, Retired members are 65+ and a member for 5 years. Payment is due by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, or a \$25 late fee will be applied. Please renew early - not only does it save you a late fee, but hunting seasons start opening in September/October!! We will be doing instant renewals on August 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday from 1 till 5pm.



**John Hamilton**

*Friend, Mentor, Sportsman*  
1955 – 2013

We will be having a celebration of John's life at the Club on August 17, 2013 at 3:00pm with John's family and friends.

**Archery – Ron Kazlauskas**

Thanks to the donation from Whitetails Unlimited, we have been able to rebuild the 20 and 30 yard butts on the practice range. Targets have been order for the 10 and 40 yard butts.

We will be holding the Safari League 3-D League Championship on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a work party on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> to clean up lanes. Meet at the trap house at 9:00am if you can help (leaf blowers and weed whackers will be a great help). Target set-up will be on the Friday before the shoot. We will be starting at 9:00am.

Again, if anyone has outdoor equipment they'd like to sell, set up a table at the shoot. There's no charge to set up, but tables will be limited. That's all for now – shoot straight.

**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.

**Calendar of Events**

- 08/01/13 – Start your membership renewal process now!
- 08/04/13 – Safari 3-D League Championship
- 08/13/13 – Pin Shoot Practice
- 08/17/13 – Pin Shoot Match
- 08/17/13 – ASC Membership Instant Renewal
- 08/17/13 – Life Celebration for our departed friend John Hamilton
- 08/19/13 – ASC Monthly Meeting

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## August 2013 Newsletter

### President's Message – Jim Nishan

I testified before the Homeland Security Public Safety Committee at Assumption College July 8<sup>th</sup>. The hearing room was packed. The committee and its chairperson were quite decent in their treatment of all who wanted to speak. As a note on learning from one's experiences in life, I went in with too much information to pass on in the three minutes allotted to each speaker. My next attempt will be more concise and to the point. There is just too much antigun legislation out there to try and cover it all. If you wish to participate in the process pick a small piece and stay on subject. The hearing on the north shore has been canceled and will be rescheduled. I may attend the one in Springfield, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Family Day is rapidly approaching and as usual few tickets have been purchased. This an opportunity to enjoy a great family event at the club. Bring friends and introduce them to the good things available as members. But, the bottom line is it is not fair to the people working hard to put things together, to not get them an accurate number of attendees. They need to begin planning their cooking plan and so much more. Please stop by the club and get your tickets.

There seems to be some unhappy individuals out there that believe we should be sending out special invitations whenever there is anything they consider other than the usual to be decided at a meeting. The by-laws call for a members meeting and a BOD meeting each month. Long before I became a member of the BOD the decision was made to merge the two for convenience and the fact that there just were not enough members showing up to make a quorum. In the ten plus years I have sat on the BOD the only time there has been enough members present to open voting to them was when someone on the BOD lost a vote and flooded the next meeting with their supporters from the adjoining room.

Here is your special invitation. There is a meeting the third Monday of each month. We will conduct business as it is presented by those present. If you want to participate in running the club come on down. If there are 30 members, votes will be open to the general membership. If not, the BOD will continue to run the club as best they can. With Respect: Nish

### Proposed Bylaw

Watch next month's newsletter for a description of a proposed new Club bylaw to be introduced for a vote at the September club meeting on 9/16/13. (The bylaw addition would affect the longevity of results of votes taken at regular club meetings by mandating that voting results remain in effect unaltered for a certain minimum time period.)

### Lounge – Cheryl Baribeault

We have changed the guest policy for the lounge only. Please feel free to bring your friends and family to the lounge whenever you would like, there is no 1 time per week limit anymore. Please remember to sign them in the guest book. Thanks

### Nominating – Brenda Reschke

It's approaching that time of year again - our right to nominate and elect our Officers and Board of Directors! Members please think about how you can give back to your club - be a part of its future. At the monthly meeting, September 16<sup>th</sup>, we will hold nominations. If you are interested in a position, please review our By-Laws to ensure you are eligible to fill that position and please notify me prior to the September meeting. If you are seeking to be nominated, you must be in attendance at the meeting or if you are unable to attend, you must make nomination arrangements with me prior to the meeting. All nominees will be required to have their membership fees paid prior to the ballot being published, so renew early. If you currently hold a position of Officer, Chairman or Director, please let me know if you are resigning from your position. Currently, we have openings with Kitchen Chairman, Trap Chairman and Bar Manager.

### Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

No meetings are held in July and August. Massachusetts had a chance to change the make-up of the U.S. Senate this past June, if only by one percent – one vote out of a body having 100 members. (I refer to the special election of June 25, held to fill John Kerry's open seat.) This was only the second time in 28 years that a statewide election for an open seat involving no incumbent running for U.S. Senate for Mass. took place. Not surprisingly, the Scott Brown miracle of January 2010 was not to be repeated. That special election, held to fill Ted Kennedy's open seat, featured a snowstorm over parts of the state as well as a 54% voter turnout. This time around, half of that number voted: 27%. Here are some figures that might interest some of you; some are election vote numbers, others were calculated by me just to make a certain point.

Ed Markey was enabled to move from a 37 year job in the House of Representatives over to the U.S. Senate by, and I'm not kidding here, just 2.71% of the registered voters of this state. How was that possible? Take the total of registered voters – or, to put it more accurately, those registered to vote – in Mass. as of June 25; that figure was 4,343,022. Subtract the number of those who actually voted in the election, which came to a total of 1,172,616, or 27%. That leaves 3,170,406 people who did not vote at all, about 73% of all those who could have voted. The only surprising thing about the election was that Gabriel Gomez actually managed to give Mr. Markey a “run for his money,” so to speak. Markey got 642,988 votes, or 55% of the total. Gomez received a respectable figure of 525,080 votes, or 45%. Mr. R. Heos, who was on the ballot representing a very obscure third party, got only 4,548 votes. The difference separating Ed Markey and Gabriel Gomez was just 117,908 votes in a state with 357 cities and towns, and that small number – important as it was for Mr. Markey – represents the 2.71% figure I came up with earlier. Naturally, a fair percentage of those who might have voted would have done so for Ed Markey anyway. My point is that not all non-voters can be assumed to've had utterly no preference at all between candidates, and of the 3 million registered voters in this state who did not vote, it seems possible that at least a few tens of thousands of potential Gomez supporters exist among them. The election results did not have to be inevitable, even in this state. Of course, it doesn't matter now – we'll have another U.S. Senator who will almost certainly vote in lockstep with Elizabeth Warren on exactly the kinds of issues which should, by all rights, concern us the most. Although not an ideal candidate in some respects, certain rights and freedoms might've been supported more by Gabriel Gomez than they are likely to be by Mr. Markey.