

## **Norco News WCL January 2020**

### **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**

#### **January 2020**

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 9 Business Meeting
- 23 Executive Board Meeting
- 31 Time to Pay 2020 Dues if Not Paid Yet

#### **February 2020**

- 2 Super Bowl Party
- 8 CPR/GSW Class (open for enrollment)
- 9 Legal Class on Use of Self Defense (open for enrollment)
- 13 Business Meeting
- 15 Ice Fishing Derby (date may change)
- 16 Neighborhood Appreciation Breakfast , by invitation, 8am-11am
- 27 Executive Board Meeting
- 29 Last Day to Pay Dues ; late fees start March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **March 2020**

- 7 Kids Day, 10am-2pm
- 12 Business Meeting
- 21 WCLSC Annual Banquet, West Boylston
- 26 Executive Board Meeting
- 28 Norco Sportsmen's Dinner

#### **Range closures:**

Pistol Range: none for January, February, March

Rifle Range: none for January, February, March

Trap/Skeet Range: none for January, February, March

Archery Target Range and 3D Course: both courses closed until Spring

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 17 - Nov 28.

Visit the Norco Events Calendar for more details on all events <https://www.norco.club/events/> The brief one-page 2020 calendar is on the website for download and at the club by the door for pickup.

The December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas party was as popular as ever. Over 70 members, family, and friends of all ages came out to have fun with Santa, hold a lucky raffle ticket, cherish a Yankee gift item, and enjoy a wide-variety of pot-luck entrees and desserts. Both floors were decked out in festive lights and wreaths. Over 30 items from local businesses and Norco members were up for raffle ranging from a smoker, wine, gift certificates, Norco-logged items, and much more. All the kids sat with Santa and received a gift. Charlie our fish committee chair, asked Santa for a pond-full of trout and frozen ice for the February derby. Many volunteers and member's generosity made the memories happen. Thanks to Alexis Grivakis, John and MaryAnne Powers, Ed Bonnell, Cory MacIntosh, Rocky and Lisa Trotto, Barb Adams, Santa Claus, and Mike Sacco. Also thanks to Adam Charest for the thorough plowing and sanding in preparation for the large gathering. See photos in this article and visit the website for more. <https://www.norco.club/news-event-gallery/photos-and-videos-fall-2019/> The Clubhouse Christmas party December 19<sup>th</sup> was festive with Patsy Mollica playing old-time holiday favorites, a spread of Chinese dinner, venison stew, and many home-made desserts. And yet more raffles and happy winners.

Norco hope you had success with the shotgun and muzzleloader deer seasons. Norco is now accepting game donations for the March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 Sportsmen's Dinner. Dinner Tickets will go on sale in late January, \$25 each. Also at the March Dinner, three firearms raffle winners will be drawn for a Ruger 10/22 rifle, a CZ 1012 Semi-auto 12 ga shotgun, and a CVA .50 Black powder rifle. Raffle tickets also on sale at the clubhouse bar.

WCLSC will be accepting applications for a fully-paid Junior Conservation Camp experience. Camp is for youth ages 13-17, held August for 12 days. If interested, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) for an application. More details on the experience can be found here <https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-junior-conservation-camp-finishes-right-on-target>

Norco will be looking for volunteers for the February ice-fishing derby, to help setup, cook, and measure fish. If interested, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) or reach out to Charlie at the January business meeting. The draft date is February 15<sup>th</sup>. The date is subject to change, maybe earlier in February if ice-conditions are safe. We've been cancelled for the past 3 years due to unexpected warm weather weakening the ice.

Norco will be gearing up for March Kids Day with a request for volunteers. If interested in volunteering, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club). Planning activities for March 7<sup>th</sup> will include a wood project (e.g. bird house or bee house), walking sticks, bird seed treats, educational displays, raffles, spinner lure making, intro to archery and spin casting, and light food. Objective is to have youth take on some fun projects that have them return over and over again to be outdoors and learn about nature, conservation, and skills.

Taxidermy classes will be held as follows. Pheasant taxidermy first session will February 1st and 2nd, and second session will be March 14th and 15th. A beaver fleshing workshop scheduling is underway for late January or February. The beaver class will then progress into a beaver hooping class and may include home tanning demonstration, while other fleshed pelts are sent out for professional tanning. There are openings for the beaver workshop. Skins will come from local trappers.

2020 MA Wildlife fishing and hunting license are now on sale, visit <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/buy-your-hunting-license> .

Norco is organizing a table for the WCLSC annual banquet, March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you want a seat, please email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club). Cost of dinner ticket is \$40 with choice of prime rib, baked cod, or roasted chicken. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Annual WCL Banquet.

Save the date for these two classes, if interested. Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Norco to run the 6 hour CPR/Gun Shot Wound class with instructor Scott Goldstein. Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:wayne@norco.club) . More class details on the Norco website <https://bit.ly/35OAlkD> for CPR/GSW class and <https://bit.ly/2ZkjTpY> for Know the Law class. Questions for either, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

In early January, you will have received 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. If you want your 2020 membership card mailed back to you, please enclose a self-addressed/stamped envelope with your payment. Cards will be available at the clubhouse bar anytime and during the January/February business meetings. Welcome new membership secretary Chris Giglio, reachable by email at [membership@norco.club](mailto:membership@norco.club) We also thank outgoing Board Directors AJ Springfield and Larry Noyes, and welcome Chris Giglio and Paul Caneen to their Director roles. And in remembrance were Honorary Director Dominic Angelini and Trustee Jack Flynn who both passed in 2019. Didn't receive your renewal, they are available at the clubhouse bar too and or you can email [membership@norco.club](mailto:membership@norco.club) .