



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

February 2013

The PCCA is a volunteer organization comprised of sportsmen and sportswomen from the local area. Formed in 1928, the purpose is to promote and preserve our sporting heritage and wildlife in Penobscot County, Maine.

We raise money for conservation projects, wildlife college scholarships, and various adult and youth sporting programs.

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President's Message by Tony Richard

I hope everyone had a happy New Year's celebration. It's hard to believe, but there are only a few months remaining in my second year as President. The nomination committee will soon be meeting to review open slots on the Board as well the President's appointment. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board or in any capacity, please make your wishes known to any of the Board members. We've accomplished a great deal over the last 2

years and the PCCA is positioned to continue that good work moving forward – it does, however, require that our volunteers continue to support the PCCA to make these happen. There will be sign up sheets at the February dinner meeting for workers to assist at this year's 75th Annual Eastern Maine Sportsman Show. We also are still looking for someone who would be willing to take over preparation of the newsletter and anyone who is interested in

learning how the Sportsman Show operates and/or the Gun Show. I was hoping to have the date for this year's wild game banquet for this newsletter, but have not been able to pin the students down at UM. Once we know, we will publicize it and I hope more of our members will attend – it's great fun and the food is just amazing.

Hope to see you at the February dinner meeting.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- Winner of Big Deer contest – Al Tardy
- To all who sent us Christmas Cards – we thank you!
- PLEASE Remove any Deer Stands from the Stetson Land immediately
- Dues 2013 – 2014 come due on June 1. Mark your calendars today.
- **Our REGULAR MARCH MEETING WILL BE THE 2ND Thursday 3/14 due to the Sportsman's Show weekend.**
- What have **YOU** done to help the club in the last 6 months?

DUCK BOX CLEANING – STETSON LAND

There is always work to do on our land and programs in Stetson. The month of February brings the need for annual Duck Box Cleaning. Our very dedicated and knowledgeable member Barry Burgason leads this program. But he needs the help of as many as possible to accomplish the task.

Come join him and others to learn new skills and

more about the ducks who use the boxes as homes. ALL are welcome.

The date is Saturday, February 16th. Everyone should meet at the Stetson Camp on New Sweden Road at 9AM. Bring your own lunch, and if you have one available a snowmobile. If you are up for hiking snowshoes may help as well. Dress for the weather.

For more information call Barry at 207-827-6232.

Directions to our land may be obtained at the meeting or from Barry.

Our duck boxes are very important to our programs on the Stetson land. This cleaning program helps us monitor their activity. It is a great learning opportunity to help with this maintenance.

BUILDING IMPROVMENTS & OTHER THINGS

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Fishing in Winter!
Nothing Like it!

SECOND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S

ICE

FISHING

ADVENTURE

2/24/2013

When we gather monthly for our meal and meeting, many folks enjoy our beautiful building. We are all fortunate for the legacy and stewardship which came before us. All of this would be lost were it not for a continued dedication to maintaining, updating and improving our space.

It takes many hands to maintain this space. We are fortunate to have received the benefit of many man hours of work through the Penobscot County Jail's inmate work release program. An able body crew has been at our PCCA building again this year updating and improving our facility. They have provided the man hours to make some much needed changes in our downstairs.

PCCA provides the materials and the County

Program has provided the labor for the portions they could complete.

The County workers, however, could not complete it all. Without the talents and trades people who are members of our club, such as electricians, it would not be finished. Lighting has been installed downstairs along with some other details. We thank the members who could assist with this project.

There are some other little things which need to be done – Deane Smith has a list. If you have a few extra hours and are willing to share your talents – please let Deane know.

If you live closer to the Stetson land, ask Deane what you might do to help out there. I know we are looking for people to

release and keep apple trees released? How about adopting a tree? Or this winter we have the Duck Box Cleaning day.

As we think of spring, we will be having another outside clean up day. Won't you think about what you have been able to help with? Could you put the clean up date on your calendar when it is announced? This fall we saw a few new faces and it was very exciting. Will we see you this spring?

Do you have something you could help us with? Do you have a special area of interest? Please speak to Tony before or after a meeting to share what you might do.

And remember – Financial donations to our club or the Trust Fund are always welcome!

FEBRUARY – REGULAR MEETING

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

Speaker will be Bob Myers, the Executive Director of the Maine Snowmobile Association. The Association began in 1968 and has made great headway in developing,

preserving, protecting and promoting snowmobiling in Maine.

Business meeting will follow our meal and speaker. This always proves to be an interesting update to activities within the club.

There will be sign up sheets for workers at the Sportsmens Show. In addition 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 and raffle tickets will be for sale. If you have any questions, feel free to contact an officer or Board Member. Consider bringing a guest.

DINNER - DANCE

FEBRUARY 2013

PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION CLUB HOUSE

570 NORTH MAIN STREET, BREWER, MAINE

BUFFET DINNER will be provided by CATERERS headed up by Nancy Hatch.

