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The May meeting is CANCELLED



Nature's Way

by Bill Safer

Animal Intelligence

A reporter in the late 1800's was covering the gold rush up in Alaska. He decided to make up a story to boost the paper's sales. He said he discovered "Ice Worms" coming out of glaciers and chirping so loud, it kept the town awake at night. Today we would say the story went "Viral" and word spread all over the USA about them. Expeditions were formed to travel to Alaska to find these so called Ice Worms. In the town where the worms were found, a drink was served called Ice Worm Cocktails, with a piece of spaghetti in an ice cube to represent the worm. To this day, there are Ice Worm festivals held. The reporter admitted that he made up the whole story, but he kept his job, because so many newspapers were sold. In a strange irony, recently scientists have discovered a Real Ice Worm that came out of a piece of glacial ice that had melted. They found more of these worms, but are so fragile that attempting to collect them causes them to fall into tiny pieces. The study is ongoing.

Octopus are so intelligent that some scientists say that they have the intelligence of dogs. Octopus have been able to open jars with a shrimp in it, and the lid screwed on tight! At an aquarium they had an octopus in a tank about 10 feet from a tank with crabs in it. One of the keepers noticed that the crabs were disappearing almost every day.

They set up a camera, and lo and behold the octopus would crawl out of it, crawl to the crab tank, eat a crab, then crawl back to it's own tank. The staff could not believe their eyes!

Another octopus crawled out of it's tank, dropped to the floor, and crawled to a drainage port on the boat where it was being kept. This octopus was fairly large and it fit through the 2 inch drainage port and gained it's freedom by dropping into the sea.

There is a parasitic fish that lives in the Amazon called a Candiru, and although it is only about 3-4 inches long, it strikes fear into any swimmer that enters the Amazon River to swim. This fish is a parasite and enters the body through the urethra of males and females, when the urinate in the water. The Candiru follows the scent of the urine right to its source and lodges in the person's urethra, puts out it's spine and begins to drink the blood from their victims. The pain is so great that some men has slashed off their genitals, rather than endure the agony. The only way to remove these fish from the body is surgically. Local surgeons are well trained in removing these little monsters.



Conservation

The Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp met this evening. The main topic of discussion was do we continue to move forward with camp this summer or cancel it at this time. After lengthy discussion, the decision was made to continue moving forward with plans to open camp in August. As we move forward, we will continue to follow any and all state and federal guidelines. A final decision will be made at our next meeting on May 28th and that decision will be shared with those who sponsored campers as well as the parents of the campers. Please reach out to those you feel might enjoy and benefit from this once in a lifetime opportunity. M.J.C.C. is actively recruiting campers for this for the 2020 Camp.

Please check out the website at
JUNIORCONSERVATIONCAMP.ORG

Those interested in attending or sponsoring a camper or two can inquire as follows:

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 Steven La Rivee

From MassWildlife Important! Status of 2020 MA Junior Conservation Camp

The Mass. Junior Conservation Camp (MJCC) Board of Directors held a virtual meeting this past April 29th to discuss the current Covid-19 situation and how it may affect the 2020 session scheduled for August 2-14, 2020. We are consulting with numerous agencies and groups for best practices and awaiting further guidance from the state authorities and the Center For Disease Control.

At this time, the MJCC Board has opted to move forward with plans to hold the camp session August 2-14, 2020, but a final decision on whether the 2020 session will take place will be made by the MJCC Board by June 1.

In the meantime, sponsoring clubs and families are asked to please continue sending in camper applications and payments. Should the 2020 session be postponed, sponsors and parents will be notified, tuitions will be returned or if requested, applied to the 2021 session. The MJCC Board thanks everyone for their support and understanding. Questions? Please email: majuniorcamp@gmail.com.

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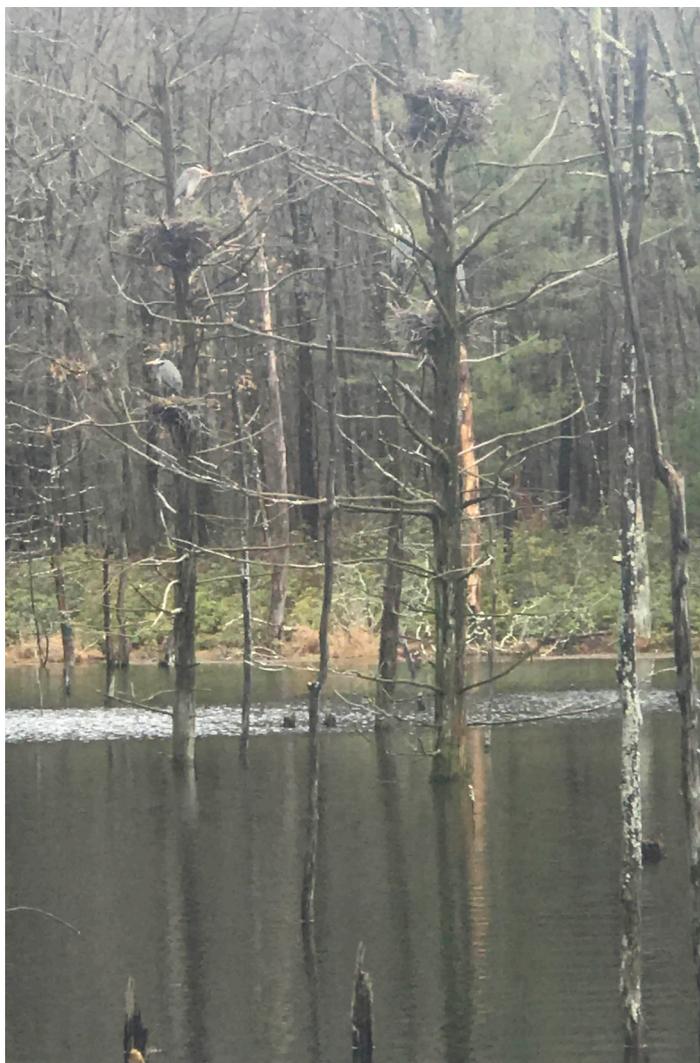
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Nesting great blue herons at the Norco swamp. The term for a group of heron nests is a heronry, according to former State Ornithologist Brad Blodget. Some people call them rookeries, but the bird people say that is a term for crows and rooks! Either way, it's cool that these birds are nesting here! (From Marion Larson)

Hunter Education Courses

1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough MA 01581

General Office Phone 508-389-7820

Course Enrollment Line 508-389-7830

Due to the COVID 19 situation, all hunter education courses through May 30 have been cancelled. Please watch the Hunter Education calendar for updates. The link to the Hunter Education Program page which features the listings for all courses is located at www.mass.gov/huntered and are updated on a regular basis.

To be notified about a course, go to the Hunter Education website and fill out the form at this link: www.mass.gov/hunter-course-notification. Click on and fill out the form for notification for the Basic Course with your contact information. By filling out this form, you will be notified by email in advance about a Basic Hunter Education Course scheduled in your area. You will get information from the Program which will provide the dates of a course and you will be instructed to call the new Hunter Education Enrollment Line at 508-389-7830. You should act quickly if you want to beat the enrolling rush that occurs once the course is advertised on the website.

Many people fail to consider enrolling in a course until the weather turns cool in late September. Unfortunately by that time, most courses have either begun or are full and the opportunity to hunt that fall may disappear. Basic Hunter Education Courses are scheduled across the state by volunteer instructors through much of the calendar year, including the summer, but most are offered in the spring and early fall.

If you don't have email, a computer, or have access to the internet, you can also call the Hunter Education Program office at (508) 389-7820 and ask to be notified of the next Basic course scheduled near you.

What if you enrolled in a course and then something prevents you from taking the course? In consideration of others who want to take a course, please notify the Hunter Education office that you are unable to participate. There is always a waiting list and it's important to let others know that space is available. Meanwhile, your information can be kept in the system to be notified about future courses.

Courtesy MassWildlife

IT'S TURKEY HUNTING SEASON...

BE SAFE OUTDOORS

Hunters and other outdoor users can enjoy and safely share the outdoors.

