

Norco News WCL February 2023

Calendar

February 2023

9 Monthly Members Business Meeting

12 Super Bowl at the Clubhouse, 4PM til end of game, potluck

23 Executive Committee Meeting

25 CPR/AED/Wound Trauma Class – signup now

28 Pay 2023 Dues Please

** There is no planned Norco ice fishing derby on/off property

March 2023

4 Norco Kids Day 10-2, bring a friend, volunteer signup

9 Monthly Members Business Meeting

9 Last Day to Pay 2023 Membership Dues w/o Late Fee

11 & 12 Pheasant Taxidermy Workshop Session 2

12, 15, 18, 20, Basic Hunter Ed at Leominster Sportsman Assoc.

19 Beaver Fleshing Workshop – signup now

23 Executive Committee Meeting

25 WCLSC Annual Banquet – signup for Norco table, \$40 pp

Upcoming Scheduled Range closures:

Pistol Range: none for Feb/Mar

Rifle Range: none for Feb/Mar

Trap/Skeet: none for Feb/Mar

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

February 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 a dinner to purchase; food theme is texmex with bison chili, loaded skins, and other sides. DFW Board Member Sasha Dyer will be a guest speaker.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-hunter-education-courses> Norco has ceased 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.

Norco has an Officer position still open – Recording 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.

Norco is taking RSVPs for its February 25th CPR/AED/Major Wound Trauma class, email wayne@norco.club. Class runs from 9am to 4pm. Earn certificates in CPR/AED, Blood Pathogens, Stop the Bleed, and Major Wound Trauma. The class is tailored for sportsmen with the major wound trauma scenarios, making use of Norco AEDs and IFAKs on Norco premises. IFAKs will be available for purchase. Class fee of \$80 includes all material fees, continental breakfast, and lunch. Class is open to anyone including non-members. In the past, we have had high school staff, students, emergency room nurses, range safety officers. Anyone involved in shooting sports, hunting, outdoor recreation, and large group gatherings should consider the class. Everyday, one can turn to a news story whereby someone with the training saved someone ; being pulled out of an auto accident, sports player collapse on the field, hiking accidents, urban unrest at malls, etc.

Norco Bar will be open for the Superbowl Sunday, Feb 12th, opening at 4PM. Potluck food available, bring a dish if you can; as always, there will be plenty to feast on. Bring a friend.

Norco kids day is around the corner, Saturday March 4th. We need volunteers for a number of activities including bird house building, make a walking stick, youth archery, making a fishing lure and knots, learn spin casting, bird seed treats and a hot lunch program. The program runs from 10am-2pm; ideal for youth upto 12 years old. Program is open to all kids, members should bring friends. Norco needs 15+ volunteers to run the program; to signup, email wayne@norco.club . There is no need for program attendees to rsvp.

Norco is taking RSVPs for its March 19th 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. The program provides for beavers, there will be a material fee and food program fee in the \$65+/- a few dollars.

Norco will hold its 2023 Sportsmen's Dinner on April 29th, 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 items Thursday at the club or make special arrangements, email wayne@norco.club . Norco has received pheasant, chukkar, and moose; we are still looking for venison, elk, fish, etc.

Norco has launched its "Lucky 7" 2023 raffle: 4 gift cards, each valued at \$500 each; plus an ammo bundle, a compound bow, and a Gun Parlor gift certificate. For members who sell their \$50 or more allotment, you will earn 5 volunteer work hours. Tickets can be ordered by email to raffles@norco.club or purchased at the bar. To receive volunteer hours, ensure the raffle stub has your name on the back.

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. Applications for the scholarship are now available for youth 13-17 years of age. Contact wayne@norco.club or stop in at the clubhouse.

WCLSC will hold its annual awards banquet, raffle drawing, and silent auction on March 25th, at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. Norco will organize 2 group tables of 8. To reserve a seat, cost is \$40 per person.

A Basic Hunter Ed class will be held at the Leominster Sportsmen Club in mid-March, 13, 15, 18, 20th. Anyone planning to hunt turkey this spring should attend the LSA class, to be ready for the Norco April 1st

Youth Turkey Hunter Class. To signup, visit MA DFW website <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-hunter-education-courses> . Norco will also hold a Basic Hunter Ed class in June, as a first step to ready everyone for fall hunting programs.

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.

MA pro-sportsmen legislators have refiled legislation from the previous session, for Sunday Hunting, cross-bows for everyone, and archery setback reduction. WCL and MCA will be ramping up outreach programs and a raffle to advocate the passage of the legislation. More details will be shared in the near future.

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/>