Norco News WCL November 2018

Club House is Open:

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

Calendar

November 2018

- 8 Business Meeting and Officer Elections
- 3, 10, 17, 22, 24 Pheasant Hunt with Breakfast/Lunch
- 15 Turkey Shoot
- 15 Exec Board Meeting
- 22 Thanksgiving and Club closed

December 2018

- 9 Christmas Party
- 13 Business Meeting
- 20 Clubhouse Christmas Party
- 27 Exec Board Meeting

January 2019

- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Executive Board Meeting
- 31 Time to Pay Dues

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 6-Nov 24

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

Barry Hines was the September Bowling Pin shoot winner, earning his second hard-earned t-shirt prize. 12 shooters gave their best shot. Barry Hines also recently led the project to install clubhouse bar footrest – job well done!

Norco members Jim Turgeon and Jay Johnston both limited out on Orwell Creek in Altmar NY. Aside from what is in the PU bed, many more were caught and released. (see picture).

Norco held officer elections at its October Business Meeting. The following are the election and new appointment results: Officers – effective January 2019 President – Duffy Luciano; Vice President – Wayne Adams; Secretary – Jay Johnston Treasurer – Mark Malkowski. Board of Directors – effective January 2019: Adam Charest; Tony Davenport; Larry Noyes; AJ Springfield; Rocky Trotto. Board of Trustees – effective January 2019: Rudy Sax; Tom Macintosh. *note: 4 other Trustee seats were not up for election; vote 2 seats each year.* Trap and Skeet Committee Chairman – effective now AJ Springfield. Membership Committee – effective January 2019 Wayne Adams and AJ Springfield. Norco leadership and the Nomination Committee (Ken Stidsen and Jack Flynn) are thankful for those who put their names forward into the

election, for those serving now and will be stepping down, and new volunteers to step-up to new roles. For a listing of all officers and committee chairs, follow this link https://www.norco.club/about-us/norco-leadership/

Norco Archery Range targets have been moved from the woods to the corner of the lawn, with distances of 20 yard, 30 yard, 40 yard, and 50 yards. The move is to improve safety.

GOAL thanks everyone who came to the recent MA Firearm Regulation seminar. Applications to join GOAL are in the clubhouse or visit www.goal.org. Remember to get out and vote! We all have choices to change government leadership.

Thanks to the volunteers for the recent work parties to improve the rifle and pistol ranges on the weekends of Oct 6th, 7th, and 14th. Improvements included better range separation berm for rifle and pistol with a pole wall and dirt; 50 yard and 100 yard target suspension setup with poles, cable, target hanging screening; 100 yard range has an open berm area in the middle for self-standing targets such as a shooting steel; redressing the 25 yard berm with new backstop sand; and pin shoot table saw-horse replacement. Improvements are meant to keep the range safe, orderly, and reduce range maintenance. Thanks go out to the heavy construction with the poles and dirt were Bob Berube Sr., Bob Berube Jr., and Glenn Kush. The range committee volunteers included Ed Soule, Len Pukaite, Tom Connors, Rudy Sax, Tom MacIntosh, Tomas Maestas, and Wayne Adams.

This year's fair-weather youth pheasant hunting day had youth hunters along with their mentors and field dogs turn out for an educational and productive day. Several of the youth hunters have opted to take their season's first bird into the Norco pheasant taxidermy class to be held later this year. Everyone bagged birds — a testament to the trap range practice sessions in prior weeks. Pictures below show some of the day highlights: setting out the birds, safety instructions on hunting in a line with dogs, and a successful hunt. Many Norco volunteers make this program successful and we appreciate their time, patience, dedication, and knowledge. Youth Program Leaders: Ken Stidsen, Kelly Dalbec, and Duffy Lanciani. Youth Mentors in the Field and at the Trap Range: Paul Whalen, Fred Gerring, Mark Malkowski, Kelly Dalbec, Bruce Ebbeson, Jim Valley, Bill Whiting, Chris Norcross, Mark Laverdure, Rick Coen, AJ Springfield, Pete Abramson, Bob Hager, Cindy Temple, and Jack Klett. Kitchen Staff feeding the troops on the 6th: Bob Msadoques, AJ Springfield, Barbara Adams, and Mark Malkowski. Youth Hunters: Ben Marien, Owen Springfield, Gabriel Springfield, Rose Mandella, Liam Norcross, Ryan Gleason, Elizabeth Springfield, Jonathan Dalbec and Jack Mandella

Norco hosted the Worcester County League monthly delegate meeting. 40 delegates representing 25 of the 50+ county clubs were in attendance. Kevin Hutchinson led a cooking team of Sheena Abbott, Barbara Adams, and Wayne Adams in preparing a memorable home cooked meal. LA Jones, WCL Treasurer remarked that the meal matched and may have surpassed the last fantastic meal recalled, from 10+ years ago by the Harvard Sportsman club. Tom Maestas and John MacKinnon Jr pitched in to serve and clean-up. See picture of Kevin preparing the signature apple/bacon stuffed pork loin main entry.

Norco has kicked off its March 2019 raffle, featuring a Tristar Viper12 gauge semi-auto shotgun and a Traditions Pursuit Ultralight .50 cal in-line black powder rifle. Tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20. Tickets purchased during club hours at the clubhouse. Drawing planned at the Norco Annual Sportsmen's Dinner.

Norco is now receiving contract bids for snowplowing for the upcoming winter. Email tony, tony@norco.club or stop in the clubhouse to pickup a bid package.