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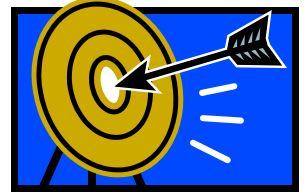
AUBURN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



50 Elm Street, Auburn, Ma

Calendar of Events

- 10/04/10 – ASC Election Absentee Ballots Available
- 10/10/10 – Fly Fishing Derby
- 10/12/10 – Tuesday Night Cribbage Returns
- 10/17/10 – Regular Fishing Derby
- 10/18/10 – ASC Election
- 10/18/10 – Monthly ASC Meeting
- 10/23/10 – Kids Halloween Party
- 11/05/10 – Meat Raffles Begin



Archery - Ron Kazlauskas

With the start of the hunting season, our 3-D activities have come to a close. Our next shoot will be in December, with our Toys for Tots Benefit Shoot. Lots of activity on the practice range. We're trying out some new broadhead targets, thanks to a generous donation of foam by our bartender, Nikki. If you have any comments, let me or any committee member know what you think of them. Once again, we will be holding our "Big Buck" contest. Cost is \$5.00 (five) for each season. You must be signed up prior to opening day. The sign-up sheet is located in the Lounge.

As this year comes to an end, I want to thank all of the members who helped make this past season a success. It takes a lot of work to set up targets, clear lanes, keep the practice range in shape, run registration and many other tasks. When I travel the 3-D circuit, I constantly hear positive comments about our Club's shoots. Without your help, this could never happen. Again, thank you Archery Committee and Members! Time to set up tree stands, good hunting!

Trout – Glenn Standring

We are stocking October 8th at 4:00pm, everyone is invited, so come on down and bring the kids. The Fly Derby is October 10th from 7:00am – 11:00am and is catch and release. We'll have coffee and doughnuts.

The Regular Derby will be October 17th, from 7:00am – noon. This too will be catch and release. No live bait or "power bait" will be allowed; spinners, lures and flies only. We will have a youth division with prizes. Also, make sure you bring your appetite too, as we will be cooking omelets in a bag on the porch during the Derby. Come by and make your own at 8:30am and 10:00am. Omelets will be served with home fries and a biscuit; all this for only \$4 (four)! Let's have some fun with this. Sign-ups for both Derbies start at 6:00am

The pond will be closed to everyone from October 11th – 17th to get ready for the Regular Derby. After the Derby, the pond will revert to regular pond fishing rules: 2 fish per day with only 1 over 15 inches and a maximum of 6 fish per week limit.

Thanks and keep a tight line...

Mass Trappers Association – Ron Thebodo

The Mass trappers association will hold a fur handling class on Saturday, November 13th from noon to 5:00pm.

This will consist of combing, skinning, fleshing, boarding and stretching: all the things you need to know to put up fur.

For information you can contact me (Ron) at 508-265-4334 Thank you.

Autumn Outdoor Safety Tips – from MassWildlife (http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/recreation/safety/autumn_safety.htm)

Fall is a wonderful time to be outdoors with its dazzling colors, crisp air and wildlife activity galore. Whether your passion is hiking, hunting, fishing, birding or just taking in the scenery, a few common sense safety reminders will add to your enjoyment during a day in the field.

Know your limits. Don't take off on a long hike, hunt or bike ride if you're not physically ready. Tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return.

Watch the weather. New England weather is notorious for quick changes. Be ready with an extra layer of clothing, warm hat and gloves.

Expect the unexpected. No one expects problems while spending a day outdoors, but having a fanny pack with a few first aid items, matches, water, pocket knife, cell phone, map, compass, whistle, extra food and flashlight can help prevent small problems from becoming big ones.

Wear blaze orange for visibility. Whether you're a hunter, hiker or walking the dog in rural areas, it's a good idea to wear a cap or vest of highly visible blaze orange clothing while you're enjoying the great outdoors.

Respect the water. Canoeists and kayakers are required to wear life jackets from September 15 to May 15, but all water enthusiasts, especially anglers who wade our larger rivers, would be wise to wear floatation devices now that water and air temperatures are cool.

Respect other outdoor users. Mountain biking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, hunting and hiking are not mutually exclusive activities. Know the [hunting seasons](#) and who is likely to be sharing the woods and waters with you. Keep dogs under control and respect outdoor users' rights to enjoy our open spaces.