TURKEY HUNTERS

- Know when and where hunting is allowed. Visit mass.gov/turkey2020.
- Always treat your firearm as if it were loaded.
- Always keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction with your finger off the trigger.
- Positively identify your target and know what lies beyond it.
- Be safe - be seen! Avoid wearing red, white, blue, or black which resemble male turkey colors.
- Be respectful and courteous of other outdoors users. Project a positive image of hunters.

OTHER OUTDOOR USERS

- Know when and where hunting is allowed. Visit mass.gov/turkey2020.
- Be safe, be seen! Wear a blaze orange hat or vest for visibility.
- Keep pets leashed and visible.
- Make your presence known. If you hear shots, whistle or identify yourself.
- Be respectful and courteous. Hunter harassment is unlawful.



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This is Maura Healy's opinion of the businesses that support lawful gunowners in her own words. I believe it demonstrates how she feels about the lawful gunowners in general, It is in my opinion as blatant an example of bigotry as most of us have in recent years. "Maura Healy" "gun shops and shooting ranges" are a threat to "police officers, first responders, and domestic violence victims." She ignores the fact that many of the lawful gunowners in the Commonwealth are "police officers, first responders, and domestic violence victims." In fact, I assert here that they represent a higher percentage per head of lawful gunowners than most other population groups.

Below is a recent GOAL piece regarding the blatant disdain and prejudice toward lawful gunowners and the businesses. I will comment at the end.

Discrimination from Baker Administration Shines Bright During Covid-19 Crisis

Our nation, and state, now struggles through the new world of fighting a pandemic virus (Covid-19) in ways we never have. During this crisis we have been advised to use a number of precautions to help prevent a devastating spread of the virus. Through these efforts, we should all be able to appreciate how difficult it is to make decisions during such a severe public health crisis. What we cannot appreciate, nor should we tolerate, is discrimination when it becomes part of those decisions. Especially when those actions negatively affect the ability to exercise an enumerated Constitutional right!

In mid-March, the Baker Administration announced an emergency loan program for small businesses. The program was being run through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC). On the original post on the MGCC website only five types of businesses were declared ineligible for Massachusetts emergency small business loans. Firearm retailers was one of them! Pure discrimination against family owned firearm retailers who have bills to pay and families to raise.

"Ineligible businesses include companies involved in real estate investment, multi-level marketing, adult entertainment, cannabis or firearms. Companies with past due tax liabilities or tax liens or currently in bankruptcy (Corporate or Personal) are not eligible."

Normally we would share the link to the web page, but as we were producing this release, we found the page was taken down.

During the last few weeks there were many questions as to what/who "essential" businesses were. The federal government, through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), began to release a listing of such businesses. The state followed, by creating a list mirroring the federal advisories. Many citizens, including firearm retailers and shooting ranges were confused by the language.

On March 28, 2020 CISA released an updated advisory. In that document, it was made crystal clear that firearm retailers and shooting ranges should be considered essential. The following quote can be found on that release under the heading of Law Enforcement:

"Workers supporting the operation of firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges."

On March 31, 2020 the Baker Administration held a press conference updating the public on the State's efforts to fight Covid-19. During that event, the Governor announced that they were releasing an updated "essentials" list after reviewing the recent CISA list. When that new Massachusetts list was released it contained the new federal advisory on firearms word, for word.

After reviewing the new state essential document, GOAL alerted its members. Retailers who have been denied financial help from the state were now relieved. At least now, it was clear they could conduct business following all the Covid-19 protocols. After GOAL notified our members that the Second Amendment community might be treated fairly, things took a drastic turn back towards discrimination.

Within, perhaps, an hour after notifying our members the Baker Administration edited their list by specifically removing firearm retailers and shooting ranges. When the Governor's office was queried about the sudden change, we were given the standard answer about protecting people against the virus. The real reason is obvious, more discrimination against our community.

While we are all working together against this virus, we can still get our favorite cheeseburger, latte, pizza, even gourmet meals. Landscape companies are out spreading mulch. My local vet is still providing pet grooming services. The local wild bird watching store emailed me and said I can still buy seed. Have you driven by an ice cream store

lately? Good for those people who are still “allowed” to operate and bring some money home to their family. But when it comes to family owned firearm retailers, the Baker administration shows nothing but disdain for them.

One more thing that reflects the discrimination from Governor Baker; when the crisis first began, many local licensing authorities began to suspend firearm licensing applications. After GOAL started working with some chiefs many authorities began to work to accommodate renewals through several means. We thank them for working with our community. New applications are still a problem.

Under current law, if you are at least able to apply and get a receipt for your renewal, it you are covered as follows.

Chapter 140, Section 131(i) “if the licensee applied for renewal prior to the end of that period, the license shall remain valid after its expiration date for all lawful purposes until the application for renewal is approved or denied.”

However, knowing the upcoming burden on law enforcement during the virus fight, GOAL approached the state to put an emergency order in place. This would have extended all licenses without the need for applying thus freeing up law enforcement for the interim. Similar orders have been given for nearly all licenses issued by the state. That request was denied. More discrimination.

GOAL is currently weighing any, and all, options to address this blatant discrimination against our community. We are in constant communication with the national organizations in an effort to create an organized approach.

Please call Governor Charlie Bakers’ office at 617-725-4005 and give him this simple and straight forward statement

My thoughts:

1. Instructors within the commonwealth have been directed to not conduct Basic Firearms Safety courses directly or otherwise. They are not even authorized to teach firearms safety at the most basic level. The knowledge, skills and attitude they teach and promote are considered a threat, disgusting.

2. The above totally blocks the exercise of 2nd amendment rights from all new applicants in violation of state law and the Commonwealth’s own constitution

3. Instructors certified to teach and qualify retired police officers under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act are not authorized to do so. I guess this demonstrates how much concern the State Attorney and Governor really have for Police Officers and how quickly they are willing to throw our safety aside to fulfill their true goal the disarming of the lawful gunowners of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully: Nish

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MassWildlife Central District Activities

As provided to the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs

Todd M. Olanyk Central District Supervisor

Central District Activities – March 2020

Wildlife Activities – More detail regarding last months black bear research; four dens were visited in Worcester County (in addition to the two that were visited earlier in the winter). All of the expectant sows were found to be with cubs, with a couple of them having four newborns!

Spring barrel-trapping for black bears is underway in an attempt to catch bears in areas near urban centers and major roadways. The research is geared towards gaining an understanding of how bears use habitats that are fragmented by roads and urban sprawl.

Deer Pellet Count Transects have been completed in Mendon, Northbridge, Sterling, and Ashburnham. These surveys provide information on deer densities in a given area and, when combined with additional survey and harvest data, help give accurate deer densities within a management zone.

The yearly Bald Eagle Survey is underway. This survey documents established and new nesting pairs of Bald Eagles during the first half of April. A new pair was found near the Nashua River in Fitchburg. This is a first-year pair which means they will be focusing on nest building and typically will not lay eggs until next year.

Fisheries Activities – Fish stocking for the spring season is more than 90% complete. We were able to stock out in four weeks what would normally be spread out over three months' time. We staged both our District stocking trucks at the hatcheries in order to run multiple loads per day. This was instrumental in delivering all of our large fish to water bodies in such a short time. The crews went above and beyond accomplishing this mission during the coronavirus crisis. We will now be able to concentrate stocking the remaining allotment of several loads of fish into smaller streams throughout the District, and the hatchery system is relieved to have room for the next two years production (in process), and start a new cohort.

We have been getting many inquiries regarding the opening date of the Wachussett and Quabbin Reservoirs for fishing. Both of these waterbodies are controlled by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), not the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife/MDFW). DCR has published their decision to delay opening for fishing these waterbodies until at least May 9th. The DCR will re-assess at that time and decide whether to further delay the opening date. All inquiries regarding fishing these

waterbodies should be directed to the DCR: Wachussett (508) 792-7806 or Quabbin (413) 323-7221

(EDITORS NOTE--Since this report was submitted there has been a change with DCR Reservoir fishing. On April 22, DCR opened the reservoirs for shore fishing only. Boating access to Quabbin is not open as the newsletter was going to print. Check the Quabbin Fishing web page or call 413-323-7221 for status updates.)

