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# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



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## February Upcoming Events



- 02/01/15 – Pond Stocking (12pm)
- 02/01/15 – Super Bowl Potluck (starts at 6pm – bring a dish)
- 02/06/15 – February Meat Raffle (first drawing at 7pm)
- 02/08/15 – Bill Bjork Ice Fishing Derby (7am – 12pm, 6am Registration)
- 02/16/15 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 02/17/15 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 1 of 4
- 02/19/15 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 2 of 4
- 02/21/15 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 3 of 4
- 02/22/15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jerk(y)-Off (2pm – 4pm)
- 02/23/15 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 4 of 4
- 03/01/15 – 3D Archery Shoot



### **\*\*Trapshooting\*\*** – Bruce Bent

The sketchy weather has started to roll in. Last week was a perfect example. We had a few players show up on the late side of things and the drizzle had started. I had decided to call it with the bad weather coming in fast and not enough shooters to fill a line. I'm sure it didn't bode well for those who showed up. I have put my number out there before for you to be able to get in touch with me before you leave the house to verify if we are shooting on questionable days. Here it is again. Save it and give me a call. If I don't answer leave a message and I will call you back. If you don't, you're on your own. 508.373.4256.

The search is still in full swing for ammo. A couple of things have come to light in the chase. The big one now is that on-line shopping just isn't going to work for a couple of reasons. 1) They want a credit card. Even if that could happen, it brings us to issue 2) A Mass. address being shipped out of state. I'm pretty sure that might raise a flag or two. I have reconnected with 2 of our suppliers to let them know that we are still actively looking. I will keep you posted as things progress. Until then, please consider bringing down your own steel shot. I wish this could have been a more upbeat post but.....Hey there's always next month. As always...Shoot often... Shoot safe.

### **February Range/Pond Closures**

- **02/01-02/07:** Pond Closed
- **02/08:** Pond closed 6am – 12pm for derby
- **03/01:** Trap, Rifle and Pistol ranges closed full day for 3-D archery event.

### **Firearms Training**

- Utah Non-Resident (LTC) Permit Class (30+ state)  
Date: 02/09/2015
- Non-Resident (LTC) for Maine, Connecticut and Florida (in one class)  
Dates: 02/13/2015 and 02/27/2015

Contact Greg for registration and course information.  
Date/times subject to change.

Cell: 508-612-6071 -- Email: gcofsky@americanarmaments.us

### **\*\*Rifle/Pistol\*\*** – Jon Owens

Have your pin visible when on the ranges and your membership card available if asked to show it. Paper targets only. No ground targets permitted. Retrieve all targets when done. Trash barrels are available.

**Range Hours:** Monday – Saturday 8am – sunset, Sunday 1pm to sunset. You have a ½ hour after sunset for clean up. A web site called Sunrise Sunset offers free downloadable calendars with times. A mobile app is available as well from the site. Be sure to use Auburn MA for the location.  
( www.sunrisesunset.com )

### **\*\*Trout\*\*** – Glenn Standing

The ice fishing derby is February 8th, 7 to 12 noon. Stocking is on Feb 1st at noon. Bring the kids down to help out. Sign ups start at 6am, breakfast and lunch will be served. The lounge will be opening at 10am. Tickets for the kayak and American Express card will be on sale at the derby. Please purchase some tickets so we can keep on getting the great trout that we have been getting. Thanks and keep a tight line.

**ANNUAL TROUT FUNDRAISER**  
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00  
**Kayak and Giftcard Giveaway**

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**Note:**  
Trout fundraiser tickets (above) and donations can be submitted at the ASC lounge or mailed to the club, ATTN: Trout Fundraiser

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## February 2015 Newsletter

### **\*\*Worcester County League\*\***

– Craig Cortis

I'm writing this on 1/24/15 and want to advise any who've had an interest that the League will not have our customary kids' archery range at the February 6 – 8 Outdoor Expo. The show will be located at the Boxborough Holiday Inn just off the intersection of I 495 and Route 111, rather than at the DCU Center in Worcester. I just learned of this unexpected change in plans today (1/24). We were initially expecting to operate the range at the Holiday Inn venue, just as we've done for 17 years in Worcester. A last-minute change in space accommodations planning for the Boxborough venue caused this, although the League will still have a booth at the show. Our January meeting was held 1/16/15 at Singletary Rod and Gun in Oxford. News from Fisheries and Wildlife included mention of State Ornithologist Drew Vitz having contacted each of the five Mass. Wildlife Districts to ask about agricultural practices on the various Wildlife Management Areas and the potential to increase the amount of grassland habitat on WMAs. Four such areas having larger fields that could be amenable to grassland management were identified within the Central District (Worcester County). Habitat involving open grasslands suitable for wild animals and birds is uncommon in Central Mass. and would be attractive to songbirds such as bobolinks and meadowlarks, as well as game species like deer, turkey, woodcock and pheasant.

