

## **Norco News WCL April 2022**

### **Calendar**

#### **April 2022**

- 2 Turkey Hunt Workshop
- 3 Neighborhood Breakfast
- 9 Pond Area Cleanup
- 9&10 Pheasant Taxidermy Class, Session 1
- 14 Members Meeting
- 16 Spring Trout Fishing Derby
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting
- 23 Youth Turkey Hunt
- 24 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot, bring a friend, no entry fee

#### **May 2022**

- 8 Mother's Day (don't forget flowers)
- 12 Members Meeting
- 14 Spring Cleanup (rain date 15<sup>th</sup>)
- 14&15 under review, Metal Recycle day, may be delayed until October
- 21 Sportsman's Dinner, tickets on sale online and at bar
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting
- 29 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot, bring a friend, no entry fee

#### **Range closures:**

Pistol Range: scheduled closures April 9 9AM-1PM; April 24 12-2PM; May 14 9am-1pm; May 29 12-2PM

Rifle Range: no scheduled closures April; May closures May 14 9am-1PM

Trap/Skeet: no scheduled closures in April/May

Archery Target and 3D Range: Targets in storage until spring; closure May 14 9am-1PM

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**

April 14<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 purchase. Meal will be southern fried chicken, homemade

potato salad, homemade cole slaw, and biscuits. If you have been missing the monthly members meetings, you are not earning those easy volunteer work credit hours. Town of Princeton has rescinded indoor Covid mask requirements, so your option to wear a mask.

April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting has the option for remote participation instead of meeting in person. Best effort will be made to be inclusive, but there are in-room challenges to move a system around for the various reports, conduct votes, or how long the laptop battery lasts, etc. If there are no new Covid issues, this will be the last remote meeting option for Members Meetings.

April Members Meeting Thu, Apr 14, 2022 7:30 PM

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/984009765>

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3112](tel:+15713173112) Access Code: 984-009-765

Norco is now offering 2022 Social Memberships, for \$15/year. Due to Covid March 2020 and 2021, the club had suspended Social Memberships. If interested, come in any Thursday evening when the clubhouse is open, to fill out an application form with payment, present a valid MA ID (age 21 and older), and receive a card. More details are at this weblurl: <https://bit.ly/socialmbrship2022> . Questions can be emailed to [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

Planning ahead for April, volunteers will be needed for the April 9<sup>th</sup> Pond Area cleanup day, 8am-2pm, to ready the shores and the shed for the spring fishing derby that takes place the following weekend. Tasks may include shoreline brush/weed cutback; raking leaves, disposing of windblown range materials, etc Empty fish shed waste barrels, use club ATV; with waders, pull cat tails; in the shed, organize the tables for food service and prize table. Ensure fridge, stove, and grill are working and clean. Move grill from garage to fish shed. Work party has access to coffee, donuts, and a lunch Weather and wind permitting, burn the wood debris behind the pistol range. Setup hoses to suppress fire. Volunteer workers should bring their own tools and gloves – garden rake, pruners, hand saw, chain saw ; brush saws, club also has tools to loan for the day. Club has premixed fuel for power tools. Signup, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

Planning ahead for the April 16<sup>th</sup> Spring Trout Derby, for cooking and prize table setup. Email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) . Club has approved funds for stocking – over 200 trout to be stocked – including brown, rainbow, and brook trout. There is a small entry fee to participate on April 16<sup>th</sup> and goes towards prizes for the first fish and largest fish caught between 8am-12N. There will be a prize table for kids who are fishing. This is a Norco member event with invited guests; due to the size of the pond – this is not a public fishing derby.

Norco monthly pistol pin shoots, held the last Sunday of every month, weather permitting, from April-October, from 12N-2PM. These shoots are fun, are open to members and their friends, with full size bowling pins. The objective is to shoot down 6 pins faster than your competitor with a handgun. The shoots are double elimination, whereby everyone will shoot at least twice; those winning through the series will shoot more. We recommend 2 boxes of handgun target ammo, e.g. 9mm 115gr fmj. Though there is no caliber restriction, we recommend shooting a 9mm or .38 cal, or larger. Winner of the match wins the choice of either a Norco logoed hat or Norco t-shirt. There is no entry fee. A few volunteers should arrive around 11:30am to set up the tables and pins. Our first match is Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>. For those on the hunt for ammo, two online stores are [targetsportsusa.com](http://targetsportsusa.com) and [midwayusa.com](http://midwayusa.com) . We also encourage supporting local gun stores in the area as well big box stores Cabelas and Walmart for ammo. Prices are still higher than pre-covid, but much better than 2021 prices. Don't let your skills get rusty...come on out.