Land Management – The Norcross Hill WMA timber cut is ongoing and we continue to monitor that project. We also participated, with Forestry/Habitat staff, in the timber sale showing at Quaboag WMA. The contract was awarded and the cut will begin at that site mid-April.

We supported Reality/Habitat staff on assessing a potential acquisition that would add to the Norcross Hill WMA; we are hoping that sale will close before the end of the fiscal year.

The temporary bridge at Muddy Brook WMA has been removed from Muddy Brook Rd. and returned to the DCR. Many thanks to them for allowing us to borrow it to accomplish our work there.

Our Stewardship Biologist has been busy addressing a few different vehicle and abutter encroachment issues. Staff have also been busy with boundary marking; both new boundaries and refreshing previously marked areas.

Administration – Due to the COVID-19 virus situation, there are some important changes for the upcoming Turkey season regarding purchasing minor licenses, obtaining stickers and how to report turkey harvests. Also, there are new regulations that were approved in 2019 that are taking effect for the first time this spring. Please go online to the following link for complete information: [Mass.gov/turkey2020](https://www.mass.gov/turkey2020)

This link includes information on:

- How to purchase a license and turkey permit, including a new, temporary option for 15–17 years olds to submit parental consent and purchase a license online.
- How to report a harvest. All physical check stations are closed this spring. Hunters are encouraged to report online. Harvest reporting by phone is also available for those without internet access.
- How to request a new or replacement green safety sticker. Hunters should mail requests to FHQ by April 17 for delivery before the start of season.
- New turkey hunting regulations for 2020, including changes to daily and annual bag limits, shot size, and Youth

Hunt Day hours.

- How to safely turkey hunt and maintain social distancing: Hunters should remain at least 6 feet away from others, avoid gathering in groups, and stay home if feeling sick. Mentors should only hunt with immediate family.
- Where to hunt: Access to hunting areas may be impacted by the COVID-19 emergency; hunters should check with landowners for special restrictions. Hunters are advised to avoid crowded areas and have a back-up plan if usual hunting spots are crowded. All Wildlife Management Areas are open to the public for hunting.
- Youth Turkey Hunt Day: All youth seminars were canceled for 2020. Only past participants who completed Basic Hunter Education and a previous Youth Turkey Hunting seminar can participate in the Youth Turkey Hunt

on April 25 this year.

- Joint Base Cape Cod/Camp Edwards: Due to changes in the Camp Edwards training schedule as well as the COVID-19 situation, the Youth Turkey Hunt and the May Controlled Turkey Hunt have been canceled on Camp Edwards.
- Other Turkey Hunting Safety tips.

Respectfully Submitted,

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State Officials Remind Public to Practice Outdoor Safety Measures During Turkey Hunting Season

Outdoor Users Asked to Practice Social Distancing, Outdoor Safety, and Respect for All

BOSTON – With more people seeking outdoor recreation in Massachusetts’ open spaces during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, state officials want to remind hunters and other outdoor users to practice common-sense safety measures during the upcoming turkey hunting season. A special Youth Turkey Hunt Day will be held this Saturday, April 25, and the regular spring turkey hunting season is April 27 to May 23.

“More people are enjoying the state’s conservation lands while practicing social distancing during the COVID-19 State of Emergency,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “While hunting is a safe, healthy, and highly regulated activity in Massachusetts, we want to remind hunters, hikers, bikers, equestrians and others to practice both social distancing and common-sense outdoor safety when visiting open spaces.”

Turkey hunters are reminded about the following precautions:

- Know when and where hunting is allowed.
- Always treat your firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Keep the safety “on” and your finger off the trigger.
- Be sure of your target and what lies beyond it before you shoot.
- Be safe, be seen. Avoid wearing red, white, blue, or black clothing – these colors are associated with male turkeys.
- Be respectful and courteous to other outdoor users.

Other outdoor visitors are advised to take these outdoor safety precautions during turkey hunting season:

- Know when and where hunting is allowed.
- Be safe, be seen. A brightly colored orange vest or hat will help you stay visible.
- Keep pets leashed and visible.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Make your presence known. Talk or whistle to identify yourself as a person.
- Be respectful and courteous – hunter harassment is unlawful.

“We want people to know that hunting is a safe activity and that everyone should feel comfortable using the woods at any time of year,” said Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Ron Amidon. “Hunting accidents among hunters are rare, and incidents involving non-hunters are even more rare.”

“We want to remind the hunting community to remember and practice all of the rules of safe hunting, ethics, and courtesy,” said Colonel Shaun Santos, Director of the Massachusetts Environmental Police. “Likewise, non-hunters should stay on trails, make themselves visible to hunters, and be respectful.”

During the Youth Turkey Hunt Day on Saturday, April 25, hunting hours begin a half hour before sunrise and end at 5:00p.m. Hunting hours during the regular turkey hunting season start a half hour before sunrise and end at 12:00pm. Hunting on Sundays is prohibited in Massachusetts. More information on turkey hunting, new regulations and safety tips can be found here.

“During the COVID-19 state of emergency, we encourage all state park visitors to visit during the week or early in the day on weekends to avoid crowding,” said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery. “Most state forests and parks outside the Boston area are open to hunting, and we ask all people to learn how to be safe in the outdoors, respect other users, and practice social distancing at all times.”

Getting out into nature is a great way to support your mental and physical health year-round. To enjoy the outdoors responsibly during the COVID-19 public health emergency, remember to stay close to home and keep visits short, avoid crowds, practice good hygiene, keep pets leashed, wear facemasks, and stay six feet apart from other visitors at all times.

In addition to the varied offerings at DCR state forests and parks, all MassWildlife Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) remain open to the public to enjoy for fishing, hunting, walking, birding, and other nature-based activities. The public is encouraged to visit lesser-known properties. Choose a different location or time to visit if conditions seem crowded. To find WMAs or state forests and parks near you, please visit the MassWildlife Lands Viewer and DCR’s state parks guide.

For general outdoor safety tips, see: <https://www.mass.gov/outdoor-recreation-safety-tips>

For more information about firearms safety, see: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/firearms-safety>

For safety tips for non-hunters, see: <https://www.mass.gov>

Hi all,

Just to keep the Worcester County League in the loop, below is a letter I have forwarded to the local sportsmen that I have on my email list regarding the proposed MA migratory game bird regulations. Of particular interest to your members is the proposed and discussed woodcock dates. I would like to alert your members in Massachusetts to voice their opinion on this matter. Under separate cover I will be sending a like letter to the Mass Commissioner, Director and 7 member F&W Board after I have completed my research that will support my opening day suggestion. I feel strongly, while we enjoy the given 45 days from the US F&W Services the season should be open on October 1st which will provide the best window of opportunity for the woodcock hunter.

Ernie Sr./Jr.

Dear Fellow Sportsman:

On April 23, 2020, the seven member Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Board of Directors will set (vote) the Migratory Game Season Regulations for 2020 and 2021. The regulations will include all waterfowl, Snipe, Rail and Woodcock dates, daily and possession bag limits. The proposed regulations are posted on the MA F & W website <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/fisheries-and-wildlife-board-public-hearings-on-proposed-regulatory-amendments>.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Governor Charlie Baker has shut down all state employee gatherings until at least May 4, 2020; therefore, the usual public migratory regulations hearing assembly for comment will not be available. The Division does offer a two-week written comment period via USPS (snail mail) or email. The addresses are listed below.

All hunters should take the time to review the proposed regulations, discuss with their hunting companions, club and league members the merits of the proposed regulations and make suggestions, in writing by April 15, 2020.

Of particular interest to the upland hunter are the proposed woodcock dates. Although the proposed regulations suggest an October 3rd opening date, the F & W Board are considering an October 8th opening date.

