

Norco News WCL February 2019

Club House is Open:

Every Thursday evening, 6PM to closing
Every Saturday afternoon, 2PM to closing

Calendar

February 2019

- 03 Club House Super Bowl Party
- 09 Pheasant Taxidermy Class Group 2 Session 2
- 10 Neighborhood Breakfast (was moved from Feb 17th)
- 14 Business Meeting
- 16 Ice Fishing Derby
- 28 Executive Board Meeting
- 28 Last Day to Pay Dues

March 2019

- 02 Norco Hosted WCL Kids Day
- 14 Business Meeting
- 23 WCL Annual Banquet, West Boylston Country Club
- 28 Executive Board Meeting
- 30 Norco Sportsman's Dinner

April 2019

- 11 Business Meeting
- 13 Youth Turkey Workshop
- 13 Fishing Derby
- 25 Executive Board Meeting
- 27 Youth Turkey Hunt

Note: Pistol ranges closed during Defensive Handgun classes (9AM-5PM), Dimlight (5PM-9PM) and Bowling Pin Shoots (12-2PM). Note: all ranges closed all day during Pheasant Hunting Season on Saturdays, Oct 5-Nov 23.

Visit the Norco Events Calendar for more details on all events <https://www.norco.club/events/>

Ice Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday February 16th. The fish committee is looking for a few volunteers to help with cooking, setup the fish shed for food service and the prize table. Look to the Norco website and your email between Feb 10-14th to see if the Derby is on or canceled. Safety is the number one priority and we need thick ice. The derby is open to all members and is kid-friendly oriented. Kids should invite their friends along. Adults are asked for a \$5 donation; kids are free. Food costs are nominal for breakfast and lunch. Norco stocks the pond with brown, brook, and rainbow trout. To volunteer, send email to Wayne@norco.club

Game Donations are being sought for the upcoming March 30th Norco Sportsman's dinner. We have started to receive bear, venison, and boar from club members and friends of Norco. We are looking for more of the same as well as pheasant, moose, and fish. If you have a donation, bring it to the club on a Thursday or Saturday to place in the freezer. Email wayne@norco.club to locate the freezer keys to unlock it. Dinner tickets are already on sale at the clubhouse bar for \$25 per person, along with posted menu for the all you can eat dinner.

Club Rentals are starting to come in for the year. If you need to learn more about renting the club for a private function, call the clubhouse during club hours, stop in the club for a rental form, or visit <https://www.norco.club/about-us/norco-clubhouse-and-grounds-rental/> Norco also rents the club for other sporting and outdoor oriented organizations too, so if you belong to another organization looking for meeting space, run an education program, and space to roam about, consider Norco.

Norco is organizing a table for the upcoming Worcester County League annual appreciation banquet, for Saturday March 23rd. Dinner tickets are \$40; dinner entrée choices are prime rib, roasted chicken, oven-baked breaded fish. If interested, reach out to Wayne or Duffy, wayne@norco.club or president@norco.club.

Norco will host an open to the public Kids Day program on Saturday March 2nd. Activities will include making walking sticks, bird nesting boxes, pollinator seed boxes, fishing lures, and bird pine cone treats, along with youth archery skills and spin-casting skills. We are looking for volunteers to solicit community donations and volunteers to run the activity stations, setup and cleanup. Email Wayne@norco.club if interested. Last year we had 40+ youth visit the club with their parents; had a lot of fun drawing prizes for the kids and raised a surplus of funds to help fund other Norco youth programs throughout the year.

MA Wildlife has corrected some hunting season dates for 2019 affecting bear, rabbit, and furbearer seasons. Their printed publications will not be corrected. The updated seasons can be reviewed at this website: <https://www.mass.gov/news/corrections-to-printed-2019-guide-to-freshwater-fishing-hunting-and-trapping> MA Wildlife 2019 Hunting and Fishing Licenses are available to buy through their website, <https://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt-buy-fishing-or-hunting-licenses>

In April, Norco will host a new 6-hour trauma safety class that covers all aspects of the field trauma care. Course fee will be \$75 – students will receive Tactical Emergency Critical Care (TECC) and Stop the Bleed certificates. The same trainer also trains the NRA HQ Range staff and many mid-Atlantic law enforcement departments. The course curriculum is a change from previous classes where we hosted a combination of CPR/AED with wound trauma scenarios. If interested, please email Wayne@norco.club. We plan to announce dates by February 1st on the Norco website. Past students at Norco have been wowed by the numerous real-life trauma scenarios we can encounter as firearm users, hunters, hikers, motor vehicle operators and everyday urban tragedies that can happen in large public gatherings.

Worcester County League is now accepting youth applications to attend camp for free at the August Junior Conservation Camp. Camper applications are open for youth 13-17. The camp is a 12-day program that spans boating, fishing, outdoor conservation, marksmanship, archery, compass and map, and much more. If interested to submit an application and seek guidance on how to write an essay, email wayne@norco.club WCL selects applicants in mid-March. WCL will also help campers not selected get free placement through other club scholarships. Learn more about the camp at <http://juniorconservationcamp.org>

Norco Rifle and Pistol Range Committee is asking all rifle and pistol range users to log-in to the range book, place targets on the hanging screens and on the berm, and to clean up brass and targets when done. The committee is rolling out a new program to have new club members read the range rules and sign a waiver. Careless use of the range impacts everyone – for safety and usage. The cabinets contain replacement screens, zipties, and wire cable patch with u-bolt clamps – are meant for any range user to help keep the range up. To contact the range chairs for volunteer work and or report range repair work/supplies needed, email Ed and Len at rpr-chairs@norco.club .

In early January, you should have received your 2019 membership renewal forms, listing your dues based on 2018 volunteer hours (\$150 with less than 15 hours/\$60 with 15 or more hours), the activities and committees you are interested in, and contact information. For 2019 AJ Springfield and Wayne Adams will handle membership renewals and new applicants. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please email membership@norco.club Dues need to be paid before the end of February by check by mail or drop-off at the club; cash at the club.

Norco hosted Youth Pheasant Taxidermy Classes are progressing well. The club has several spare pheasants for anyone wanting to mount a bird at home on their own time. One of the students who mastered the pheasant skills last year is completing a wood duck this year and just started a Canadian goose. We are looking into doing a full deer-head mount taxidermy class for later in the year. If you have interest to working on a pheasant at home or interest in a deer-head mount class, email wayne@norco.club

Norco has the following calls for interest, volunteers, and donations as follows:

- Norco Kids Day March 2nd, help man activity stations, help raise community donations
- Be part of the Norco group table at the March 23rd WCL Annual Banquet, tickets are \$40 each
- Accepting fish and game donations for the March 30th Norco Sportsman Dinner
- Volunteer for the February Ice Fishing Derby at Norco

For interest in any of these opportunities, please email Wayne Adams at webmaster@norco.club