

Norco News WCL March 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

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 – tickets on sale \$25

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

May 2020

- 7 Business Meeting
- 9 Spring Clean-up Day
- 9&10 Metal Recycle Days
- 21 Executive Board Meeting
- 31 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

Range closures:

Pistol Range: April 19th, 12-8 ; April 20 1-9PM; April 24 9-5PM; April 26th, 12-2; April 27 9-5pm; May 5 2-7pm; May 11 6pm-9pm; May 14 6-9pm; May 23 9-5 PM; May 31 12-2; none for March

Rifle Range: none for March, April, May

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

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.

Norco Neighborhood Breakfast Event was held on Sunday, February 16th. We had over 50 neighbors stop-in for a hearty farm-to-table breakfast. Thanks to Kelly Dalbec and Chris Giglio for donating farm fresh eggs, Monti Market in Princeton for some food donations and purchases, Hubbard's Farm in Princeton for organic breakfast meats. Thanks for Lisa and Rocky Trotto, and the many hands to make the event happen – Jon Scott, Joe Picariello, Duffy Lanciana, Jaye Fitzgerald, Tom MacIntosh, Mark Coolidge, Michael Sacco, Mike Rainville, and Wayne Adams.

Signup now for Youth Turkey program at Norco, visit URL <https://www.mass.gov/guides/youth-turkey-hunt-program#-find-a-mandatory-youth-turkey-seminar-> Norco training date is April 4th; Youth Day hunt is April 25th. Questions can be sent to youth-turkey@norco.club

Norco Sportsmen's Dinner Tickets are now on sale at the club, \$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>. More event details at <https://www.norco.club/news-event-gallery/norco-sportsmans-dinner-march-2020/>

We are still seeking game donations for the Norco March Sportsmen's Dinner. 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. We have 4 chefs working on a tasty menu and we'll be looking for more volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup.

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 had to cancel its ice fishing derby, again 😞. Our next fishing derby is Saturday April 18th. There is no fishing in the pond until the derby. For the spring derby, the pond will be stocked with three types of trout: rainbow, brown, and brook. There will be a pond cleanup day on April 4th to clear out the summer brush and ready the fish shed.

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.

We recently ran two classes: CPR/Gun Shot Wound class with instructor Scott Goldstein and Know the Law: Self Defense Law for Armed Citizens and the Legal Aftermath of Use of Force with John McAdam. Each class had 12 participants, many attendees are from Norco. Wayne Adams is soliciting interest for this Fall to repeat these classes -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.

If you have not renewed your 2020 dues – guess what – you are late! Last chance to pay without late fee penalty will be at the March members meeting, on March 12th. Renewals are available online with a credit card as well visit URL <https://bit.ly/2uWiafN> . Email membership@norco.club with any questions.

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 .

WCLSC has launched a county-wide Community Calendar for sportsmen. Visit www.wclsc.org/events or www.tockify.com/wclsc . Never be bored when there is so much to do every weekend - events, competitions, fund raisers, eating, shooting, fishing, education, gear-swaps. If you have a club or organization sportsmen event open to the public, submit it to the calendar for posting. Norco is listing its public events there.