



AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma 01501

March Upcoming Events

- 03/03/17 – March Meat Raffle (first table at 7pm)
- 03/07/17 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 1 of 4
- 03/09/17 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 2 of 4
- 03/11/17 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 3 of 4
- 03/13/17 – Hunter's Ed: Basic Hunter Ed. Session 4 of 4
- 03/18/17 – Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (2pm – 7pm)
- 03/20/17 – Jr. Conservation Camp Sponsorship Deadline
- 03/20/17 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 03/25/17 – "A Night with the Oldies" Dinner/Dance (4pm – 11pm)
- 04/01/17 – Jack Poissant Pool Tournament (Day 1)
- 04/02/17 – Jack Poissant Pool Tournament (Day 2)

March Range/Pond Closures

No scheduled range closures for the month of March.

Meat Raffle: The next monthly ASC meat raffle will be Friday March 3rd. Early Bird tickets available 6:00pm-6:30pm. Raffle begins 7pm. Open to the public. Support your club!



Archery – Ron Kazlauskas

It's 3-D season again!! The first Safari League shoot will be Sunday March 5th at Leicester. Our club's first shoot will be on April 16th. Check the notice board on the [ASC] patio for work party dates to clean up the 3-D course and field course. That's all for now. Shoot straight.

Rifle/Pistol – Dan Gleason

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 out with you when you leave. Use the trash barrels for small trash. I want to mention that I have observed how many people do not read 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 choose to have the newsletter sent to your e-mail address instead of receiving it in the U.S. Mail. Simply go to the "Auburnsportsmansclub.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 people, especially to our newer members. It is a very good resource that every member should see and is 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.

We have reached our limit of 1,000 members and will not have any openings at least until October of 2017. If you have somebody interested in joining our club have them join our waiting list as soon as possible if they want any chance of becoming a member in the years to come. (no deposit is required)

The new rifle range house has all the approvals it needs to start construction on as soon as the weather allows. The new gongs for the rifle range have been delivered and one of them is set up on the far left side of the hill at the far end of the rifle range, it is 1" thick and you do not own a gun that can damage it so the only thing you can't shoot at with is armor piercing ammo. All calibers are allowed to shoot at it.

Thanks for reading this month's newsletter! Dan G.

Trout – Glenn Standing

We held our ice derby this past weekend (02/19) and had over 60 fishermen. A lot of fish were caught. Kid's division winners were Bella Verdin and Dominic B. Adult division winners were Jay Norman and Dan LaFlure. The sportsman flea market will be held 8am- 12pm on April 21. Tables will still be \$10 a piece. We have sold out every year so get your tables early. Donations for the club kid's table can be dropped off at the ASC lounge. The Spring Fly derby will be April 22nd. The regular derby will be April 23rd. Stocking is on April 15th, noon tentatively. Please send in those tickets for the kayak/gift card raffle. If you need more tickets, just stop in the lounge. Thanks and keep a tight line
[Editor's Note: Tickets are also available in the February 2017 newsletter.]

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 ~

"A Night with the Oldies" Dinner/Dance

Saturday, March 25th
4pm - 11pm

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

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

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!

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

From the Bar:

The BJ's membership has been renewed a this time. If you would like to be added onto the club membership as an associate member, you can pick up the form at the club (available to all members). This will give you a BJ's membership at a discount.

We are putting out the sign-up sheet for the Jack Poissant "Shot that Made You Famous" pool tournament to be held the first weekend of April. This an annual event full of laughs and little bit of pool. There are two tournaments, one on Saturday and one on Sunday with the winners from both days playing on Sunday evening. \$5 donation to enter; all donations go to the kids kiver derby prizes. All skill levels welcome. Team partners are matched up based on ability.

Please be advised, Kid and Jr. members are not permitted guests at ranges or fishing pond. BOD vote.



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****Worcester County League****

– Craig Cortis

The League's February meeting was held 2/17/17 here at Auburn Sportsman's Club. We want to thank A.S.C. for hosting our meeting at rather short notice. Jim Nishan put in considerable time preparing a great meal for us and we appreciated his efforts. Bill Davis, Central District (Worcester County) Manager for Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife, was on hand to give his customary interesting, fact-filled report. I learned that fish species that spend the majority of their lives at sea but return to fresh water to spawn are technically called "anadromous" fish, a term I'd not encountered before. Bill also explained that changes on landscapes, with increased development and associated hard paved surfaces causing more and warmer water runoff after storms, have adversely affected the former smelt fishery associated with Coal Mine Brook at Lake Quinsigamond. Lacking suitable spawning habitat, the smelt population is dwindling. A smelt fishery survives at Colebrook Reservoir, an interstate pond shared by Conn. and Mass. in Granville / Sandisfield with access available from Conn. A Mass. fishing license is valid and be advised that Conn. regulations apply.