Harold Black Jr. was one of the WCLSC Jr Conservation Camp applicants selected for the 2 scholarships to attend the 12 day Jr Conservation Camp this August. Thanks for all the Norco youth program mentors that have helped Harold in recent years - for basic hunter education, youth pheasant hunt program with skeet range training, pheasant taxidermy program, and flyfishing workshop. Thanks for his parents supporting his endeavors and program participation.

Kids Day 2022 went off without a hitch. Activities including outdoor archer, spin-casting, making either a blue bird nesting box or a bird feeder, making a walking stick, making pine cone bird seed treats, a full display of tanned furbearers pelts and traps. Everyone had hotdogs, mac and cheese, and assorted snacks. A lot of literature was on hand to take home from Mass Wildlife, USDA Pollinator Poster, and a display of pollinator boxes that can be made at home. Norco thanks its volunteers including John Staruk, Bill Whiting, Rocky and Lisa Trotto, Mike Rainville, Len Pukaite, Rudy Sax, Chris Norcross, Barb and Wayne Adams. To see all the pictures, visit weburl <https://www.norco.club/2022/03/06/kids-day-2022-recap/>

Norco had another information-filled and skill development CPR/AED/GSW class for 12 students this past February. To see all the class pictures, visit weburl: <https://www.norco.club/2022/03/01/cpr-gsw-class-pictures-february-2022/> . Norco is soliciting interest for anyone wanting to take a class this summer/fall, led by local Princeton Fire Dept first responders. Email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) . Based on the recent class and further consideration for member safety, the club is looking to acquire a second AED for use at the trap and skeet range when open to the public and during scheduled firearm classes. If you can help acquire a unit with discounts and or grants, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

Norco has rescheduled its Sportsman's Dinner from March to Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Norco is soliciting game donations for the dinner – venison, moose, beaver, pheasant, turkey, elk, bear, wild boar, striper, etc...we'll figure out a delicious way to prepare it. Too early to declare a menu, but the March 2019 meal is reflective of what lays ahead for both game and non-game entries. <https://www.norco.club/2022/01/21/sportsmans-dinner-march-12th/> If it walked, flew, or swam, we are interested. Also looking for volunteers for the program – cooks, setup, service, cleanup. Email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) . Tickets will be on sale at the club bar or rsvp ([wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)), \$25/each. Tickets not turned in from 2020 for a refund can be exchanged for 2022. Online ticket sales : <https://bit.ly/norcomay21sportsmandinner>

2022 renewal membership dues are past due, please reach out to Chris Giglio, [membersip@norco.club](mailto:membersip@norco.club) or leave a message on the club phone 978-464-5243. Late fee is an additional \$10 to the renewal fee.

Norco's annual fund raising raffle for its youth programs is well underway. 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.

WCLSC is looking for volunteer publishing editors and subscription managers to keep the monthly newspaper alive and well, and not skip a beat. If interested, read over details here <http://www.wclsc.org/wclsc-news-editor.html> and reach out to [wclsc-news-editors@googlegroups.com](mailto:wclsc-news-editors@googlegroups.com)

Mass Conservation Alliance has launched a fundraiser raffle with over 20 sporting goods items ranging from firearms and shooting gear, hunting gear, fishing gear, archery gear, artwork, knives, canoe, and much more. If interested in tickets, reach out to Wayne, [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) . Tickets are \$5 each/5 for \$20. More details are here: <https://www.massconservationalliance.org/mca-action-fund-raffle.html> Funds raised are used to changed MA legislation laws for Sunday hunting, archery setback reduction, crossbows for everyone, and general funds to offset DFW discounted licenses.

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/>

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/>