Finally, licensed sportsmen and women are reminded to take the basics of hunter safety to heart. Treat every firearm as if were loaded, keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times. Positively identify your target and what lies beyond it.

Outdoor activities are among the safest recreational pursuits available. By using a little common sense, they'll stay that way.

ASC Election Day – October 18th
Polls will open at 9:00am and close at 6:30pm



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October 2010 Newsletter

Nominations/Elections – Brenda Reschke

Nominations were held on Monday 9/20. Most positions are unchanged and running unopposed this year. We did have 2 Directors that have resigned, Roger LaCroix and Leo Miranda. We THANK YOU for all your years of service and please know you will be missed.

Changes to current positions are the following: President: Jim Nishan and Special Events: Debi Verseckes. Tom Jackson is running against current House Chairman Al Harper. Nominations for Director At Large are: Tim Baribeault, JJ White, Bob Drolet, Peggy Freeman, Dave Skebos, Craig Krom, Mark Goodwin, Perry Tougas, Tom Jackson, John Owens and Al Sterns. All nominees will be required to have their membership fees paid prior to the ballot being published, so renew early.

Elections will be held on Monday, October 18th, polls will open at 9:00am and **close at 6:30 pm**. You will be required to **present your current 2010 membership card** to obtain a ballot. Absentee ballots will be available in the Lounge beginning Monday October 4th. You will be required to present your membership card to the bartender and sign the ballot book.

Monthly Meeting

Every meeting prior to adjournment, a member's number is drawn and if the member is in attendance of the meeting he/she will win the dollar amount in the meeting fund. The number drawn on 9/20/10 was Member #954 - No winner.

Membership – Angela Lizewski

All renewals need to be paid by Thursday September 30th, 2010. Any renewals received October 1st will need to have a \$10.00 late charge which will need to be paid at the time of your renewal. I am in the process of getting out the retiree's and honoree's memberships, so you should get them in the mail in the next week or two.

Cribbage

Tuesday Night Cribbage is back, starting October 12th at 6:00pm. Come on down and join the teams!

Meat Raffles

The ASC Meat Raffles are Back, and they are going to be MEGA! 4 Huge Tables! They will be the first Friday of every month starting November 5th at 7:00pm. All are welcome, so come on down and bring a friend for a night of fun.

Special Events – Alice & O.C.

Cheryl and I wish to thank everyone who helped make Family Day a success. Too many to list, but you know who you are! We will be holding our annual Kids Halloween Party on Saturday, October 23rd at 1:00pm. There will be pumpkins, pizza and prizes, so sign up in the Lounge and dress up the kids! See you there. Thanks.



Worcester County League - Craig Cortis

The September 17 meeting – which began the new “season” for W.C.L., 2010-2011 – was held at Otter River Sportsmen's Club in Templeton. Annual League elections resulted in the following three persons assuming the top offices: Rosemary Charron, president; Dave Morin, 1st vice-president; and myself (Craig Cortis) as 2nd vice-president. Bill Davis, Central District Manager for MassWildlife, reported that warm temperatures and low rainfall amounts could possibly delay the start of fall trout stocking in lakes and ponds. Assessments of rivers were scheduled to be done by the end of September to determine if water temperatures and rates of flow are suitable. You can call the District Office at 508-835-3607, ext. 13, for information on a list of fall stocked waters in Central Mass. Bill also mentioned that, as of mid-September, all available antlerless deer permits for Wildlife Mgmt. Zones 1 through 9 had been issued. Permits are (as of 9/17) still available for Zones 10, 11, 13 and 14; they will go on sale over-the-counter beginning Tuesday, October 12th. Be advised that an “all-electronic” system for handling issuances of certain licenses, stamps and permits will not start in 2011, as had originally been planned. This new system is now scheduled for 2012. Gov. Patrick's “one-gun-a-month” bill, H.4102, failed passage this summer but may come up again in a few months. (The bill involves numerous potential restrictions and more problems for law-abiding gun owners, in addition to that “one-gun-a-month” provision. Stay tuned!) Next W.C.L. meeting is October 15th, 7:30pm, at NORCO Club, Princeton.