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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



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December Upcoming Events

- 12/03/15 – Toys for Tots Paint Night (6pm)
- 12/04/15 – December Meat Raffle 7pm (Early Bird Tickets - 6pm)
- 12/05/15 – Hide Tanning Seminar (8am)
- 12/06/15 – Annual Toys for Tots 3-D Archery Shoot (7am – 11am)
- 12/12/15 – Children's Christmas Party (1:30pm – 4pm)
- 12/19/15 – Adult's Christmas Party (7pm – Midnight)
- 12/21/15 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 12/25/15 – Christmas Day (ASC clubhouse closed)
- 01/01/16 – New Year's Day Trap Shoot (11am)



****Trapshooting**** – Bruce Bent

So the turkey shoot event went well. At the end of the shoot there were 3 shooters who tied at 19. Jon Owens, Angie L. (sorry Ang. Not even gonna attempt it) and Alex Barbosa. After the shoot off, Alex walked off with a turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, rolls, and a pan to put it all together in. We were happy to give Alex the bird. Nice shooting Alex. Thanks Deb for putting it all together. The next big event is the New Years Day shoot. Plan on a day with a good fire, cold weather, goofy games, and goofier prizes. This is the day that we as members get together and share some great laughs and memories. It's the same cost as a regular round of trap, 12 bucks, and a really good time. This is my favorite shoot. Come down and enjoy. Thanks to all who have helped me out through the year. None of this could happen without you guys. As Always, shoot often. Shoot safe.



Head start on learning safe handling. (Don't panic...it is plastic)

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****Rifle/Pistol**** – Lee Burlingame

There will be a 3D archery shoot on Dec. 6, so both ranges will be closed for the day on that date. Some of the membership who use the ranges may have seen some work has been done, and I would like to thank those who lent a hand. Those members are Hunter Fran, Dave Carlstrom, Steve Manzello and especially Stoneholder, not only for his help but also for all the tools, that made things easier. I hope to keep making progress on the ranges until the weather makes it to difficult. One change I plan to make will start in Jan., at that time I will ask anyone knows they will need cardboard for their targets to bring what you need in and take it out when you leave. This I hope will end the cardboard mess we now have, it will also lighten the load on the club's dumpster. Let's all shoot for the 10 ring, and leave no trace. We all own a little piece of the club so let's treat it like it belonged to you. A little personal responsibility benefits everyone. As always when at the range, first of all be SAFE, and respectful of those you share the range with, obey all range rules and shooting hours. Have your pin or membership card with you, as you may well be asked for one or the other. Remember we're all in this together. Respectfully, Lee "Littlehand" Burlingame

****Trout**** – Glenn Standing

Nothing much happening this month. More on ice fishing dates coming up [next month].
The fall derbies have come and gone. Bruce Costello won both with a 16 ½ and a 16 ¾ trout. Great job! The kids winner for the open derby was Chris Duhamel with a 15 ¼ rainbow. His first trout ever... great job!
Plenty of fish left in the pond. If you are catch and release fishing, don't use bait or power bait. Use spinners, jigs, or flies with barbless hooks.
Next up...ice fishing. More on that later. Thanks --- Keep a tight line.

****Archery**** – Ron Kazlauskas

We'll be hosting the annual Toys for Tots 3-D shoot on Sunday Dec 6. The kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch. Entry fee is a new unwrapped toy to donate.
Mark Goodwin will be running the Indoor League again this year starting on January 6. The league runs for 10 weeks with a banquet after the league ends. Anyone who pays for all 10 weeks will get an Auburn Archers denim shirt. More details will be posted on the [ASC] patio or contact Mark or me.
That's all for now --- Shoot straight

December Range/Pond Closures

12/06: All ranges closed full day for 3D Archery event.
Reopen for normal operations on 12/07

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 ~

****Trapping**** – Ron Kazlauskas

The Mass Trappers will be holding their quarterly meeting and fur sale on Sunday Dec 13th. Everybody is welcome to attend but you must be a [Mass Trappers] member to vote. This is a good way to learn what's happening statewide concerning trapping issues. There will be green & tanned fur for sale as well. A breakfast buffet will be served starting at 9am [meeting starts soon after]. All are welcome.
[<http://www.masstrappers.com/>]

****Native**** – Stone Holder

Hide tanning seminar on Saturday December 5th. This is a full day event with the classroom session 8am to noon and "hands on" session in the afternoon. Not for the squeamish. Seminar fee is \$20, There is an additional \$30 fee if you wish to keep the hide. Registration sheet available on the ASC patio bulletin board. Open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.
Questions? Contact Stone Holder @ 508-523-1864

Of Interest

-G.O.A.L. is holding a "Lucky 20" raffle. Each ticket gives you 20 chances to win one of twenty guns. Drawing to be held on December 18th, 12pm. All proceeds to benefit G.O.A.L.
For ticket pricing and purchase, visit the G.O.A.L. web site (<http://www.goal.org/lucky-20-affle.html>)
-Black Powder seminar will be held at the ASC in January 2016. Seminar will consist of both classroom and live fire. Date to be determined.



