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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



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January Upcoming Events

- 01/01/16 – Annual New Year's Day Trap Shoot (11am start time)
- 01/06/16 – Indoor Archery League begins (6pm)
- 01/18/16 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)



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 ~

January Range/Pond Closures

No scheduled closures for the month of January.

Indoor Archery League

6pm Wednesday nights. Begins 01/06/2016 and runs for approximately 10 weeks. Participation fee: \$5.00 per week

Black Powder Shooting Seminar

Saturday 02/20/2016 ~~ Time TBD

Morning (ASC Hall - classroom):

- Laws - Ignition Systems
- Safety - Accessories
- Types of firearms and powder
- Loading - Shooting - Cleaning

Afternoon (ASC Range - live fire):

- Pistol - Percussion
- Long Gun - Flintlock

Contact Stone Holder @ 508-523-1824 for additional information and registration.

****Rifle/Pistol****

I would like to start by saying welcome to our new members. Enjoy what the club has to offer. I encourage you to become active in what interests you and to be safe in all your activities. Next I extend gratitude to those who have helped me in the last month. Thank you as always to Stoneholder, to Hunter Fran, Gayan "Donny" Don Amarasinghe, Nancy Kromm, Ronnie K., Cheryl Barabeault, Jack Welch and the three young men who helped cleanup the blow down at the rifle range. Many thanks to all of you! I'm continuing to make adjustments to the ranges and hope that you all see them as things for the betterment of the club. With that said, at our last meeting the fact that we hope to put up a new rifle house (which is badly needed) was brought up. I felt like a fisherman that approached the shore and the wind came up, white caps appeared and caused some other anglers lures to get caught in the weeds. Not being fully versed in the workings of how such things are done, I will apologize, but will continue to cast out for the big fish, being the rifle house, ASAP. A reminder for those that use the ranges. As of January 1st, cardboard will be the shooters responsibility. Please bring it in if you need it and bring it out when your done. We want to leave "No Trace". Obey all range rules, have you card or pin with you. Be safe and respectful and enjoy the ranges. To all have a good holiday season and a happy new year. Remember "we're all in this together". With Respect,

Lee "Little Hand" Burlingame

****Trout****

- Glenn Standing

Not much happening this month. Ice Derby set for February 28th, 7am til 12. Sign up starts at 6am. Stocking will be held on February 21 at 12 noon. Hope to have raffle kayak on hand. Thanks.
Keep a tight line,
Glenn



Ice fishing is around the corner. Check out safety tips and ice safety table info on the Mass Wildlife website. <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/hunting-fishing-wildlife-watching/ice-strength-and-safety-tips.html>



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January 2016 Newsletter

****President's Message****

– Jim Nishan

I hope all had good holidays. Most of the hunting seasons are winding down. Late goose Days may be for some and Rhode Island runs through the end of January for deer. New Jersey has a winter/January deer season for the bow hunters also. It's been awhile but I may hit Jersey again. There are still opportunities if you wish to take advantage of them.

Things are looking good around the club. A lot of work has been done on the pistol and rifle ranges. A proposal has been submitted to replace the rifle range shelter with a new and improved structure. There will be a special meeting of the BOD as soon as a written proposal is received from the contractor.

In 2016 we will be reaching out to the community even more. There will be two Women on Target Clinics. Each clinic will be limited to 24 attendees. This will increase the number of attendees by about 25% while providing a better training experience. The Firearms Safety Training Days will be changed similarly.

With any luck the game dinner will return the end of April and the Two Nations Pow Wow will be on the first weekend in May.

We will be supporting an event to bring the shooting sports back to the 4H in the Commonwealth.

Women in the Outdoors will be returning the End of July.

I hope to support a NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge in the fall.

Two NRA Refuse To Become A Victim Seminars are in the planning stages.

As much as possible members will given the opportunity to register before we begin public advertising.

Hunter Education Basic and Bow Classes will continue as in the past.

As Usual with respect: Nish

Follow the ASC on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ASC1932>

Line Dance Tuesdays

Extended into the new year! Line dance to a variety of music genres. It's not just for country anymore. Free for ASC members, \$5 for non-members.

Instruction provided by Judy DuBuois, an ASC member.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm. For additional information and announcements, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/lwanttodancewithyou/>

****Worcester County League****

– Craig Cortis

The League's December meeting was held 12/18/15 at Gardner Fish and Gun Club. Formed in 1922, Gardner is one of the older clubs around. News from Fisheries & Wildlife as reported by guest Bill Davis, Central District Manager, included word that the controlled deer hunt held on 4.5 square miles of the Blue Hills Reservation yielded a total deer harvest of 47 does and 17 bucks. 158 hunters participated in this special hunt. There is a possibility that the initial estimates of tremendously high deer density per square mile in the Blue Hills may've been in error, something we've heard unofficially but not directly from F & W management. At the November Worcester County League meeting a question about the quality and quantity of beaver harvest data that is available to F & W was raised by a delegate. Biologist Laura Conlee responded that information is collected through the tagging of beaver during the open trapping season and annual reports submitted by those with permits issued under Problem Animal Control guidelines. Trapper surveys also are reviewed. F & W cannot obtain numbers on beaver taken under emergency permits outside of the open season, or otherwise simply not reported. We were informed that anecdotal information suggests that the beaver population has grown and is expanding, but lack of sufficient data prevents F & W from making an overall population estimate for beaver in Mass.

North Grafton Fish, Game and Bird Club delegate Mel Crouse gave an interesting talk on states that have amended their state constitutions so as to guarantee the right to fish and hunt to their citizens. Thus far, 20 states have done so, most recently in Conn. (Vermont was the very first, in 1777.) Not all attempts to do this have succeeded around the country. The W.C.L. is now interested in looking into the possibility of bringing this about in Mass.; our state constitution lacks this specific rights guarantee. The League will make inquiries and contact certain legislators and legal experts. In closing, don't forget the New England Fishing & Outdoor Expo to be held Jan. 29 – 31 at the Boxboro Holiday Inn just off the intersection of I 495 and Route 111, exit 28. Archers who might be interested in helping the W.C.L. run our indoor kids' archery range at the show must call Dave Papale at 508-414-2863 for scheduling information. Show parking is convenient and free. We couldn't do this without volunteer help and the kids love it! Next W.C.L. meeting will be 1/15/16 at Singletary Rod & Gun, Oxford.

(Editor's note: Additional Information regarding the New England Fishing and Outdoor Expo is available online at <http://www.nefishingexpo.com/>)

Meat Raffle

The next monthly ASC meat raffle will be Friday February 5th. Early Bird tickets available 6:00pm-6:30pm. Raffle begins 7pm.

Open to the public. Support your club!

No meat raffle in January.



Thank you to all those that contributed to the Toys For Tots effort. Great turn out!

