

## **Norco News WCL February 2024**

### **Calendar**

#### **February 2024**

3,10,17,24 Saturdays – Norco Bar Open, 5PM till close,

8 Members Meeting, 7:30-9:30PM

10 Pheasant Taxidermy Workshop, 8am-4pm, part 1

15 Executive Committee Meeting, 7.30-9.30PM

24 CPR/GSW Class, register with [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

29 Last Day to Pay 2024 Dues by mail or March 14<sup>th</sup> members meeting

#### **March 2024**

9 Pheasant Taxidermy Workshop, 8am-4pm, part 2

10 Norco Kids Day 10am-2pm

14 Members Meeting, 7:30-9:30PM

14 LAST DAY TO PAY DUES, Before \$10 Late Fee

16 Norco Beaver Flething/Pelt Workshop, rsvp [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

18,20,23,25 Basic Hunter Ed class held at Leominster Sportsman's Assoc. (LSA)

23 WCLSC Annual Banquet, tickets email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club), \$49

28 Executive Committee Meeting, 7.30-9.30PM

LSA Hunter Ed Class

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

Pistol Range: none

Rifle Range: none

Trap/Skeet: none; do check website for weather and holiday related closures

Archery Target Lawn: closed until spring

Archery 3D Course: closed until spring

Archery Elevated Tree Stand: closed until spring

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 19 - Nov 30 and Youth Pheasant Hunt Day in Sept.

Visit the Norco Events Calendar for more details on all events <https://www.norco.club/events/> The detailed event calendar for 2024 is posted and can be downloaded/printed out.

### **NEWS**

Membership renewal letters were postal mailed in early January. If you did not receive your letter, please call the club phone to leave a message 978-464-5243 or email Chris Giglio [membership@norco.club](mailto:membership@norco.club)

February 8th 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 hearty/healthy NE themed dinner to purchase for \$8.

Norco has 10 passes for Norco members to use to access the Gun Parlor through the winter and early spring months. Passes are RSVPed through [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club), for one week at a time access. Badge pickup is on Thursdays at the club, on a first come first serve RSVP basis. Norco will provide up to 2 passes per member so a guest can go as well. Users of the pass will need to adhere to Gun Parlor policies for a signed waiver and follow all their range rules. <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ce319760b433/web>

Norco raffle tickets for the gift card/sporting item fundraising raffle for 2024 can be purchased at the club bar for \$20 each. Drawing will be the Norco June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 Steakout. Club members are encouraged to sell tickets to friends and fellow sportsmen. <https://www.norco.club/2023/12/29/norco-2024-affle/>, questions can be emailed to [affle@norco.club](mailto:affle@norco.club).

A few events upcoming:

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be the comprehensive 6 hour CPR/AED/GSW class. A unique part of the class is sportsmen scenarios for major wound and trauma, with practical triage/treatment exercises. To RSVP a seat, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) There is a class fee \$85 to cover materials and food. Class is ideal for anyone involved in outdoor activities – hiking, hunting, target shooting and being prepared for the unexpected in public settings, auto accidents, etc. Many RSOs, ex-LEO, and medical professionals have found the instructor wealth of knowledge and teaching techniques to be exceptional.

The Norco pheasant taxidermy class will take place as a two-part session February 10 and March 9. If you are interested in this class and don't have a pheasant, we do have spare birds. RSVP to [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club). Class fee will be approx. \$60 to cover materials and food. There are seats available.

The beaver fleshing/tanning workshop is slated for March 16, to RSVP, email [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club). There will be a nominal fee for food and materials and tanning. Mass Trappers will supply the beavers, the fleshing tools, and expert guidance. Fleshed skins are sent out to a tannery after the class and mid-summer the tanned pelts are ready for pickup. RSVP to [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

Norco will host a Kid Day program, Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm. Norco will be looking for volunteers. Program is suitable for 4-10 year olds – to make bird house, walking stick, fishing lure, bird-seed treats, practice spincasting, practice archery, and learn about the many animals, tracks, and furs that live around us. Open to members and the public.

If you plan to hunt spring turkey, make sure you have completed your Basic Hunter Ed class before April. Norco instructors will be delivering a 4 day class at the nearby Leominster Sportsmans Association, Leominster, on March 18, 20, 23, 25. Please watch MA DFW website <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-hunter-education-courses> Norco will host a turkey hunter ed class April 6<sup>th</sup>.

WCLSC raffle tickets are on sale at the bar, \$5 each, 5 for \$20. Three rifles to be raffled March 23rd 2024: Henry .357 color-case receiver octagon barrel rifle, Henry Goldenboy .22LR, and Henry AR7 Survival Rifle .22LR.

There are number of defensive firearm training classes planned for April-October. For DH classes, email [wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com](mailto:wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com). For LTC, email [terry.bass28g@gmail.com](mailto:terry.bass28g@gmail.com), register through Monty Tech. To see the list of classes being held at Norco, visit website <https://www.norco.club/2024/01/21/norco-firearm-classes-2024-dh-and-ltc-and-much-more/> Classes can fill up fast!

Look to the Norco website for more volunteer opportunities. <https://www.norco.club/2023/10/22/norco-volunteer-opportunities-rest-of-2023/> . 15 or more hours results in a significant discount for 2025 dues renewal. More details on the policy are here: <https://www.norco.club/2016/10/28/work-hours/> Contact [wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club) to do work on your own time.

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/> Norco has recently added a caterer's outdoor propane grill to support large events and is changing out some of the indoor furniture.

Copies of the Norco section of the WCL newspaper can be found here: <https://www.norco.club/news-event-gallery/news/> Copies of the Norco electronic newsletter and alerts can be found here: <https://www.norco.club/news-event-gallery/norco-electronic-newsletter-archive/>