Just so that everyone understands how this works, the US Fish and Wildlife Service gives Mass F & W forty-five (45) consecutive days to hunt woodcock. As of this writing, as I understand it, the Board is considering counting those 45 days starting with Thursday, October 8, 2020 to Saturday, November 28, 2020. Although it is the same number of days open to woodcock hunting, it does not offer the same number of days where the hunter will have an opportunity to harvest a woodcock because the vast majority of resident birds have already left the State, and the flight birds have passed through. The discussed October 8th woodcock season opening would cause loss of upland hunting days,

since the earlier October days were open to hunting in the past.

We all know that the woodcock diet consists only of invertebrates and earth worms. Once the ground has a frozen surface or snow cover the woodcock gather quickly and head south. We also know that come mid-October early November Massachusetts starts to experience heavy frost, freezing temperatures and possible snow. We also know that the birds in our sister states to the north and New York, influenced by Mother Nature's cold weather vagaries have started their trip south coming through Massachusetts the last week of October and the first week of November; influenced by approaching winter conditions and their biological clock. They are usually gone by mid-November. So, any woodcock hunting days offered by Mass F & W after mid-November are more than likely to be few birds finds or shot opportunities.

It is with the background, please write a letter or send an email asking the Mass F & W Board to set the opening day of woodcock season to be October 1st like our sister states to the north, and New York. At the same time, any other concerns as it relates to the proposed migratory season dates and bag limits should be offered at this time. It can be a simple letter or email like:

Subject: Massachusetts 2020-2021 Migratory Game Season Regulations

Please set the MA woodcock season from October 1 – November 21 with daily bag limits of three (3) and possession of nine (9). Any day after November 21 will more than likely be a lost harvest opportunity. Also, days not given in the first week of October are lost upland hunting days to the hunter.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

John Doe

Thanks for your personal attention to the proposed migratory game bird seasons regulations.

"May you rod always bend true, and your aim be sure"

Ernie Foster, Jr.

Email: susan.sacco@mass.gov

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May 2020

Member COVID-19 Alert and Norco Precautions

- Visit www.norco.club for the most up to date alerts
 - all programs in May still to be decided as of 4/16/20 This includes May 7th Members Meeting, May 9th Cleanup Day, May 9th and 10th Metal Recycle Program
 - Clubhouse bar, rentals, and clubhouse scheduled programs – closed/canceled until further notice
 - Trap/skeet operations closed; range open for members only with handthrowers
 - Rifle, pistol, archery ranges open for use – use social distance guidelines
 - Pond open for fishing – use social distance guidelines
 - Men's room at clubhouse accessible; as well as all emergency medical kits; weekly sanitization done
 - New gate key program postponed until May members meeting, May 7th
 - New memberships applications accepted at May 7th meeting
 - Questions, refunds, future rentals – email wayne@norco.club or call the club phone 978-464-5243
- Club House Temporarily Closed – Until Further Notice

Calendar

May 2020

XX Check website and watch for email for all May activities if they are on/off:

- 7 Business Meeting and Gate Key Exchange Program
- 9 Spring Clean-up Day; rain date May 10
- 9&10 Metal Recycle Days
- 21 Executive Board Meeting
- 31 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

June 2020

- 6 & 7 Session 2 Pheasant Taxidermy workshop (rescheduled from March 14 & 15)
- 7 Defensive Handgun 2 Class
- 11 Business Meeting
- 13 Steakout – Ribeye Your Way
- 15 Basic Hunter Ed Program June 15, 17, 20, and 22
- 20 Central MA NWTF Annual Heritage Banquet – Sturbridge MA

July 2020

- 25 Executive Board Meeting
 - 27 WCLSC Annual Awards Banquet, West Boylston
 - 31 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot
- July 2020
- 4 Clubhouse and Trap/Skeet Operations Closed for July 4th; all grounds and ranges open

- 9 Business Meeting
- 12 Defensive Handgun 3 Class
- 23 Executive Board Meeting
- 26 Pistol Bowling Pin Shoot

Range closures:

Pistol Range: May 5th 9-5pm; May 11th 9-5pm; May 14th 6-9pm; May 15th 9am-5pm; May 16th 9am-5pm ; May 31st 12-2; June 7th 12N-8pm; June 11th 1pm-9pm; June 28th 12-2PM; July 12th 12N-8pm; July 26th 12N-2pm. When pistol range is scheduled to be closed, consider using the 25 yard rifle range.

Rifle Range: none for May, June, July

Trap/Skeet Range: trap/skeet houses closed until further notice; members-only range use with handthrowers
Archery Target Range and 3D Course: Target Range open; 3D range planned opening by May 10th

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 17 - Nov 28.

Visit the Norco Events Calendar for more details on all events <https://www.norco.club/events/> The brief one-page 2020 calendar is on the website for download and at the club by the door for pickup.

Pond fishing available for members and accompanied guests. Limit 2 fish per person. Catch and keep; no catch and release. Please maintain social distance. Please use the trash can. Many members, young and old, have been successful in April catching trout on lures and live bait. Fish are gorging on the pond's salamanders, minnows, tadpoles, and insect hatches breaking the surface.

Check website if program is on/off: Norco Basic Hunter Ed class is scheduled for June 15 (6-10pm), 17 (6-10pm), 20 (8am-5pm), and 22 (6-10pm). Signup through MA Wildlife website: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/basic-hunter-education-courses> Questions can be emailed to President@norco.club

Norco March 28th Sportsmen's Dinner Tickets are being refunded, email wayne@norco.club or call club. Please detail the ticket numbers you have. Club will decide in April/May when to reschedule the Sportsmen's Dinner. You have the option to retain your current ticket (not request a refund yet) and exchange it for a new one once a new date is set.

Norco leadership has launched a new Fundraising Committee to create more club fundraisers and run them. Committee will research ideas, establish budgets, and targets. Many starting ideas are quick to be observed –

by looking at other clubs in the county – spanning more raffles for sporting goods and gift cards, wide range of turkey shoots (trap, pistol, rifle), competitions open to the public with entrée fees and prizes, meat raffles, attracting rentals (e.g. outdoor education), etc. If interested to join this committee, please email wayne@norco.club or call the club, leave a message.

Check website if meeting is on/off: The Norco gate key exchange program will start at the May 7th business meeting. A nominal deposit will be required and a member has to be in good standing with paid 2020 dues.

Norco did draw the March 28th raffle tickets for 3 winners as promoted. Congrats to Mark C., Holden, CZ 12 Ga. Semi-Auto Shotgun; Kevin K., Hubbardston, .50 Cal Optima Black Powder, and Lisa L., Fitchburg, Ruger 10/22

Norco has closed its PO Box and all future correspondence should only be addressed to the street address: 91 Houghton Road, Princeton MA 01541.

Norco June 13th Steakout Dinner Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://bit.ly/3etaONx> and in the clubhouse when it is open. Volunteers sought to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Meal includes Ribeye steak grilled to your doneness, baked potato, side vegetable, and garden salad. Tickets are \$18 per person.

Norco Tractor Training completed one training session with more to come. Details about the Norco Tractor and implements are here <https://www.norco.club/about-us/tractor/>

Norco has reserved a table for the WCLSC Annual Banquet, June 27th. If you want a seat, please email wayne@norco.club. Cost of dinner ticket is \$40 with choice of prime rib, baked cod, or roasted chicken. This Banquet was rescheduled from March 21st. To date, there are 9 Norco members planning to attend.

Late membership renewals are available online with a credit card at URL <https://bit.ly/2TI7cE0>. Email membership@norco.club with any questions.

Firearm instructor Joseph Picariello has published the first series of Defensive Handgun Classes as follows: DH2 June 7; DH3 July 12. DH4/5/6 and Dimlight I/II will be forthcoming for the late summer and fall. Range sessions are held at Norco Pistol Range. Classroom session for DH1 are held at Westminster Police Department. wachusettfirearmtraining@yahoo.com or call 978-464-2776.

WCLSC has launched a county-wide Community Calendar for sportsmen. Visit www.wclsc.org/events or www.tockify.com/wclsc. Never be bored when there is so much to do every weekend - events, competitions, fund raisers, eating, shooting, fishing, education, gear-swaps. If you have a club or organization sportsmen event open to the public, submit it to the calendar for posting. Norco lists its public events there. Cross-check with the event organizer

if the event is being held as listed, or rescheduled/canceled due to COVID-19 precautions.

