

Norco News WCL January 2023

Calendar

January 2023

1 Happy New Year
12 Monthly Members Business Meeting
26 Executive Committee Meeting
27, Princeton Winter Carnival
29 CNEBC Annual Meeting Rental
TBA Pheasant Taxidermy Classes

February 2023

9 Monthly Members Business Meeting
12 Super Bowl at the Clubhouse
18 CPR/AED/Wound Trauma Class
23 Executive Committee Meeting
28 Last Day to Pay 2023 Membership Dues w/o Late Fee
** There is no planned Norco ice fishing derby on/off property

Upcoming Scheduled Range closures:

Pistol Range: none for Jan/Feb

Rifle Range: none for Jan/Feb

Trap/Skeet: none for Jan/Feb

Archery Target Lawn: Dec-April closed for winter

Archery 3D Course: Dec-April closed for winter

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 14 - Nov 25 and Youth Pheasant Hunt Day Sept 23.

Visit the Norco Events Calendar for more details on all events <https://www.norco.club/events/> The detailed event calendar for 2023 is posted and can be downloaded/printed out.

NEWS

January 11th Members Meeting will be held at the clubhouse, meeting starts promptly at 7:30PM. Prior to the meeting, between 6PM-7PM. Norco will have a dinner to purchase; food theme will be Italian. Norco will cease Zoom remote meeting participation, unless COVID roars back with another variant. So, the plan is to resume pre-COVID style meetings, whereby everyone is in the meeting room.

The December 11th Christmas Party was a crowd pleaser all around; record turnout of kids and grandkids; Santa and his helpers rounded up many presents for the kids and many raffle table items like never seen before. The potluck food disappeared as fast as it came in to feed the hungry holiday revelers. Norco thanks everyone who made it out for the event, made a contribution, volunteered some time, partook in the raffles and Yankee gift swap. Norco thanks Ed Bonnell for the many years he was the focal point for this holiday favorite; slowly he is passing on the baton to a new group of club volunteers to carry on the club traditions.

The December 10th Cambridge Troop Boy Scout sleepover was a repeat of last year. This year, there was more focus on primitive camping skills, nature identification, and several traditional merit badge skills. Norco thanks Mike Rainville and brother for an ever expanding demonstration area, this year featuring campfire cooked beef stew, apple pie, irish soda bread, skillet biscuits, and coffee. See pictures in this issue for the campfire windbreak and over the fire dutch oven suspension system.

Norco has an Officer position still open – Secretary. If you can volunteer and take great meeting minutes, that would be welcomed. Time commitment includes being at 2 Thursday evening meetings a month, Members Business Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting. If interested, email wayne@norco.club or call 508-631-8883.

There is a pheasant taxidermy program planned for Jan-Mar 2023, if interested, contact Wayne@norco.club. Keep your bird whole and freeze it in a plastic bag at the club or at home, protect the tail feathers. The club has extra pheasants for anyone not having one or wanting to bring a friend/parent into the program.

The club members survey for range and grounds improvements is now closed. Results can be viewed at <https://www.norco.club/2022/12/20/norco-members-survey-results-2023-projects/> The next steps are for range committees and the executive committee to research options, costs, and make plans to implement several of the requests. Some of the popular requests include an elevated archery platform, more crossbow targets, more trap/skeet machines, pistol range pavilion, and more. Thanks for the members who took the survey. We'll be looking for volunteers to make these requests a reality.

The membership renewal fees will increase for 2023 as follows, by \$20. Associate member with 15 or more hour will be \$80; with less than 15 hours \$170. Family member plan with 15 or more hours will be \$90; with less than 15 hours \$180. New member signups will be \$100 and new family signups will be \$110. Junior fees will remain \$5. Membership renewal letters will be postal mailed to be received in early January or sooner. In the renewal will be a raffle ticket order form for the 2023 raffle: 4 gift cards, each valued at \$500 each. For members who sell their allotment, will earn 5 volunteer work hours. You should receive your invoice in the postal mail in early January. Club expects dues to be paid by the end of February. If you have not received your renewal letter, please email membership@norco.club or leave a message on the club phone , 978-464-5243.

Norco is taking RSVPs for its February 18th CPR/AED/Major Wound Trauma class, email wayne@norco.club. Class runs from 9am to 4pm. Norco is taking RSVPs for its March beaver fleshing workshop led by Mass Trappers. End result of your hard effort is a beaver belt to be sent off for tanning or home tanning. RSVP to wayne@norco.club.

Norco is planning to hold its 2023 Sportsmen's Dinner in May 2023. This is a change from previous years, when it was held in March. Norco is accepting all types of game for the dinner, please drop off any Thursday at the club or make special arrangements, email wayne@norco.club . In 2022, the club lost its freezer and all the game it was holding, so we are replenishing our inventory.

Norco will not attempt to hold an ice-fishing derby this year, in February. Instead, Norco will stock its pond twice in the spring for 2 fishing derbies. The first derby will be held in mid-April.

WCLSC raffle tickets are available at the club bar, raffling off 3 Henry rifles, \$5/ea, 5 for \$20. Junior Conservation Camp free camper scholarship applications are now posted to the web and at the club; camp dates run from August 8th to August 20th. The scholarship is worth \$1200; WCLSC raffle funds the scholarship.

WCLSC is looking for volunteers to help at the Boxboro NE Outdoor Expo for January 27, 28, 29. Volunteers can earn Norco work credit hours. The attraction is the indoor youth archery range. When not working the WCL booth and range, visit the rest of the show.

Nimrod has opened its January Pheasant Hunting Reserve to licensed hunters for the weekends of January 7, 14, 21, and 28. Cost is \$140 per hunter, for 6 birds, continental breakfast and hot lunch. Contact David Craigie if interested or to reserve a spot. 603-429-3006. Must have your 2023 hunting license and pheasant stamp.

DCR is taking comments for their new 10 year Ware River Watershed Access Plan. It has many new restrictions that are unfavorable to hunters, fisherman, and trappers. To give feedback, visit website <https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments> , select the pull down box for the 2/28/2023 feedback.

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 . To look-over the options and fees, visit <https://www.norco.club/about-us/norco-clubhouse-and-grounds-rental/>