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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



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Sept Upcoming Events



- 09/07/15 – Labor Day (club house open normal hours)
- 09/13/15 – Mass. Trappers Fall Outing and Black Powder Shoot
- 09/15/15 – Final Pin Shoot: Practice
- 09/19/15 – Final Pin Shoot: Actual
- 09/20/15 – Fall Outdoorsman Yard Sale (8am – 1pm)
- 09/21/15 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 09/26/15 – “First Shot” Firearms Safety and Shooting Clinic
- 10/01/15 – ASC Membership Renewal Deadline



****Trout**** – Glenn Standing

New Junior and Youth fishing rule: Each junior or youth member may bring 1 guest to fish the pond one time. All regulations apply. If the guest can not afford a membership, they can contact the trout chairman for a 1 year membership. We will have 10 memberships available per year on a first come basis. The Fall Yard Sale will be held on Sept 20th from 8am to 1 pm. Set up starts 6am, it is \$10.00 a table. Call the club to get a table. We will be stocking the pond Oct 4th at 12 noon. Bring the kids down to help out and have some fun. The Fly Derby will be Oct 10th from 7am to 11am. The Fall Open Catch and Release Derby will be Oct 11th from 7am to 11am. No bait and no power bait!! Just flies, spinners, and lures. Hope to see you there.
Thanks and keep a tight line.

****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.

Normal 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)

****Trapping****

Ron Kazlauskas

State Director, National Trappers Assoc.

On Sept 13, the Mass. Trappers will be holding their fall outing at the Club. We'll be having raffles, silent auction, contests, vendors & more. The outing is open to all, not just trappers. Come down and learn what trapping in Massachusetts is all about.

****Bluebird & Tree Swallow Recovery Program**** – JJ White

50 bluebirds and 68 tree swallows were banded. Due to a cold spring, it was a late nesting season. Many more will be banded. No ticks were found.

(Editor's Note: This was intended for the August edition. Apologies to JJ.)

September Range/Pond Closures

- **09/13:** Rifle and pistol ranges closed full day for black powder event. Reopen for normal operations on 09/14.
- **09/15:** Pistol range closed 5:00pm to 7pm for pin shoot.
- **09/19:** Pistol range closed 8am to 1pm for pin shoot.
- **09/26:** All firearms ranges closed full day for First Shot event. Reopen for normal operations on 09/27
- **10/04 – 10/09:** Pond closed for restocking

****Archery**** – Ron Kazlauskas

The Safari 3D Championship was held at the club on August 2nd. A big thanks to Joe, Dan, Howie, Frank and Ginny for helping to set up a fantastic shoot. It was a clean sweep in Men's Bowhunter for the Knock-Hunters with Joe Vigeant 1st, Dan Wozniak 2nd, and yours truly taking 3rd. The team trophy went to Hamilton Rod & Gun again this year.

Special thanks to Ron Hebert Sr. for really pushing the Gift Card Giveaway tickets. We only had 10 tickets unsold.

On Wednesday Sept 9th, we'll be setting up a small 3D course at the practice range from 5:00om – 7:00pm. The shoot will run until Sept. 30th. Cost will be \$3.00 per night.

Just a reminder – no broadheads are allowed on the practice range. That's all for now. Shoot straight.

MA State Senator Michael O. Moore will be sponsoring a Firearm Safety & Education Day at the ASC on Saturday Sept. 26th. Gun Owners Action League (G.O.A.L.) will be presenting their “First Shot” course as a part of the day. Contact the Senator's office for availability.
<http://electmikemoore.com/>

ASC Family Day - 08/08/2015





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September 2015 Newsletter

****President's Message**** – Jim Nishan

My computer seems to be having issues so I will keep this short. The last couple of months I have used my space to promote Women on Target and other training. Now I will remind you summer is coming to an end. Fall is around the corner. Time for some fine fall fishing. Time to make sure all the hunting equipment is in good shape, the bows and firearms tuned and sighted in. Many of us shoot year round many do not. Time is short, work, family, social obligations all take time and are important. However we as sportsmen/women have a morale obligation to ensure our skills are up to the job of a good quick kill. Yes we harvest and eat our own meat, yes if we are successful our hands may be bloody. But those of us that are successful year after year generally believe we are obligated to ensure that the harvest is quick and humane. We are not out there to make the game suffer. I wish you all a successful season. Be careful, be safe. Nish

