

Norco News WCL June 2021

Member COVID-19 Alert and Norco Precautions

- Visit www.norco.club for the most up to date alerts
- **Monthly member meeting June 10thth is both on the lawn and remote**
- Clubhouse bar, rentals, and clubhouse scheduled programs – now **accepting non-bar dependent rentals**
- Rifle, pistol, archery ranges open for use – use social distance guidelines and have a mask
- Pond open to fishing, 6 fish per week, 2 per day
- 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 Remain Closed – Until Further Notice

Calendar

June 2021

- 10 Members Meeting (Both on Lawn and Remote Participation)
- 12 Family Fun Day PLUS 2 Raffle Drawings – Cabela Gift Cards and Archery Gear
- 19-26 **see club website for fly-tying and casting workshop
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 Pistol Pin Shoot

July 2021

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

Range closures:

Pistol Range: 6/17 7PM-9PM, 6/19 9-6PM, 6/27 12-2, 7/25 12-2 When pistol range is scheduled closed for class, use the 25 yard rifle range.

Rifle Range: 6/2 6PM-dusk; 6/9 6PM-dusk , 6/13 12-8, 6/15 9am-2pm; 6/16 9am-2pm

Trap/Skeet: none

Archery Target Range is now open with a dedicated crossbow target ; 3D Course is open

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.

June 10th members meeting will be held on the lawn with the option to also participate remotely. If attending on the lawn, do wear a mask and socially distance.

Norco Members Meeting Thu, Jun 10, 2021 7:30 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/351947509>

You can also dial in using your phone. : [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122) , Access Code: 351-947-509

Kelly Dalbec and Chris Giglio have been helping youth hunters fulfill their youth turkey hunting experience, volunteering time taking youth to their favorite hunting grounds. See picture in this months issue and the large smile on that hunters face! 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.

June 12th Steakout will not happen. However June 12th Family Fun Day will happen. This is a new program, low key, no advance tickets to purchase. Activities are geared to try something new, regardless of what you already do, with a bias to youth. Archery range will have compound bows and crossbows to try – shoot out a balloon or a 3D target, rifle/pistol range will have an assortment of calibers to try, trap & skeet range will have shotguns and ammo to try a round of 5 clays, in one of our fields there will be a few bushcraft demonstrations to make fires and emergency shelters. Non-members will be asked to sign a waiver if they choose to handle bows or firearms. While this is all going on, pick and choose the activity as you may, there will be food to order/buy dogs, burgers, venison sausage and seating on the club patio. At the end of the day, Norco will hold two drawings Cabela Gift Card drawing and its Archery Target drawing. Tickets can be bought on the same day. Though all the activities are for free, due to generous donations of ammo, loan of firearms and archery gear, donations are welcome. Watch the state COVID guidelines...life is getting back to normal, come out and kickoff your summer. Though fishing will be possible in the pond, it may be fished out, we may have fishing skills going on teaching how to tie knots, work a lure. The Gift Card Raffle is for \$600, \$300, and \$100 – 5 tickets for \$20; 1 ticket for \$5. Archery tickets are \$1 each, 4butts and 1 case to be raffled.

Many thanks for the volunteers to make Spring Cleanup, fundraising with the metal recycle days including some at residence pickups, and installing a 2nd garage door dedicated for the Mule/ATV. If you helped and your name is not here, email wayne@norco.club to get credit: Rudy Sax, Don Schoeney, Rocky Trotto, Peter Abramson (and the Mrs), Bill Whiting, Ed Bonnell, Len Pukaite, Erik Garcia, Mike Rainville, Doug Ross, Leo Larocque, Donna Larocque, Tom Maestas, Neil Smith, Duffy and Mary Lanciani, Ken White, and Wayne Adams. Anyone looking for volunteer hours to work on your own time or small projects, please email wayne@norco.club

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 was a rainout. Another season awaits for anyone to topple Bill, Ryan, Tomas, and Barry. Those of us less skilled will drain their wallets this year given ammo prices!

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 \$40,000 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, table raffle, and dinner event for mid-late summer. Item donations can be made for the raffles and auctions, with minimum reserves. More details are forthcoming. Any questions can be directed to mca.action.fund@gmail.com Details are at massconservationalliance.org

Firearm training classes held at Norco are through Joe Picariello and he is taking signups now for Fall classes. Email Joe if interested. wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com Don't let ammo prices and empty store shelves keep you off the range. Remington is up and running again and other MA internet-order friendly companies like Midwayusa.com and Budsgunshop.com have range ammo. Unfortunately, Targetsportsusa.com has been more or less empty for several months.

If you have been missing the monthly members meetings, you are not earning those easy volunteer work credit hours. Several quick updates what is going on at the club: Trap and skeet continue to have good turnout- open 3 days a week. Looking for ammo, look over online retailer midwayusa.com – popular range ammo for trap, skeet, pistol, and rifle – at market prices. Club has pheasants on order for the fall program. Another 18-wheeler of clays is on the way. Club has restored field behind pistol range for pheasant hunting. The club garage will have a new roof, siding, and 2nd garage door. Clubhouse 2nd floor was refinished. Fishing derby went well. Club finances are stable with the endowment fund, range donations, fundraisers and raffles underway. Archery range refreshed the range butts, staged a raffle, and will resume 15 3D stations with additional targets being acquired. Youth Turkey hunter ed was held. Though several indoor programs and bar have been effected by COVID – hats off to the club leadership, range chairs, and volunteers to keep the club at 100% of our traditional outdoor programs.

Due to timing of this newsletter – all the details for the Norco Flyfishing workshop are not in this issue. The classes are on for late June for flyting and casting. The club over 10+ years ago had invested in student flytying kits. For 2 months, we looked all over the club and struck out...they are gone, crap, now what. And then we moved some dusty bins around in the garage to install the 2nd door...and what a pleasant surprise to find them, in a lidded container, looking as new as the day they were bought. Classes are between June 19-26, email wayne@norco.club