Check website if program is on/off: Norco Metal Recycle Days on May 9 and 10. If you have scrap metal to recycle as a donation to Norco– Norco has a collection weekend on May 9 and 10 with a roll-off container in the parking lot, 8am to 5pm each day. Of interest is copper, brass, stainless steel, aluminum, lead (including car batteries), and steel. Old grills, lawn furniture, car parts, gutters, plumbing fixtures, any white appliance (including air conditioners), propane tanks that are disassembled, light fixtures with bulbs removed, etc. See the list below. Any spent brass shell casings can go anytime to the rifle range barrel and are not to be placed into the roll-off bin. Before you can drop, you need to send an email [wayne@norco.club] or call/txt msg Wayne Adams 508-631-8883 to pre-approve your items and receive additional guidance on prepping an item. If you are not on the list to make a drop, you may be turned away. There are a number of items that will not be accepted, just like any recycle center. At this May program, we will not be handling computer/tv electronic devices, anything that can be considered hazmat material/liquid with metal such as metal pipes encased in asbestos, undrained fluids in motorized equipment, etc.. See the list marked with the X. If you have an automobile to donate, a special pickup can be arranged at your house on a mutual date. Also, looking for volunteers to help with this program.

Check website if program is on/off: Norco Spring Cleanup Day, Saturday May 9th, 8am – mid-afternoon. Volunteer and earn your 2020 work credit hours. Focus will be on the grounds and maintaining social distance amongst the work teams. Though Norco has power equipment and a tractor, we encourage members to bring their own too, as well as work gloves and your own hand tools. Tasks include leaf blowing, planting the entranceway, road maintenance, setting out picnic tables, dead tree removal, cutting trees on the road between the club house and trap range, power line tree cutback, pond edge cleanup, range trash removal, range target repairs and brass cleanup, wood chip spreading, firewood cutting, etc. Come at 8am to select the projects you want to work on, grab a coffee and a donut. Lunch served for all volunteers. Email wayne@norco.club with questions. Rain date will be Sunday May 10th.



Trout caught on salmon eggs, ready for the frying pan

✓ Plate Steel	✓ Aluminum	✗ Asbestos
✓ I-Beams	✓ Copper	✗ Oil
✓ Angle Iron	✓ Brass	✗ Capacitors
✓ Machinery	✓ Stainless Steel	✗ Light Ballasts Containing PCB
✓ Automobiles	✓ Soft Lead	✗ Drums & Barrels (Unless they are dry)
✓ Car Rims	✓ Window Frames	✗ Radioactive Items
✓ Refrigerators	✓ Electric Motors	✗ Closed or Sealed Vessels
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✓ Tubing	✓ Alternators	✗ Magnesium
✓ Valves	✓ Starters	✗ Alkaline Batteries
✓ Pipe	✓ Batteries	✗ Street Signs
✓ Cast Iron	✓ Aluminum Turnings	✗ Gas Tanks (Unless it is drained & brought in on a vehicle)
✓ Siding or Sheet	✓ Nickel Alloys	✗ CRT Computer Monitors
✓ Old Tools	✓ Titanium	✗ TVs
✓ Lawn Mowers	✓ Tungsten Carbide	✗ Beer Kegs
✓ Gym & Sports Equipment	✓ Painted Aluminum	✗ Microwaves
✓ And Many More!	✓ Non-PCB Light Ballasts	✗ Paper/Plastic
	✓ And Much More!	✗ Light bulbs

Norco Sportsman's Club May 2020 updates on what is open, canceled, or postponed. Norco leadership continues to monitor state guidance for COVID-19, hold meetings via teleconference, pickup postal mail, respond to email inquiries and voicemails.

Continued to be closed until further notice for May:

- 1) Bar,
- 2) clubhouse rentals,
- 3) member meeting will not be held on May 14th,
- 4) and trap & skeet operations.

Postponed May programs:

1) Metal recycle days will not be held on May 9 & 10 as scheduled. New dates TBD, most likely mid-summer when non-essential businesses restrictions are reduced.

2) New membership requests will be deferred until the June business meeting if the meeting will be held.

Canceled May programs:

1) Spring Cleanup on May 9th. We encourage club members to earn hours on their own time or small work teams of 1-3 people with social distancing. The maintenance and cleanup work has not gone away. See more details below on how to signup and earn hours

Continued to be open now and into May:

1) given social distancing of 6 feet, rifle & pistol range (note May pistol range closures for LEO classes, see schedule below); trap & skeet ranges with handthrower/own thrower and clays, archery target range on the lawn; pond for fishing with 2 fish daily limit; hiking and wildlife observation, mens bathroom.

2) the May pistol shoot is under review if it can be conducted with with many precautions. a separate email will come out in May for a final decision.

3) One member's early April fishing and wildlife observation experience at Norco: <https://www.norco.club/2020/04/05/staying-sane-during-covid-19/>

General outlook for June. If and when the state decides to lighten restrictions, we expect ongoing social distancing, group sizes may be capped and small, wearing masks in close quarters, and sanitizing common surfaces. These precautions and restrictions can effect Hunter Ed class, Pheasant Taxidermy Program, Business Meeting, Bar occupancy, and Steakout. However, if the state continues with current restrictions, these programs and meetings and operations will be canceled or postponed. At this time, too early to communicate a definitive status per activity for June.

To follow the State of MA COVID-19 Guidance, How to Self quarantine, what precautions to take, and who is most vulnerable, visit this website. <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> and the USA <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

On behalf of the entire club executive leadership,
Duffy Lanciani
President



Ashley Newell with not just one but 2 Turkeys on Youth Turkey Hunt Tom Hebert was Ashley's Mentour



Paul Zygurski Jr. with his Turkey Youth Hunt success Paul's mentour is Duffy Lanciani





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ICE FISHING pool winners for 2020 are Bass First Butch Streeter 6.1 pounds Second Dennis Comee 4.9 pounds; Pickerel First Joe Jandris 3.25 pounds Second Chuck Reed 1.8 pounds; Perch First Butch Streeter 1.1 pounds Second Marcel Leger .75 pounds Pike First Joe Jandris 4.9 pounds Second Shawn King 4.6 pounds and finally the Best Fish Trout Tony Asmar 1.5 pound rainbow and no second fish was registered as they are very hard to catch! Based on the results the old guys kicked butt again this year. I would say that overall it was a good year for ice fishing with decent ice but not a lot. Special thanks to Brian Janhunen for being the pools coordinator for so many years and to all who participated in the pool.

FISH POOL sadly this pool is on hold like everything else at the club due to the virus. I am hopeful that things will get to some type of normalcy soon. The MA. Fish and Game folks have moved up their stocking schedule so as of this writing most of the trout have been stocked. The virus has impacted almost everything. I may not get to fish the Black River in Vermont due to the non-resident restrictions in place as of this writing. Oh Well!

CV or Corona Virus has really turned everything these days upside down. There is much you can do to get through this down time. Clean guns, work on fishing tackle watch TV and if you have a boat work on that. Also for those with dogs it is a great time to get them out for a hike which is also good for you. Molly is getting out for a run almost every day. I am sure you can think of so much more to do during this difficult time so do it.

Quabbin the last date I heard was it should open on May 9 about a three week delay. If you like Smallie fishing the bass should be on the beds or very close to it. Salmon and the other cold water fish should be ready to hit almost anything. So hopefully the date will be a go and we can get out and enjoy ourselves on the Quabbin.

MEMBERSHIP no updated information here since the March and now April meetings have been cancelled. The club has been shuttered since the middle of March the 16th and hopefully will reopen in early May. WE cancelled our workbee and members night both scheduled for early April. Unfortunately even our shooting range is not useable

based on the Governor's RULING! I strongly recommend that every individual if you are not a member consider joining the Massachusetts Gun Owners Action League or GOAL. An organization whose main function is protecting our second amendment rights. I have been a member for several decades.

