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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma



Calendar of Events

- 12/01/13 – Annual Toys for Tots 3D Archery Shoot (7am – 11am)
- 12/06/13 – December Meat Raffle – first drawing at 7pm
- 12/07/13 – Children's Christmas Party (12:30pm – 2:30pm)
- 12/14/13 – Adult Christmas Party (6:30pm – 11:30pm)
- 12/15/13 – Mass. Trappers Meeting
- 12/16/13 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm)
- 12/25/13 – Christmas Day: Clubhouse closed
- 01/01/14 – Annual New Year's Day trap shoot (11am start)
- 01/03/14 – January Meat Raffle – first drawing at 7pm



Archery - Ron Kazlauskas

The annual Toys for Tots shoot will be on Sunday Dec 1 from 7am to 11:00am. Entry fee is a new, unwrapped toy. There is also a donation box in the lounge. Set up for the shoot will be on Saturday. Meet at the Trap field at 11:00am if you can help set up. Be sure to wear some orange as bird season is still open.

Special Events – Karen Donovan

Children's Christmas Party: This year's event will be held Saturday, December 7th from 12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. There will be food, fun, games and a special visit from Santa! A \$10 wrapped and tagged present should be brought for each child attending. Please sign the children up at the bar.

Adult Christmas Party: Saturday, December 14th from 6:30 P.M. – 11:30 P.M. Pot luck, bring your favorite dish. Yankee Swap - \$10 limit. Music, dancing and fun with friends. Please sign up at the bar.

Rifle and Pistol – Jon Owens

A reminder that range hours are Monday – Saturday sunrise to sunset and Sunday 1pm to sunset.

Please be sure to have your member pin in a visible location and your signed member card on your personage when using any of the ranges. Note: Both ranges will be closed on Sunday Dec 1st until 3pm due to the Toys for Tots archery event.

Trap – Bruce Bent

The cold weather is coming but, we are still shooting. Dress warm and come on down. The fire pit will be lit soon. It's been great seeing all the new faces and new shooters. Speaking of new shooters, take what you want from the advice you get from our more experienced shooters. However, safety is first so there is no wiggle room regarding the direction we give you in that respect. Okay, enough of that for now. Let's get into the good stuff. We will be having our annual New Years Day Shoot once again so shake off the cob webs and hang overs and come have some fun. There will be a number of different challenges such as shooting lefty if you're righty, doubles, and field stance "pull" etc. Prizes are involved and it really is a good time for all. There will be a number of range closures through out the months ahead for other events that will be encroaching on the ranges.

Trapping - Ron Kazlauskas

The Mass Trappers will be holding their quarterly meeting and fur auction on Sunday December 15th. The auction and raffle is open to everyone. This is a chance to get some fur at some good prices. Come down and learn what trapping is about.

- Ron Kazlauskas, Regional Director National Trappers Association

Trout – Glenn Standing

I would like to thank all my committee for all their help this year. I couldn't do without you. Also the kitchen crew did a great job all year.

The Fall Derby's went off great. Lots of fish caught and released.

These are great derby's to teach the kids a little conservation and still have fun. Next up is the Bill Bjork Ice Fishing Derby. More info next month.

We will be purchasing the raffle kayak and canoe soon. So the tickets will be in the January newsletter.

We need everyone to purchase these tickets so we can keep stocking the great fish that we stock. The canoe and kayak can be resold very easily.

Thanks and keep a tight line - Glenn s

SAVE THE DATE

17th Annual Two Nation's Native American Pow-Wow, May 3rd & 4th at the ASC

Traders Contact: Elksbear at (508) 791-3770

Drums Contact: Gentle Hawk at (508) 754-4994

Native American Council/ASC contact: Stoneholder at (508) 523-1824

December Range Closures

- 12/01/13 – Trap closed. Rifle and Pistol open at 3pm

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December 2013 Newsletter

President's Message – Jim Nishan

Hunting season is fully upon us. Many of us are afield seeking game birds or deer with the bow. Gun season is right around the corner and may be open by the time this arrives. I will take this opportunity to blatantly seek donations for next year's game dinner. It will be in May but it's easier to give when the freezer looks full. Please give what you can. I am presently experimenting with meal ideas. I will be trying them out at meetings and in house Hunter Ed classes. My next experiment will be some form of venison pizza.

