



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

JUNE 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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I hope everyone is enjoying spring. I wish time would slow down from now until late fall, but it just seems to go by faster and faster.

As I mentioned in the April newsletter, the PCCA Board of Directors is embarking on a volunteer initiative as we move into our new club year beginning June 1, 2013. You should have received or will be receiving an outline of the initiative with

your annual dues notice. As I mentioned at the May dinner meeting, those of us currently on committees, the Board, or other areas are all getting “more mature” and it is imperative to get others involved so the PCCA can continue to grow and prosper.

We are still looking for someone who would be willing to take over preparation of the

newsletter as well as anyone who is interested in learning how the Sportsman Show operates and/or the Gun Show. As of this point, no one has indicated they wish to take the newsletter over, so there will be no newsletter normally published/sent in late June or late July.

See you at the June dinner meeting, our last dinner meeting before September.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- We are on Facebook – Friend us!
- Dues 2013 – 2014 come due on June 1. Pay at the meeting or mail them in today.
- PCCA does not meet the months of July and August. We do *however* sometimes have need for workers – we will use our email list or phone numbers on file to contact folks.

JUNE DINNER MEETING

Our June meeting is our Annual Workers Recognition dinner. The June meeting will be held on Thursday, Jun 6th at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer.

All are welcome to attend.

If you have volunteered or worked on a project this the year, dinner is the cost of bringing a pot luck dish (dessert or side) to share with everyone. You will have your choice of BBQ Chicken or steak.

For those who were unable to work and guests, the meal is \$10.

You are welcomed and encouraged to also bring a pot luck dish to share.

In the past, folks have asked for recipes of the sides and desserts so if you are bringing your favorite and willing to share the recipe, bring it – we can get it copied!

The program will be highlights of recent activities on our Stetson land. Tree planting, woodcock counting and duck banding – always something happening out there.

Looking forward to a good

turn out before we take out summer break!

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.

Great chance for fellowship and to catch up before the busy summer. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE – this will be our last meeting until September! Happy Summer!

FUN DAY – A DAY FOR ALL & FAMILIES

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Saturday, June 1st, we will open our grounds for the 5th Family Fun Day. The event opens to the public at 10A and will last until 4P. We are hoping for good weather and a good turn out.

We have a number of sports and conservation

There are many activities on-going at the PCCA Land Tract in Stetson. Because of these activities it is important anyone using the land with a bait stand or hunting stand placed for more than the day submit their information to our Board of Directors. The policy for this was included in your membership renewal mailing.

Just to name a few of the activities. Friday of Mother's Day weekend late in the afternoon, a group participated in a

Children learn what they live and see. As we enjoy our summer, be mindful of the example you are setting for those around you. Do you wear a PFD in a boat? Or just put it in there? Wearing it is the only safe way – should something unexpected happen.

Do you wear sunscreen when outside? Even on a

minded groups who are participating to offer a lot of FREE activities for children and young at heart. Even members will have a good time coming to see the smiles on faces.

Please pass the word to your friends and family or

STETSON LAND

duck banding mission and a woodcock count. It is very exciting to learn more about the ducks using our waters. That same weekend more orchards of Hi-bred American Chestnuts were planted.

We are fortunate to have partnered with the Maine Chapter of the American Chestnut group to bring this vital tree back into Maine forests. American Chestnuts are a food source for many animals. It will be fun for our children and Grandchildren to see the results of this effort.

SUMMER FUN

hazy day you are exposed to rays which may cause skin cancer later. Play it safe.

How do you light your campfire? Remember flashover burns from the use of accelerants to light a fire are common. Don't get caught. Also, be watchful so children do not stumble or fall into a

post the flyer available on our website. This has been a very popular event.

Thank you to all who are either working the event, have donated, and to all the organizations who make this possible. Working together we can make a difference in a child's life!

Because many of these activities involve other groups and are weather related, we often don't have much notice of when they are going to happen. We will make every effort to let the membership know. It will be posted on Facebook as that is quicker to update than our website. We will also use the Newsletter email list to send out information.

If you are interested in volunteering in Stetson, please put that on your volunteer survey. There are many jobs left to do!

fire. A working smoke detector in your camp or camper saves lives too.

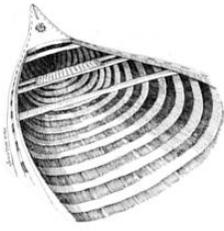
When hiking, be prepared – hydrate, snacks, and a small first aid kit. Bug & tick repellent is important too. Tick check when getting home.

Stay safe and teach our next generation!

Have an idea for the Newsletter – please email it to –

pccanews@gmail.com

Thank you!



**OUTDOOR FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY - JUNE 1, 2013
10 AM - 4 PM**

**PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
570 N. MAIN ST. - BREWER ME
RAIN OR SHINE**



A DAY DESIGNED TO DO THINGS TOGETHER - LEARN - ENJOY - BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES!

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

**ACTIVITIES WILL START AT 10 AM AND CONTINUE UNTIL 12 NOON.
FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO FOR A DONATION FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 1 PM
ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME AT 1 PM UNTIL 4 PM**

~ ACTIVITIES TO BE OFFERED ~

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF CIRCUMSTANCES ARE BEYOND OUR CONTROL

U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE - TRAILBLAZER ADVENTURE DAY PROGRAM - VISIT THE ACTIVITIES AND EARN A PATCH FROM THE ALLIANCE.

