

Norco News WCL August 2021

Calendar

August 2021

- 12 Members Meeting
- 15 Lobster Bake (changed from the Saturday 14th)
- 17 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training
- 24 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting
- 29 Pistol Pin Shoot
- 31 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training

September 2021

- 7 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training
- 9 Members Meeting and Officer Nominations
- 14 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Training
- 18 Youth Pheasant Training, clubhouse
- 21 Youth Pheasant Shotgun Pre-Hunt Training
- 23 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Youth Pheasant Hunt – all ranges closed for the day
- 25 Norco Smoked BBQ (formerly the pigroast)
- 26 Pistol Pin Shoot

Range closures:

Pistol Range: 8/9 5pm-9pm; 8/12 5pm-9pm, 8/29 12-2, 9/18 9-6PM, 9/25 9am-5PM. When pistol range is scheduled closed for class, use the 25 yard rifle range.

Rifle Range: 9/25: 9am-5PM

Trap/Skeet: 8/17 6-9PM; 8/24 6-9PM; 8/31 6-9PM ; 9/25 9am-5PM

Archery Target and 3D Range: 9/25 7am to 5PM

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 and Youth Pheasant Hunt Day Sept 25.

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

August 12th Members Meeting will be held at the clubhouse, meeting starts promptly at 7:30PM. Prior to the meeting, between 6PM-7PM Norco will have food to order, hamburger, hotdog, or moose shish kabobs with rice pilaf. If you have been missing the monthly members meetings, you are not earning those easy volunteer work credit hours.

Norco will hold a Basic Hunter Education Class in mid-late August. To sign-up, please register through MA Division of Fish and Wildlife. The class is not listed yet on the website, but important to get in the queue now since these classes fill up immediately once posted. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/basic-hunter-education-courses> . Sign up w/DFW to be notified: <https://form.jotform.com/82404977446971>

Norco Youth Pheasant Training at the trap range gets underway in August, on Tuesdays. Any questions can be emailed to Kelly and Chris, at youth-pheasant@norco.club . Program is still accepting donations of 12ga and 20 ga trap/skeet loads.

Norco Clambake date is Sunday August 15th. (This is a change from Saturday August 14th). Dinner ticket options are \$30 for lobster w/steamer clams and \$15 for 1/2 chicken. Tickets can be bought at the clubhouse bar on Thursdays , RSVP through wayne@norco.club , or online at <https://bit.ly/norco-clambake-tickets> . If wanting to volunteer for the event for setup, service, cleanup or help with cooking, email wayne@norco.club . Seafood prices were high in July, if the prices come down in August, lobster ticket holders will get a refund or drink tickets. The rest of the menu includes clam chowder, potatoes, corn, cole slaw, watermelon, cheese platter.

For pistol shooters, 9mm target ammo has been in steady supply now at Target Sports USA, an online retailer who will ship to the door step in MA. Target ammo has been hovering between 40 cents to 50 cents a round based on case metal and brand. Buy by the case and get free shipping. If you enroll in a Defensive Handgun Class, typical round count is between 200-300 rounds, 4 to 6 boxes. A case is usually 10 boxes. Also, bulk packs of 22LR have been in supply. www.targetsportsusa.com Ammo is also hit or miss at local FFL shops and stores like Four Seasons and Cabela's .

There are 2 sessions of Defensive Handgun 1 womens-only classes scheduled in September, Sept 18 and Oct 2 , with a classroom prep session on Sept 17 evening. If interested to sign-up, email Joe at wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com .

Save the date for the annual Norco hosted GOAL MA Firearm Law seminar, October 21, 6PM-9.30PM. Attendance is free and encouraged to bring guests, especially those who have just became new firearm owners in the past few years.

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. No shoots were held due to weather in April, May, June.

Spring metal recycle days and range brass recycling tallied up over \$1400 in new club funds. Next recycle program is in October.

The Garage Roof Project is complete and a few photos are in this issue. Big thanks to Bill Whiting for coordinating the project, Jared Smith for the debris container and roof stripping/prep work, and Devan Smith, one of our junior members, who enjoyed operating the roof nail gun. Other thanks for volunteers on the roof and the ground – Mike Rainville, Chris Norcross, Rocky Trotto, Paul Whalen, Barb Adams, and Wayne Adams. There are three major garage projects for the year : install second, dedicated garage door for the mule/ATV – done; new roof- done; repair wood siding and trim and cover with vinyl siding – scheduled for August. The web hyperlink to all the pictures are at <https://www.norco.club/2021/07/07/norco-garage-roof-complete-thanks-volunteers/> .

Norco will match every member's cash/check/credit donation made to the MCA Action Fund, effectively doubling the club's contribution. To date, Norco has raised over \$750. To date, Mass Conservation Alliance has raised over \$50,000 towards its target of \$70,000. Raised funds to date have hired lobbyists to advance state bills for Sunday hunting, crossbow hunting, reduced archery setbacks, and state's general fund reimbursement DFW for senior licenses. For

details on the MCA program and Norco's support, visit <https://www.norco.club/2021/07/10/mca-action-fund-campaign/> . If you want to make a Norco contribution to the MCA campaign, please reach out to Rocky Trotto, rock@norco.club ; this is to ensure Norco contributes its matching amount.

Norco thanks all of its members who attended the MA Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) public hearings for the proposed new license fees and stamp fees; as well as those who commented during the session or submitted comments through the DFW form submission. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-funding> There has been no new DFW communications since the close of the comment period on July 8th. The next step for DFW is for the DFW Board to make decisions and recommendations, and then forward the recommendations onto the Office of the Governor for the Governor to approve. Norco, WCLSC, and MCA have been supportive of the revised fees, to enable DFW to continue to provide high quality sporting programs. In the meantime, GOAL still has an online petition for the proposed fees, seeking support for the fees only if the legislature advances important legislation to benefit sportsmen – the some of the same legislation MCA has hired lobbyists to help advance. The GOAL weblink is <https://www.goal.org/No-MassWildlife-Fee-Increases-Without-Changes> and looking for 2000 more electronic signatures <https://www.change.org/StopMassWildlifeFeeIncreases>