

Norco News WCL December 2021

Calendar

December 2021

- 5 Member Christmas Party, Potluck and Raffles, 2PM-5PM
- 9 Members Meeting , with optional hot meal for \$5
- 12 CNEBC Field Trials 7-2
- 13 Deer Muzzleloader Season Starts
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting
- 23 Norco Bar with Potluck

January 2022

- 1 Happy New Year
- 13 Members Meeting
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting
- 29 MCA Fundraiser Dinner, Marlboro F&G
- 31 2022 Dues Payment Due

Range closures:

Pistol Range: 12/12 12-2PM

Rifle Range: 12/12 12-2PM

Trap/Skeet: 12/25 1-4PM ranges closed; 1/1/2022 1-4PM ranges closed

Archery Target and 3D Range: Closed until Spring 2022; all targets are in storage

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 16 - Nov 27 and Youth Pheasant Hunt Day Sept 25.

Visit the Norco Events Calendar for more details on all events <https://www.norco.club/events/> The detailed event calendar is up to date for all of 2021 and a draft for 2022 is posted.

NEWS

December 5th Norco Christmas Party is looking for raffle table donations. Party runs 2-5PM, is family friendly with a visit from Santa. Potluck and Yankee Gift Swap. RSVP kids headcount and ages (for present). Email santa@norco.club . Looking for volunteers to setup, run the event, and clean-up.

December 9th 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 for \$5 – Asian style dumplings and lo-mein noodles with vegetables. If you have been missing the monthly members meetings, you are not earning those easy volunteer work credit hours.

Norco has launched a fund raising raffle for its youth programs. 3 prizes : choice of a gift card to Bass Shop Pro, Cabela's, Kittery Trading Post, LLBean, Four Seasons Firearms, or VISA \$599. Ticket donations are \$10

each; 3 for \$25; 8 for \$50. To order tickets, email raffle@norco.club; stop in at the bar, or visit the club website to download an order form. Drawing will take place at June 11th Steakout, 2022.

On December 23rd, Norco bar will have potluck evening. Bar has winter brews in stock and monthly specials. Bar open Thursday evenings December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Members can bring in guests.

On Thursday, November 16th, Norco hosted its annual 22LR marksmanship fun turkey shoot. About 20 youth and adults came out to compete. Two turkeys and one ham found new homes. Enjoy for holidays!

Bill Whiting had self nominated himself to fill the 2022 Secretary Officer position; the Executive Committee accepted this nomination and voted him in. The last remaining role Norco is seeking a volunteer for is the assistance treasurer role, which is an appointment. If interested, email wayne@norco.club or treasurer@norco.club

The club will run a pheasant taxidermy program in the February-March 2022 timeframe, so save an entire pheasant and freeze if you plan to join the next program session. Be careful to protect the tail feathers from being bent. Place a tag with your bird with your name, email, and phone number. Questions can be emailed to wayne@norco.club. Cost of the program is around \$50 plus pass the hat for lunchtime food. Program is open for repeat students. Other birds that can be done in this program include woodcock, chukkar, quail, and ruffed grouse.

Other Norco programs you may want to get on an interest list for in 2022 are: CPR/GunShotWound classes (February and fall); beaver fleshing/tanning/hooping (March); kids day (March); Sportsman's Dinner (March). Email wayne@norco.club

Norco Christmas present ideas: Norco t-shirts (S-3XL) for \$15; Norco embroidered hats \$15/ \$18; hat/lapel pins; gift cards in any amount, raffle tickets are available for purchase at the Norco bar or email wayne@norco.club. Gift cards can be used for dues, raffle tickets, clothing/hats, dinner events, rentals and bar beverages.

The Norco Club is available for private rentals; e.g. birthday parties, special interest groups, anniversaries, etc. For more details, contact wayne@norco.club.

There is less than 1 months to earn volunteer credit hours. 15 or more hours earns a renewal discount of \$60 for 2022. Otherwise, your renewal will be \$150. There are options to come in and work on your own with your own equipment or with the club equipment for grounds care and cleanup. Looking for hours – email wayne@norco.club. The old adage of the 80 – 20 rule applies here – whereby the club observes that more than 80% of the volunteer work is done by less than 20% of the volunteers.

WCLSC will be offering raffle tickets for a Henry Golden Boy 22LR and 30-30. \$5 each / 5 for \$20. Raffle to be held March 26th, at the WCLSC annual banquet held at the Manor Restaurant in West Boylston. Dinner tickets are \$40 and tables for 8 for \$280. More details, RSVPs, or to buy tickets, email wayne@norco.club.

Mass Conservation Alliance will have a fundraiser auction and dinner on January 29th, at the Marlboro Fish and Game Club. Dinner and raffle packages can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/MCA-DU-Fundraiser-Dinner>. MCA continues to raise funds towards their \$70K target, credit card donations and logoed merchandise can be purchased at <https://www.massconservationalliance.org/mca-action-fund-merchandise.html> and <https://www.massconservationalliance.org/donations-by-check-and-credit-card.html>

For those concerned about DCR restricting access to the Ware River Watershed, the next public hearing is scheduled for January 20th, 7PM at the Rutland Public Library. WCLSC encourages everyone to attend to show support for continued access to hunting, fishing, and other types of recreation. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-watershed-plans#plan-update-in-process---ware-river-access-plan->

WCLSC is seeking volunteers as follows. Jan 29/30, help sell raffle tickets at the Marlboro Gun Show. Jan 28/29/30, help with the youth archery shooting booth and help sell raffle tickets at the New England Fishing Expo in Boxboro. Earn hours for Norco with these activities. Volunteering gains access to the event for no fee. Email wayne@norco.club and he'll put you in touch with the WCLSC activity organizer.

In closing, the Norco leadership wishes everyone the best of luck and safe hunting in December, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. We hope to hear good stories and see pictures from this Fall's hunting and fishing trips.