

## **Norco News WCL March 2023**

### **Calendar**

#### **March 2023**

- 4 Norco Kids Day 10-2, bring a friend, volunteer sign-up
- 5 Norco Neighborhood Breakfast
- 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
- 25 Princeton Scouts Host Fun Pinewood Derby – open to all members

#### **April 2023**

- 1 Turkey Hunter Ed; Rifle/Pistol Ranges closed 9am-12N
- 9 Pond Area Cleanup; Pistol range closed 9am-1PM
- 13 Monthly Members Business Meeting
- 15 Fishing Derby #1
- 14 & 16 Defensive Handgun 1
- 22 Youth Turkey Hunt
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting
- 29 Norco Sportsman's Dinner
- 30 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

#### **Upcoming Scheduled Range closures:**

Pistol Range: March none; Apr 1st 9am-1pm; Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm; Apr 16<sup>th</sup>; 12N-6pm

Rifle Range: March none; April 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-1pm

Trap/Skeet: none for Mar/Apr

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**

As winter winds down, the outdoor activities increase, several of which will require certain ranges to be closed for the activity and education program to be run safely. Though the club strives to keep everyone informed with its WCL newspaper section and electronic newsletter, the club website calendar will have the most up to date scheduled activities. Club leaders know it can be disappointing to travel in for a day at the range, only to find it is in use.

March 9<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 a dinner to purchase; lemon chicken, rice pilaf, fresh veggie stir fry. For 2023 membership dues, get them in by March 9<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late fee. For everyone who has already paid, thanks!

Norco kids day, Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 up to 12 years old. Program is open to all kids, members should bring friends. Food and beverage available during the program. Norco needs 15+ volunteers to run the program; to signup, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club). There is no need for program attendees to RSVP.

Norco is taking RSVPs for its March 19<sup>th</sup> beaver fleshing workshop led by Mass Trappers. The end result of your hard effort is a beaver belt to be sent off for tanning or home tanning. RSVP to [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club). The program provides for beavers, there will be a material fee and food program fee in the \$65+/- a few dollars.

WCLSC will hold its annual awards banquet, raffle drawing, and silent auction on March 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. Norco is organizing group tables of 10. To reserve a seat, cost is \$50 per person. Email Rocky Trotto to reserve seats, [rocky@norco.club](mailto:rocky@norco.club) or leave a message on the club phone, 978-464-5243. Details about the onsite raffle table and silent auction can be found here. <http://www.wclsc.org/march-25-2023-annual-banquet-affle-and-auction.html> WCL is accepting raffle item donations, [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

Norco will hold its 2023 Sportsmen's Dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:wayne@norco.club). Norco has received pheasant, chukkar, and moose; we are still looking for venison, elk, fish, etc. Tickets to go on sale in mid-March, \$25 per person. Dinner will feature both game and non-game items, something for everyone.

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

Pinewood Derby Races at Norco. Pre-register by March 18<sup>th</sup>, see weblink. Entry fee of \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth. Make a new car or use the one you built years ago. All bragging rights. Open to club members along with the scouts and parents. <https://www.norco.club/2023/02/21/pinewood-derby-races-adult-and-kid-fun-prizes/>

Defensive Handgun Class Openings: DH 1 April 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>; DH 2 May 20<sup>th</sup>. Register with Joe Picariello at [wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com](mailto:wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com) or 978-697-6654. Norco member discounts. Stay tuned for more DH classes in coming months.

License to Carry Class Openings: May 12& 14; May 17&21. Register through Monty Tech Night Class program, <https://www.montytechnites.com/> . Fee is \$150 per student. Instructors are club members Terry Bass and Jaye Fitzgerald.

Norco has a Flyfishing Survey now live, seeking member input and interest to take a one-day class this coming summer. Please visit weburl <https://www.norco.club/2023/02/21/flyfishing-class-survey-please-take/> .

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](mailto:raffles@norco.club) or purchased at the bar. To receive volunteer hours, ensure the raffle stub has your name on the back.

Mass Conservation Alliance has launched a fundraising raffle to help advance legislation and regulation changes to improve the sportsmen/women experience in MA. Funds will also be used to support education programs and materials, hunters for the hungry program, and other programs of merit. Tickets are available in the bar, 5 for \$20. 20 items to be raffled for hunting, shooting, fishing, and much more.

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/>