

Norco News WCL July 2021

Calendar

July 2021

- 8 Members Meeting
- 22 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Pistol Pin Shoot

August 2021

- 12 Members Meeting
- 14 Lobster Bake
- 17 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training
- 24 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting
- 29 Pistol Pin Shoot
- 31 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training

Range closures:

Pistol Range: 7/25 12-2 ; 8/9 5pm-9pm; 8/12 5pm-9pm, 8/29 12-2, When pistol range is scheduled closed for class, use the 25 yard rifle range.

Rifle Range: 7/12, 9am-2pm

Trap/Skeet: 8/17 6-9PM; 8/24 6-9PM; 8/31 6-9PM

Archery Target and 3D Range: none

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 2021 calendar is now on the website for download. The detailed event calendar is up to date for all of 2021.

NEWS

July 8th Members Meeting will be held at the clubhouse, meeting starts promptly at 7:30PM.

Clubhouse bar is open on Thursdays, 7PM-11PM. Any person interested in becoming a bartender, email wayne@norco.club or txt 508-631-8883. A bartender earns volunteer hours; tips go towards funding youth programs. Clubhouse can be rented now with bar service for any day of the week. The club has not staffed yet to have regular Saturday service. The bar opened on June 17th.

We plan to have more details about the August Lobsterbake at the July members meeting, including ticket sales.

Board member Paul Caneen resigned in May. In June, the members elected Adam Charest for the balance of the term, until December 31. Club thanks Paul for bootstrapping many overdue repair and improvement projects.

On June 12th, the Club drew winners for the Cabela's Gift Card Raffle and for the Archery Equipment Raffle. The winners are as follows: Cabela's Gift Card \$600 : Carey Hartman; Cabela's Gift Card \$300 : Mark Winward; Cabela's Gift Card

\$100 : Joe Reed . Archery Practice Butt Winners (total of 4, 1 butt per person): Kelly Dalbec, Barry Hines, Chris Giglio, Duffy Lanciani; Archery Bow Case Winner : Adam Charest

Norco will be hosting Fall Pheasant Hunting Program this year, starting with shotgun training at the trap range in August. Email youth-pheasant@norco.club if interested. Program is looking for 20 gauge ammo donations, shot size 7-9. Can trade 20 gauge for 12 gauge.

June 12th Family Fun Day Wrap-up : Many enjoyed the summer food cooking: including cheeseburgers, hotdogs, venison sausage, venison burgers, and moose teriyaki ; just hanging out with friends; and waiting for the raffles to be drawn. Thanks for the generous food program donations. Norco thanks the following volunteers for these “try-it and learn something new” activities. This new fun day concept sounded good on paper, however, uptake by the members and guests was minimal. Trap and Skeet: Rick Marrama and Pat Carney ; Bushcraft: Mike Rainville; Youth Archery: Chris Norcross; Rifle and Pistol: Ed Soule, Chris Martel, Tomas Maestas, and Joe Picariello and the members who provided complimentary ammo and sporting arms. Not be left out, thanks for the cooking, drawings, and cleanup volunteers: Rocky Trotto, Rudy Sax, Ed Bonnell ,Carolyn Bonnell, and Wayne Adams .

June 19th Flyfishing Workshop Wrap-up: This new Norco Class introduced 8 students flyfishing equipment, knots, casting techniques, and fly-tying. The program was pulled together with Cody Coyne, Chris Giglio, Ryan Cashman (President of NE Fly Tyers), and Wayne Adams. The club on hand a fly-tying bench with pre-kitted flies, a rod and reel to practice with (if they did not have their own gear). Cody, an advanced fly fisherman and instructor, led a fun-filled, informative morning session including a dry fly tying project. The afternoon headed onto the lawn to practice a few casting techniques covered in the classroom. Afterwards, students pursued their interests further – tying more flies with Ryan and Cody, casting with Chris on the pond. Students have many paths to pursue now, to work 1x1 with an instructor, join the Fly Tyers in the fall, and seek out area chapters of Trout Unlimited. Norco can host another workshop, should there be enough interest. See pictures in this issue. More pictures are on the Norco website.

Pistol Pin Shoots are on the last Sunday of each Month. Bring extra ammo in case someone needs some and a deal can be worked out. April and May were rain-outs.

Norco voted to match every member’s cash/check/credit donation made to the MCA, effectively doubling the club’s contribution. To date, Mass Conservation Alliance has raised over \$50,000 towards its target of \$70,000. Raised funds to have lobbyists advance state bills for Sunday hunting, crossbow hunting, reduced archery setbacks, and state’s general fund reimbursement DFW for senior licenses. To make a donation by credit card, visit <https://bit.ly/mca-action-fund> or send check with memo MCA Sportsmen Action Fund, to WCLSC PO Box 766, West Boylston, MA 01583. Donations are not tax deductible. There are plans underway for a silent auction in August and a September raffle and dinner event. Item donations can be made for the raffles and auctions, with minimum reserves. Any questions can be directed to mca.action.fund@gmail.com Details are at massconservationalliance.org

If you have been missing the monthly members meetings, you are not earning those easy volunteer work credit hours.

Many new members have asked, how do I become a voting member of the club. I’ve joined as an Associate Member and want to become an integral part of the club as a Regular Member. Also, we have long-timers wanting to know when they become a Life member. The following sections are from the Club Bylaws. The club leadership accepts all requests by July, makes decisions in August, so any changes are in effect for September nominations and October elections. Some of the criteria includes 12 or more months of membership, exceeding one’s volunteer hour commitment, and stepping up in leadership/mentoring/work activity roles.

Article IV Section 1. A Regular Member is a member over the age of 18 in good standing who has been approved for upgrade from an Associate or Junior Membership status. He/She will have all the privileges of the Norco Sportsman’s Club, including the right to vote and to hold office. A majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting is required to grant Regular Member membership. Membership upgrade requirements may be set by policy

established by the Executive Committee and approved by the majority of members at a regular business meeting. Work requirements shall be defined under the Club Policies.

Article IV Section 1a. Any Regular Member who fails to meet their minimum work requirement can be considered for downgrade to Associate Member by the Executive Committee and 2/3 vote of the members at a regular business meeting. Work requirements shall be defined under the Club Policies.

Article IV Section 4. **Life Membership qualification are;** a member in good standing for 15 years of continuous Regular membership and the sum of their years of Regular membership added to their age are equal to or greater than 80 years will qualify for Life membership. The Life Member will have all the duties and responsibilities of a Regular Member. Membership dues and work requirements for Life Membership are waived.