

Norco News WCL September 2021

Calendar

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- 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 Rescheduled to October 2nd Norco Smoked BBQ (formerly the pigroast)
- 26 Pistol Pin Shoot

October 2021

- 2 Norco Smoked and Grilled BBQ, tickets \$25
- 2 MA Youth Deer Hunt
- 9 Fall Cleanup – earn volunteer hours
- 9&10 Metal Recycle Days
- 14 Members Meeting and Officer Elections
- 15 Norco hosts WCLSC Delegate Meeting
- 16 Pheasant Season begins, breakfast, hunting, and potluck lunch
- 21 GOAL MA Firearm Laws – free, bring a guest, rsvp, at Norco
- 23 Pheasant breakfast, hunt, potluck lunch
- 30 Pheasant breakfast, hunt, potluck lunch
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting
- 31 Pistol Pin Shoot – last of the season

Range closures:

Pistol Range: 9/18 9-6PM, 9/25 9AM-5PM, 9/26 12-2, 10/2 9-6PM, 10/11 1-9PM. When pistol range is scheduled closed for class, use the 25 yard rifle range.

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

Trap/Skeet: 9/7 6-9PM; 9/14 6-9PM; 9/21 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 detailed event calendar is up to date for all of 2021.

NEWS

September 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 – choice of venison and non-game meatballs, red sauce, pasta, and parmesan cheese. If you have been missing the monthly members meetings, you are not earning those easy volunteer work credit hours.

At this September meeting, officer nominations for 2022 will be accepted for the October election. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, 5 Directors, 2 Trustees. To be eligible as a candidate, you will have to been a voting Regular member for 12 months or more. Associate members, the first level of membership, over time have to be recognized by the executive committee to be nominated and voted by the membership to become a Regular member. Recognition includes a minimum of 12 months of being a member, being at most members meetings, and volunteering often beyond the 15 hour minimum (for a reduced renewal rate).

Longtime Norco Member and Trustee Tom MacIntosh's spouse Barbara had recently passed in mid-August. To read the obituary and leave an online memory, make a contribution, please visit <https://www.milesfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Barbara-Macintosh-2/#!/Obituary>

New member Lisa LaJiness continues her battle with cancer. To make donations for treatments, there are donation jars at the trap range, the clubhouse bar or you can make a credit card donation through GoFundMe. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/wefightforlisa>

Club activities continue to pickup and we cross our fingers we don't get hijacked by COVID again. In August, Norco was able to deliver a Div Fish and Wildlife Basic Hunter Ed class. The youth pheasant hunting program and shotgun skills training is still underway, looking to conclude with the classroom and field hunt on Sept 18th and 25th. The suspended pheasant taxidermy program resumed and students completed their birds – to see photos, see this article and yet more online <https://www.norco.club/2021/07/26/pheasant-taxidermy-classes-resume-part-2-group-1/> . 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.

The Norco Clambake went off as planned on Sunday, August 15th, with perfect New England weather. 30 club members and guests enjoyed a generous spread of traditional fare including lobsters steamed with seaweed, steamer clams, corn on the cob, woodfire grilled chicken, fresh dug clams for the chowder, home made slaw, espresso brownies, and lots more. Norco thanks volunteers Matt Surabian, his sister-in-law Lauren, Charlie Wisnewski, Britta Carlson (and her mother-in-law), Mike Rainville, Chris Giglio, Barb Adams, and Wayne Adams. Several of the recipes and special seasonings are posted on the club website <https://www.norco.club/2021/08/21/norco-clambake-thanks-and-recipes/> The volunteers thank the event attendees for their patronage and complements.

The end of September Smoked and Grilled BBQ (formerly called the pigroast) has been rescheduled to Saturday October 2nd. Cost of tickets are \$25. Tickets will be on sale at the September meeting, at the bar, and online. More details will be forthcoming. <https://www.norco.club/2021/08/21/norco-oct-2nd-smoked-and-grilled-bbq/> . Due to costs of a whole pig, several years ago, the event has moved away from a whole pig onto a variety of choice cut meats for pork, beef, and chicken that are smoked or grilled. To mix it up this year, we're looking into traditional Texas BBQ with brisket, rubs, and ribs , or since we are into October, an Oktoberfest menu. Interested in volunteering, email wayne@norco.club

There are 2 sessions of Defensive Handgun 1 women's-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.

Norco 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 have been held this year so far, due to ammo prices, excessive heat, too much rain. Last two shoots of the year are Sept 26th and October 31st. In need of pistol ammo, www.targetsportsusa.com has been having a steady supply since August.

Norco reached its target of \$2000 to donate to the MCA to help move hunting legislation forward. Norco thanks those who made donations and bought raffle tickets. Norco matched the \$1000 in member funds with another \$1000 for the total of \$2000 donation. Member donations can continue directly to the MCA, with details on cash, credit, or charge donations, as well as MCA merchandise. <https://www.massconservationalliance.org/donations-by-check-and-credit-card.html>

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 are less than 4 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. There are structured events coming up such as cleanup day, metal recycle days, club BBQ, range target repair work, pond work, etc. Also the club is looking for part time bartenders who are TIPS certified. 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.