KIDS DERBY I have no information on this usually early June event.

TURKEY yes the Turkey season should have started as you read this. Remember to spray your clothing boots hat etc. with Sawyer's permethrin or something to fight off the ticks. They are everywhere! Good luck to all the Turkey hunters.

BASS tournament this will be dependent on how the corona virus goes. Shawn King the coordinator is still hopeful we may get it done on the second Saturday in June or a bit later? All you bassers cross your fingers and hope!

SOLAR FIELD great news it is being built as you read this. Construction started in the middle of March and completion is expected in the next few months. Once it goes online this should be a great financial benefit to our club which is badly needed.

PICS First is Jim Morrill 9pt on the left and Shawn King 8pt on the right with their big bucks taken during the 2019 New Hampshire rifle season; Frank Fowler the tall one on the right with two friends after a successful Maine guided Hare hunt; John Czasnowski with a very big Maine buck with 13 points a corker and a group picture taken at the clubs one day ice fishing derby at Camp Collier. I am hopeful that we can get back to a more normal outdoors life and refresh my picture selection.

NOTES our LTC class is another victim of the virus. You can still go fishing and the ponds and most brooks are full of trout. My shooting is on hold like most everything else. I suggest you go to the club's website for the latest information regarding club activity. Continue to save your change for our pheasant donation jar for whenever the club re-opens. Submitted April 20, 2020

Anthony J Asmar, Club News Reporter and Editor!



Jim Morrill left and Shawn King right



Frank Fowler and friends



John Czasnowski





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Greetings All

Hope everyone is doing well. I know that this letter is not going to print so I'm not sure how many people are actually going to read it but we'll give er a try.

With all the stores and gun shops and every other place that has the WCLSC paper delivered to them are all closed so it's really not feasible for them to go to print and print out a newspaper that can't be delivered.

So with that being said, April what a crappy month one day it's 70 degrees the next day it's 29 degrees. Now today we have high winds and thunderstorms expected. When is the nice weather going to get here. Maybe that's in isolation too.

MEMBERSHIP

The board directors and the offices of the Club did have a zoom conference for last meeting and I believe we are going to do the very same thing in April so that business can be taken care of at the Club. The bills have been paid, for now.

I'm not going to go down and make a whole list of all the different committees because there's nothing going on at the Club.

The Club grounds are open to members and their immediate family to enjoy. As of this writing the Club will stay closed until the emergency order is lifted.

No groups and of course keep 6 feet away from everyone. Now with that being said, there is still plenty for you to do at the Club. The archery targets still out there. If you want you can still use the rifle range you just have to walk up from the gate. If you do use the range make sure that you sign the log book that is up at the range. We need this when the Club opens up again so we can transfer the records from the range record book to the Club record book.

And if all else fails get out your pole and head to the Club because we have a big old pond filled with fish. I know a lot of members have been down there wetting lines. They've been catching everything from largemouth to brooke trout. So if you're pulling your hair out (which most of you don't have that much of) and the wife and kids are driving you nuts, head down to the Club, just stay away from me, I mean everybody. Myself, I like to get out my 7 foot fishing pole. If I can reach you with my pole I'm gonna poke you with it.

In all seriousness it seems like things are starting get back to normal, not quite yet but... take care of one another, keep an eye on everyone, watch out for the elderly. If you have some neighbors that could do use some help, go bang on the door and asked if they need anything, even a case of water helps out nowadays or toilet paper, weird huh. Alright well take care of yourself and like I always say.

C Ya at the Club

Mike Conant Jr

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Hello to all,

No one gets to much good news lately, but here's some. The April meeting was cancelled! We didn't have to endure the usual four minute meeting, pounding the same old topics to death with the unruly members, gravel banging calls to order, finger pointing, chair throwing, fist pounding, foot stomping stress that happens every month. And, a virtual meeting is highly unlikely for a group of people who still can't always figure out that you have to put powder down the barrel of a muzzle loader first to make it work! Right?

Seriously now, we all most likely know of someone negatively effected by our recent change of life. As I mentioned above, the meeting was cancelled as well as the last four scheduled shoots. I haven't had much in any news other than Baker's last e-mail where we hope to salvage the last shoot on May 17th, but won't know till we get closer to the date, and maybe some discussion at the June meeting about what to do about salvaging this season. Until then lets stay home, relax, have a beer and keep your powder dry. And boy, if the meetings were really that much fun they would be standing room only! Please stay safe, healthy and home. Our health and the health of others is the most important right now, we will meet again!!! Jeff



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Update Your E-mail

As we have learned the last few months – our ability to communicate with the Club is growing ever dependant on E-Mail. Please be sure we have your most up-to-date email address. See Paul Breau or Bill McGowan



Remembering Armand Courchaine

He would come in promptly at 7 p.m., taking his place at the middle table so everyone could see what he was working on. Soon we would gather around him as he pulled bag after bag of ancient feathers, chenelle, dubbing, wax, guidebooks, tackle boxes, and hooks from seemingly bottomless containers. His usual crowd would congregate around him, most bringing only their vices because Armand always had enough material for everyone. Those who sat with him followed along with whatever he was tying: bass bugs, frogs, streamers, or giant salmon bombers. Most of the time, though, there wouldn't be any tying at all. Armand would start talking and once he got rolling you could never stop him. Story after story filled the air and we were always keen to listen. More often than not, he was one of the last to leave.

Our club has suffered a loss we are not quite sure how to comprehend. How can someone with such a personality, such generosity of time and energy, such devotion to the sport of fishing, such passion for the art of fly tying, and such love for his fellow anglers, be gone? The meetings of New England Fly Tyers will never be the same without the warmth Armand brought to every gathering. But we will press on, as he would want us to, telling stories, tying flies, and, of course, fishing.

Rest in Peace Dear Friend.

The entire membership of The New England Fly Tyers would like to offer their condolences and prayers to Armand's wife, Shelia, and the entire Courchaine Family, specifically Armand's son, Matthew, who kept us all up to date with Armand's fight with COVID-19.



North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club

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North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club The monthly club meeting was held on March 9th, 2020.

Due to virus pandemic no meeting held in April.

All meetings and events are cancelled or postponed until further notice. The WCL newsletters will be posted electronically at www.wclsc.org

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, the Treasurer's report was read and accepted unanimously. Committee reports were read.

There is an opportunity for members to help on some of the events and projects. Please ask a Board Member or Officer if you have some time to volunteer to the Club.

It is time to Update your membership!

Anne Morin is now the Chair of our Membership Committee. Be aware, if your club dues are not paid by now any access to facilities or ranges are ceased and you will be assessed a \$25 late fee to continue as a full member. Renewals can be mailed to the Club at 20 Boynton Rd in North Brookfield.

The Club is available to be rented for functions. If you are interested, please contact Phil Courchaine at 508- 868-7290. For any 2020 Events

Every Friday night is our Texas Hold'ems. Sign up begins at 7:00pm and play starts at 7:30. This is open to the public and there is always room for players. Proceeds from this ongoing event helps to fund the Spring Youth Fishing Derby. For info, contact Phil Courchaine at 508- 868-7290.

Trap Shooting: Starting on April 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM weather permitting. It is open to the public.

New Members: Connor Hibbard, Patricia Durand, Tom Levesque, Mary and Wayne Russell, Donald and Catherine Beyer, and Kurtis Drolet.

Welcome to our club!!

This year's events (2020)

25th - kids Fishing derby- more info to follow

May 9th - Chicken Barbeque
17 or 24th (tentative) more info to follow
30th...Club clean up Day...

June
13th – Car show with rain date of the 14th

20th – Brownell NRA day Women only instructional clinic. \$60 per person. 8:15-5:00PM. Clinic, including food.

August - 22nd Drovers Roast

September

12th Brownell Shooting Clinic event. Family oriented instructional clinic. \$60 per person. 08:15-5:00PM. Clinic, including food.

November

November 1, Annual horse trail ride & dinner

November 20th, Annual Turkey raffle and Thanksgiving basket ticket drawn.

