



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

February 2014

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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 third (and last for a while) year as President. I've enjoyed every moment of it and am really pleased with what the PCCA has been able to accomplish over this time. But, it's time for some new blood, new ideas, etc. 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 so much 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 76th Annual Eastern Maine Sportsman Show. We also are still looking for someone who would be willing to take over preparation of the newsletter.

Hope to see you at the February dinner meeting.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- Winner of Big Deer contest – Announced at our February Meeting
- PLEASE Remove any Deer Stands from the Stetson Land immediately
- Dues 2014 – 2015 come due on June 1. Mark your calendars today.
- **Our REGULAR MARCH MEETING WILL BE THE 2ND Thursday 3/13 due to the Sportsman's Show weekend.**
- What have **YOU** done to help the club in the last 6 months?

2014 CHILDRENS ICE FISHING – SESSION 1 A SUCCESS

January 19th, at least 108 children and 98 adults came to LeVasseur Pond for our 3rd Annual Childrens Ice Fishing Day. It was great fun and a huge success. Lots of the children went home with fish.

20 pounds of Hot Dogs, donated by Orland Electric, rolls donated by Jan Logan & Maine Science Lady, Ruth Perry, along with cookies from

Nancy Hatch, Dola Hinkley, Lois-Ann Holmes plus food for the workers from Lisa Drake was all consumed. Taylor Bait donated the bait and Heritage Trap donated traps and Joe Burke of Newburg donated great bags to store the traps.

We are planning Sesson 2 for February 23 and hope it will be as successful. Please consider

supporting this event. Many hands are needed to help on the pond and in the club house. If you have any questions, please contact Woody, Nancy, Lois-Ann or Jim Fahey. Also, please let us know if you can work the day of the event so we can plan on you.

The smiles of these children are worth spending an hour or two at PCCA that day!

SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE OF MAINE

UPDATE ON THE HSUS CAMPAIGN IN MAINE

Saturday, 1/25, Tony, Deane, Woody & Lois-Ann traveled to Augusta to attend an update, given by SAM, on an initiative the Humane Society of the United States has launched in our state. We meet with representatives of nearly 30 other Conservation, Rod and Gun clubs and received valuable information about the HSUS campaign.

We had the pleasure to hear very informative and educated speakers regarding the charge and how our Outdoor Heritages and Traditions are under attack! We heard the positions of sincere and dedicated IF & W professionals on how, if laws were changed its would effect wildlife and particularly the effect on the health of bears in our state.

We were able to network so some of the same speakers we heard will be coming to our PCCA meetings to speak. Please be watching for them.

Maine Wildlife Conservation Council has been established to spread the word and direct the campaign to preserve our heritage. This will not be won easily. There are already hundreds of thousands of Out of State dollars being brought into Maine to convenience Maine voters at the polls.

We must be diligent and prove to them Maine Outdoors men and women will not ignore this attack! The Maine Wildlife Conservation Council has already prepared many materials and has a strategic plan in place.

Your PCCA representatives brought materials back from Augusta. They explain how you can help now and more materials, events and action opportunities are planned for the future. We hope you take action to become informed, learn the facts about bears in Maine, learn more about the real agenda of HSUS in our state and join the team to defeat a referendum!

Working together, we can preserve our heritage to hunt, fish and recreate in our state under sound guidelines and wildlife management programs directed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Our department is one of the premier IF&Ws in the entire Country. To their credit they have developed the Gold Standard for a bear management program.

FEBRUARY – REGULAR MEETING

The February meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, February 6th at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A dinner of Chicken with fixins will be served. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Speaker will be Speaker will be Justin Merrill, a graduate of Unity College/Wildlife Biology and author of "Wild Maine Outdoors".

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.

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Fishing in Winter!

Nothing Like it!

THIRD ANNUAL CHILDREN'S

ICE

FISHING

ADVENTURE

SESSION #2

2/23/2013

Charlie Rumsey, our Range Officer, will be holding an NRA Basic Pistol class at the PCCA Club house on March 15th & 16th, 2014. Attendance at both full day sessions will be required to successfully complete the Class and obtain a

certificate.
The class will be offered at a discount to PCCA Members whose dues are current. PCCA members will have preference to sign up for the class. Non-PCCA members may sign up for the class.

Their tuition will be at regular Pistol Class fees.

Pre- Registration is required no later than 3/9/2014! To pre-register, for pricing or more details, call Charlie Rumsey at 941-8575.

2014/2015 –ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the January Board of Directors meeting, President Tony Richard appointed a Nominating Committee for our upcoming Annual Election. The committee is made up of Peter Bartley, Woody Higgins and Scott Adams. They will be working to prepare a slate of candidates to fill positions.

Anyone who is interested in serving on the Board

of Directors or as an officer of PCCA should make their interest known to one of these folks. Contact info is:

Peter Bartley – t2r14 at aol dot com

Woody Higgins – pccasport show at gmail dot com

Scott Adams – Adamsmtn at gci dot net

The Board meets on the third Thursday of every

month at the Club House. Usually they are held at 6PM. These meetings are open to any member who would like to learn more about the club.

Our club Annual Year runs from June 1st to May 31st annually. Although general club meetings are not held in July and August, the Board continues it's work throughout these months. We welcome all who would like to learn more.

76th ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S SHOW QUICK UPDATE

This will be an exciting show. The field house is new and bright inside. Exhibitor space is full.

Our Sportsmen's Show is the largest fund raiser of the year. It takes lots of volunteer to put on this event. Please sign up to work and help. There are many opportunities to help.

Set up starts on Thursday morning the 6th, if you are

available many hands will make this go quickly. Come and learn from those who have done this for years. We need new blood.

During the entire weekend there are places for everyone to help. Gates, grounds, food booth, rifle range – lots to do. Please sign up at the meeting or contact us to get an assignment. Email at pccasportshow at gmail

dot com is best and Woody will forward it and someone will call you.

This year children under 11 will be admitted free. 11 and up is \$8 ~ OR ~ a Weekend Unlimited Pass is only \$15 (bracelet re-admission not valid if removed)

Tickets for our Gun Raffle will be available at the February meeting, at the show or by request.

Up-Coming Events

February

- 6 – PCCA Meeting
- 20 – PCCA BOD
- 23 – PCCA Ice Fishing Family Day

March

- 1 – 2 Cabin Fever Reliever
- 7 – 9 Sportsmens Show
- 13 – PCCA Meeting
- 15 & 16 – PCCA NRA Basic Pistol Class
- 20 – Board Meeting

APRIL

- 3 – PCCA Meeting
- 17 – PCCA BOD

Sportsmen's Show

March 7 – 9, 2014

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR WORKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING!

Please sign up to work!

Exhibitor booths are Sold OUT!

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DID YOU KNOW! BEAR FACTS

Statistics are kept by IF&W on the number of bear harvested via methods of the hunt.

FACT - 2/3rds of the hunters hunting bear **with bait** are **not successful** in harvesting a bear!

Maine IF & W has a conservation model for managing a health bear population. Baiting bear is one tool and one part of their model.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife employees

(including their biologists and law enforcement personnel) have over 2,500 YEARS of experience in the field!

FMI go to the website

[savemainesbearhunt dot com](http://savemainesbearhunt.com)

About Our Organization...

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