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President’s Message by Tony Richard

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I have no idea why time seems to speed up the older (more mature) I get, but it sure seems to be moving faster – the good news about that is only four (4) months to spring.

PCCA is as busy as ever and if you were able to attend the October dinner meeting, you had a chance to see and hear about the many things we are doing, along with

hearing from many of the students from UM who receive PCCA scholarships – it was a great dinner.

The Hunter Safety class in October went really well – we had over 60 students. I would like to personally thank everyone who instructed or helped in any way with the program to make it a success. We had several regulars

unable to help this year, but I am so thankful that a number of other club members as well as some non-members stepped up to assist. This is what makes PCCA great and enables us to continue to do great things.

See you at the December 5 dinner meeting.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- Winner of the Turkey Shoots in Nov ~ Luck Targets – Scott Adams and Deane Smith – Skill Targets – Scott Adams and Renee Reilly Congrats to all!
IF YOU ENTERED THE BIG DEER CONTEST – CONTACT DEANE SMTIH NO LATER THAN THE DECEMBER MEETING WITH THE WEIGHT OF YOUR DEER OR BRING THE WEIGHT TO THE MEETING!

TIDBITS – Plans are to do some apple tree pruning on our Stetson land in December – date not yet decided and it will be pending snow. If interested, see Barry Burgason or Deane Smith at the meeting. We do use the clubhouse fireplace in the winter. If you have DRY, split hardwood you would like to share, we are always willing to accept donations! A reminder of our 2nd Annual Photo Contest for our Sportsmen’s Show – members may enter – details and entry through our Facebook page! Want to learn more about PCCA – borrow one of our History books to read! Speak to Tony or a Board member! Ask not what your club can do for you! Ask what you can do for your club!

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND DONATIONS

As we approach the end of 2013, if you are considering donations to a non-profit for tax purposes, please consider writing a check to the PCCA SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND. Your donation, no matter what size, will help to ensure

our ability to continue granting scholarships to students at our local institutes of higher learning.

Make your check out to the PCCA Trust fund and mail it to PCCA, PO Box 605, Brewer ME 04412 or

bring it to the December meeting. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact a Board Member, our Treasurer or Peter Bartley. Thank you!

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HUNTERS BREAKFAST 2013

Our breakfast this year was very successful. We had a large turn-out including Maine Maritime Academy Track team on their way to a meet!

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way!
Working to prep food,

working at the breakfast, clean up, coming to eat OR donating money to defray our expenses for putting this on. Your financial donation means we make more money because we spend less to buy what we serve!

This fund raiser is an

important one each year! It also is a great social event.

Raffle winners were – Wreaths, Laura Roades & J. Gerald – Gift Cards, Mike Colford & C. Munson

Again, thank you everyone for your support!

CHILDREN’S ICE FISHING DAY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 19, 2014, AND Sunday, February 23, 2014!! Get out your cold weather clothes and prepare for a fun filled day! Think about coming to help as we will have community children fishing on the pond!

ICE FISHING that is!!! This is a very popular event. Don't like to be out in the cold or ice fish? We still can use your help! We have our kitchen open for hot dogs, drinks, hot cocoa and snacks. Donations of cookies, brownies or other items are needed so don't be shy!

Another wish list item for this event is Quart size freezer

bags so children can take home the fish they catch if they want. Again, an item donated to defray our expenses.

Helping PCCA at events is easy. Just ask who to speak to at a meeting or email one of our email addresses in this newsletter. You will be connected to the right person so you can help. We need some people to put line on traps before the event too! See Woody!

The February date is also the weekend of the Penobscot Fly Fishers – Cabin Fever Reliever Event. The weekend is usually busy at both events because it is the

last weekend of February vacation. A great opportunity for folks to bring their families and learn what you can do in Maine during the winter.

Families who participate do not have to bring equipment or bait. They just need to be dressed warmly, be ready to learn and have a good time.

The smiles on children's faces when they catch a fish and the joy of seeing families together is heartwarming. We hope many of our long time members, and new members as well, step up and come to help. There are inside and outside areas to staff. Thank you!

Change of Addresses

Please change your email address on line at our website & email it to the newsletter editor! Also, send us snail mail changes!

DECEMBER – REGULAR MEETING

The December meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, December 5th at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A dinner of roast pork and fixins' will be served. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Speaker will be Aaron Bailey of Maine Forest Service. He will speak on services for Maine land owners.

Business meeting will follow our meal and

speaker. This always proves to be an interesting update to activities within the club. There is usually a chance to sign up for any workdays or sessions, you have an opportunity to get to know folks and learn more about what is going on.

All members are encouraged to attend and also bring a guest. Dues will be received and applications for membership are also

available at our meetings.

