



# PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

April 2014

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## President’s Message by Tony Richard

It’s Spring – right? It has to come eventually – right? Hope everyone’s winter hasn’t been too harsh, but for me, I’m ready for warmth.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the show and everyone who has helped PCCA throughout the year in our many activities and events.

students from Unity College and some guest speakers – should be a great evening.

*Tony*

The 76<sup>th</sup> show Chair, Woody Higgins, will brief us at the dinner meeting.

See you at the April dinner meeting – Warden’s appreciation night,

## EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) SURVEY TRAPS

**ATTENTION** – to all who use our land!!! In May, survey traps for the EAB will be placed on our land in Brewer (near the pond) and in Stetson. The traps are PURPLE in color and will be in a tree. They will be labeled and are very sticky! Please do not remove or handle them! FMI go to [maineforestservice.gov/purpletraps.htm](http://maineforestservice.gov/purpletraps.htm) on the web.

## AMERICAN CHESTNUT SEED PLANTING

Before we know it the snow will be gone, the soil warming up and our American Chestnut Foundation partners will be looking for volunteers to help them plant seeds on our Stetson land and in other places across the state. If YOU can help, or would like to learn more, please contact Al Faust. He would be more than happy to explain the operation, how you might help and ad you to his contact list.

We are proud to have several successful orchards on our land and look forward to fostering more plantings this year!

## 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsmen’s Show

The Show committee and BOD wish to extend a special thank you to all who worked on our 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. Everyone plays a valuable part in making a production such

as this a huge success.

We look forward to continuing the tradition next year. Our show is considered one of the best in the State, if not the

Nation, and it is all done by volunteers!

Without you all – it would not be such a success – our gratitude to all. A job well done ~ Thank you!

### Special points of interest:

- We are on Facebook – Friend us!
- Dues 2014 – 2015 come due on June 1. Mark your calendars today.
- PCCA does not meet the months of July and August. We do *however* sometimes have need for workers – please update your phone number when dues notices are sent.

### Wild Game Dinner – April 6th – U Maine Wildlife Society Fund Raiser

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The University of Maine Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be having their Wild Game Banquet at the PCCA club on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 4pm.

Cost will be \$8.00 per

person. Donations of wild game in advance will be appreciated.

You will get 50% off your meal ticket!.

Please contact [Caitlin.Gunn@umit.maine.edu](mailto:Caitlin.Gunn@umit.maine.edu) you have anything to donate.

This is always a great time with lots of excellent food!!!!

Please consider coming and bringing a friend or friends to support the students. No one goes away hungry!

**PCCA FISHING POND** – There was a great response to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Day this winter. We suspect there will be many people bringing their children to use the pond this spring. This is for youth and there is NO Adult fishing! Please let your friends and neighbors know this is there for the children to enjoy!

Our pond is a place where memories are made in all seasons. Bring a child and help them learn how to fish. Remember, too, Carry In – Carry Out!

#### FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, May 31st, PCCA will again sponsor a FREE Family Fun Day from 10A – 3P. Lunch will be available to purchase at a nominal fee. Outdoor activities for kids, parents, friends, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone interested in the outdoors will be held.

We encourage you to pass the word so folks will come or come assist us by helping for the day. Groups and organizations such as the Penobscot Fly Fishers, Penobscot River Restoration, the Archery Group, PCCA Range personnel and others

will be there to coordinate and organize activities.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time please contact Woody, Cindy Merrill or Lois-Ann to help on the event, Nancy to help with lunch or Charlie to help on the Range.

#### APRIL – REGULAR MEETING

The April meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A ham dinner with fixin's will be served at 6PM. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

This will be Warden's Night/Unity College Night and the Speakers will be David Trahan of SAM and James Cote of the Wildlife Federation and an IF&W Biologist talking on the Bear Referendum.

Business meeting will follow our meal and speaker. This always proves to be a very social and fun evening!

If you are willing to consider being our Newsletter Editor, or intern for Leadership roles for the Gun Show or Sportsmen's Show – please speak to President Tony! Meetings are an opportunity to get to know folks and learn more about what is going on.