Reminders:

1. Still Looking for an Archery Chairperson!
2. Still looking for a Delegate/s as Worcester County League Representative

Please consider one of these open positions as your personal commitment to making our club work better!

Please Note: In keeping with the new theme of making our club better, we are looking forward to the next year with excitement! However, we are in need of more workers. The same tired, true and dedicated few cannot keep going at this pace. The BOD has initiated a work requisite starting for the 2021 year. You can keep your membership costs low by volunteering to work at the club a minimum of 10 hours per year!

Note: Some members have already taken advantage of our annual game dinner to volunteer time toward their annual work hours toward keeping costs low for membership! You can do the same by helping at any our upcoming events (i.e. Car show, Chicken barbeque, or helping at the Club cleanup day in May)!

Please remember that our club cleanup day is very important to start off the year on a good note! To really make a difference, please bring your favorite shovel, rake, weed whacker, etc. if possible, on May 30th!

Our events and work details are a perfect time for us all to step up and get the work we need done and your annual work time hour minimum for the year!

Let's make our club better by all pitching in to do what is needed!

Our next meeting will be announced via social media, Facebook, our website and emails.

Be Safe and God Bless the USA!!



Otter River Sportsman's Club Inc.

Street Address for the club is;
250 Lord Rd.
Templeton MA 01468
(978-939-4824) or (978-939-7375)

Mailing Address for the club:
P.O. Box 28
Baldwinville, Ma. 01436

www.otterriversportsmansclub.org

2019 ORSC Officers
President: Chuck Schrawder
Vice-President: OPEN
Treasurer: Les Dossett
Asst. Treasurer: OPEN
Recording Secretary: Pete Couillard
Membership Secretary: Ben Napier
Inside Guard: Bill Lambert
WCL Committee Chairman: Ron Amidon

CHECK OUT CURRENT EVENTS & DETAILS AT OUR WEBSITE:

www.otterriversportsmansclub.org
March 2020



To All Members,

As of now, the Game Supper has been suspended until further notice!
We as a committee, felt this was the right thing to do at this time.
We'll keep you informed.

Stay safe!
Dave Manca

To all Members and Friends:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All events are pending state/town regulations regarding the COVID-19 emergency shutdown. Please adhere to state guidelines pertaining to social distancing and personal hygiene

Membership Dues: Dues unpaid will lead to termination of membership, with an appeal to the BOD allowed. See Ben Napier, Membership Secretary, for your 2020 membership card. Also, please update your contact information with Ben. We need your current telephone number, postal address, and email address for ongoing communications from your club.

Wild Game Supper, May 9th: Postponed pending state/town regulations regarding the COVID-19 emergency shutdown.

Youth Day, May 17th: Postponed pending state/town regulations regarding the COVID-19 emergency shutdown.

Event Calendar - May, 2020:

All planned events must have Board of Directors approval prior to advertising. We would like to help you promote your event or activity on our website. Please email announcements, flyers, and/or photos to the club at orscmailbox@gmail.com

Queen of Hearts Social & Drawing - Every Wednesday at 7PM			
Range Committee Meeting	7:00PM	Tuesday	May 5th
Mother's Day		Sunday	May 10th
Board of Directors' Meeting	7:00PM	Tuesday	May 12th
Millers River Trout Unlimited	7:00PM	Thursday	May 21st
Memorial Day		Monday	May 25th
Members Meeting	7:00PM	Thursday	May 28th

Guests: Members bringing guests to the clubhouse, please make sure to sign the Guest Book. Guests must always be accompanied by the member while anywhere on the premises

Rental: Members renting the club facilities are responsible for all cleanup and trash removal. This includes kitchen detail and dishwashing



Barre Sportsman's Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 111
221 Spring Hill Road
Barre, MA 01005

Clubhouse (978) 355-4643
Contact: barresportsmansclub@gmail.com

President:
Vice President:
Treasurer:
Secretary:
Bar Manager:

Mike Nobilni
Ralph Gendron
Janet Pierce
Meridith B. Young
Glenn Carter
www.barresportsmansclub.org

Board of Directors
Norm Gemme
John 'Fig' Neri
Vincent Kotowski
Aaron LaTulippe
Rob Deschenes
Zackary Glidden

Each morning I'm up early, partially because I'm an early bird by nature, and partially due to an aging dog whose spans between potty breaks are decreasing (and I can't seem to stay up later to offset it). However, the good news in it all is that I am getting to hear the turkeys calling and coming down from the roost nearly every morning now. It's funny but the excitement of being out in the woods and hearing those first noises as the turkeys are waking and coming down from their roosts.... It never really leaves you. I'm reminded every morning I hear them.

Hopefully you have made it out into the woods for turkey season when this reaches your door. Please know you are all entered in the Big Tom award – we'll do signups in arrears as we have not been able to have a meeting (perhaps by the time you get this we will have had a meeting ... time will tell).

Renewals and the due dates will logically be extended if needed based on current conditions and issues (it will require a meeting to vote to make it official) but please be sure to communicate with the board once we are back at it, so we can make appropriate accommodations where needed in this new environment for us all. We don't want to lose any members for reasons well beyond their control on the short term; we need to be in this together, in getting everything back on the new track that is unfolding for us.

Please note all leagues are currently in hold mode. You can expect a Onecall with updates if you haven't had one already (if you are NOT getting the Onecall messages, please be sure to contact Meridith to make sure your information is up to date).

Also remember the range is open to use, but please if you go shoot, use appropriate precautions as recommended by the CDC while using the range (masks, gloves etc. if you should be there with others) and if anyone else is there, abide by appropriate social distancing protocols. If you enter the facilities – please wear gloves and clean up behind yourself, for the safety of all of us.

SPORTSMEN'S FALL CLASSIC OCTOBER 2020 – Tickets are IN!!!!

Sporting fans it is THAT time of year as we enter the 10th anniversary year for our Fall Classic – the tickets are printed and will be distributed to members as soon as our social distancing protocols are relaxed. Feel free to presell – just track your ticket needs. As always 1100 tickets only will be sold.

Contact Meridith Young (978) 434-7932 or Rob Deschenes (978)798-9048 for questions or requests for tickets. They will also be available at the next club meeting we are able to hold.

NEXT EVENT: EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY CANCELED UNTIL MAY 4TH, BASED ON STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES; and will extend to match if there is a new date (please note, again, Onecalls will go out as changes occur to inform everyone).

WCLSC NEWSLETTER CONTENT: If you have any ideas/thoughts/suggestions for the newsletter, don't hesitate to let me (Meridith) know as I'm open for suggestions.

Have a fabulous May – I'm still hoping the Quabbin opens on its new date in May; I can hear the salmon calling my name.....

10th Anniversary Sportsmen's Fall Classic
Barre Sportsman's Club
Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 5pm
Benelli Super Black Eagle III Camo 12ga.
Franchi Instinct LX 20ga.
Benelli M2 Slug Gun 20ga
Ten Point Titan M1 Package Crossbow
CZ Bob White 20ga.
Savage 220 20ga. Camo
Franchi Momentum 6.5 Creed
Remington 700. 243 Win
Henry H004M 22WMR
Ruger American 22LR American Flag
Diamond Edge SB1 Bow Package
Winchester Super X 20ga Muddy Girl

Name _____ 0001
Address _____
Phone _____
 Check if attending the event for dinner count.



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Greenville, NH
oldglorygunsandammo.com
and
Neri Painting & Contracting
Barre, MA
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a ticket (or tickets)
and supporting our club!



BARRE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB 2020 EVENT & FUNCTION CALENDAR

NOTE: The dates or information in *italic* have NOT been confirmed by the POC

RENEWALS SHOULD BE MAILED OUT – Please know there will be a grace period extension likely due to the constraints of the current environment.

MAY – Listen for Onecalls for Confirmation on the Events

Thursday, 7th - Club Meeting @ 7:30pm

Thursday, 14th – BOD @ 7:30pm

Sunday, 17th Sportsman's Challenge, All Day, POC: NEED POC (date to be confirmed– Hubbardston hosts)

Sunday, 31st - CURRENT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE DATE – THIS MAY CHANGE BASED ON THE IMPACTS OF COVID19 TO INCLUDE A GRACE PERIOD; this will be updated once determined.

