



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

January 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.

President’s Message by Tony Richard

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Hope everyone is enjoying the fall so far – the good news at the time of this writing is only 3 ½ months to spring.

Over the past 18 months, the PCCA has accomplished more than I could have ever imagined in terms of improving our clubhouse in Brewer and the land in Stetson. In addition, we’ve added the youth fishing day and expanded the family fun day. These items are in addition to the good work the club already does throughout the course of the year with clubhouse rentals, the wild game

banquet (which I would like to encourage more club members attend), the Bangor Gun Show, the Sportsman Show, hunter safety classes, our hunter breakfast on the land in Stetson for club members and the hunter breakfast open to the public, our assistance with the American Chestnut Foundation, scholarship donations, improvements made to the Stetson camp, the cuts Sappi Paper made on the Stetson property, and other projects.

I am so grateful to everyone (club members

as well as non-club members) who have helped. The PCCA couldn’t do it without your help – so please consider and/or continue to volunteer where you can.

We are still looking for club members interested in taking over the printing of the monthly newsletter as well as club members who might be interested in learning how the Gun Show is organized or how the Sportsman Show is.

See you at the January, 2013 dinner meeting.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- **Members and Guests – Dinner and Dance – will not be New Years Eve but rather Sat. 12/29 instead.** Please make your reservations early! Nancy @ 843-7270 or pccarental at gmail dot com
- Consider a Gift to the **PCCA Scholarship Trust Fund** this Christmas – your **contribution is TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**
- If you have articles or would like to write something for the news – please email it to the Editor OR send it to our PO Box.
- **Happy New Year** to all!

Sportsmen’s Show Raffle - Fund Raiser

This is one of a few newsletters each year which will be mailed to all members. If you get your newsletter via email and don’t receive the snail mailing – PLEASE email the newsletter editor.

WHY do we mail newsletters? A couple of times each year we have business which just can

not happen through email or the website. This monthly newsletter is one of them. Enclosed you will find tickets for our Fund Raising raffle. We are asking you to either sell the tickets or buy them and return (either in person or by mail to the PO Box) the stubs and payment to us no later than Sunday March 4th.

The raffle will be drawn off Sunday afternoon of the Sportsmens Show.

We will be selling tickets at our meetings, at the Cabin Fever Reliever and other places. If you can sell more tickets, please feel free to contact Woody, Nancy or Lols-Ann to get more.

Thank you for helping!

SNAP SHOTS – THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

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Club Building Rental & Catering Nancy Hatch pccarental@gmail.com

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** If you have a Tree Stand placed on ANY PCCA Land, just a reminder – it must be removed no later than 12/31! This is in accordance with State Law and any stands left in place will be confiscated and forfeited.

** There will be a apple tree release and pruning during the winter on the Stetson property. Deane Smith will call PCCA members for help. If you are interested contact Deane or send the News Editor an email and I will pass your name along for Deane to contact you. Everyone encouraged to participate!

** We love to use our fireplace in Brewer but are in need of wood. Vermin free, dry, cut (12" – 16"), split. If you have any and would like to donate some just bring it to the club house or a meeting. Thank you in advance.

** A few people have unsubscribed from the on-line newsletter list. Please know without sending a written request to the PO Box you will not automatically receive a mailed copy. Also if you are on the email list you may from time to time receive important club emails

which do not go in the newsletter.

** This club year our new members are receiving membership packets with their dues cards – if you are a long time member and would like a packet – please email or let the Newsletter Editor know. We will prepare one for you to be picked up at a meeting. They will not be mailed unless you wish to pay postage.

** The Dinner Dance coming up is a Holiday Dance the last Saturday of December.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY – SNAIL MAIL OR EMAIL ??

Just a reminder the PCCA Newsletter is only mailed via USPS mail a few times a year! If you want it mailed monthly you MUST send us a written request. IF you are not already receiving it via regular mail every month and need a printed copy, please drop a note to Newsletter Editor, PO Box

605, Brewer ME 04412 and we will send your news the old fashion way. No need to do this again if you already get it by US mail.

If you are ok reading it on line, we send you an email to let you know it is there to read. You sign up on our website. Once your

request is received you will need to confirm. You can unsubscribe there too. Please let us know to discontinue your regular mail version.

Our newsletter is posted monthly on our website. Reading it on line helps save the club a lot of postage yearly.

JANUARY – REGULAR MEETING

The January meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, January 3th at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. Dinner will be served. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Speaker will be Jerry Levine speaking about the restoration of the Maine Deer herd and coyote control.

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!

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!

WIGGEY ROBINSON LEGENDARY MAINE GUIDE AWARD

Do you know a Legendary Maine Guide? Is so, Maine IF & W is accepting nominations until January 10th for the Wiggey Robinson Legendary Maine Guide Award.

