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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



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From the Bar:

-ASC hats available for sale in the lounge. Now taking orders for ASC sleeveless t-shirts and fleece zip-up vests. Makes for great gifts. Swing by or call for more information.

-**Live music** Friday June 3rd featuring local talent, **Tony Yodice**. Burgers and hot dogs will be available for sale. All proceeds to benefit the ASC scholarship fund. 6:30p – 10:30p

The **Jack Poisant Kids Kiver Derby** is June 12th from 9 am to 11 am. Hot dogs, drinks, chips, ice cream, and a lot of fun. 12 years old and under, everything is free and all the kids get some great prizes. Bait will be available, but don't forget your bucket. Each fish is worth 10 cents, plus tag fish are worth a little bit more.

****Rifle/Pistol**** – Lee Littlehand Burlingame

Welcome all new members. I'd like to thank all of those who helped at Senator Moore's firearm event! These events increase knowledge about firearms, increase our number of sportspeople and raise awareness of how to vote. "Service rifle shoot" The rifle committee hosted it's first Service rifle shoot on April 23rd and we all had a great time. 23 riflemen tested their skills on a timed shoot. Big thanks to Ronnie K. for running the event and Dan Wozniak for running a safe shooting line and pulling targets. It was amazing to see the variety of rifles, from 1903 Springfield's to AR15'S. Class winners were: Vintage Rifle 1st - Mike Anthony 2nd- Don Merchant, 3rd - Ron Kazlauskas. Modern Rifle: 1st - Dan Dyette, 2nd - Lee Littlehand Burlingame, 3rd - Paul Beriau. Keep an eye open for another shoot in July or August. I'll be having a work party on Sunday June 5th from 8:30-1:00. (Weather permitting.) We will be cleaning up the roadside from the clubhouse to the range road and cleanup the drainage ditch on the range road. I hope to have use of the tractor and maybe work on the range road and the parking area as well. If your interested and can come, any tools "Rakes, shovels, trash bags, etc.." that you have will be appreciated. Please park your vehicles up at the club. Please obey all rules of the club. Be respectful and enjoy the club. Remember, we're all in this together. Lee Littlehand Burlingame

Women In the Outdoors

The Central MA chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be holding a Women in the Outdoors event at the ASC on July 30th. A fun-filled day designed just for women. Seminars for everything from the shooting sports to kayaking, canning, wilderness survival and everything in between. Visit the Mass WITO web site for registration info and further details. (<http://www.masswito.com/>)

Women on Target

Gun Owner's Action League and the Auburn Sportsman's Club are proud to present a women's only instructional shooting clinic. You will receive hands on instruction in shotgun, rifle and pistol. All women are invited to participate regardless of skill level. No previous experience necessary; just the desire to learn and have fun. For those interested in applying for a Massachusetts firearm license, there will be a lecture on state and federal gun law. All equipment and student texts are included. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Event fee is \$55 per person and limited to 24 people. No refunds. Must be at least 16 years old to participate. Contact Jim Nishan by email (nishan2000@yahoo.com) to register. Event Date/Time: July 30, 2016 8:30am to 4:30pm

****Trapshooting**** – Bruce Bent

It's been a busy season so far at the ranges with 2 training events behind us and another coming up Sunday the 22nd with 4-H. Thanks to all who have given their time to make these events possible. Tuesday night trap is off to a bit of a slow start with both bad weather and, on my part, probably a lack of getting the word out. That being said, help pass the word and come down yourselves. We start at 6:00. Tuesday nights are a great time to come down and shoot a couple of rounds for those who either work or have a large "Honey-do" list on the weekends. New members - please don't hesitate to meet up with the committee chair of the activities that interest you. It will not only help the club but, will also help make your time at A.S.C. more enjoyable. That's enough from me so as always, Shoot often, Shoot safe.