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December 2015 Newsletter

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

Thanksgiving will have been here and gone by the time the members receive this. The Christmas holidays will be upon us. Some will celebrate them, some will not. Whatever your beliefs I wish each joy during this time of the year.

What many, if not most of us, will celebrate is the Monday after Thanksgiving opens the deer woods to the firearms hunters. Be safe shoot straight. Continue the hunting and fishing traditions of the club. Bow season has been slow by many reports. There are still pheasants around. I was sighting in the other day and they were cackling all over the place.

Next year we will be moving forward with the Hunter Education programs (Basic and Bow) at the club. We will be presenting two Women On Target and Two Firearms Safety and Education Days. We will be reducing class size to 24 students each class. This is being done to present a better educational program to the students present. The live fire session will include shotgun, muzzle loader, rifle, and pistol. There will be an optional cleaning station for any students that wants to stop by.

We will also be presenting two NRA Refuse To Be A Victim seminars. This seminar is not live fire but does present options and attempts to develop a mind set that will help keep you and your loved ones safe under a number of every day life experiences. It is my hope to run a NRA Hunter Education Youth Challenge. Details will follow. This one might be a lot of fun.

With respect: Nish

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

The League's November meeting was held 11/20/15 at Century Sportsmen's Club, Auburn. Dave Papale, manager of the League's booth and kids' archery range at the annual Outdoor Expo, gave a report on plans for the upcoming January show. As was the case for the last show, the venue will be the Boxboro Holiday Inn located just off the intersection of Routes 1495 and 111, exit 28. Dates for the show are 1/29 – 1/31/16. Parking is convenient and free. Unlike the limited arrangement for last year's setup of the League's booth (we could not have our archery range), there has been an allocation of space made available for us to operate the indoor range, as we did for many years when the show was held at the DCU Center in Worcester. Dave Papale needs help from archer volunteers to staff the range and assist the children who will be shooting bows. Anyone interested in helping us can reach Dave at 508-414-2863 for shift scheduling and other information.

Bill Davis, Central District Manager for Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife, reported that 300 tiger muskies were stocked in Lake Chauncy and 400 at the A-1 Site, both in Westboro. (The A-1 Site is a flood control impoundment of the Assabet River.) These fish averaged 13 inches and were obtained through a cooperative program with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Also, 3,300 surplus 12-inch landlocked salmon were stocked in Wachusett Reservoir as a supplement to the existing population. The salmon came from the Roger Reed Hatchery in Palmer. F and W Assistant Director Tom French has reported that there are 47 territorial pairs of bald eagles in Mass. that produced 37 chicks in 2015. An impressive total of 582 eagle chicks have fledged from wild nests in this state since the first successful nesting in 1989. Regarding peregrine falcons in Mass., there are 33 territorial pairs that produced 54 chicks in 2015. Total number of known chicks produced thus far is 528. In closing, you might be interested to know that there are 23 different species of vultures world-wide, divided by ornithologists into 2 main groups based on their habitats. "New World" vultures inhabit the Americas; there are 7 species, including 2 condors, the king vulture of South and Central America, the lesser and greater yellow-headed vultures of South America, and the widely-distributed black and turkey vultures across North America. Next Worcester County League meeting is 12/18/15 at Gardner Fish and Gun Club.

Meat Raffle

The next monthly ASC meat raffle will be Friday Dec 4th. Early Bird tickets available @ 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Raffle begins 7pm. Food will be available for purchase if you get hungry. Open to the public. Support your club!
NOTE: No meat raffle in January. Will resume February 5th.

Paint Night

Paint night at the ASC by Wine Down-Paint Up (Jayne Sarkisian) to benefit Toys for Tots.
When: December 3, 6pm – 9pm
Cost: \$35 per person (\$25 will be donated to the charity) Bring an unwrapped toy and get entered in a raffle.
RSVP: Jayne Sarkisian 508-414-2486 (call or text)

Line Dance Tuesdays

New start time of 6:30pm! Line dance to a variety of music genres. It's not just for country anymore. Runs through the end of the year. \$3 for ASC members, \$5 for non-members. For the month of December, pay for 4 weeks and get the 5th week free! Instruction provided by Judy DuBouis, an ASC member. For additional information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Iwanttodancewithou/>



Holiday Party

Children's 12/12 1:30p – 4p

Adult's 12/19 6p - midnight

The children's Christmas party (for ages 1 through 11) will be held in the ASC hall 1:30pm – 4:00pm on Saturday Dec 12th. Bring your children or grandchildren to enjoy crafts, games, food, and a special visit from Santa! A wrapped and tagged gift (value no greater than \$10) should be brought for each child attending. Please register each participating child at the ASC bar or by email (newsletter@auburnsportsclub.com) by Sunday December 6th.

The adult Christmas party will be held 6:00pm-12am Saturday Dec 19th in the ASC hall. Join us for Potluck (bring your fav dish), music, karaoke and dancing! Music entertainment provided by DJ Curtis of First Choice Entertainment

For the brave ones, there will be a gift swap. Those wishing to participate are to bring in a wrapped item (max value \$15). Exchange begins at 7pm. Feel free to be silly or serious. Bring in that oddball item you received that one time at band camp....

Questions? Contact Jane Waring-Pelkey @ 508-667-7828