****Worcester County League**** – Craig Cortis

As I've mentioned before, the W.C.L. does not meet in July and August. Our next meeting will be 9/18/15 at Otter River Sportsman's Club in Templeton. The Mass. Outdoor Expo (commonly called the "Big MOE") takes place Sunday, 9/20 on the grounds of Hamilton Rod and Gun in Sturbridge, from 9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. I'm not aware of a comparable event for families and kids held anywhere else, and it's free admission for all. Parking is also free, but you can't park at the club itself. The Big MOE has arranged for off-site parking at the Sturbridge Business Park at 660 Main St. (Rte. 20) in Sturbridge. Free shuttle bus transportation will run from the parking area over to the club and back nonstop throughout the day. The Big MOE features over 45 activity stations, exhibits, informative demonstrations, displays and booths that highlight ecology, environmental interests, hunting, fishing and all of our related shared outdoors activities. The Worcester County League is a major sponsor of this annual event. You can learn more by going to www.FawnsExpo.com. FAWNS stands for Facts About Wildlife and Nature Society, which originated and produces the Big MOE. A great article on last year's event by Worcester Telegram outdoors correspondent Mark Blazis is posted online, dated 9/25/2014.

I did some research and found out that 50 different species of wild native mammals exist here in Mass. The Order Rodentia (rodents) is represented by 5 "families" having a total of 16 species. Order Chiroptera (bats) has one family in this state, with 8 species involved. Various orders and families comprising 13 more well-known species include these mammals: opossum, 2 kinds of rabbits and the snowshoe hare, bobcat, red and gray foxes, coyote, black bear, striped skunk, raccoon, moose and whitetail deer. This makes a total of 37 species out of the 50 I mentioned. I'm sure you can come up with 3 or 4 more that haven't been listed here thus far; they're fairly familiar creatures to many of us. It'll be harder to imagine what the remaining species of the 50 might be, if you think of this as a kind of animal trivia quiz. Look them up online, if you like. Marine mammals such as whales, dolphins and seals are not part of the group of 50. I'll try to remember to include the information in next month's column. In closing, a warm welcome to new A.S.C. member and former Heald Machine colleague Al Castagna!

****Nominations / Elections**** – Brenda Reschke

At the monthly meeting, September 21st, 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. Elections will be held on Monday, October 19th, polls will open at 9:00am and close at 6:30 pm. You will be required to present your current 2015-16 membership card to obtain a ballot. Absentee ballots will be available in the Lounge beginning Monday October 5th. You will be required to present your membership card to the bartender and sign the ballot book.

Firearms Training

1. Massachusetts Approved Licensed to Carry Firearm Certification Class (LTC or FID) 8 hour course.
(4hrs classroom and 4hrs live fire Fee: \$125.00)
2. Utah Non-Resident Permit Class (30+ state) LTC non-live fire 4 hour course. Fee: \$100.00
3. Non-Resident LTC for Maine, Connecticut and Florida 8hr course (4hrs classroom and 4hrs live fire @ range next day) Fee: \$125.00
4. Utah Non-Resident Permit Class (30+ state) LTC non-live fire 4 hour course. Fee: \$100.00

For available course dates, further details and registration contact Greg Cofsky.
Cell: 508-612-6071 or Email: gregcofsky@yahoo.com
~ Pre-registration is required to attend ~

REMINDER: **Membership Renewals**

Renewals for the 2016 year are due at ASC no later than Oct 1st by mail or in person. Renewals received after the Oct 1st cut-off will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

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Pistol & Rifle Committee Remaining Handgun Pin Shoot Dates 2015

Practice Shoot

Match Shoot

FINAL SHOOT OFF

Sept 15 5:30pm to 7pm

Sept 19 9am to 1pm

No rain dates.
Ear and eye protection **required**.

Practice Shoot: \$2.00 participation fee

Match Shoot: \$5.00 participation fee for main classes (4) and \$2.00 for subclasses. You do not have to all classes.

Classes for rimfire and centerfire.

Registration at 8:30am. First Round off at 9:00am sharp; for all shots.