June Upcoming Events

- 06/03 – Live Music in the Lounge ft. Tony Yodice (6:30p – 10:30pm)
- 06/12 – Jack Poisant Kid's Kiver Derby (9am – 11am)
- 06/20 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm - all members welcome)
- 06/14 – June Pin Shoot: Practice (5:30pm – 7pm)
- 06/18 – June Pin Shoot: Match (9am – 1pm)
- 07/03 – Safari 3D Archery Shoot

Follow the ASC on Facebook

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

10% off purchase of bait and a 6-pack for ASC members at **Jack's Variety** at Heritage Plaza in Auburn.



June Range/Pond Closures

- **06/12:** Pond closed until 12:30pm for Kid's Kiver Derby
- **06/14:** Pistol range closed 5:30pm to 7pm for pin shoot.
- **06/18:** Pistol range closed 8am to 1pm for pin shoot.
- **07/03:** Trap, Rifle, and Pistol ranges closed full day for 3D archery event

Blackstone Golf Raffle

Congratulations to Bob Salamone, winner of the 2016 Blackstone Golf Raffle. Thank you to all who participated.

****Archery****

– Ron Kazlauskas

Not much going on at the club right now for formal shooting. The "Knock Hunters" continue to spread their fame along the Safari League circuit. If you want to join our merry band of archers, we usually meet at the host club around 8:00am.

Glad to see that the new field course is getting some use. The question came up about using crossbows. Yes, they are permitted on both the field course and the practice course. They are permitted on the safari 3D shoots hosted by our club as well.

Please remember that broadheads are NOT allowed on any range [course]. This applies even if you bring your own target.

Our next 3D shoot will be on July 3rd. Watch the notice board on the [ASC] patio for dates and times for work parties.

That's all for now until next month. Shoot straight.

****Black Powder ****

League begins in June. Runs approximately 8 weeks. \$5 per person, per week. Pot luck banquet at season close. Cap and flintlock only. Smooth bore or rifle permitted. No in-lines. Start date will be posted on ASC patio. Stone Holder @ 508-523-1824

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 ~

Line Dance Tuesdays

Free for ASC members, \$5 for non-members. Instruction provided by Judy DuBouis, an ASC member. Tuesdays @ 6:30pm. www.facebook.com/lwanttodancewithyou/



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June 2016 Newsletter

Worcester County League

– Craig Cortis

During the League's May 20 meeting at Eight Point Sportsmen's Club in Sterling a very worrisome prospect was discussed. I have few specifics to relate as of this writing, but if you're not aware of the following, you will want to be. A new twist in the long sought-after ability to politically interfere with the decisions and operations of Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife management appears to be developing and is being advocated by a few members of the state legislature. I know that it's only natural for some in our outdoors fraternity to occasionally disagree with certain policies or practices engaged in by F&W, but I also think it's safe to assume that most of us want to see the agency continue as an independent body, able to professionally manage things on our behalf without politics exerting potentially unwise or harmful influence. Such control could be imposed in at least two ways. Specific amendments in the state budget could target one or another program or expenditure undertaken by F&W, in effect mandating discontinuation of good practices or the implementation of ill-advised ones so as to accommodate a certain segment of the population that believes wildlife management should not always benefit hunters, trappers and those who fish for a living or for recreation.

Another means by which outside controls on F&W could be brought about is, if anything, even worse. There's reputedly some interest among certain legislators in introducing what might be termed a F&W "working group" bill. (Remember that I don't have full information regarding this right now.) Under such a new law or change in administrative oversight, any given issue handled or advocated as beneficial by F&W – hunting seasons, bag limits, species' definition as legal or illegal for harvesting, protection of endangered species, acquisition of open lands with guaranteed access, etc. – could become subject to scrutiny by a specially created "working group" which would determine acceptability of F&W policy on the matter. Who would serve on these possibly numerous oversight groups? Perhaps a mixture of F&W people, legislators, academics from unrelated disciplines, animal rights or "green" activists, hired consultants, and so on. Any key policy decision could become the newly-acquired business of an invented "working group", and authorization of funding for about anything F&W does – across the board – could be delivered into the hands of multiple outsiders who would not fully understand wildlife biology, how things work in nature or who might not at all sympathize with our interests or share our concerns as sports men and women.