JUNE

Thursday, 4th - Club Meeting @ 7:30pm // Thursday, 11th – BOD Meeting @ 7:30pm

Tuesday, 16th – Hunter Safety Course Part 1 @ 5p-9:30pm (signups are via Mass.gov website)

Sunday, 28th – Hunter Safety Course Part 2 @ 7a-3pm

JULY

No Club or Board Meeting based on 4th vacation schedules etc.

Friday, 10th – Vintagers (tentative, pending their schedule)

AUGUST

Thursday, 6th - Club Meeting @ 7:30pm // Thursday, 13th – BOD Meeting @ 7:30pm

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 3rd - Club Meeting @ 7:30pm ... Annual Installation of Club Officers

Thursday, 10th - BOD Meeting @ 7:30pm

Saturday, 12th - Fall Club Grounds Spruce-Up, 8am start (prep for Clambake as well)

Sunday, 13th - Clambake, 11:00AM, POC: John (Fig) Neri

Friends of the NRA Banquet (details when they become available)

OCTOBER

Thursday, 1st - Club Meeting @ 7:30pm

Saturday, 3rd – Youth Deer Hunt (see Mass.gov website for details)

Saturday, 3rd – Fall Hunter's Kickoff @ 5pm (setup Friday evening, Saturday morning), POC's: Rob Deschenes & Meridith Young

Thursday, 8th - BOD Meeting @ 7:30pm

Saturday, 24th - Youth Pheasant Hunt, 9:00am, POC: Mike Wood

NOVEMBER

Thursday, 5th - Club Meeting @ 7:30pm // Thursday, 12th – BOD Meeting @ 7:30pm

Sunday, 14th - Turkey Shoot, 10:00am, POC: Janet Pierce

DECEMBER

NO Club or BOD Meeting this month, resume in January 2021

Sunday, 6th - Children's Christmas Party, 12:00PM, POC: Dave Fleming

POCs for Sporting Functions (Spring 2020) – CURRENTLY ON HOLD UNTIL SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS ALLOW FOR GATHERINGS:

Trap – POC: Mike Nobilini (508) 889-7839 - ~May

Sporting Clays – POC: (looking for volunteer(s) to fill this position)

Archery – POC: John (Fig) Neri (978) 857-8202, Mondays at 6pm (~May)

Range .22 Shoot – POC: Tony Pitisci (978) 355-4474 ~Pending

Pistol Shoot – POC: Bert DuVernay (413) 477-6529, 3rd Saturdays 9am until time change - Pending

200 Yard Rifle – POC: Peter Stalker (978) 660-1462 (cell), Mondays at 6pm - Pending

Barre Sportsman's Club

22 Spring Hill Rd Barre, MA

Archery - Mon 6pm

22 Shoots Tue - 6pm

Trap - Wed 7:30pm

Leicester Rod & Gun Club

Public is welcome at all shooting events

Trap Mondays 6 PM

Pistol shoots Tuesdays 6 PM rimfire pistol shoot

Thursday 6 PM center fire pistol shoot

Archery Indoors Jan-Mar, 3D Spring & Summer

Sporting Clays Saturday's 9 AM

Summer. For more details see leicesterrodandgunclub.com or

Leicester Rod and Gun Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/leicesterrodandgunclub>

Leicester-Rod-And-Gun-Club

-157978684263644/

Wickaboag Sportsman's Club

New Braintree Road West

Brookfield, MA. Phone 508-867-9804

SUNDAY 3D SHOOT

May 5th, June 16th, August 25th

Scott Lariviere Archery Chairman

Spencer Fish & Game Club

155 Mechanic St., P.O. Box 238

Spencer, MA 01562 508-885-5925

Trap: Sunday 12pm & Thursday 6:30 pm

Ice Fishing Derby 1/11 7-1 pm, back up date 2/8

Huge Meat Raffle 1/26 2pm

both open to the public

Petersham Gun Club

158 Nelson Rd Petersham MA, 01366

SPORTING CLAYS,

Sundays 10am till 1pm.. Winter League starts February 1st.

NORCO Sportsmen's Club

91 Houghton Rd. Princeton, MA 01541

Trap and skeet range open

Mon. and Thurs 6 pm to 9 pm Sat 1-4

Hubbardston Rod & Gun Club

P.O. Box 47 Hubbardston, MA 01452

2nd Tuesdays Regular Business Meeting.

Nimrod League of Holden

Coal Kiln Road, Princeton, MA

Mason Road, (Holden.off Rte 31 north)

Trap and Skeet shoots every Thursday

6 - 9 pm

Club Events

Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club,

289 Rindge State Road (Route 119)

Ashburnham, MA

Trap shooting - Wednesday Nites at

6 PM. Kitchen usually open. Public

invited. For information contact Ron

978-827-6800.

All of the events are at the Fitchburg

Sportsmen's Club at "Swallow Hill"

Grounds. For more info contact

George 978-342-5928.

Beginners Trap Shooting Clinic on

Sunday, 8 July 2018 from 9:00 AM to

Noon. It is open to the public. Contact

Ron for info. 978-827-6800

Leominster

Sportsmen's Association

1455 Elm St., Leominster

Trap and Skeet, 9 AM to Noon

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and

Sunday

Skeet, Friday, 6PM to 9 PM

5 Stand, Saturday, 9 AM to Noon and

Sunday, Noon to 3 PM

Public invited and welcome

Hamilton Rod and Gun Club

24 Hamilton Rd Sturbridge Mass

1-508-347-3389

Trap every Sunday 9:30 am

2nd & 4th Friday nights 6:30

Bar open Friday nights 7

New members class 2nd Sat of each

month.

Aug 2nd -3rd Mill Town Hot Rods

show

Sept 15 IMOC Italian Motorcycle

owner club Sept 22 nd the big MOE

mass outdoor expo Oct 19 th Wounded

Warriors appreciation day.

Rain date 20th

Hamilton Rod and Gun will host the

R100 3D archery shoot from June 28th

thru June 30th. For times and cost visit

the R100 web page www.r100.org

Safari League 30 target 3D archery

shoot will be held on June 2nd and

August 18th. Registration starts at

7am and runs until 12pm. The cost is

\$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 thru 15

yrs and free for kids under 10.

Marlborough Fish & Game Asc

1 Muddy Lane

Marlborough MA 01752-1047

508-485-9739

Rutland Sportsman's Club

75 Pleasantdale Road, Rutland, MA

Auburn Sportsman's Club

50 Elm St. Auburn, MA

(508) 832-6492

Brookfield Rod and Gun Club

56 Webber Road

Brookfield, Ma. 01506

Inviting the Public to the Following event:

Turkey Shoots every Sunday starting

October 26, 2019 through April 26th, 2020.

Start time is 10:00am.

20 rounds, 15 bird rounds and 5 slug

rounds. \$40.00 Includes all rounds.

Cash and Meat Prizes. Attend six

Sunday shoots during the year and you

and a guest are invited to the Turkey

Shoot Banquet held at the completion

of the shooting season.

Special Event:

August 15th, 2020. Slug Team Shoot,

\$30.00 for Ten Rounds. All meat

prizes. Sign up by August 1st. Call

Sue Holmes Range Safety Officer and

Range Committee chair at 774-262-

9471. Leave message on cell.

Thanks, Pat O'Day

North Brookfield Sportsman's Club

20 Boynton Road,

North Brookfield, MA, 01535

Club Phone (508) 867-9216

Wednesday Trap Shoots at 7:00PM,

they are open to the public

Townsend Rod and Gun Club

46 Emery Road

Townsend, MA 01469

Public always welcome to all events

Trap every Sunday 9 AM - 12PM

and Thursday 9 - 11:30 AM

Bowling Pin Shoots

8:30 AM- 1 PM

17 May, 2nd Sunday June-Oct.

Black Powder Shoot every 3rd Sunday

9 AM-1 PM