There is a criteria which must be met which includes having been a guide 20 years and active for 10; passes a criminal check, law abiding, no arrests for a list of specific things; volunteer community service (a list

is provided on IF&W website); and active on Boards, committees, etc.

The award is presented at the Annual Maine Professional Guides Banquet each year. Nomination forms are available on the IF&W website or by calling 287-8000.

All nominations will be reviewed by a seven (7) member panel from IF&W. Do you know

anyone deserving? If so, please consider doing a nomination.

Former recipients of this award are:

2012 – Gardner DeVoe

2011 – Gary Corson

2010 – Gil Gilpatrick

2009 – Wiggey Robinson

FMI go to the Maine IF&W website.

SAM Sportsman’s Congress – 18th Annual

The Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine will be holding their 18th Annual Sportsman’s Congress in Augusta at their headquarters on Friday, January 4, 2013. Cost is just \$20 to cover the cost of lunch.

The agenda has not been received but you can get more information by calling them at 207-623-4589 or emailing becky at sportsmansallianceofmaine dot org

This is a great opportunity

for conservationists to get together, network and learn. By working together we can preserve our heritage for years to come.

Please consider talking to folks and encourage them to attend.

To get a count for lunch and seating, please call Becky to reserve your spot.

This group has a NEW website – www.sportsmansallianceo

fmaine.org They are also on Facebook.

Many new and exciting things are happening at SAM so if you haven’t had a chance, please take a moment and get to know them. A great opportunity would be at our Sportsman’s Show in March if you can’t before.

Membership in SAM also carries some discounts and buying power – another reason to learn more about them.

Up-Coming Events

January

3 – Regular Meeting

17 – Board Meeting

February

7 – Regular Meeting

21 – Board Meeting

22 & 24 – Cabin Fever Reliever

24 – PCCA Youth Ice Fishing Day

March

7 – Regular Meeting

8 – 10 – Sportsmens Show

21 – Board Meeting

Sportsmen’s Show

March 8 – 10, 2011

We are filled with an impressive array of regular Exhibitors as well as quite a few new ones.

Please consider volunteering a few hours to help the club this weekend.

It Just makes \$ense

By Peter Bartley

As we all get closer to those golden years, it may be time to think about getting our personal and financial life in order. You need to not only think of yourself but how the people left behind will deal with your loss. For many, thinking of these things is hard and they want to push those concerns into the future. However, as we get on in life, the chances that something could happen to us increase in possibility. It is much better to be prepared for that possibility than not. We have all heard the stories of people passing with no will and causing legal problems for those left behind.

Most people have some personal items, like a favorite gun or fly rod, or a ring or necklace; they would like to see left to a favorite nephew or niece. Do make sure this takes place, a person has two choices – give the item to that person while you are alive or make sure you have it included in a legal document for after one passes. It is best to give those items away while one is alive so they can see the joy the recipient has in receiving it. You may want to leave something to a group or club or charity also, and the same recommendation applies here.

No one can schedule assets and finances so when one passes away, they end up with nothing. That means you should make it clear what happens to items like real estate, vehicles and bank accounts etc, prior to your passing. The way to do this is through legal documents like a will. It may cost a few dollars to have one drawn up but the time and energy it will save the people left behind, will far outweigh those costs and you can rest knowing things will be dealt with as you wish.

This is obviously a very sensitive issue for most people and you may wonder why you are reading this in the PCCA club newsletter. The reason is this...We would like to have the PCCA considered as a place to leave a donation from your estate. As a member of the club, you know what we do with our funds now – scholarships for worthy students, management of the 1100 acres for wildlife and outdoor use in Stetson and supporting other worthy outdoor programs here in the State of Maine. If you believe in our mission, it may be a nice place to help see that mission is continued into the future.

We have a few people in our club that could assist you with some general information or answer some questions that you might have concerning this topic and point you in the right direction. Feel free to approach any officer of the club or call me, Peter Bartley, Assistant Treasurer, at 207-745-6498.

By the way, we received yet another nice donation from Bill Peters for club programs. Thank you Bill for your continued support!

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Friend us on FACEBOOK!

Annual Sportsmens Show – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our Show is coming up on March 8th – 10th. We would like to have every club member who might be able donate some time to working on the show. There are many jobs to do – from selling tickets, door guards, food concession and on.

Won't you consider signing up today.

Send an email to the Newsletter Editor with your interest and contact information. I will pass it on to the right committee Chairperson.

And – don't forget tell your

friends to mark their calendars to come!

YOU our members are our best advertisement. Please recruit people to come to the Best Sportsmens Show in Maine!

About Our Organization...

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To learn more about PCCA or obtain a membership application, please contact us.



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