

Norco News WCL November 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

November 2019

- 2 Pheasant Hunt
- 9 Pheasant Hunt
- 14 Business Meeting
- 16 Pheasant Hunt
- 21 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Fun Turkey Shoot 6PM at Trap Range 6PM
- 23 Pheasant Hunt
- 28 Thanksgiving, Clubhouse closed, Trap/Skeet closed
- 30 Pheasant Hunt

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 Dues

Range closures:

Pistol Range: Nov 2,9,16,23,30 9am-dusk

Rifle Range: Nov 2,9,16,23,30 9am-dusk

Trap/Skeet Range: Nov 2,9,16,23,30 9am-dusk

Archery Target Range and 3D Course: Nov 2,9,16,23,30 dawn-dusk ; note 3D course 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 19-Nov 30.

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

The September Pin shoot winner was Barry Hines. The October winner, if held will be announced in December newspaper. Weather pending, Pin Shoots start April 2020, save the date April 26th, 2020.

Norco officer elections for CY2020 were held in October. Effective January 1 we welcome: President – Duffy Lanciani, VP – Wayne Adams, Secretary – Jay Johnston, Treasurer – Mark Malkowski; Board of Directors (5) Doolie Burdulis, Paul Caneen, Adam Charest, Chris Giglio, Rocky Trotto; Board of Trustees (2 elected, join 4 serving terms) Ed Bonnell and Tom MacIntosh (serving terms Jay Fitzgerald, Dick Fontaine, Rudy Sax, Ken Stidsen), and Membership Secretary – Chris Giglio. Norco pre-announces thanks for those serving in roles in 2019 and not continuing in that role: Board of Directors: Tony Davenport, Larry Noyes, AJ Springfield; Membership – AJ Springfield and Wayne Adams.

The Pheasant season has started and is off to a great start in October, with great weekend weather, volunteers helping, and healthy birds ready to fly. Norco is thankful to Bob Abramson for donating pheasant breasts to the March 2020 Sportsmen's Dinner and Bill Whiting for donating a pheasant for the Taxidermy class. There is a long list of volunteers for helping pick-up and set-out birds each week, for preparing breakfast, and for bringing in a shareable lunch.

Norco fun Turkey Shoot is for both youth and adults club members. Youth can bring a friend. Held at the trap range, on Thursday, November 21st. Participants shoot a .22lr iron-sight rifle at a steel plate turkey silhouette. Club provides the rifle and ammo. Winners, based on marksmanship, for youth and adult win a frozen turkey.

Norco will host Pheasant taxidermy classes between December-February, signup by November 17th. If interested, email wayne@norco.club. More details at <https://www.norco.club/2019/09/19/norco-to-host-pheasant-taxidermy-class-2019-2020/>

Norco hosted the WCLSC October meeting. Norco thanks volunteers Matt Surabian, Tomas Maestas, Barb Adams, and Wayne Adams for setup, cleanup, and meal preparation/service. On request, recipes for can be shared for the main course items Porchetta, Venison/Bear Chili, and Venison Sausage Jambalaya.

At the October Norco members meeting, members completed 50 sets of post cards to support the legislative change to allow cross-bow hunting for everyone of all ages and capabilities. This campaign is part of WCL overarching request of all clubs to support the campaign; the campaign is state-wide in conjunction with the MA Conservation Alliance that includes other county leagues and state-wide sporting organizations.

Norco was recently thanked by the Princeton Friends of the Public Library for a \$100 donation. Norco also just donated \$100 to WCL to support Mahar High School Fish and Game Club to secure pheasants for their hunting season. The Gardner prison had closed the pheasant program at the last-minute stranding many northern Worcester county clubs to not have a stocked pheasant program this year. Overall, WCL is providing \$1400 to ensure Mahar continues their fall youth hunting traditions; Colin O'Brien, who runs Popple Camp Ringnecks in Petersham, drove to PA to pickup pheasants and house them in his pens.

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.

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.

November Pumpkin Pie Program returns - fresh baked pies made to order through-out the entire month. Last year, >\$200 was raised for the club youth programs. Taste-wise, these pies beat any store-bought pie. Order slips at the bar; pies are \$10/each. Email barb@norco.club if you can't make it to the bar. You can order pies for November 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, and 27.

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

Club and Trap House are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th. The club grounds are open for ranges and hunting.

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 ☺ .

Fall cleanup day was a great turnout for getting a lot of big and small work done, despite the rainy day weather. Special thanks for Jen LeBlair in organizing Princeton cub scout pack for coming out to help, 20 parents and cub-scouts helped in addition to these Norco volunteers – Ed Soule, Len Pukaite, Brad Rivard, Steve Walsh, Daniel Bradbury, Donna LaRocque, Leo LaRocque, Ed Bonnell, Rocky Trotto, and Wayne Adams. The 25 and 50 yard target support beams were replaced with telephone poles; 2nd floor clubhouse walls washed down and 2nd floor bathroom ceiling reattached, range brass raked. A hearty lunch was served including venison sausage and Porchetta chili, along with hotdogs and burgers. The cub scouts who camp out in the spring and fall wanted to reciprocate their thanks for opening up the club with this volunteer work – more ideas are underway and expect to see several scouts on our kids day in March. Other notable work just completed at the club were trap field light repairs and parking lot lights at the trap range – thanks for member volunteers Curt Bjorland and Wayne Adams. Mike Jones on another day that fit his schedule set out the snow plow markers and Paul Caneen completed painting the picnic tables at clubhouse, trap range, and fish pond.

If you have scrap metal to recycle as a donation – Norco will have a collection weekend on November 16th and 17th with a roll-off container in the parking lot, 8am to 4pm each day. Of interest is copper, brass, stainless steel, aluminum, lead (including car batteries), and steel. Old grills, lawn furniture, car parts, gutters, plumbing fixtures, any white appliance, etc. Before you can drop, you need to send an email wayne@norco.club or call Wayne Adams 508-631-8883 to pre-approve your items and give guidance on prepping an item. If you are not on the list to make a drop, you will be turned away. Nothing hazardous can come in. We thank new member's who operate a salvage business in Worcester in helping Norco setup this win-win fund raiser. We are also seeking volunteers who have a truck or trailer to help other Norco members who have a heavy item but can't transport it in, to go fetch it. Any spent brass casings can go anytime to the rifle range barrel.

