

Norco News WCL December 2019

Club House is Open:

Every Thursday evening, 6PM to closing

Every Saturday afternoon, 2PM to closing

Club House is always available for affordable rentals year-round, see website for details or call the club

Calendar

December 2019

8 Family Christmas Party and Potluck 2PM-5PM

12 Business Meeting

19 Clubhouse Christmas Party 6PM-close

26 Executive Board Meeting

January 2020

1 Happy New Year!

9 Business Meeting

23 Executive Board Meeting

31 Time to Pay 2020 Dues

February 2020

2 Super Bowl Party

8 CPR/GSW Class

9 Legal Class on Use of Self Defense

13 Business Meeting

15 Ice Fishing Derby

27 Executive Board Meeting

29 Last Day to Pay Dues

29 Neighborhood Breakfast

Range closures:

Pistol Range: none for December, January

Rifle Range: none for December, January

Trap/Skeet Range: none for December, January

Archery Target Range and 3D Course: 3D course closed until spring 2020

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 xx - Nov xx.

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

Norco has completed another successful pheasant hunting season, spanning August through November. There are many thanks to pass along starting with the Youth Education program, the group of volunteers who pickup and set out birds every Saturday, the volunteer team who cook breakfast every Saturday, volunteers who brought in heart-warming lunches, hunters donating birds for the March sportsman's dinner and the taxidermist running the taxidermy program. Several new hunters took to the field this year and are appreciative of their hunting mentors and trained dogs to fill their game bags. See photo of Brian and Lisa who teamed with Kelly and Chris for a successful, guided outing. Along the way, we all learned not all pheasants are ring-necks, since some eye-catching copper majestics were stocked and will make their way into the taxidermy program. Many of us learned who Saint Hubertus was, a patron saint of hunting. We ended the season with nothing more than briar scratches.

Do set aside some funds for holiday shopping at Norco. There are Norco gift cards at the bar, embroidered hats, custom orderable shirts/pull-overs, and printed t-shirts. Norco raffle tickets are available at the clubhouse bar – cash donation per ticket \$5 each, 5 for \$20. Three firearms will be drawn in March 2020; Ruger 10/22 rifle, CZ 1012 Semi-auto 12 ga shotgun, and CVA .50 Black powder rifle.

The Norco tractor committee and the membership have approved the acquisition of a new compact John Deere model 3032e tractor that will be outfitted with implements to better align with the current work projects. Primary uses include mowing the clubhouse lawn, managing brush paths in the fields, moving bulk materials around the property, and periodic road maintenance. The club will still depend on volunteer members to bring in larger tractors for the infrequent heavier duty projects such as dirt road releveling, clay pallet offloads, range infrastructure repairs, and field overgrowth management. In the winter, all the dirt roads and parking lots will be under a snow-plow contract.

Norco has been graced with donations for the months of November and December. First, big thanks to new members Neil and Jared Smith, owners of Goldstein's scrap metal business for kickstarting our first metal recycle program. In the course of two days, many members cleaned out their yards, garages, and basements with a wide assortment of appliances, grills, landscaping gear, too costly to repair tools/equipment. Norco cleaned out its garage and trailer and other odds/ends too. See pictures of Neil and Jared on day 1, over 50% full; day 2 volunteers Tom Connors, Bob Abramson, and Wayne Adams squeezing the heavy farm implements into the container. Norco will host another recycle day on cleanup day, May 2020. Other donations coming in include Joe Picariello taking over 300 lbs of brass from other shooting ranges he teaches at for scrap; Barb Adams running the November Pumpkin pie program, over 20 pies made this season; and everyone soliciting business donations for the Norco Christmas raffle ticket table.

Several members have observed and partaken in other area club's fundraising programs – and then ask, why doesn't Norco do these as well. Norco can do more, but we need program leaders to run them. Some programs are non-trivial to setup and run. Worthy of mention include meat raffles, full-day turkey shoots open to the public, raffles for non-firearm outdoor gear timed for other parts of the year. If interested to step-up and lead a program, contact Wayne, wayne@norco.club.

Norco wishes you success with the shotgun and muzzleloader deer seasons. Norco is now accepting game donations for the March 2020 Sportsman's Dinner. Around the clubhouse and ranges, several hunters harvested deer during archery season. No pictures to share at this time.

Norco and WCL thank all the members who filled out cross-bow bill postcards in October and made calls to their state legislators in November. WCL and Mass Conservation Alliance (MCA) are championing getting the bill out of the House committee to the full House with a floor vote, so the Senate can vote on it. The goal is to have cross-bows be available to use for all hunters for the 2020 fall season.

WCL raffle tickets are available at the clubhouse bar- tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20. Raffle items are a Henry Goldenboy .22LR and Henry Goldenboy 30/30. Drawing will be held March 21st, at the Annual WCL Banquet.

Save the date for these two classes, if interested. Saturday, February 8th, Norco to run the 6 hour CPR/Gun Shot Wound class with instructor Scott Goldstein. Sunday, February 9th, Norco to host John McAdams for 9 hour class Know the Law: Self Defense Law for Armed Citizens and the Legal Aftermath of Use of Force . Questions and interest list, email wayne@norco.club

Planning ahead for the Sunday December 8th Norco Family Christmas Party. It runs from 2pm-5pm. Bring a pot-lunch dish/dessert to pass. Festivities include a visit from Santa for the young ones and receiving a gift; raffle table for member and community business donated items (suggested value from \$10-\$50), and a traditional Yankee gift swap (if you want to participate, suggested value of item to be in the \$20ish range). If possible, do bring a gift or solicit a gift from a favorite business for the raffle table.

Time is running out to earn 2019 work credit hours. Contact Wayne, wayne@norco.club if looking for hours. And it is OK to earn more than 15 hours 😊 .

In early January, you will be receiving your 2020 renewal letter. Aside from paying the dues in a timely manner, do look-over your postal address, your email address, and phone – and submit those changes back to the club. This year, if you want your membership card mailed back to you instead of picking it up at the bar or at a members meeting, you can include a self-stamped return envelope with your payment. We'll also setup the ability to pay by credit card too, and card processing fees will be passed onto the card owner. As of November, we have over 240 members representing Junior, Associate, Regular, and Life members. The social membership is over 60 members. Fees are the same for 2020 as in 2019. Associate/Regular members will renew at \$60 if the member has 15 or more volunteer hours; otherwise the renewal fee is \$150. Life members are free and Junior members are \$5. The Family membership is \$30 on-top of the associate membership fee structure. AJ Springfield and Wayne Adams will kick-off the renewals, while new membership secretary Chris Giglio settles into the role.

Norco's annual 22lr Turkey Shoot had a good turnout this year under the lights, with area scouts and club members. Taking home a turkey this year are first place Devan Smith and second place Keenan Bright. We thank Tom and Corey MacIntosh for running this program. The competition consists of free standing iron-sighted rifle shot from 15 yards distance at the turkey steel (seen in the middle of the picture, about the size of a youth's hand).