There is a 50/50 raffle at our meeting. 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!

This will be our last meeting before the New Year!

Gun Show Tee Shirt Close Out

This year our September Gun Show was held at the NEW Cross Insurance Center. To mark this event, a commemorative tee shirt was made. There are a few of these shirts left and the close out sale will be at our December

meeting.

These are good quality cotton tees. IF you want one, you need to come to the December meeting. Look for Charlie Rumsey or MaryCarol as they will be conducting the sale.

These would make nice Christmas presents or stocking stuffers for the Sportsman or Sportswoman on your list!

You can never have too many tee shirts!

SPORTSMENS SHOW – 2014 PRODUCTION

Our 76th Annual Show, will be at the newly renovated and rejuvenated UMaine Field House on March 7, 8, & 9, 2104. The changes in the field house are dramatic and will present some challenges this year. We hope everyone is ready to help us make this show a success.

As with any big production – it takes a lot of people to

make it all come together. We hope each member of PCCA who is able is marking their calendar to help. The work begins on the 6th when we set up everything for the big day.

How do I help you ask? We will have sign up sheets at the meetings. If you have volunteered in the past – please let the Chairperson who signed you up know you

can work this year.

There will also be important news posted here in the newsletter so don't forget to check here for updates. We will also use our newsletter subscriber emails to send out any important information. So make sure you are on the newsletter email list by signing up on the website.

See you at the SHOW!

MAINE BEAR HUNTING – AS WE KNOW IT - AN ENDANGERED SPECIES?

By Lois-Ann Holmes

Surely I have your attention with the title! If not, I hope everyone realizes Maine Bear Hunting, as it has been practiced for many years in our State, may be just that – endangered!

Maine voters in 2004 defeated the effort to ban hunting over bait, with traps or with hounds. There is a renewed effort to place this before the voters again. We must be vigilant and work hard if we want see this defeated again! Every one of us is needed, to ensure we get out the message and say, "NO - leave our bear hunting heritage alone!"

Sportsmen's Alliance of

Maine is keeping us informed on the issue. There is a new Facebook group - "Save Maine Bear Hunting" Please consider joining this group to keep informed on the issue. Also a coalition, Maine Wildlife Conservation Council, is ready to work hard to raise funds and get out the vote to defeat this on a ballot.

Who do we trust? Shouldn't it be biologists who for decades have monitored the species in our Maine woods? IF&W staff, along with college faculty members and students have all dedicated innumerable hours (and in some cases their lifetime) studying, analyzing and monitoring the best practices for management of the many

species in our state including the Maine Black bear. Our state is fortunate to have an outdoor environment, envied by some, in which these biologists can continue to practice their craft and pursue analyzing, advocating and working for the health of species.

Hunting plays a significant role in controlling herds and packs as well as contributing to the economic vitality of our state. From the butcher to the taxidermist, from the guide to the local gas station, everyone will be affected if our hunting heritage is taken away!

Join the fight! Keep informed!

Up-Coming Events

December

5 - Regular Meeting

19 - Board Meeting

January

2 - Regular Meeting

16 - Board Meeting

19 - Ice Fishing Day

February

6 - Regular Meeting

20 - Board Meeting

22 & 23 - Cabin Fever Reliever

23 - Ice Fishing Day

Sportsmen's Show

March 7 – 9, 2014

We are looking forward to a great year with new exhibitors and many of our traditional exhibitors too.



Penobscot County Conservation Association

Cordially invites the public to attend

3RD Annual Children's Winter Ice Fishing Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

(In case of Blizzard or Rain – please check our Facebook Page!)

9 AM – 3 PM

570 North Main St, Brewer ME

Free Fishing! ~ Catch one take it home!

Children ~ from toddlers to Age 15

participate & experience ice fishing

pre-drilled holes and pre-placed ice fishing traps on LeVasseur Pond

equipment and bait will be provided

Activities monitored, supervised & taught by experienced fishers,
sportsmen & women

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!

Please dress warmly!

Warm Beverages & light food/snacks will be available for a donation in
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FMI – contact – Woody 207-945-6853 or visit our Facebook page



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.conservationassociation.org>

PCCA ICE FISHING DAYS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On January 19 and February 23, 2014, PCCA will sponsor Ice Fishing Days for kids on the pond adjacent to our access road! The day will start at 9A and fishing will continue until 3P. There is no charge for this event to

participants but a donation container will be available in our club house.

The club house will be open for warming and to get light fare and snacks (again all for a donation).

Come join us for this fun

filled day and opportunity to show/teach your children & grandchildren about this Maine winter tradition.

Don't know about ice fishing – come and learn – experienced mentors there to guide the kids!

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