

Norco News WCL February 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

February 2020

- 2 Super Bowl Party
- 1&2 Pheasant Taxidermy Class, session 1, for groups 1 and 2
- 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
- 16 Neighborhood Appreciation Breakfast, by invitation, 8am-11am
- 27 Executive Board Meeting
- 29 Last Day to Pay Dues ; late fees start March 1st

March 2020

- 7 Kids Day, 10am-2pm
- 8 Beaver Fleshing/Taxidermy Workshop, session 1
- 12 Business Meeting
- 14&15 Pheasant Taxidermy class, session 2 for groups 1 and 2
- 21 WCLSC Annual Banquet, West Boylston (Norco table seats available)
- 26 Executive Board Meeting
- 28 Norco Sportsmen's Dinner and Raffle

April 2020

- 4 Pond Area Cleanup, Burn Day
- 4 Youth Turkey Hunt Workshop
- 9 Business Meeting
- 18 Spring Fishing Derby
- 23 Executive Board Meeting
- 25 Youth Turkey Hunt
- 26 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

Range closures:

Pistol Range: April 19th, 12-8 ; April 26th, 12-2; none for February or March

Rifle Range: none for February, March, April

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

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.

Though the Patriots did not make it to the Superbowl this year, the Norco club will be open on Superbowl Sunday, February 2nd, from 3PM til close. Optional to bring in a home-made dish to share. There will be S&S yard-long subs and pass the hat. The Chiefs and 49ers are vying for this year's trophy.

Norco Neighborhood Breakfast committee is looking for a few volunteers to help setup, serve, and clean-up. If interested reach out to Lisa and Rocky, lisa@norco.club. Event is Sunday, February 16th, volunteer hours will be between 7am-12N. There may be some available hours on Friday the 14th or Saturday the 15th.

Norco Sportsmen's Dinner Tickets will go on sale January 30th, \$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. Dinner tickets can also be purchased online with a credit card anytime, at <https://bit.ly/36cZmFv>.

We are still seeking game donations for the Norco March Sportsmen's Dinner. We are good on moose and deer summer sausage – thanks Duffy and Chris Martel. We are do have a some ground deer, thanks Doolie and Jim T. We are flexible to accept duck, goose, pheasant, fish, more deer, beaver, boar, bear, turkey. Email wayne@norco.club to arrange a drop-off during off-hours, otherwise bring it in any Thursday or Saturday.

WCLSC is now 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 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>. Applications are due by to WCLSC by April 17, 2020.

Norco fish committee is looking for volunteers for the February ice-fishing derby, to help setup, cook, and measure fish. If interested, email wayne@norco.club or reach out to Charlie at the February business meeting. The derby date is February 15th. An email notice will be sent to membership to confirm the Derby around February 12th, with ice conditions. Pond will be stocked with three types of trout: rainbow, brown, and brook.

Norco will be gearing up for March Kids Day with a request for volunteers. If interested in volunteering, email wayne@norco.club. Planning activities for March 7th will include a wood project (bird feeder), walking sticks, bird seed treats, educational displays, raffles, spinner lure making, intro to archery and spin casting, and light food. We'll have a fur pelt display and a bee-hive display. Objective is to have youth complete some fun projects that have them return over and over again to be outdoors and learn about nature, conservation, and skills.

A beaver fleshing workshop scheduling March 8th, led by Mass Trappers Association. A skinning demonstration will also be part of the class. 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.

Norco has reserved a table for the WCLSC Annual Banquet, March 21st. We have 8 seats to fill. If you want a seat, please email wayne@norco.club. Cost of dinner ticket is \$40 with choice of prime rib, baked cod, or roasted chicken. WCLSC 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.

Last minute signups/walk-ins are available for these 2 classes. Both classes have fees and discounts. Saturday, February 8th, 6 hour CPR/Gun Shot Wound class with instructor Scott Goldstein. Sunday, February 9th, John McAdams for 9 hour class Know the Law: Self Defense Law for Armed Citizens and the Legal Aftermath of Use of Force . Email 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.

A big thanks to many of our members who made their 2020 membership renewal payment January. 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 February business meetings. Our new membership secretary Chris Giglio is now handling renewals, he is reachable by email at membership@norco.club . If you didn't receive your renewal, they are available at the clubhouse bar too and or you can email membership@norco.club . Payments received starting in March are subject to the late fee....get them in by the end of February.

WCLSC has launched a new Central MA events calendar, whereby any club's open-to-the-public event is listed. Anybody/any club can submit events....look for the "green submit button". Visit www.wclsc.org/events . Looking for something to do and not far to drive, take a look at the calendar – classes, meat raffles, fishing derbys, gear swaps, trade events, breakfasts, game dinners, archery days, turkey shoots, fundraisers. If you are a member of another club, please pass along the notice to the clubs event team. Questions can be sent to wclsc.calendar@gmail.com

Firearm instructor Joseph Picariello has published the first series of Defensive Handgun Classes as follows: DH1: April 17/19; DH1: May 22/23; DH2 June 7; DH3 July 12. DH4/5/6 and Dimlight I/II will be forthcoming for the late summer and fall. Range sessions are held at Norco Pistol Range. Classroom session for DH1 are held at Westminster Police Department. wachusettfirearmtraining@yahoo.com or call 978-464-2776 .

Norco has invested in a new John Deere compact tractor and implements for the club to maintain its property. Club now has a policy that prior to anyone requesting to use the tractor on the property, they will have had to be trained and checked-out on the new tractor, including those members operating the previous tractor. The tractor is setup with 3pt hitch/PTO and QA FEL to handle a range of new and used club implements including a bucket/front-end-loader, pallet forks, scrape blade, receiver hitch, York rake, fertilizer spreader, finish mower for the lawn, brush mower for field paths, lifting straps, and hauling chains. Contact Jay Johnston, secretary@norco.club if you want to become an operator. The club will continue to have winter plowing services and rely on club members for larger tractors for larger, infrequent tasks, and scheduled clean-up days. Tractor safety and proper equipment use are essential to maximizing the club investment.