

Norco News WCL October 2020

Member COVID-19 Alert and Norco Precautions

- Visit www.norco.club for the most up to date alerts –
- **October activities to take place:**
 - o Trap and skeet open Monday (6-9), Thursday (6-9), and Saturday (1-4)
 - o 3D Archery is setup with 10 stations (will remain up until Thanksgiving)
 - o Pheasant Season starts Saturday October 17th; no program for breakfast or lunch; on your own
 - o **All ranges closed all day for Pheasant Hunting on October 17th, 24th, 31st**
 - o Pistol Pin Shoot Sunday October 25th
 - o Metal recycle days October 10th and 11th
- Clubhouse bar, rentals, and clubhouse scheduled programs – **closed/canceled until further notice**
- 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
- Questions, event ticket refunds, future rentals – email wayne@norco.club or call the club phone 978-464-5243

Club House & Bar Temporarily Closed – Until Further Notice

Calendar

October 2020

- 1 GOAL MA Gun Law Seminar 6-9pm, via teleconference, RSVP via email wayne@norco.club
- 3 Youth Deer Hunt
- 8 Members meeting and elect 2021 officers
- 10 Fall Cleanup Day
- 10, 11 Metal Recycle Days
- 17,24,31 Pheasant Hunting (no breakfast or lunch program due to covid-19) **all ranges closed**
- 22 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot – last one of the year weather permitting

November 2020

- 12 Members meeting and elect 2021 officers
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Pheasant Hunting (no breakfast or lunch program due to covid-19) **all ranges closed**
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Fun 22LR Turkey Shoot at Trap Range, 6PM
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

December 2020

- 6 Canceled – Family Christmas Party
- 10 Members meeting

- 24 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 31/1 Happy New Year

Range closures:

Pistol Range: Oct all day 17,24,31; Nov all day 7,14,21,28. Oct 18 12N-8PM. Oct 25 12N-2PM. When pistol range is scheduled to be closed, consider using the 25 yard rifle range.

Rifle Range: October all day 17, 24, 31; Nov 7,14,21,28 all day. Oct 2 9am-5pm; Oct 4 12N-8pm; Oct 6 9am-5pm; Oct 8 1pm-9pm; Oct 14 9am-5pm

Trap/Skeet: October all day 17, 24,31; Nov 7,14,24,31 all day; Nov 26

Archery Target Range and 3D Course: October all day 17, 24, 31; Nov 7,14,24,31 all day

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.

October 8th Members Meeting – option to attend in person or to remotely participate by PC or Phone. Meeting start time is 7:30PM. To remotely participate use the following GoToMeeting details:

Please join meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/738971789>

You can dial in using your phone. 1 (408) 650-3123, then enter access Code: 738-971-789, then enter #

Norco Youth Pheasant Program had a successful program for 11 youth this year. Every hunter brought home pheasants. Many volunteers were involved for the shotgun skills training, the hunter education outdoor classroom, and the day of the hunt with mentors and field dogs. Kelly Dalbec and Chris Giglio organized the overall program. There are many photos on the club website : <https://www.norco.club/2020/09/21/norco-youth-pheasant-hunters-have-a-meal-to-prepare/> . Norco thanks these volunteers: Field day with dogs: Mark Laverdure, Robert White, Bill Whiting, Mark Malkowski, Bob Shorter, Kevin Newell, MJ Haesche, Chris Norcross, Kathy Shirley, Paul Whalen, and Jim Valley Range help: Bob Hager, Mark Malkowski, Paul Whalen, Jim Valley, and Cindy Temple. Special thanks to Bob Shorter for the live upland bird demo and donation of youth-sized gear for the students; Kathy Whalen for bringing coffee for the mentors; and Duffy Lanciani with the outdoor classroom safety classes and picking up the breakfast for all the students/ mentors/ volunteers.

Ryan G had a successful bear hunt in NH this past September, see photo.

If you have not exchanged your gate key for a new one, with a \$10 deposit, please email membership@norco.club to make arrangements. Keys can be exchanged at the members at the monthly business meeting October 8th, second Thursday of every month. Email membership@norco.club with any questions.

Firearm instructor Joseph Picariello is soliciting interest for DH pistol classes. Scheduled classes in October are full. DH Range sessions are held at Norco Pistol Range. Shotgun sessions are held on the Rifle Range. Classroom session for DH1 are held at a private residence during COVID-19. wachusettfirearmtraining@yahoo.com or call 978-464-2776 .

Pheasant Hunting program starts on October 17th. There will be no breakfast or lunch program. Bill Whiting and a few other volunteers are coordinating the weekly pheasant pickups as well as the Saturday program. On Saturday's birds are set out at 6AM and 11AM. Hunting the fields in small groups runs between 8AM-10:30AM and 1PM-dusk. If interesting in volunteering, please email Bill, Bill@norco.club . Dogs doing their business should use the area behind the dumpster, not the lawn; pickup accidents on the lawn and place in the dumpster.

Our October meeting is officer, director, and trustee elections. Prior to the elections, we will call for any last nominations. Jaye Fitzgerald and Jay Johnston are this year's election committee and can be reached at elections@norco.club to nominate a person before the start of the October 8th meeting.

We are on the home stretch for earning volunteer hours. October fall cleanup day can earn 6 or more hours, Saturday October 10th 8am-2pm; bring your own yard tools and power tools. We do need 1-2 pole saws for the day and the club does not have any. Club does have some power tools and hand tools, but not enough for everyone. There is a full day of work tasks we'll punch through. Email wayne@norco.club if you have any questions. Should the 10th be an all day rain, rain date is Oct 11th.

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

Metal recycle days are October 10th and 11th, 8am-5pm in the club parking lot. Can accept metals of all kinds; appliances, lead batteries, wiring, car rims (no tires), steel, aluminum, brass, copper, lead, etc. Any item with a gas engine needs oil and gas drained ahead of bringing it in. Any propane tank has to have removed the valve off the tank (bleed it first before removing it). No electronics. NO AFTER HOUR DROPOFFS. Any questions email wayne@norco.club

Mass Wildlife has resumed stocking trout this fall. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/trout-stocking-report> Mass Wildlife will be stocking pheasants at area WMAs. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-pheasant-stocked-area>