

Norco News WCL April 2020

Member COVID-19 Alert and Norco Precautions

- Clubhouse bar, rentals, and clubhouse scheduled programs – closed/canceled until end of April
- Ranges open for use – use social distance guidelines
- Men’s room at clubhouse accessible; as well as all emergency medical kits
- New gate key program postponed until May members meeting, May 9th
- Questions, refunds, future rentals – email wayne@norco.club or call the club phone 978-464-5243
- Watch website and email for decisions for the April Fishing Derby, April 18th
- New memberships applications accepted at May 9th meeting

Club House Temporarily Closed - Until End of April ; Ranges and Grounds 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 978-464-5243

Calendar

April 2020 (Clubhouse Closed all Month)

- 4 Pond Area Cleanup, Burn Day
- 4 **Canceled-** Youth Turkey Hunter Ed
- 9 **Canceled** - Business Meeting
- 18 Spring Fishing Derby – **to be decided and posted to website and club email**
- 23 Executive Board Meeting
- 25 Youth Turkey Hunt
- 26 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

May 2020

- 7 Business Meeting **and Gate Key Exchange Program**
- 9 Spring Clean-up Day
- 9&10 Metal Recycle Days
- 21 Executive Board Meeting
- 31 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

June 2020

- 6 & 7 Rescheduled from March 14 & 15, Session 2 Pheasant Taxidermy workshop
- 11 Business Meeting
- 13 Steakout – Ribeye Your Way – Tickets go on sale in May
- 15 Basic Hunter Ed Program June 15, 17, 20, and 22
- 20 Central MA NWTF Annual Heritage Banquet – Sturbridge MA

25 Executive Board Meeting

31 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

Range closures:

Pistol Range: April 6th 9am-5pm; April 13th 9am-5pm April 19th, 12-8 ; April 20th 1-9PM; April 24th 9-5PM; April 26th, 12-2; April 27th 9-5pm; May 5th 2-7pm; May 11th 6pm-9pm; May 14th 6-9pm; May 15th 9am-5pm; May 16th 9am-5pm ; May 31st 12-2; June 7th 12N-8pm; June 11th 1pm-9pm; June 28th 12-2PM. When pistol range is scheduled to be closed, consider using the 25 yard rifle range.

Rifle Range: none for April, May, June

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

Archery Target Range and 3D Course: Target Range to be open by April 1st; 3D range opening by May 10th

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 Basic Hunter Ed class is scheduled for June 15 (6-10pm), 17 (6-10pm) , 20 (8am-5pm) , and 22 (6-10pm). Signup through MA Wildlife website: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/basic-hunter-education-courses> Questions can be emailed to President@norco.club

Norco March 28th Sportsmen's Dinner Tickets are being refunded, email wayne@norco.club or call club. Please detail the ticket numbers you have. Club will decide in April/May when to reschedule the Sportsmen's Dinner. You have the option to retain your current ticket (not request a refund yet) and exchange it for a new one once a new date is set.

Norco leadership has launched a new Fundraising Committee to create more club fundraisers and run them. Committee will research ideas, establish budgets, and targets. Many starting ideas are quick to be observed – by looking at other clubs in the county – spanning more raffles for sporting goods and gift cards, wide range of turkey shoots (trap, pistol, rifle), competitions open to the public with entrée fees and prizes, meat raffles, attracting rentals (e.g. outdoor education), etc. If interested to join this committee, please email wayne@norco.club or call the club, leave a message.

WCLSC is 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.

The Norco gate key exchange program will start at the May 7th business meeting. A nominal deposit will be required and a member has to be in good standing with paid 2020 dues.

Norco did draw the March 28th raffle tickets for 3 winners as promoted; winners have been contacted.

Norco has closed its PO Box and all future correspondence should only be addressed to 91 Houghton Road, Princeton MA 01541.

Norco June 13th Steakout Dinner Tickets will go on sale in May and online.

Norco Tractor Training completed one training session with more to come. Details about the Norco Tractor are here <https://www.norco.club/about-us/tractor/>

The annual Spring Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th. Derby is for members and guests. Fishing starts at 7am and derby winners determined at 12N. Thereafter, members are welcome to fish the pond at their convenience. Norco has a 3 fish per day catch limit. The Derby is looking for volunteers to help with setup, cooking, measuring, and cleanup.

Email wayne@norco.club if interested. If the club has decided to cancel the derby due to the virus, this notice will be on the club website and emailed. When fishing, maintain social distances of 6' minimum.

Norco Kids Day , March 7th, was well attended, estimated over 60 visitors (parents and kids). Many thanks to the many Norco volunteers! Pictures from the day are here: <https://www.norco.club/news-event-gallery/photos-and-videos-2020/kids-day-3-2020/> Volunteers included Rick Coen, John Stirup, Kathy & Roger Hultgren, Lisa & Rocky Trotto, Rudy Sax, Mike Rainville, Chris & Liam Norcross, Chris Giglio, Kelly Dalbec, Tony Davenport, Jim Turgeon, Len Pukaite, and Wayne Adams.

The first session of a Beaver pelt/hooping workshop went well this past March 8th. Many thanks to Mass Trappers for their knowledge, time, beavers, fleshing tools, and patience. Pictures from the workshop are here. <https://www.norco.club/news-event-gallery/photos-and-videos-2020/beaver-3-2020/> Once pelts are tanned, we'll move onto making hoops and hooping. Special thanks for Rick Merchant (VP Mass Trappers) for the beavers, the demonstrations, and organizing Mass Trappers. And Mike Rainville (Norco member and Mass Trappers Board) for the demonstrations, student assistance, and getting this idea off the ground last year

Norco has reserved a table for the WCLSC Annual Banquet, June 27th. 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. This Banquet was rescheduled from March 21st. The WCL did hold its two Henry rifle drawing on March 21st and winners contacted.

Late membership renewals are available online with a credit card at URL <https://bit.ly/2TI7cE0> . 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; 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. Cross-check with the event organizer if the event is being held as listed, or rescheduled/canceled due to COVID-19 precautions.