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AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



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February Upcoming Events



- 02/03/17 – February Meat Raffle (first drawing at 7pm)
- 02/12/17 – Pond Stocking (12pm – bring the kids)
- 02/18/17 – Black Powder Seminar (Full Day – begins @ 8am)
- 02/19/17 – Bill Bjork Ice Fishing Derby (7am – 11am, 6am Registration)
- 02/20/17 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 02/25/17 – Meatball Cook-Off (2pm – 4pm)



****Rifle/Pistol**** – Dan Gleason

Welcome to all of our new members. We look forward to having you participate in all the great things we have here. I want to mention that I observed how many people pay no attention to our monthly newsletter and it's disappointing. We have a great team that puts the newsletter together each month and it's packed with great information. There are many things in the newsletter that you may not know of if you don't take a minute or two of your time to read it. You can opt to have the newsletter sent to your e-mail address instead of receiving it in the U.S. Mail. Simply go to the "Auburnsportsmanclub.com" main web page, and click on the word "contact" at the lower left corner of the page. Next, Click on newsletter@auburnsportsmansclub.com and send a quick message to that address and ask to receive your newsletter by e-mail to the address you want it to go to. You will now get the Monthly Newsletter and a Bonus "Mid-Month Letter" sent to your e-mail. I ask the members who DO read the newsletters to please mention it to everyone this first month of the year, it is a very good resource that every member should see. It's the best way we have for committees to communicate with our members as well. So now that the Rifle/Pistol Chairman has taken up all his space talking about the importance of the newsletter, I have a few things to mention.

Please do not leave any cardboard at the ranges including not in the trash barrels or in the pistol house. If you bring something to the ranges, you should take it with you when you leave. Use the trash barrels for small trash. The new gongs for the rifle range have been delivered and we will try to get one set up as soon as we get an appropriate weather day. We were going to wait until the spring to install them but we need at least one now! Please be careful on the icy surfaces at the club. The rifle range target stands are all easy to access now without having to get wet feet to hang your targets. Come ice skate on the pond with the kids! -Thanks for reading this month's newsletter! Dan G.

{Editor's note: This was intended to be in the January 2017 newsletter. Apologies to Dan.}

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+ state) 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 ~

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!

Follow the ASC on Facebook

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

February Range/Pond Closures

- **02/12-02/19:** Pond closed for stocking and derby events.
- **02/18:** Pistol range closes at noon for Black Powder seminar. Reopen for normal operation on 02/19.

****Trout**** – Glenn Standing

We will be stocking the pond Feb. 12 at noon. Bring the kids and the grandkids down to help, they will have fun. The Bill Bjork ice fishing derby will be held on Feb. 19, 7am to 11am. registration will start at 6 am and the kitchen will be open. In case of no ice/dangerous ice, I will make the call to cancel the event on Thursday Feb. 16th. Cancellation will be posted on board on patio and down by the bridge. We will be having spring raffle. The flea market will be at the end of March or beginning of April, date will be in next newsletter. Any donations for the kids table will be welcome. Please bring it down to the club with a note indicating it is for the kid's table. Thanks and keep a tight line.

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\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
Kayak and Giftcard Giveaway

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Note:
Trout fundraiser tickets (above) and donations can be submitted at the ASC lounge or mailed to the club, ATTN: Trout Fundraiser

Receive the ASC Newsletter by email! Send your name, member # and preferred email address to newsletter@auburnsportsmansclub.com. Mention "e-mail only".



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

The January League meeting was held 1/20/17 at Singletary Rod & Gun in Oxford. Guest speaker Bill Davis, Central District Manager for Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife, reported that preliminary deer harvest numbers will be released on February 1 and that F&W deer biologist David Stainbrook thinks the 2016 numbers will exceed those for 2015 in all Wildlife Management Zones. When all the data is finalized, 2016 could set records for archery and muzzleloader seasons. Also, a record total of 283 black bears were taken in Mass. during the 2016 seasons, 190 during the early season and 46 more during the second part of the split bear season. Hunters with bear permits were also able to take bears during the two week shotgun deer season, resulting in an additional 47 bears tagged. The previous record for Mass. was 240, set in 2014.