The Worcester County League and other related organizations will find out more about this as time goes on and I should be able to offer more details in the near future. By the way, skywatchers can easily spot Mars as a bright orange dot low in the southeast around 9:00 p.m. in mid-June. Saturn, somewhat fainter but still brighter than any stars in that part of the sky, is fairly close and left of Mars. Other than the Moon whenever it is visible at the particular time you look, the only object brighter during June evenings will be Jupiter, seen in the west. Next W.C.L. meeting is 6/17/16 at North Worcester Fox & Coon Club, Holden.

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Heads up! It's only June but the ASC membership renewal period is around the corner.

Kids (up to age 11): \$10.00 Juniors (ages 12 to 17): \$15.00
Adult: \$95.00 Retired: N/A

Note: To qualify for "Retired", member must be 65+, having minimum 5 consecutive years to current membership.

Renewals due by Oct 1st, or a \$25 late fee will be applied. Please renew early - not only does it save you a late fee, but hunting seasons start opening in September/October!! The membership renewal forms will be available in the ASC newsletter over the coming months.

President's Message

– Jim Nishan

There was a lot of talk regarding the cross bow bill at the Worcester County League meeting June 20th. Here is my view. These comments do not apply to every cross bow user but reflect some of my personal observations.

1. The law as it exists today is widely abused by frauds who just do not want to spend their time practicing either because they are just not inclined to and want an easier way to make use of the longer season. They do not want to do the work. For some they cannot find the time needed to practice when the club Lounge is open.
2. In 30 years of bow hunting I have harvested 89 deer and three bears. All but two deer were taken within 20 yards. Bow hunters must by the nature of their equipment be closer than the gun hunter. They must practice more and prepare harder. Crossbows now are being advertised accurate to 50-60 yards or more. When I started teaching bow hunting safety the ethical rule was to not shoot at any game animal beyond 40 yards. The old fashioned rifled slug was rarely accurate beyond that distance but many hunters stretched it holding way high. The result an unacceptable number of injured and lost deer. I have in the past few years heard similar stories from crossbow hunters. I consider this to be prime ammunition for the anti-hunter crowd.
3. I believe opening the regular archery season to cross bows endangers other hunters. Not all but some un ethical types will turn and aim in the direction of approaching noise. The safety will be off, their finger will be on the trigger. The bolt will be pointed at an approaching sound. That sound will often be a camouflaged hunter. Accidents and hunting deaths will increase. We have worked hard to lower these statistics. Is 500 square inches for bow hunters going to be required to accommodate the cross bow.
4. We all age and adapt I am 69. I pull and hunt with a 65 lbs. bow. Two weeks ago I ordered one in 40 lbs. I hope to get another 10 years. The use during the archery season should be maintained for those with a proven medical reason be it injury or age related. The use of cross bows should be included under the primitive firearms stamp and allowed in that special season. Results there is a crossbow season, safety is considered, the existing bow hunter community is not negatively impacted.

With Respect: Nish

ASC Family Day Save the Date - Saturday 08/06, 11a to 6p.
Bring the kids! Grill will be packed with hot dogs and hamburgers.
Tickets for the chicken dinner will be available at the ASC lounge beginning the first week of June. \$10 per for ckn dinner.

Pistol & Rifle Committee Remaining Handgun Pin Shoot Dates 2016

<u>Practice Shoot</u>	<u>Match Shoot</u>
June 14 5:30pm	June 18 9am to 1pm
July 12 5:30pm	July 16 9am to 1pm
Aug 09 5:30pm	Aug 13 9am to 1pm

FINAL SHOOT OFF

Sept 13 5:30pm	Sept 17 9am to 1pm
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No rain dates.
Ear and eye protection **required**.

Match Shoot:
First Round off at 9:00am sharp; for all shots.
Sign up at 8:30am