While we are on the subject I should mention sighting in. Please wear your club pin on the range. The last bay of the pistol range can be used to sight in hunting firearms at 50 yards. Once you are on target move to the rifle range. There have been reports of .223 shooters staying on the pistol range please be courteous of the hand gun shooters.

I suggest members check out the GOAL web site for information regarding the state DCR attempts to publish regulations that could outlaw licensed firearm owners from carrying on many public lands.

"We highly resolve that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln 1863. After 150 years there are still bureaucrats who wish to disarm us to ensure our docile adherence to their views of how life should be lived rather than as free citizens.

Enjoy your holidays: Nish

Trustee Corner – Dave Carlstrom

The **Waiver and Release of Liability** form is a requirement of the A.S.C.'s insurance carrier, not something the Board of Directors came up with. Each member must sign and submit this form to the A.S.C. by mail or by hand to the A.S.C. clubhouse lounge staff. The release form is available at the ASC clubhouse and on line in the September 2013 newsletter located in the ASC Newsletter archive (<http://www.auburnsportsmansclub.com/newsletter/archive.html>).

Meat Raffle – Ginny Lilley

Our next will be held Friday, December 6th. The first drawing for our Big Tables will be at 7:00pm! Early Bird tickets will be available 6:00pm – 6:30pm.

The January raffle will be on Friday, January 3rd.

Worcester County League – Craig Cortis

The November meeting was held here at A.S.C. on 11/15/2013. I want to thank our club for hosting the W.C.L.; Jim Nishan, Ginny Lilley, Nancy Krom and Joe Vigeant worked to serve us a great meal. Your efforts were much appreciated. Two topics of great importance occupied most of the meeting. Guest speakers Charlie Fredette (Millers River Trout Unlimited, Conservation Chairman) and Rick Merchant (Mass. Trappers) spoke on behalf of the recently-formed group, Committee for Responsible Wildlife Management. This association is largely responsible for promulgating Mass. House Bill 750 (HB750), entitled "An Act Conserving Our National Resources". The bill, if passed into law, would undo some of the damage wrought by the 1996 Mass. trapping law by ceding authority from city or town boards of health to Fisheries and Wildlife officials regarding the granting of special trapping permits sought for controlling beavers. More is involved; for further information, you can go to www.macrwm.org or www.millersriver-tu.org on the web. Obviously, this is of key importance to trappers, fishermen (coldwater streams in particular), homeowners affected by flooding and all of us who believe that the 1996 law went way too far. HB750 may still be before the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture at the State House as I write this. Anyone who cares about this matter is urged to let your representatives know that you hope they'll support HB750 and will try to get it passed. Remember: Access those websites for full details.

We should be aware of what's called the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, commonly referred to by the abbreviation CMR. This is a collection of regulations formed and implemented by various agencies of the State. Such regulations, which have been approved by an authorized agency according to a procedure established by the legislature, in effect have the force of law. Thus the legislature is enabled to delegate the details of certain types of lawmaking to executive agencies within Mass. This means that CMRs are not written or placed into effect by your elected representatives on Beacon Hill. The Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation controls about 450,000 acres of state-owned land, over 300,000 acres of which are designated as state parks, forests, beaches, trails, recreations areas, ponds, etc. There are 155 such park areas within Mass Parks Division in 5 regions, 29 of them in the Central (Worc. County) Region. You should be able to access the GOAL website for updates on CMRs in the works which would ban the carrying of weapons of all types in certain parks within the system, 5 of which are in Worc. County. Note the F + W property, including the W.M.A.S., is not part of the D.C.R. – their lands are managed by a different department, separate from D.C.R. About one-third of the 155 parks in total could be affected statewide; be aware if this might relate to your activities outdoors.

