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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



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August Upcoming Events

- 08/06 – ASC Family Day
- 08/07 – Archery 3-D Safari Championship
- 08/07 – On Site 2017 ASC Membership Renewals
- 08/09 – August Pin Shoot: Practice
- 08/13 – August Pin Shoot: Actual
- 08/15 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 08/28 – Senator Michael O Moore's "First Shot"
- 09/04 – On Site 2017 ASC Membership Renewals

August Range/Pond Closures

- **07/28:** Rifle range closes @ 5pm for Black Powder League.
- **08/04:** Rifle range closes @ 5pm for Black Powder League.
- **08/07:** All ranges closed full day for 3D Archery event
- **08/09:** Pistol range closed 5:30pm to 7pm for pin shoot.
- **08/11:** Rifle range closes @ 5pm for Black Powder League.
- **08/13:** Pistol range closed 8am to 1pm for pin shoot.
- **08/18:** Rifle range closes @ 5pm for Black Powder League.
- **08/28:** All firearms ranges closed full day for Senator Michael O Moore's "First Shot" event.

From the Bar

There are still a lot of indoor archery league denim shirts that have not been picked up. They are available for pickup in the ASC lounge 1pm to 9pm M-F.

****Rifle/Pistol**** – Lee Burlingame

Welcome new members, first and foremost, be safe, get involved and enjoy what the club has to offer. I have gotten some more steel to be put up at the rifle range, some with club funds and some through donations. I'd like to thank Charlie Harris and Nish for there generosity. I'd also like to thank the mystery member who put up the shelf in the pistol house for the log book. Dan Gleason, also is owed a great deal of thanks from myself and everyone who uses the ranges, he puts in a lot of time, picking up and doing repairs. Thanks Dan!!

It has come to my attention that long guns particularly shotguns are being used in the pistol house. Let me remind everyone, the last station in the pistol house is for patterning shotguns and sighting in rifles. That is the only place long guns should be used and only for those purposes! Also police the area when you are done, don't leave a pile of spent hulls and casings for others to pick up ! Please leave the ranges clean for those who come to use them after you. Please make it a habit to sign in and OUT of the log book whatever ranges you use including the Black powder range on Sunday mornings. It's important to know if anyone that did the woods walk is out before shooting starts on the pistol range at 1:00. Have your pin on or with you so others can easily see it and have your card with you also. No matter what part of the club you use, be safe, respectful to others and leave any and all of the facilities clean and ready for others to use.

"Remember we're all in this together"

Bird Banding

100 eastern bluebirds and 64 tree swallows have been banded.

We will be having Instant Renewal Day at the ASC on Sunday 08/07/2016 (9am to 12pm) and Sunday 09/04/2016 (9am to 12pm).

Renewing members will be issued the 2017 cards and pins that day.

Please fill out and return this form with your dues. ~~~~~ CHECKS ONLY. ~~~~~ Please make payable to "Auburn Sportsman's Club". Kids are up to age 11, Juniors are ages 12 to 17, Retired members are 65+ and a member for 5 years. This form can also be used for mail-in renewals. If unable to attend the either of the instant renewal events, please remit payment and form to the 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.

Beginning October 1st 2016, all retired and life time members will be issued a black and white membership card. The current membership number will remain the same. This card will be permanent and will not be replaced unless stolen, lost or damaged. Membership pins will be issued upon displaying the card at the ASC lounge.

ASC 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

				(circle one per name)			
				<u>Adult</u>	<u>Jr.</u>	<u>Kid</u>	<u>Retired</u>
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NAME 3: _____	Date of Birth: _____	CARD No. _____		\$95.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	N/A
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August 2016 Newsletter

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

The Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs does not meet in July and August. Our next meeting will be September 16 at Otter River Sportsmen's Club in Templeton. I write this on 7/23/16, just three days after the outrageous thunderbolt hurled down by Mass. Attorney General Maura Healey regarding legally purchased and owned semi-automatic firearms. The dust has yet to settle before a host of confusions generated by this autocratic ruling are clarified. Like many others of her left-leaning ideological ilk, this person seemingly doesn't much like lawful gun owners and people who belong to clubs like this one. Ironically, we can be fairly sure that many who own guns, hunt or target shoot and belong to clubs like A.S.C. around the state are actually partly responsible for her election to the office she holds. Some of them voted for her, or perhaps didn't vote at all. Some of you will not approve of my sentiments on this; others could not agree more. Regardless, our liberty continues to be eroded as the nation and its states appear to yield to a social, cultural and philosophical transformation which succeeds because of insufficient opposition from citizens, coupled with approval of change on the part of a majority of others who believe such a transformation in the ways we live and are governed is both righteous and just. It may be entirely possible that some people just plain don't care much about where we seem to be headed, perhaps because they don't want to be bothered with the challenges, obligations and responsibilities inherent in trying to safeguard individual freedom. This is not our grandfathers' country any more, and it is not even the country I remember from thirty years ago.