Dues are always received at meetings and applications for membership are also available.

There is a 50/50 raffle at each meeting too. If you have any questions, feel free to contact an officer or Board member.

Coming to the meeting? Consider bringing a guest or maybe giving another member a ride. The more the merrier – a great time for fellowship!



A successful day on the pond!

#### SPRING IS COMING

**PFDs Save Lives!**

**Just a reminder – when out in a boat make sure to WEAR your PDF!**

## WHAT IS THE MAINE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COUNCIL?

In response to the attack made by the Humane Society of the US against OUR hunting methods in Maine and their referendum drive to place this on the November ballot, Hunters have united and put together a coalition of sportsmen, farmers, wildlife biologists, small business owners and others to lead the fight to defeat this referendum. This **anti-hunting** issue **must be**

**defeated! Do not be fooled – it is not just about bears!**

Come to our April meeting – learn more – talk to the folks who are out in our woods! Learn about the HSUS's **REAL AGENDA!** Learn what you can do to help! We need YOU and everyone you know to learn more and help us! The future of hunting depends on you! The future

of a healthy bear population in Maine depends our hunting methods too! Without all hunting methods, Maine bear population will grow even more and conflicts between bears and people will become more common.

Come to our April meeting and learn more – meet the leaders of the campaign to defeat the Bear Hunting Ban!

### 2014 – 2015 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBER SLATE

The 2014 Nominating Committee presents the following slate for voting at our Annual Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

President – Adam Robinson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Woody Higgins, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Al Faust, Secretary – Charlie Rumsey, Treasurer – Nancy Hatch, Assistant Treasurer – Peter Bartley.

2 Year Directors – Tony Richard, John Crain, Wade Moffitt, Lois-Ann Holmes, Jan Logan and Angie Stearns.

1 Year Directors – Rob MacDonald, Lisa Drake, Ray Monreal, Cindy Merrill, John Fahey Jr, Scott Adams and Shannon Ford.

Our Annual & Fiscal year

runs from June 1 through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our Annual meeting is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of May as is our usual May meeting. This year it will be on May Day!

We hope to see a good turnout at that meeting.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MAILING

PCCA membership and annual year ends on May 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Prior to this date, you should receive in the US mail on record with us a dues renewal notice. Everyone including life members will receive this notice!

Please read it carefully. We ask you to supply us with current contact information and requests for mailed subscriptions of the newsletter MUST be renewed annually – they

are not automatic.

When you renew your annual dues it is a great time to consider a contribution to our Scholarship Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is tax-deductible and this is the fund which enables us to give academic scholarships to Maine institutions of higher learning. You will receive a slip to do a donation with your membership renewal mailing. We do

accept Trust Fund donations throughout the year as well. They may be mailed to the PO Box and should be marked "For Trust Fund".

Please watch for your mailing and if you do not get one – contact either President Tony via email or Newsletter Editor Lois-Ann via email.

Every member is valuable and we look forward to receiving your renewal!

#### Up-Coming Events

##### April

3 – Regular Meeting

6 – Wild Game Banquet

12 – Maine Youth Fish and Game Fund Raiser – Old Town Elks

17 – Board Meeting

##### May

1 – Regular Meeting

15 – Board Meeting

31 – PCCA Fun Day

##### June

5 – Regular Meeting

19 – Board Meeting

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is VERY important that all members (even Life Members) respond to our annual membership mailing. Please verify and/or update your contact information annually!

You also must reaffirm, each year, your request for a mailed newsletter. Thank you!

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**Family Fun Day – Tell Your Friends!**

**PCCA – Family Fun Day**

**Saturday – May 31st**

**10 AM – 3 PM**

A **FREE** day for folks to bring their children to our PCCA grounds and enjoy fun outdoor activities with them.

This year we are planning on having some of the regular activities as well as some new ones.

Anyone able to work that day please contact Woody or Lois-Ann for more information.

Please let your schools,

organizations and friends know. We have a flyer on Facebook and on our Website.

The focus of this event is to have families get together to do fun, outdoor activities at a low cost.

**About Our Organization...**

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