

Norco News WCL April 2023

Calendar

April 2023

- 1 Turkey Hunter Ed; Rifle/Pistol Ranges closed 9am-12N
- 8 Pond Area Cleanup 8am-2pm; Pistol range closed 9am-1PM
- 13 Monthly Members Business Meeting
- 13 Last day to pay 2023 Membership dues w/ late fee
- 15 Fishing Derby #1 , 8am-12N,
- 14 & 16 Defensive Handgun 1; pistol range closed 16th 12N-6pm
- 22 Youth Turkey Hunt with mentors
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting
- 29 Norco Sportsman's Dinner, \$25 PP, 4-8PM
- 30 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

May 2023

- Date TBA Fishing Derby #2 , 8am-12N
- 10 & 13, DH1 Class, Pistol range closed 13th 9am-5pm
- 11 Monthly Members Business Meeting
- 12 & 14 Monty Tech LTC Class, Pistol range closed 14th 12N-3PM
- 13 Clubhouse and Lawn and Range cleanup day, 8am-2pm
- 13 & 14 Metal Recycle Days, 8am-5pm
- 19&21 Monty Tech LTC Class, Pistol range closed 21st 12N-3PM
- 20 DH2 Class, Pistol range closed 9AM-5PM
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- 28 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

Upcoming Scheduled Range closures:

Pistol Range: Apr 1st 9am-1pm; Apr 9th 9am-1pm; Apr 16th; 12N-6pm; May 13th 9-5, May 14th 12-3;

Pistol Range continued: May 20th 9-5, May 21st 12-3

Rifle Range: April 1st 9am-1pm

Trap/Skeet: none for Apr/May

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.

April 13th 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; beef and moose meatloaf, baked fresh veggies, potato latke, and more. For 2023 membership dues, get them in by April 13th to avoid being dropped as a member. For everyone who has already paid, thanks!

April 9th, Pond cleanup day. 8am-2pm. Help clean the pond perimeter in prep for the April Derby. Bring hand landscaping tools, rakes, pruners, power tools chain-saw, weedwhacker, brush saw, gloves. If you have waders, bring them. Continental breakfast and hot lunch provided for volunteers.

April 15th Fishing Derby, 8am-12N. Prizes for all kids. Prizes for first fish and largest fish. Adult donation of \$5. Kids free, bring your neighbor kids. Lots of adults to help kids learn to fish. Food and beverage for purchase – donuts, coffee, egg sandwiches, soda, dogs, burgers, etc. Volunteers needed to help food setup and cleanup, run the derby with fees, prizes, etc. Signup with Fish Committee Chair Charlie on April 9th and 13th.

April 22nd, Youth Turkey Hunt, mentor volunteers are needed. Reach out to Kelly Dalbec and Chris Giglio. Take a youth to your favorite hunting spots. Expanded hunting hours, ½ hour before sunrise to 5PM.

Congratulations to Kelly Dalbec and Chris Giglio for receiving the WCLSC 2022 Youth Mentors of the year award. The award recognizes their passion and efforts they put into DFW Basic Hunter Ed, Youth Pheasant, and Youth Turkey Hunt programs. They follow in the honored trainer Duffy Lanciani and mentored under him.

Congratulations to Avery Smith for receiving a WCLSC Junior Conservation Camp 100% scholarship, for the 12 day camp this August. The cost of camp is \$1200 per camper. Last year Harold Black Jr. received a scholarship. Our Norco youth ranks are coming up fast and strong!

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. Tickets to go on sale at the bar and on the internet, in mid-March, \$25 per person. Dinner will feature both game and non-game items, something for everyone.

A few quick news snippets:

- Norco had to postpone the March Kids Day program. Date tba for early Summer
- Norco Pheasant taxidermy class finished its 2nd session. This is the 5th year the program has run. 16 students took part in the class, see photos here and yet more on the web. Hats off to taxidermist Curt de Villers. One student donated a mounted pheasant to Norco and in turn, Norco donated it to the WCLSC silent auction.

- Norco Beaver Fleshing Workshop finished, with 14 students and 8 instructors from Mass Trappers. The fleshed skins go out for tanning and will come back for hooping sessions this summer. Norco expressed thanks to Rick Merchant for arranging beavers for everyone and coordinating the instructors and tools; and Mike Rainville one of the volunteer instructors.
- Norco thanks its members for the recent WCLSC annual banquet, having 2 tables present and the donations (fishing gear, lures, ammo, and collectables) made to the event raffle and silent auction.
- Norco members gave member Mike Rainville a warm sendoff for his spring/summer of hiking the continental divide trail, just over 3000 miles. We'll receive updates on his progress from the Mexico border to the Canadian border and will post these on the club website. Friendly wagers at the club are welcome for his progress and trail finish date. He'll be back this fall to share stories.
- Norco members survey has started to be put into action with an elevated archery stand, 3D archery targets for stations 11-15, and skeet machines to open our second field. Planning is underway for more pistol range improvements. Thanks to all the members who took the survey to give clear direction to our committee chairs on how the club can serve you better with your membership dues.

Defensive Handgun Class Openings: DH 1 April 14th & 16th; DH 2 May 20th . Register with Joe Picariello at 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 19&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/> . Any questions can be sent to instructor and Norco member Cody Coyne, cody@norco.club

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.

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