****Archery** – Ron Kazlauskas**

We had a fantastic shoot over July 4th weekend with over 80 archers showing up to shoot. Once again, lots of comments about the course. Big thanks to Dan, Jon, Glen, Jim, new members Dan B & his wife Pennisue for cleaning up and setting up a fun and challenging course. Big hats off to Dan Wozniak for helping all the shooters celebrate the 4th with a bang!

Our last safari 3D shoot will be on Sunday August 7th. This is the Safari League championship. Set-up will be on Friday before the shoot. Times will be posted on the patio.

We've received a donation of new targets for the practice range. I hope to have them installed before the championship. These targets will handle crossbows as well as conventional archery gear but as always, **NO BROADHEADS!**

Much discussion on proposed legislation allowing crossbows for everyone, not just handicapped individuals. Let me start by saying that basing a decision on the actions of a few individuals who may not be "ethical hunters" is wrong. I have had opportunity to hunt in states where crossbows are legal for everyone. There were no conflicts between those of us using compound bows and the hunters using crossbows. As a matter of fact, the guys using crossbows were many times at a big disadvantage when hunting in thick brush. Now facts about crossbows...The speed of a crossbow bolt is often times faster than a modern compound bow, but due to size and weight of the bolt, it loses speed sooner. The range of a crossbow is no greater than a conventional compound. (Remember, field archery has the dreaded 80 yard walk-up. We shot this target with stick bows in the early 70's!!) The recommended range for a crossbow while hunting is 20 to 40 yards on a deer sized animal. Lastly, when compared to a compound bow set up for hunting, a crossbow is heavier and louder (my personal observation here). I consulted Barnett Crossbows for this information. Its your choice to pick a stand on the proposed on the proposed legislation. I only ask you to consider all the facts before making an opinion.

****Trout** – Glenn Standring**

Pond stocking Sept 25th at noon. Bring your kids and grand kids to help out. The catch and release fly derby will be Oct 1st from 7am to 11am. The open catch and release derby will Oct 2nd. Breakfast available the morning of the open derby. Spinners, lures, or flies. No bait or power bait.

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 ~

Summer Weekly Activities

- Trap Shooting: Sunday mornings @ 11am and Tuesday evenings @ 6pm. \$12 participation fee per line. Includes shot and clays.
- Horseshoes: Wednesday evenings @ 6pm. \$20 participation fee for season.
- Black Powder: Thursday evenings @ 6pm. \$5 participation fee per session. Info: Stone Holder @ 508-523-1824

Pistol & Rifle Committee Remaining Handgun Pin Shoot Dates 2016

Practice	Shoot
Aug 09 5:30pm to 7pm	Aug 13 9am to 1pm
FINAL SHOOT OFF	
Sept 13 5:30pm to 7pm	Sept 17 9am to 1pm
Eye protection required.	

****Notice of Proposed Bylaws Amendments****

Article IV Membership

Section 1. Annual Membership
a. Application for membership in the club, accompanied by an administration fee set by the Board of Directors (BOD), plus annual dues as set by the BOD may be accepted by two-thirds vote of any BOD meeting. Each new member shall post a work bond as set by the BOD. New members that within 12 calendar months of their acceptance date complete eight (8) hours of supervised work or participate in three organized work parties may choose to have their work bond used towards their next renewal. Annual membership shall be limited to One thousand (1,000), not to include retirees, honorary, life or junior members.

Article V Officers and Standing Committees

Section 4. Election of Officers
The officers and standing committee chairmen shall be elected for three year terms tri-annually by ballot.

Article VI Councils and Delegates

Section 1. Trustees
b. Members of the Board shall be nominated and selected and shall be subject to recall in the same manner vas the Officers and Standing Committee Chair, but one member shall be elected for a term of five (5) years by the BOD at each annual meeting.

Submitted by Cheryl Baribeault & LeeAnn Strong:
Bylaw Proposal to Allow for Co-Chairmanship on Committees
We would like to formally submit a proposal to change our bylaws to allow for co-chairmanships of committees. The two people would agree to share all the responsibilities of the specific committee. Both names would be listed on the ballot for member voting. Committee member minimum requirements would drop to 4 (from 5) as 2 slots would be filled by the co-chairs. If one of the co-chairs for cannot for some reason complete the term, the other would complete the term as the sole committee chair.