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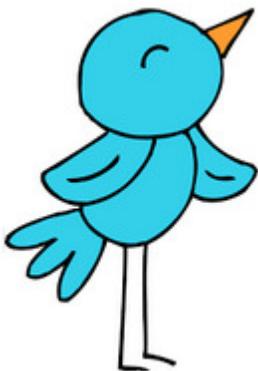


# AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma 01501

## April Upcoming Events



- 04/01/16 – April Meat Raffle (first table at 7pm)
- 04/02/16 – Jack Poissant Pool Tournament (day 1)
- 04/03/16 – Jack Poissant Pool Tournament (day 2)
- 04/03/16 – Indoor Flea Market (8am – 1pm)
- 04/17/16 – Pond Stocking (12pm – Fun for the Kids)
- 04/18/16 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 04/23/16 – Neil Donahue Spring Fly Fishing Derby (7am – 11am; Registration 6:30am)
- 04/23/16 – Annual Wild Game Banquet (12pm start)
- 04/23/16 – Service Rifle Shoot (9am, Registration 8:30am)
- 04/24/16 – Spring Trout Fishing Derby (7am – 12am; Registration 6:30am)
- 04/30/16 – Two Nations Pow Wow & Black Powder / Knife Event (Day 1)
- 05/01/16 – Two Nations Pow Wow & Black Powder / Knife Event (Day 2)

**Meat Raffle:** The next monthly ASC meat raffle will be Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>. Early Bird tickets available 6:00pm-6:30pm. Raffle begins 7pm. Last meat raffle of the year! Come on down for a good time. Hope to see you there! Thank you all for supporting the Club. Thank you to my committee – Perry, Boston Bob, Nancy, Ma Krom, Joanie, Carla, Lee-Ann, Brian, and the Kitchen Crew. (if I missed anyone, sorry.)

### \*\*Rifle/Pistol\*\* – Lee Burlingame

To the new members-welcome. You are encouraged to get involved and help with any and all activities your club has to offer. Notice I said your club, because it is, and mine and all the others who belong to the ASC. So please treat it properly, when at the range or anywhere else, obey the rules. If you see others who may not be, please report it to the proper committee chair or at the bar. I have started to build a berm at the rifle range, to keep shots from hitting the water and the bases of the 75 yard target platforms. This may take a while but in time it will get done. I'd like to thank those who have helped with this project so far- Stoneholder, Hunter Fran and Donny Don Amarasinghe. Thanks Boys! I spoke at the last meeting about range closures becoming more frequent and there will be 2 in April. The first will be for Women on Target and all ranges will be closed for the day on Sunday April 17th. The second closure will only effect the rifle range. We will be having a "Service Rifle Shoot" on Saturday April 23rd. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 am, with the shoot starting at 9. It will be opened to any centerfire standard issue service rifle or replica using issue ammo. Course of fire will be 30 rounds from standing, sitting or kneeling, and prone. For complete rules and classes, check the bulletin board on the patio. No points will be awarded for dress but period uniforms are encouraged. "Maybe a surprise for best dressed shooter." I believe this shoot was the brainstorming of Ron K. and Chumley. Thanks guys, great idea! For more info., contact Ron K. There will be quite a few more educational events then we have had in the past, and some of the work projects I hope to do, come good weather, will close the ranges more than some may like. I feel getting more new shooters (and I hope more voters) in our ranks, and improving our facilities will be worth whatever range time is lost. So if and when work parties are called for in the near future don't complain about lost range time, come down and help out. More help means that the things to be done take less time and we can "All" get back to shooting. Remember, We are all in this together! Respectfully, Lee Littlehand

Every year, the ASC sponsors up to two children for the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. Campers experience conservation, shooting sports, and outdoor recreation education. To benefit this scholarship fund, the ASC is raffling off a great golf package (approx. \$1,500 value) donated by Blackstone National Golf Course of Sutton MA for the second year in a row. Package includes 2 rounds of golf, 2 complimentary lessons, unlimited driving range and practice area privileges, and more. Winner to be announced May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### April Range/Pond Closures

- **04/17:** Trap, Rifle and Pistol ranges closed full day for WOT event.
- **04/23:** Rifle range closed full day for rifle event.
- **04/17-04/24:** Pond closed for restock and fishing events

### MA Junior Conservation

**Camp:** Deadline has been extended! Submit your application and a letter of intent (why you want to attend the camp) to Brenda Reschke by 5pm 04/18/16.

