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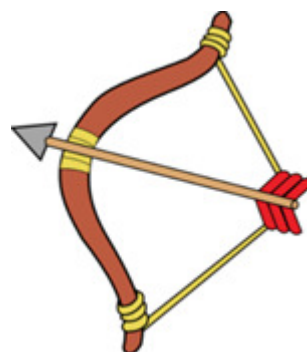
AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma 01501

August Upcoming Events

- 07/29 – Women In the Outdoors (pond and ranges closed)
- 08/06 – 3D Archery shoot (ranges closed)
- 08/12 – ASC Family Day
- 08/13 – On Site 2018 ASC Membership Renewals
- 08/21 – Monthly ASC Meeting (7pm – all members welcome)
- 08/27 – On Site 2018 ASC Membership Renewals



****Archery**** – Ron Kazlauskas

We will be holding our last 3-D shoot of the year on August 6th. Set-up will be on the Friday before. Meet at the trap filed at 1pm if you can help out.

Thanks to all those who made our 4th of July shoot a success. Can't do it without all your help.

With some clubs hosting NFAA field archery shoots, I know that some of you want to practice for the dreaded 80 yard walk-up. Field targets #3 and #11 are set up for this shot to practice.

DO NOT set up anywhere except on the designated ranges. This is for the safety of people who are using our club grounds. Thanks for your cooperation. That's all for now. Shoot straight.

****Rifle/Pistol**** – Jim Nishan

The only shotgun ammunition allowed on the rifle or pistol ranges are slugs. Patterning for turkey or similar activities can be arranged through the range chairman. Presently a number of members seem to not understand the damage they are doing to the target wires on the pistol range. The only alternative is they just do not care. The former will be advised as they are observed. The latter will eventually be identified and suspended from range privileges if they continue their self-centered destructive actions.

August Range/Pond Closures

- **07/29:** Pond and all ranges closed full day for W.I.T.O event.
- **08/06:** All ranges closed full day for 3D archery event.

REMINDER...Instant Renewal Day at the ASC is Sunday 08/13/2017 (8am to 12pm) and Sunday 08/27/2017 (8am to 12pm). Renewing members will be issued the 2018 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 Sept 30th by mail or in person. Renewals received after the Sept 30th cut-off will be subject to a \$25 late fee. Members entering the Retired member category 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 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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August 2017 Newsletter

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

The League does not meet in July and August. George Peterson, Commissioner of the Department of Fish & Game, has retired. Fisheries & Wildlife constitutes a section of that department. The new Commissioner is Ron Amidon of Templeton, who is a past president of the Worcester County League. Ron served us well in that capacity for three years and, until his recent appointment to head Fish & Game, was the president of GOAL for six months, a position he had to leave in order to assume his new post. Ron reports to the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Matt Beaton of Shrewsbury, who reports to Governor Baker. Ron Amidon is a dedicated hunter and fisherman and has a fine resume in conservation and habitat management while serving as president of Otter River Sportsman's Club and working in conjunction with the 7-person Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife Board on an ambitious project to improve wildlife habitat in a huge tract of state land involving the Birch Hill Dam W.M.A. in Royalston. This open public land encompasses 17,000 acres. (Not 1,700.) Ron also is a member of various angler organizations and has worked to help improve water quality in trout streams and certain ponds and rivers. I don't have the space to give a more detailed account of his record over many years, but we can be assured that there's another good guy working on our behalf as Commissioner of Fish & Game.

In closing, I thought some of you might enjoy an aspect of nature that isn't along the usual line of topics I cover in this space each month. If you like a bit of stargazing on occasion, be advised that it's easy to spot the planet Saturn on clear nights fairly low in the sky while facing due south around 10:00 p.m. in early August. Saturn will be in the same position with respect to its perceived altitude above the horizon about four minutes earlier each night that goes by, so ten days elapsed means around forty minutes earlier than whenever you first spotted the planet. A small telescope or spotting scope will easily show Saturn's rings if the magnifying power is 30x to 50x or so; don't bother using extreme power, even if you have the equipment to do so. The planet far outshines any background stars seen low in that part of the sky at this time of year – it's well over twice as bright as the lovely reddish star Antares which appears fairly close and slightly lower, to the right of Saturn. The giant planet Jupiter, which itself is far brighter than Saturn or any star in the whole sky, is very low above the western horizon at the same time in early August. Jupiter sets about 10:00 p.m. by mid-month and eventually will be seen low in the east as a morning object in November.

****Horseshoe League**** – Jon Owens

The summer season has concluded. Keep an eye on the ASC newsletter for a possible fall season.

****President's Corner**** – Jim Nishan

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MA State Senator Michael O. Moore will be sponsoring a Firearm Safety & Education Day at the ASC on Saturday Sept. 23rd. Contact the Senator's office for availability. <http://electmikemoore.com/>

Summer Weekly Activities

• **Trap Shooting:** Sunday mornings @ 11am and Tuesday evenings @ 6pm. \$13 participation fee per line. Includes shot and clays. Open to public.

****Newsletter**** – Rick Davin

Beginning January 2018, the ASC newsletter will be switching over to electronic delivery. Paper mailings will cease. The newsletter will be available on the ASC website and through monthly email delivery. This move will result in a club operations expense cut of, at minimum, \$1,000 a year. For member convenience, there will be a limited number of printed copies at various spots through out the ASC grounds. Be sure to include your preferred email address on your 2018 membership renewal form or send to newsletter@auburnsportsmansclub.com along with your name and member number.

2017 ASC Family Day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017
12 P.M - 6 P.M.

Raffles, Games and Fun

- o Moon Bounce
- o Rock Wall
- oand more....

Live Music ~ 4pm-6pm

Activities are free for ASC members and their family
(member must be present)
~ \$5 for non-ASC members ~

HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS
available for sale during event.
(no prior purchase necessary)

**FUN WITH FAMILY
& FRIENDS**



Chicken Dinner served 2pm to 5pm.
Ticket with every \$10 donation.
Available at the ASC clubhouse.

Final sale date for chicken dinner tickets is Sunday August 6th.
Event is open to the public.