

Norco News WCL May 2020

Member COVID-19 Alert and Norco Precautions

- Visit www.norco.club for the most up to date alerts – all programs in May still to be decided as of 4/16/20
This includes May 7th Members Meeting, May 9th Cleanup Day, May 9th and 10th Metal Recycle Program
- Clubhouse bar, rentals, and clubhouse scheduled programs – closed/canceled until further notice
- Trap/skeet operations closed; range open for members only with handthrowers
- Rifle, pistol, archery ranges open for use – use social distance guidelines
- Pond open for fishing – use social distance guidelines
- Men’s room at clubhouse accessible; as well as all emergency medical kits; weekly sanitization done
- New gate key program postponed until May members meeting, May 7th
- New memberships applications accepted at May 7th meeting
- Questions, refunds, future rentals – email wayne@norco.club or call the club phone 978-464-5243

Club House Temporarily Closed – Until Further Notice

Calendar

May 2020

XX **Check website and watch for email for all May activities if they are on/off:**

7 Business Meeting and Gate Key Exchange Program

9 Spring Clean-up Day; rain date May 10

9&10 Metal Recycle Days

21 Executive Board Meeting

31 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

June 2020

6 & 7 Session 2 Pheasant Taxidermy workshop (rescheduled from March 14 & 15)

7 Defensive Handgun 2 Class

11 Business Meeting

13 Steakout – Ribeye Your Way

15 Basic Hunter Ed Program June 15, 17, 20, and 22

20 Central MA NWTF Annual Heritage Banquet – Sturbridge MA

25 Executive Board Meeting

27 WCLSC Annual Awards Banquet, West Boylston

31 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

July 2020

4 Clubhouse and Trap/Skeet Operations Closed for July 4th; all grounds and ranges open

9 Business Meeting

- 12 Defensive Handgun 3 Class
- 23 Executive Board Meeting
- 26 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

Range closures:

Pistol Range: May 5th 9-5pm; May 11th 9-5pm; 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; July 12th 12N-8pm; July 26th 12N-2pm. When pistol range is scheduled to be closed, consider using the 25 yard rifle range.

Rifle Range: none for May, June, July

Trap/Skeet Range: trap/skeet houses closed until further notice; members-only range use with handthrowers

Archery Target Range and 3D Course: Target Range open; 3D range planned 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.

Pond fishing available for members and accompanied guests. Limit 2 fish per person. Catch and keep; no catch and release. Please maintain social distance. Please use the trash can. Many members, young and old, have been successful in April catching trout on lures and live bait. Fish are gorging on the pond's salamanders, minnows, tadpoles, and insect hatches breaking the surface.

Check website if program is on/off: 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.

Check website if meeting is on/off: 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. Congrats to Mark C., Holden, CZ 12 Ga. Semi-Auto Shotgun; Kevin K., Hubbardston, .50 Cal Optima Black Powder, and Lisa L., Fitchburg, Ruger 10/22

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

Norco June 13th Steakout Dinner Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://bit.ly/3eta0Nx> and in the clubhouse when it is open. Volunteers sought to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Meal includes Ribeye steak grilled to your doneness, baked potato, side vegetable, and garden salad. Tickets are \$18 per person.

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

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. To date, there are 9 Norco members planning to attend.

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: 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 lists 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.**

Check website if program is on/off: Norco Metal Recycle Days on May 9 and 10. If you have scrap metal to recycle as a donation to Norco– Norco has a collection weekend on May 9 and 10 with a roll-off container in the parking lot, 8am to 5pm 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 (including air conditioners), propane tanks that are disassembled, light fixtures with bulbs removed, etc. See the list below. Any spent brass shell casings can go anytime to the rifle range barrel and are not to be placed into the roll-off bin. Before you can drop, you need to send an email [wayne@norco.club] or call/txt msg Wayne Adams 508-631-8883 to pre-approve your items and receive additional guidance on prepping an item. If you are not on the list to make a drop, you may be turned away. There are a number of items that will not be accepted, just like any recycle center. At this May program, we will not be handling computer/tv electronic devices, anything that can be considered hazmat material/liquid with metal such as metal pipes encased in asbestos, undrained fluids in motorized equipment, etc.. See the list marked with the X. If you have an automobile to donate, a special pickup can be arranged at your house on a mutual date. Also, looking for volunteers to help with this program.

Check website if program is on/off: Norco Spring Cleanup Day, Saturday May 9th, 8am – mid-afternoon. Volunteer and earn your 2020 work credit hours. Focus will be on the grounds and maintaining social distance amongst the work teams. Though Norco has power equipment and a tractor, we encourage members to bring their own too, as well as work gloves and your own hand tools. Tasks include leaf blowing, planting the entranceway, road maintenance, setting out picnic tables, dead tree removal, cutting trees on the road between the club house and trap range, power line tree cutback, pond edge cleanup, range trash removal, range target repairs and brass cleanup, wood chip spreading, firewood cutting, etc. Come at 8am to select the projects you want to work on, grab a coffee and a donut. Lunch served for all volunteers. Email wayne@norco.club with questions. Rain date will be Sunday May 10th.