NORCO Sportsman's Club in Princeton is hosting a Worcester County League special Kids' Day on March 4th from 10 am to 2 pm. This free event will include archery instruction and practice, building bird houses, making duck houses that'll help sustain regional wild duck populations, and contact with Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife staff people who will be handing out wildlife related material. Free food and beverages for all will be offered, too. The club is located off the north side of the intersection of Bullard Road and Houghton Road in Princeton. The south end of Bullard Road connects with route #62 just west of a big elementary school – take #62 off either routes #140 or #31 to reach Bullard Road, depending on your approach into Princeton.,

The Worcester County League will hold a raffle to be drawn 3/25/17 at our annual banquet at Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. Two guns will be given away: Remington Model 870 Pump Express Turkey 12-gauge shotgun with a 21-inch vent rib barrel and screw-in turkey choke, having a Mossy Oak camo synthetic stock. Also, a Ruger 10/22 carbine .22 takedown model with black synthetic stock, 18.5-inch stainless steel barrel, 10 shot rotary magazine, scope base adaptor and special backpack style bag included. First prize winner gets choice of either gun and second prize takes the other. You don't have to be present to win. Only a limited number of tickets are printed, priced at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. I have tickets and will be glad to sell you some if you catch me at A.S.C., or feel free to call me at 413-967-9303. Next Worcester County League meeting will be 3/17/17 at Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club.

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

There were concerns voiced at the last Board of Directors meeting that junior members were using the rifle and pistol without an adult member supervising the safety of the activities. The BOD voted that in the interest of safety the policy will be that anyone on the range under the age of 18 will be under the direct supervision of an adult member. In addition only adult members may bring guests to the rifle and or pistol ranges. The standard rule of one member, one guest, one time remains in effect.

The ladies firearms safety field day will be April 9, 2017. POC is James Nishan, 774-696-8262, nishanj2000@yahoo.com. The course will qualify the students to apply for a License To Carry. The morning will be classroom then lunch in the afternoon there will be live fire sessions with pistol, rifle and shotguns. I am thinking on a 4th station which will be either black powder or cleaning and maintenance. I will take input as you sign up majority will rule on this one. The cost is \$55.00 per student. The check will be made out to the club and must be paid in advance to reserve your seat. The class is limited to 24 students.

The subject of the legality of silhouette targets in MA came up again at the Worcester County League of Sportsman's Clubs. This is a recurring issue of concern in many clubs. Bluntly and to the point ladies and gentlemen, they are legal acceptable targets under MA Law. Below is the portion of the chapter and section that keeps giving rise to the urban legend they are not.

MGL c 140 Section 131: Licenses to carry firearms; conditions and restrictions

[Introductory paragraph effective until January 1, 2021. For text effective January 1, 2021, see below.]

Section 131. All licenses to carry firearms shall be designated Class A or Class B, and the issuance and possession of any such license shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

[Introductory paragraph as amended by 2014, 284, Sec. 46 effective January 1, 2021. See 2014, 284, Sec. 112. For text effective until January 1, 2021, see above.]

The issuance and possession of a license to carry firearms shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

The colonel of state police may, after an investigation, grant a Class A license to a club or facility with an on-site shooting range or gallery, which club is incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth for the possession, storage and use of large capacity weapons, ammunition therefor and large capacity feeding devices for use with such weapons on the premises of such club; provided, however, that not less than one shareholder of such club shall be qualified and suitable to be issued such license; and provided further, that such large capacity weapons and ammunition feeding devices may be used under such Class A club license only by such members that possess a valid firearm identification card issued under section 129B or a valid Class A or Class B license to carry firearms, or by such other persons that the club permits while under the direct supervision of a certified firearms safety instructor or club member who, in the case of a large capacity firearm, possesses a valid Class A license to carry firearms or, in the case of a large capacity rifle or shotgun, possesses a valid Class A or Class B license to carry firearms. Such club shall not permit shooting at targets that depict human figures, human effigies, human silhouettes or any human images thereof, except by public safety personnel performing in line with their official duties.

If your club is not operating under the above described Class A license there are no restrictions under MA law to the types of paper targets you punch holes in. Respectfully Submitted: Nish

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.

Line Dance Tuesdays

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