MUSIC will be provided by DOLA HINCKLEY SINGING A MIXTURE OF ROCK &
ROLL

AND COUNTRY

THE EVENT WILL BE: FEBRUARY 2, 2013

MEAL SERVED FROM 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

LINE DANCING FROM 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

DANCING FROM 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

DINNER & DANCE - \$12.50 PP

DINNER ONLY - \$8.00 PP

MUSIC - DANCE ONLY - \$5.00

SMOTHERED BEEF, HAM, VEGETABLES, SALAD, DESSERT

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SEE YOU ON FEBRUARY 2ND!!!

BYOB



Penobscot County Conservation Association

Cordially invites the public to attend

2ND Children's Winter Ice Fishing Day

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013

(in case of inclement weather – rain/blizzard – Sunday, March 3, 2013)

9 AM – 3 PM

570 North Main St, Brewer ME

Free Fishing!

Children ~ from toddlers to Age 15
participate & experience ice fishing

pre-drilled holes and pre-placed ice fishing traps on our pond
(LeVasseur Pond)

equipment and bait will be provided

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

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

Warm Beverages & light food/snacks will be available for a
donation in the Club House

FMI – contact - Woody at 207-945-6853 or visit our Facebook
page

Each spring, PCCA provides our club house for the UMaine Wildlife Society to put on a Wild Game Banquet. It is always fun to attend and definitely a culinary delight to the taste buds.

Mark your calendars, we have the date and it will be held on Sunday, April 14th this year. We don't

have the exact time but it is always late afternoon – 4:30P or a little later. And we don't have the price yet ~ but is surely a great meal and provides much needed fund raising for their organization.

Please consider supporting the students in this fund raising effort.

There are usually a few regular items on the menu as well.

In addition watch our newsletter if you have wild game meat or fish to donate for them to cook. We will be publishing more information as it becomes available.

SAM – SPORTSMENS ALLIANCE OF MAINE

At our January board meeting, David Trahan, the Executive Director of SAM spoke to the PCCA BOD to bring us up to date on what will be coming up in the Maine legislature this spring. So much is changing in our world. Without a doubt it will effect us in some way.

David emphasized the importance of being diligent on watching bills both here and at a

National level. He expressed how important it is for us, meaning every member concerned with our ability to recreate in the outdoors, as constituents to contact our representatives and make our feelings personally known to these folks. The time when we could sit back and not voice our opinions is over. It is time to let those in Augusta and Washington know how we feel.

Please consider following proposed bills and becoming proactive in protecting your rights. Consider supporting organizations such as SAM. Their website is sportsmansallianceofmaine.org They are posting information there daily. Also, by joining SAM you will get their newsletter to keep up.

Keep informed – don't say, I wished I had known!

75th ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S SHOW QUICK UPDATE

Exhibitor space was sold out before the new year. Woody is maintaining a waiting list for any last minute cancellations.

We are actively seeking every able bodied member to work doing something at the show! Connect with someone to sign up – either at the meeting or by email to any of the club emails in this newsletter. If everyone

gives a few hours it will help. We are aggressively seeking folks who are available for set up and moving of equipment during the day on Thursday 3/7/2012! Call, email Woody!

There will be a photo contest in our show this year. To learn more go to our Facebook page quickly as entries close the first week in February! You must use the internet

for the contest. All info is on the Facebook page.

Contact Charlie Rumsey if you can help on the AirGun Range at the show. Contact PCCA Rentals email to work on the concession – Please come and work at least part of a day!

Questions about the show should be directed to pccashow at gmail.com

Up-Coming Events

February

- 7 - PCCA Meeting
- 16 - Work @ Stetson - Wood Duck Boxes
- 21 - PCCA BOD
- 23 & 24 - Cabin Fever Reliever
- 24 - PCCA Ice Fishing Family Day

March

- 8 - 10 Sportsmens Show
- 14 - PCCA Meeting
- 21 - Board Meeting

APRIL

- 4 - PCCA Meeting
- 14 - Wild Game Banquet
- 18 - PCCA BOD

Sportsmen's Show

March 8 – 10, 2013

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR WORKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY & MARCH MEETINGS!

Please sign up to work!

Exhibitor booths are Sold OUT!

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[http://www.conservation
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February 12 and please consider contacting Barry to let him know you are coming.

Duck box maintenance at Stetson Management Area. Meet 9:00 at camp on New Sweden

STETSON WORK DAYS

road. Need some people with ATVs/snowmobiles, tote sleds and a few basic hand tools like hammers, drills, short ladders etc. See or contact Barry Burgason to let him know you are coming or for more details: 827-6232

or b.burgason at huber dot com. Thank you!

Be in touch with Barry for more information on Stetson land management practices and other ways you may help!

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