

## **Norco News WCL March 2024**

### **Calendar**

#### **March 2024**

- 2 Pheasant Taxidermy Workshop, 8am-4pm, part 2, group 2
- 3 Neighborhood Breakfast, volunteers needed, 8am-12N
- 9 Pheasant Taxidermy Workshop, 8am-4pm, part 2, group 1
- 10 Norco Kids Day 10am-2pm, volunteers needed, 8am-12N
- 14 Members Meeting, 7:30-9:30PM
- 14 LAST DAY TO PAY DUES, Before \$10 Late Fee
- 16 Norco Beaver Fleshing/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

#### **April 2024**

- 6 Turkey Hunting Education
- 6 Pond Cleanup Day, 8am-2PM, volunteers needed, rifle/pistol closed during cleanup
- 11 Members Meeting, 7:30-9:30PM
- 13 Spring Trout Fishing Derby, #1, 8am-12N, volunteers needed, rifle/pistol closed during derby
- 20 Norco Sportsman's Dinner, volunteers needed, game donations accepted
- 20 Defensive Handgun Class 2, pistol range closed during class
- 24 & 27, DH1, pistol range closed during class
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting, 7.30-9.30PM
- 27 Youth Turkey Hunt, mentors needed

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

Pistol Range: 4/6 9-2pm, 4/13 9-12N, 4/20 9-5, 4/27 9-5

Rifle Range: 4/6 9-2pm, 4/13 9-12N

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) . Payments made after March 14<sup>th</sup> subject to \$10 late fee.

March 14<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 hearty/healthy Irish 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:

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> and take youth out on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Norco Spring Youth Fishing Derby starts off the week before with a Pond cleanup day (breakfast and lunch for volunteers) and the following weekend is the Derby. Derby is free to enter, youth prizes for first and largest fish caught. Members encouraged to invite kids to the derby (grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors). Hot food to purchase during the Derby – breakfast and lunch items.

Norco Sportsman's Dinner April 20<sup>th</sup> and sporting gear raffle table planned. Dinner tickets go on sale in March at the bar and online. Raffle items accepted. Something for everyone : venison, bear, pheasant, moose, beaver and traditional fare including salad, turkey, ham, veggie sides, appetizers, and more. \$25pp, same price as 2023.

Volunteers needed for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Neighborhood breakfast (cook, serve, clean), for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Kids Day (activities, cook/serve), April 6<sup>th</sup> Pond Cleanup Day (outdoor yard-like cleanup work), April 13<sup>th</sup> Fishing Derby (cook, help kids with hooks, bait, fish, casting), April 20<sup>th</sup> Sportsman's Dinner (cook/serve/clean). Signup-  
[wayne@norco.club](mailto:wayne@norco.club)

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

MCA raffle tickets are on sale at the bar, \$5 each, 5 for \$20. 26 items including firearms, shooting, fishing, hunting, and outdoor gear. Drawing is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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!

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/>