Buffumville Lake will host an "ice fishing festival" on 2/7/15 at the north cove picnic area off of Oxford Road in Charlton, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event involves a cooperation between the Army Corps of Engineers at the lake and the Charlton Conservation Department. This event is being promoted as a free, non-competitive, family program and is open to those who would like to learn about ice fishing. You're encouraged to bring your own equipment or borrow some that will be provided; limited equipment and bait for this purpose will be available. Take note: the event will be canceled if under 6 inches of ice exists, if it rains or if there's a snowstorm of 6 inches or more. Contact Todd Girard at 508-248-2247 or Jim Lagacy at 508-389-6309 by Thursday, 2/5/15 for information as to their plans to hold or not hold the event. Next Worcester County League meeting will be 2/20/15 at Maspenock Rod and Gun, Milford.

### **\*\*Archery\*\*** – Ron Kazlauskas

The Indoor League continues on Wednesday nights with Mark Goodwin running the show. This year we'll be getting a collapsible picnic cooler for everyone shooting or paying for all 10 weeks. I usually try to stay from giving advice on equipment and shooting, but with a lot of members picking up a bow for the first time, I will pass this suggestion along. While buying a bow at a retail store can save you a few dollars, many people are getting mixed-matched equipment or bows that don't fit. Your best bet is to go to an archery pro shop to get started. The few extra bucks you spend will be well worth it, getting a properly set-up bow. We Knock-Hunters have had a great success with Archery Plus in Spencer, Jerry's in Milford and Bob's Gun & Archery in Webster. Okay, 'nuff said on this subject.

The 2015 Safari 3-D League kicks off on March 1<sup>st</sup> with Auburn hosting the first shoot. Set-up will be on Friday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Check the notice board for work party dates and times to clean up the 3-D course.

That's all the news for now. Shoot straight.

### **\*\*Hunter Education\*\***

Upcoming courses @ the ASC:

- February 2015 Basic Hunter Education course: 02/17, 02/19, 02/21 and 02/23. Must be present for all four sessions.
- Meeting time: 6:15- 9:00pm Feb 21: 8:15am-4:00pm

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jerk(y)-Off**

NASCAR and jerky! Cook up your best batch of jerky and bring it to the club on Sunday 02/22/2015. Will Fran keep the title of Jerky Champ or will he lose it to his son? Perhaps to you? Give it a shot. Judging will be 2pm – 4pm by your peers. Hang out and catch the Daytona 500. Contest sign-up sheet at ASC bar.

### **RAFFLE:**

A beautiful eagle woodcarving, by local artisan Ed Desrosiers, is up for raffle to benefit the 2015 Game Supper event. Tickets are available in the ASC lounge.

~~ 3 for \$5.00 ~~

This work of art is on display behind the bar.



### **\*\*Judo\*\*** – Gary Prey

I'm happy to report that the kid's judo program, which runs 4:30 to 6:00 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays, will be starting again in February. If you have any questions please call 508-335-4556.

Explore your **canvas painting** creativity on **February 12th** at 6:00PM, ASC Hall. Put on by **Wine Down. Paint Up.** (Jayne Sarkisian). \$25.00 per person ~ Max. of 25 spots. Register by phone text or call #508-414-2486.

### **Indoor Flea Market**

**Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8am to 1pm**

Reserve tables early - \$10 each.

Call 508-832-6492

~~ Hunting, fishing & camping goods ONLY ~~

~~ Public welcome ~~

### **Meat Raffle**

This month's ASC meat raffle will be Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Early Bird tickets available @ 6:00pm. Raffle begins 7pm. Open to the public. Come on down for a night of fun! (We have great meat too!!!)

### **\*\*Junior Conservation Camp\*\***

The Club will be sponsoring 1 child this year to attend the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp, 8/2/15 - 8/14/15. The camp has moved to Moses Scout Reservation, 310 Birch Hill Rd, Russell, MA. 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 31st. 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 April 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.