

## **Norco News WCL January 2022**

### **Calendar**

#### **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

#### **February 2022**

- 10 Members Meeting
- 12 Ice Fishing Derby (need volunteer leader)
- 13 Superbowl at the Clubhouse Bar
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting
- 26 CPR/GSW Class
- 28 2022 Dues Payment Due – Last Day before Late Charges
- TBA Neighborhood Breakfast

#### **Range closures:**

Pistol Range: no scheduled closures in January/February

Rifle Range: no scheduled closures in January/February

Trap/Skeet: 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 for 2022 is posted and can be downloaded/printed out.

### **NEWS**

Happy New Year!

Norco thanks outgoing officers for their 2021 leadership: Kelly Dalbec (board), Jaye Fitzgerald (trustee), Chris Giglio (board only), Jay Johnston (secretary), Duffy Lanciani (president), Tomas Maestas (asst treasurer) and Bill Whiting (director); and welcomes new 2022 elected/appointed leaders Wayne Adams (president), Rick Marrama (board), Neil Smith (asst treasurer), Ed Soule (director), Paul Whalen (director), and Bill Whiting (secretary). All other 2021 officers continue in their current roles for 2022. For a full listing of the club leaders and committee chairs, visit <https://www.norco.club/about-us/norco-leadership/>

The December 5<sup>th</sup> Norco Christmas Party went off without a hitch – lots of Santa presents, raffle items, and delicious food. See pictures as part of this issue and the club website. Photo credits go to John Mandracchia! Norco thanks Ed Bonnell for leading the team of volunteers to pull together this year's party, decorations, food program, raffle table donations, and much more. Volunteers included: Ed and Carolyn Bonnell, Rocky Trotto, Jay and Michelle Johnston, Tom MacIntosh, Rudy Sax, Charlie Folckemer, Carey Hartman, John Staruk, John and Maryanne Powers, Missy & Jack & Rachel Lee, Barb and Wayne Adams, and a close friend of Ed's – Diane and her Santa helpers. The program was able to donate funds to youth programs through its raffles.

January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 – chili, loaded potato skins, and garlic butter bread. If you have been missing the monthly members meetings, you are not earning those easy volunteer work credit hours.

Norco has launched its annual 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](mailto: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.

Norco has posted its 2022 Calendar of Meetings and Programs on its website, which can be downloaded and printed, or pickup a copy by the bar 1<sup>st</sup> floor door. <https://www.norco.club/events/>

Norco is looking for a volunteer leader to run the February 12<sup>th</sup> ice-fishing derby. Options to run the derby include local ponds such as Long Pond or Comet, or run a virtual county-wide program. Please email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) if interested to lead the program. The program on the club pond has been canceled for a few years in a row, so optimism for the club pond is low. Other country clubs use public water bodies or run a virtual program.

Other Norco programs you may want to get on an interest list for in 2022 are: CPR/GunShotWound classes (February 26<sup>th</sup>) ; beaver fleshing/tanning/hooping (March date tba); Kids Day (March 2nd); Sportsman's Dinner (March 12<sup>th</sup>). Email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

The Norco Club is available for private rentals; e.g. family celebrations and parties, special interest group meetings and seminars, etc. For more details, contact [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) . To look-over the options and fees, visit <https://www.norco.club/about-us/norco-clubhouse-and-grounds-rental/>

Norco has blaze orange hats back in stock, for \$18 at the club bar. If you want one set aside, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club). Sorry these could not come in sooner – nationwide supply chain issues caused us to run out in October.

Norco thanks member Mike Rainville and his brother for bushcraft demonstrations covering starting fires and emergency shelters. Boy scouts from the Boston area camped out in early December and earned two merit badges for these skills.

WCLSC is selling raffle tickets for a Henry Golden Boy 22LR and 30-30. \$5 each / 5 for \$20. Raffle to be held March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:wayne@norco.club) . Raffle tickets for sale at the club bar. WCLSC is accepting applications for a full scholarship to the Jr Conservation Camp, 12 day program in August. Value is \$1100 per camper.

Mass Conservation Alliance will have a fundraiser auction and dinner on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:wayne@norco.club) and he'll put you in touch with the WCLSC activity organizer.

New England Flytyers has published their 2022 class schedule for learning to fly ty Feb-April, building your own flyrod, and outings. Visit [www.newenglandflytyers.org](http://www.newenglandflytyers.org) . If there is interest in Norco repeating the 2021 flyfishing workshop led by Cody, Chris, and Ryan, please email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) – this workshop covered a wide range of topics, plus tying flies, and casting. If anyone needs to borrow a flytying bench for a class, please email wayne.