In case you may not be aware, be advised that some blocks of public lands are being illegally posted by "anti" types, giving the erroneous impression that such properties are privately owned. Naturally, this should not be taken to mean that legal posted signs can just be ignored. You'd have to somehow be certain of the status of a property before concluding that any posted signs along the perimeter might actually have been put in place as a deliberate trick to discourage hunting, so be careful and take no chances. Contact F&W with pertinent information as to locations of questionable signs, if in doubt.

I'll be polling the members present at the February A.S.C. meeting regarding your opinions as to whether or not it should be made legal in Mass. for dogs to be used in tracking wounded deer that cannot otherwise be readily located by hunters. The emphasis here would be "wounded", of course. A tracker would be contacted and then, at his or her discretion, bring a trained dog to the area upon request of a hunter; fees would be involved. This subject was discussed at our W.C.L. meeting. Implementation of such a policy most likely would have to be by state legislation enabling the change. There'll be a gun show at the Sturbridge Host Hotel off route 20 on 2/25 and 2/26, Sat. – Sun. The W.C.L. will have a booth at the show, so stop by and say hello if you go. Next W.C.L. meeting will be 2/17/17 at Southborough Rod & Gun Club.

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

I have been approached recently about the need to clarify what policy the club may have regarding the use of marijuana on club property. The By Laws as amended 4/15/13 clearly states that it is prohibited.

Unanimously approved by BOD 4/15/2013

It shall be the policy of the Auburn Sportsman's Club that the use of Marijuana and or the violation of any drug laws, statutes, rules etc on club property is conduct unbecoming a sportsman. Such conduct is harmful to the welfare of the club. These actions are counter to the very purpose of the club's existence: To promote sportsmanship in and to improve facilities of sporting activities relating directly or indirectly to hunting, fishing, and the shooting sports. Any member violating this policy shall have their membership terminated. They may appeal the termination to the full Board of Directors (BOD) at the next meeting, A 2/3 rd vote of the BOD will be required to reinstate the membership. A nonmember violating the policy shall be removed from the property. They shall be subject to arrest for trespass if found on the property in the future. A member whose guest violates this policy shall appear at the next BOD meeting to determine if action is required against the member.

Unanimously approved by BOD 2/2016

Respectfully Submitted: Nish

Hunter Education: March 2017 Basic Hunter Education (4 day) course: 03/07, 03/09, 03/11 and 03/13. Must be present for all four sessions. Meeting time: 6:00pm-9:00pm, March 11: 8:00am-4:00pm. To enroll, call (508) 389-7830

"A Night with the Oldies" Dinner/Dance

Saturday, March 25th
4pm - 11pm

\$12/person Turkey Dinner w/salad & desert Tix available at
\$20/couple DJ, Raffles, & Silent Auction the ASC lounge

Dress in Your Favorite "Musical Era" Costume -
50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's & ...

...or come as
Your Favorite Musical Star!

Door Prize for "the Best!"

Come Join the Fun!!

Cash Bar

Line Dance Tuesdays:

Free for ASC members, \$5 for non-members.
Instruction provided by Judy DuBuois, an ASC member.
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm. Open to the public. No registration required.

Meatloaf Cook-Off: The Daytona 500 is Sunday Feb. 25th this year. We will be having a meatloaf cook-off. The more cooks the better, bragging rights are at stake! So whip up your best batch of meatloaf and bring it down for our members to taste and judge. It is always a good time! Tasting from 2:00pm-4:00pm February 25th.

Black Powder Seminar:

Saturday 02/18/2017 at the ASC, full day. 8am start in ASC hall for classroom. 1pm start at the ASC range for live fire.
\$10 for ASC members. \$20 for non-members. Lunch included.
For additional info and registration, contact Stone Holder @ 508-667-5375

MA Junior Conservation Camp: The ASC will be sponsoring a camper, age 13-17, to attend the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp, 8/06/2017 – 8/18/2017. Interested in receiving this sponsorship? Submit your application and a letter of intent (why you want to attend the camp) to Brenda Reschke before 03/20/17. Visit WWW.juniorconservationcamp.org for the Camper Application and detailed information about the camp.

ASC Corned Beef Dinner

Saturday March 18th
2pm – 7pm

Join us for the Annual ASC Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner.
Meal served 2pm to 5pm. Live band 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

Purchase tickets prior to the event.

Available in the ASC lounge **until Sat. March 11th.**

\$10.00 per person for dine-in or take-out..

Celebrate St. Patty's Day with us!