PENOBSCOT RIVERKEEPERS - ENJOY THE PENOBSCOT RIVER IN A 28' CANOE - RIDES START AT 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM WITH A SAFETY BRIEFING, PFD FITTING AND BASIC INSTRUCTIONS. PRK GUIDES.

MAINE SCIENCE LADY - WHAT'S IN THE POND WATER - LOOK AND SEE! 10-12N & 1- 4 PM AT POND MICROSCOPES AND POND WATER FUN

PENOBSCOT FLY FISHERS - FLY CASTING AT POND 10 AM, 11 AM, 1PM, & 3 PM - NO HOOKS JUST LEARN THE TECHNIQUES - 10 AND OLDER ONLY PLEASE!

FLY TYING IN CLUBHOUSE 10 - 12 NOON & 1 - 4 PM - LEARN TO TIE THE FLIES TO CATCH THE FISH

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE SEARCH—WARDENS & DOGS - SUBJECT TO THEIR AVAILABILITY!

PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION - MAKING WOOD BLOCK PRINTS - LEARN MORE ABOUT CARVING AND STAMPING - IN CLUBHOUSE 10 - 12 NOON & 1 - 4PM

GEOCACHING - LEARN ABOUT THIS SPORT - FOR THE TECHNO GEEK AND NATURE PERSON 10-12 AM & 1-4 PM STATIC DISPLAY IN CLUBHOUSE; ACTIVE DEMOS--FIND A CACHE OUTSIDE - LOANER EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR OWN GPS RECEIVER

PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION - LEARN BEGINNING BASICS OF USING AN AIR RIFLE - IN CLUBHOUSE BASEMENT RANGE 10 -12 NOON, 1-4 PM

MAINE BOWHUNTERS - ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS 10-12 NOON & 1-4 PM IN BARN

MAINE TRAPPERS ASSOC. - INSIDE DISPLAY - MEET THE TRAPPERS AND LEARN MORE. 10 - 12 NOON & 1 - 4 PM OUTSIDE & INSIDE SET UPS.

PROJECT WILD - HOW DO BIRDS USE THEIR BEAKS? WHY DO BIRDS HAVE DIFFERENT BEAKS AND WHAT DO THEY EAT? AN ACTIVITY WHERE CHILDREN MAY PARTICIPATE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT BIRDS.

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS! EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: HOLMES.LOIS.ANN@GMAIL.COM

DUES NOTICES

Everyone should have received their annual notice by now. If not, please contact a Pres. Tony, Treas. Nancy, Dola or Lois-Ann.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the information up date form & volunteer survey with their dues. It is important each year to verify club

members' information.

Also, please remember if you want your newsletter by regular US postal mail **you must make a specific request annually.** Newsletters are only sent a couple of times a year by US mail unless you ask us to do otherwise.

Donations – Donations

We always welcome donations. Some members don't have time to volunteer time but this is another way you can help your club.

Donations may be made to our TRUST FUND (Tax Deductible – the income of which is used exclusively for our college scholarships) or our general fund (if you want you may specify a use i.e Family Activity Days, to buy a tables/club equipment, Hunter Safety, Stetson Land, etc). Enclose a donation with your dues renewal.

Donations of goods are also accepted – please speak to Pres. Tony

NEWSLETTER – WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Lois-Ann Holmes

After at least 4 years of continuous publication of the newsletter 12 months a year, I have asked to take a much needed break this summer. Although we have asked for a new, creative person to take over publication of the newsletter no one has stepped forward.

It is time for me to take a little break. The newsletter has been a labor of love and was something my husband

helped me with. It was sort of healing to continue it alone after he passed. I am looking forward to recharging my batteries and mind over the summer and to commence again this fall.

In the meantime, I will keep a few things posted on Facebook and if necessary can send out emails via our newsletter mailing list. Although I will return as your Editor for the September issue, it would still be nice to "pass

Receiving the newsletter by email saves the club money. Also, sometimes we send out announcements by email when US mail isn't practical or would be to slow.

Don't forget ~ dues expire on 5/31 for 2013 – get your renewal in the mail today!

the pen" so to speak and let another person take over as Editor for a while.

If you would like to learn more, please email me for details. Also, we welcome guest writers with something to share. If you would like to write a short article for our news – send it along.

Have a great summer everyone ~ see you at the June meeting and again this fall. Stay safe out there and enjoy life!

Up-Coming Events

June

- 1 – Family Fun Day
- 6 – Regular Meeting
- 20 – Board Meeting

July

- Summer – NO MEETING
- ? – Board Meeting

August

- Summer – NO MEETING
- 15 – Board Meeting

September

- 5 – Regular Meeting
- 19 – Board Meeting

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is VERY important to return your information update sheet with your renewal. Mail to the PO Box or bring to a meeting.

Thank you.

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PCCA FUN DAY – SATURDAY – JUNE 1st

PCCA – Family Fun Day

Saturday – June 1st

10 AM – 4PM

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 the regular activities, lunch to purchase or folks may bring a picnic. Anyone able to work that day please contact Woody or Lois-Ann for more information.

Please let your schools, organizations and friends know. We will have a flyer in this newsletter.

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

About Our Organization...

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