### \*\*Trout\*\* – Glenn Standing

Unfortunately We were not able to have the Bill Bjork Ice Derby due no ice. We will try again next year! There was a stocking though, so there is plenty of fish! Remember there is a 2 FISH LIMIT PER DAY OR 6 PER WEEK. If you catch and release try using barbless hooks. Power bait and regular bait should NOT BE USED if you are releasing the fish.

The trout fund raiser will be drawn at the KID'S KIVER DERBY on JUNE 12 because of the shut down of the lounge. This will allow more tickets to be sold. It a great kayak or \$200 gift card.

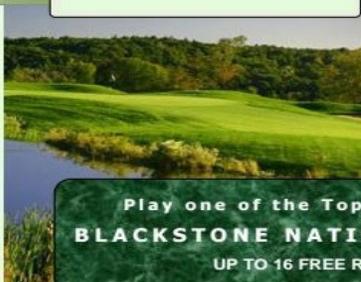
We will stocking again on April 17 at noon. Come on down and help out and make sure to bring the kids! SPRING FLY DERBY is April 23, 7-12. Sign ups @ 6:30. SPRING REGULAR DERBY April 24, 7-12. The FLEA MARKET will be held before you get this so I'll report on this next month.

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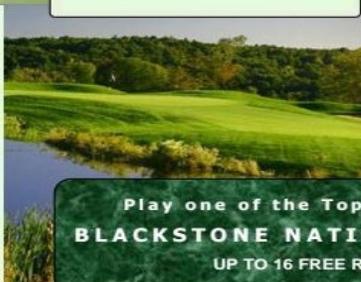
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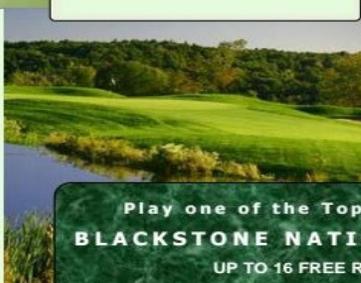
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**Note:** Fundraiser tickets and donations can be submitted at the ASC lounge or mailed to the club, ATTN: Jr. Conservation Camp. Please make checks payable to: Auburn Sportsman's Club



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## April 2016 Newsletter

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

– Craig Cortis

The League last met on 3/18/16 at Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club in North Ashburnham. Founded in the 1870s, Fitchburg is possibly the oldest continuously-operating sportsmen's club in the country. Delegates representing numerous member clubs voted unanimously in favor of approving the sale of a Conservation Restriction on the League's 100-acre property in New Braintree to Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife. (I described this proposal in detail in a recent newsletter.) Guest speaker Bill Davis, Central District Manager for F&W, reported that special nesting boxes for American kestrels – also known colloquially as "sparrow hawks" – have been installed at two of the District's Wildlife Management Areas. Adult kestrels are about the size of a blue jay and are the smallest members of the falcon group in the U.S. Once common in Massachusetts, their numbers have fallen drastically over the last few decades. Kestrels need lots of open spaces to hunt effectively, such as fields, meadows, pastures and natural clearings. Loss of this type of habitat to development and reforestation may be the biggest problem for these little falcons, although lack of suitable large natural nesting cavities is a contributing factor. Kestrels are "secondary cavity nesters"; although they nest in holes in trees, they are incapable of creating their own and must rely on finding large enough holes made by other species. Nest-raiding raccoons and squirrels that take over tree cavities that kestrels might've used for nesting also cause serious trouble, as do some species of hawks that prey on kestrels. Nesting success for these birds might be improved by more boxes being made available for them, it is thought.

