

## **Norco News WCL April 2024**

### **Calendar**

#### **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, dinner available for purchase 6-7 for \$8

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 (DH2), pistol range closed during class

24 & 27, DH1, 4/27 pistol range closed during class

25 Executive Committee Meeting, 7.30-9.30PM

27 Youth Turkey Hunt, mentors needed

#### **May 2024**

3&4 BSA Workshop

3&5 Monty Tech LTC Class held at Norco

4 DH3 Class, pistol range closed during class

9 Members Meeting, 7:30-9:30PM, dinner available for purchase 6-7 for \$8

11 Spring Trout Fishing Derby, #2, 8am-12N, volunteers needed, rifle/pistol closed during derby

16&18 DH1 Class; 5/18 pistol range closed during class

17&19 Monty Tech LTC Class held at Norco

18 Spring Cleanup Day, 8am-2PM

18&19 Metal Recycle Days, 8am-5pm

23 Executive Committee Meeting, 7.30-9.30PM

26,27,28 Memorial Day Weekend

31&6/1 DH1; 6/1 pistol range closed during class

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

Pistol Range: 4/6 9-2, 4/13 9-12N, 4/20 9-5, 4/27 9-5, 5/4 9-5, 5/5 12-3, 5/11 9-12, 5/18 9-5, 5/19 12-3, 6/1 9-5

Rifle Range: 4/6 9-2pm, 4/13 9-12N, 5/11 9-12N,

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

Archery Target Lawn: open dusk to dawn, closed 5/18 8-2

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**

Late Membership renewals are possible through April 11<sup>th</sup>, with a \$10 late fee added. If you need to contact the membership secretary, please call the club phone to leave a message 978-464-5243 or email Chris Giglio [membership@norco.club](mailto:membership@norco.club). Renewal payments not received by April 11<sup>th</sup> result in a terminated membership.

April 11th 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 southern/TX BBQ themed dinner to purchase for \$8.

There is a statewide sportsman/woman appeal to Stop H.4139 and ProcessMatters.org, whereby there will be lawn signs available at the club for \$6/each, and the call to action is to make outreach to 6 legislators that are working on the firearm legislation revisions. <https://www.massconservationalliance.org/signs---process-matters-h4139.html> and [www.goal.org/gunban](http://www.goal.org/gunban)

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 [raffle@norco.club](mailto:raffle@norco.club).

A quick recap of past events and many thanks for the volunteers and participants:

- February CPR/GSW class had 14 students
- March Neighborhood breakfast invited 90 households, over 40 neighbors dined
- Pheasant taxidermy classes had 10 students, club pictures are here
- <https://www.norco.club/2024/03/11/pheasant-taxidermy-class-of-2024/>
- Beaver/coyote pelt fleshing workshop had 15 students, club pictures are here
- <https://www.norco.club/2024/03/20/norco-beaver-and-coyote-pelt-fleshing-workshop-3-16-2024/>
- Kids Day had 15+ youth come visit the club for the projects and education
- 14 Norco members attended the WCL Annual Awards Banquet and raffle/auction
- Norco trap and skeet second skeet field is up and running

Planning volunteering and participating in upcoming events and activities:

If you plan to hunt spring turkey, make sure you have completed your Basic Hunter Ed class. Norco will host a turkey hunter ed class April 6<sup>th</sup> and take youth out on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Class size is limited.

Norco Spring Youth Fishing Derby starts off the week before with a Pond cleanup day April 6th (breakfast and lunch for volunteers) and the following weekend is the Derby, April 13th. Derby is free to enter, youth prizes for first and largest fish caught. Members are encouraged to invite kids to the derby (grandkids, nieces,

nephews, neighbors). Hot food to purchase during the Derby – breakfast and lunch items. >200 trout to be stocked, rainbow, brown, and brook.

Norco Sportsman's Dinner April 20th and sporting gear raffle table planned. Dinner tickets are onsale now at the bar and online with credit card. Raffle items accepted. Something for everyone : venison, bear, pheasant, moose, beaver, turkey, fish and traditional fare including salad, turkey, ham, veggie sides, appetizers, and more. \$27pp. <https://www.norco.club/2024/03/13/norco-april-20th-sportsmans-dinner-tickets/>

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>. <https://www.massconservationalliance.org/fund-raising-and-raffles.html>

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/>