

# Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs Sportsmen's News

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WCLSC YOUTH DAY EVENT

Held at Norco Sportsman's Club on March 4th. Youngsters built bird boxes and carved walking sticks. All had a wonderful experience.

See story on page 3



### WCLSC Youth Day at Norco

Old Man Winter threw a curve ball on March 4th at the Norco Sportsman's Club in Princeton with temps in the 20's and winds creating a wind chill of well below zero. That didn't stop the enthusiasm or participation of well over 200 folks who attended the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs 2nd Annual Youth Education Day. This free event included archery, birdhouse building, customizing your own walking sticks and all the food and drinks needed to subsist in one of the coldest days of this winter. Many free raffles were held with all youngsters going home with some sort of prize related to the outdoors. A few hearty souls ventured outside in the brutal weather to try their hand at the archery targets and quickly came back inside to partake of the burgers and hot chilli to warm up.

The League wishes to thank the many sponsors that helped make this event successful. A tip of the hat to Hull Forest Products of Pomfret Center, Ct for the wood for the bird boxes, Morse Woodworking of Southbridge for cutting the rough sawn boards for the bird boxes, the staff at MassWildlife's Central District for the walking sticks, GOAL, Bonnier Publishing, MetroWest Surplus Army/Navy of West Boylston, McDonald's, Wachusett Mountain, Polar Beverages, Cheoy Lee's, Cabela's, Walmart, Jed's Hardware, Great Wolf Lodge, Friendly's, Big Y, Price Chopper, MassWildlife, Norco Sportsman's Club, Home Depot and many private donors.

This event would not have taken place if it wasn't for the volunteers that took the day off from other commitments to make this a day for our youth to be involved with the outdoors. Special thanks go to the Norco crew, Tony Davenport, Craig Cortis, Chris Norcross, Liam Norcross, Christopher Norcross, Tom Macintosh, Cory Macintosh, Joe Picariello, Mike Malkassian, Jim Turgeon, Rudy Sax, Ralph Walker, Dan Hollander, Barb Adams and Wayne Adams. The Norco kitchen crew: Jack Novia, AJ Springfield and Bruce Ebbeson.

The Boy Scouts of the Mohegan Council was well represented with the following volunteers: Joy Lapidus- District Executive, Maggie Boynton-Pack 158 Cubmaster, Ben Lapidus, Josh Lapidus, Joe Lancaster, Jakweil Holden and John Dalbec. Volunteers from the Worcester County League were Ron Amidon, Rosemary Charron, Dave Morin, Steve Kroll, Pete Silva and a big thank you to League Vice-President Joe Afonso for coordinating this great event.







## Norco Sportsman's Club

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### CLUB HOURS

The club house is open:  
Every Thursday evening: 6 pm to Closing  
Every Saturday afternoon: 2 pm to Closing

Breakfast will be served at all pheasant  
hunts Donations are accepted and appreciated for the Game Supper

#### APRIL

- 1 YOUTH TURKEY WORKSHOP
- 13 BUSINESS MEETING
- 15 FISHING DERBY
- 20 CLUB OPEN
- 22 YOUTH TURKEY HUNT
- 27 EXEC, BOARD MTG
- TBC DEEP SEA FISH TRIP

#### MAY

- 4 CLUB OPEN
- 11 BUSINESS MTG
- 13 CLEAN UP DAY
- 18 CLUB OPEN
- 25 EXEC BOARD MTG EVENT CANCELED

#### JUNE 2017

- 1 CLUB OPEN
- 8 BUSINESS MEETING
- 15 CLUB OPEN
- 17 STEAK OUT
- 22 EXEC BOARD MEETING
- 29 CLUB OPEN



Getting ready to serve Game Dinner  
Looks good

### RIFLE RANGE HOURS

**M-Sat:** 9:00 AM to Dusk (no later than 9:30PM)

**SUN:** 12:00 noon to Dusk (no later than 9:30PM)

Carry in Carry out. Please do not place dud ammo  
in Barrels

### TRAP and SKEET RANGE HOURS (weather permitting)

Mon and Thurs 6 pm - 9:30; Sat 1 pm - 4 pm

**Please, Keep the Ranges Clean**

### Fishing Derby Event details for Saturday April 15th

Derby is run between 8 AM-1 PM

- Prizes announced at 12N
- Adults – \$5 fee, kids – free
- Breakfast and lunch available for nominal fee. Breakfast sandwiches, hotdogs, burgers, soft drinks
- One rod per person max ; 3 fish per person max ; no MA fishing license required
- Given the expected number of people, suggested style of fishing is bait and spin-casting; elbow room for fly-fishing is unlikely
- What you catch, you keep ; no catch and release ; know your trout species, see the picture below
- Be familiar with Norco Pond rules, especially for baits not allowed
- If parking is full around the pond/rifle&pistol range , parking at the trap& skeet range or at the club-house... be prepared to walk and carry your gear and catch
- Bring a small cooler of ice for your catch to take it home fresh and ready for the frying pan
- Once the derby is over, everyone may continue to fish for the rest of the day — given you have not reached your 3 fish maximum catch for the day
- Fishing is open to members only after April 15th, adhering to a 3 max catch per person per day and the pond rules for no catch and release, certain baits not to use

### Norco Sponsored MA Youth Turkey Hunt Program

Planning and call for volunteer Mentors (need 10) is underway. If you have a son or daughter interested in hunting please email Duffy at youthturkey@norco.club April 1 is workshop , April 22 is the youth hunt with a Mentor.



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*Norco Hosted WCLSC Youth Day  
Warmed the Hearts of Many*

By wma01541 March 7, 2017 March 19, 2017

Despite the frigid and unexpected polar blast of winter weather – close to 200 parents, youth, and volunteers all converged on Norco on March 4th for a fun day of making bird houses, walking sticks, shooting archery, learning about MA Wildlife youth education programs, meeting new friends, winning prizes from a number of sponsors, and having a warm bite to eat. Pictures are worth a 1000 words, so see this page and front cover to reminisce or see what you missed! Big thanks to volunteers from WCLSC, Norco, Mohegan Council Boy Scouts, and many sponsors. Many big smiles were worn all day long! And no one went home on an empty stomach. With spring and summer weather just around the corner, everyone's hard work will payoff soon with returning birds and ducks having new homes, and with many feet hitting the trails with their walking sticks looking for animal tracks and wildlife to identify.

The Landmark | March 08, 2017 Joyce Roberts Photos



, Albert Afonso and Scout Ben



Mike Malkassian braves the elements to cook some hot dogs



Stella and Emily Rocha team up to make a bird house

**The yearly Norco Sportsman's Dinner  
was a big hit again**

Great food from the forest, sea, and farm...gourmet game recipes prepared by our county-famous kitchen committee! Norco gives a special thanks to the members who donated game and food and pastries, the kitchen committee, and the set-up/clean-up teams! Send your own personal thanks to the kitchen committee – [gamedinner@norco.club](mailto:gamedinner@norco.club)

No one went home hungry!



Serving, still looks good



Was Good, no Complaints