Another good parcel of open land has been recently acquired by the Central District of F&W. 108 acres are now added to the Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area in Hardwick, acreage that was purchased 100% by your license Land Stamp funds. The additional Land Stamp fee was initiated in 1990 for all Mass. hunting, fishing or sporting licenses and the first purchase of open land using this dedicated fund was made in 1992. The Worcester County League was one of several key groups that actively sought the land fee and helped to make it possible. As you can see in the above example, the extra money raised is put to good use.

In closing, I was one of the five delegates representing member organizations on the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee to have voted in favor of the controversial F&W proposal to establish a small "seed" population of endangered timber rattlesnakes on Mt. Zion Island in Quabbin. (I'm the delegate for the Worcester County League.) The Q.W.A.C. meeting was held 3/14/16 at the Visitor Center in Belchertown. Final vote was 5 for, 2 against and 2 abstaining. I want to emphasize that this vote came about after much careful consideration based on extensive presentation of sound biology-related information. Mass. Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton will most likely be the one to ultimately rule yes or no on the rattlesnake proposal; our Q.W.A.C. group cannot establish official policies and this issue is thorny enough to go all the way to the top authority. Next W.C.L. meeting will be 4/15/16 at the Nimrod League of Holden Club, Princeton.

### Auburn Sportsman's Hunter Safety, Native Culture Fund

## 50/50 Raffle

\$5.00 per ticket. Available at the ASC Lounge through April 2016. Began in May 2015. That's right...1 year for the prize pool to grow!

Drawing will be held during the 2016 Two Nations Pow Wow.

Supports: Safety and skills enhancement programs for sportsmen/women of all experience levels. Native cultural studies, education and exhibitions.

Prize: Choice of cash or gift certificate/card (Bass Pro Shop, Cabela's, or H&S Trading)

### Firearms Training

1. Massachusetts Approved Licensed to Carry Firearm Certification Class (LTC or FID). Live fire/non-live fire.
2. Utah Non-Resident Permit Class (30+ states) LTC non-live fire 4 hour course. Fee: \$100.00
3. Non-Resident LTC for Maine, Connecticut and Florida 8hr course. Fee: \$125.00
4. NRA Range Safety Officer ~ 9 hour course. Fee: \$150.00

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 ~

ASC member Cameron Ganong of Auburn Boy Scout Troop 53 is working to complete his Eagle Scout project. Last Fall, he collected 50 gently used bicycles which will be refurbished & distributed to disadvantaged children within our community. He is now asking for bottle & can donations to aid in the purchasing of 50 new bicycle helmets and various parts & supplies needed to repair the bikes properly before they are to be distributed this June. If you would like to help, please contact him @ 508-767-1214 or redsox@charter.net Thank you!



## ASC Annual Wild Game Banquet

Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Noon 'til the food is gone

\$25 donation per ticket. Available at the ASC Lounge

### \*\*Archery\*\* – Ron Kazlauskas

The Auburn Knock Hunters are continuing with their legacy of shooting well, raising hell, and becoming well known to all on the 3-D course circuit. If you want to join our band of men and women, we usually meet at the host club around 9am on Sunday morning.

The shirts for the indoor league have been ordered. We'll notify everyone when they come in. (probably about 2 weeks).

We've begun work on clearing out the old field course. There will be 14 targets starting across Elm St and finishing by the rifle range. Once completed, it will be able to be used at all times without affecting either the trap or rifle ranges.

That's all for now. Shoot straight.

### Pistol & Rifle Committee Handgun Pin Shoot Dates 2016

Practice Shoot	Pin Shoot
May 17 5:30pm	May 21 9am to 1pm
June 14 5:30pm	June 18 9am to 1pm
July 12 5:30pm	July 16 9am to 1pm
Aug 9 5:30pm	Aug 13 9am to 1pm
FINAL SHOOT OFF	
Sept 13 5:30pm	Sept 17 9am to 1pm

Note: First Round off at 9:00am sharp; for all shots.  
Sign up at 8:30am. No rain dates.  
Ear and eye protection required.