



## PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

March 2013

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### President’s Message by Tony Richard

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This year will be our 75<sup>th</sup> annual Eastern Maine Sportsman Show – that’s an amazing accomplishment for a totally volunteer organization. And, I still believe we are the longest continually running all volunteer show in the country. The dates for this year are March 8, 9, and 10. Set up will begin on Thursday, March 7, which would normally be our monthly dinner meeting date. Because of this, we have moved the **monthly dinner meeting**


**to Thursday, March 14.** If you can help with set up on March 7 there is a time to meet at the clubhouse later in this newsletter. Reminders - 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.

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. Annual wild game banquet at the clubhouse will be Sunday, April 14 – I hope we get a good number of us in attendance.

See you at the March dinner meeting.

We also are still looking *Tony*

#### Special points of interest:

- **Workers are Still needed for the Sportsmens Show – Contact Jan at 843-6246**
-  We are on Facebook – Friend us!
- Dues 2013 – 2014 come due on June 1. Mark your calendars today.
- PCCA does not meet the months of July and August. We do *however* sometimes have need for workers – you will get a newsletter to keep you informed.

### 75<sup>TH</sup> Annual Eastern Maine Sportsmen’s Show

The 75th Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show will be held at the University Of Maine on March 8, 9, 10. Set up day is March 7th. . This is the major annual fund raiser for the club. and many workers make things much easier. If you

haven't signed up to work ***please*** contact Nancy at the email address on Page 3 or call her. *She could really use some workers at the oncession!* ~ or ~ call Jan at the contact number to the left. She is in need of a couple

of workers too. Hope to see many of our club members there and working at one of the many jobs to fill.

Without your help this production would be impossible. Thank you!

### Kids Ice Fishing Day

The Kids Ice Fishing Day on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. About 70 kids with adults attended. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this happen and worked, as well as others (you know who you are) who donated much, such as, money in the baskets, chili, cookies, cutting holes, plowing our drive, a used ice auger, NEW traps, and so much more to make this a memorable day for children.

There are some photos posted on our Facebook page. Again, many thanks to all!

### FIREARM & AMMUNITION LEGISLATION – 126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE

For those who were unable to attend our last meeting, our own member, Senator Edward M. Youngblood presented us with a sheet listing many of the bills which had been presented as of February. The hand out was very informative and copies are available in the club house or by emailing

Ed. If you care about these issues, it is important to keep abreast of what is happening in Augusta. As a constituent, you should feel free to contact your Senator in Augusta. Your voice is important.

Bills cover procedures, ammunition, forfeiture,

sales, security, and possession. Don't get caught saying< "I wished I knew".....read up. If you have questions, contact Senator Youngblood, Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine or a Board Member.

As Sportsmen, it is important for our voice to be heard!

### WILD GAME BANQUET – FUND RAISER – UMAINE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The University of Maine Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be having their Wild Game Banquet at the PCCA club house on April 14th at 5pm.

They are seeking donations of Game Meat. If you would like to donate – *please* contact Eleanor D'Urso via email Eleanor.durso@umit.maine.edu

Cost will be \$7.00 per person and 50% with a meat donation. Excellent food – don't miss it!!!!

### DIRIGO SEARCH & RESCUE ASSOCIATION – SEEKING ASSISTANCE

At the February meeting, Dave Martin explained the DS&R group was looking for folks willing to help at the Kenduskeag Stream canoe race this year. IF you would like to assist them, please contact Dave through email [dsmartin@roadrunner.com](mailto:dsmartin@roadrunner.com) or call 207-745-6376 FMI

He will fill you in on the particulars.

They are also seeking youth, who would like to join their youth division. They must be in or have graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact with Mr. Martin again for details.

The Dirigo Search and

Rescue Association has been a lead agency for years at the canoe races. If you always wondered, "How do they get to do that?" Make a call.

Also a great opportunity for youth to get active with a group and make a difference.

### MARCH – REGULAR MEETING

The March meeting of the club will be held on **Thursday, March 14th** at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!** A dinner of smothered beef with fixins will be served at 6PM. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Speaker is TBA.

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

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 bring a guest. Dues will be received (and our new dues year begins on 6/1 – great chance to pay your membership for next year). Applications for membership are also available at our meetings.

There is our ever popular 50/50 raffle at our meeting too!

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**THERE WILL BE NO**

**MARCH DINNER DANCE!**

**Watch here for the Announcement of the next one.**

## PCCA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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President Tony mentioned in his column the need for a person to take over editing and doing the work to get our monthly newsletter to our membership. Are you creative, like to be in the know, able to use MS word or a publishing program, can you do email and use a photocopier? Then you have the basics to do the newsletter. Want to do it? Please speak to President Tony or Editor Lois-Ann.

And there are more things:

Brewer Building Maintenance Coordinator – know a bit about maintenance, like to organize projects? If so, contact Tony.

NRA Range Safety Officer – training and certification required. Interest? Contact Charlie at 941-8575 for more information about the range position.

Each of our Show Chairpeople would like to begin training their replacements. If you would like to learn how our two great shows go

together and to apprentice for the Eastern Maine Gun Show or Sportsmen Show Chair positions contact the Chairpersons this year. Each show takes form right after one is done so their creation is ongoing.

Working on a supper, guarding a door, bringing firewood, releasing apple trees, these are some small examples of other things folks can do. IF YOU have an idea – speak to Tony or a Board Member so you can get in the Action!

### WISH LIST

PCCA has been fortunate with generous members. Sometimes our gifts just appear – like the cute little bear beside our fireplace. Or when a member sends a large check for 3 raffle tickets and says just put

me in for more. Awesome!

We can **always use checks made out to the PCCA Trust Fund!** Those go in a special fund specifically for the college scholarships.

Fire place wood ~ Anyone have dry wood they would be willing to bring us? If so, just drop it off neatly and we will take care of it.

Thank you everyone for all you do!

### MEETINGS & SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

A look ahead.....

March 30 & 31 in Augusta, SAM will hold the Maine Sportsmen's Show at the Augusta Civic Center. FMI visit the SAM website.

You won't want to miss The Maine Warden Service when they are our special guests in April. That meal and meeting will be on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. We are usually assisted by the Brewer High School Rifle team in serving and the kitchen.

The Brewer Rifle Team uses our Range throughout their year. Serving at our April meeting and assisting us at the Family Fun Day is their way of helping us.

In May, we will be talking about our June Family Fun Day which will be held Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will need workers for this day which introduces family to many outdoor activities. Monetary donations to defray

expenses, as this day is free for those who attend, would be appreciated.

Our Annual Year ends in May. The Board would like to invite any member OR new member who may be interested in serving on the Board to contact President Tony ASAP to express their interest to serve.

Watch our Facebook page too for more events and happenings.

#### Up-Coming Events

##### March

8 – 10 Sportsmens Show

14 Regular Meeting

21 – Board Meeting

##### April

4 – Regular Meeting

18 – Board Meeting

##### May

2 – Regular Meeting

16 – Board Meeting

##### June

1 – Family Fun Day

6 – Regular Meeting

#### Sportsmen's Show

March 8 – 10, 2013

Please read about how to sign up to work in this issue.

This is your last chance to sign up to work! Please call or email today.

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**COME TO THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EASTERN MAINE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW**

At 5 PM. On Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> the doors will open for the 75<sup>th</sup> Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show. The UMaine Field House will be the venue for the longest, continually running, totally volunteer produced Sportsmen's

Show in our country (or so we have been told). This year we are packed with wonderful exhibitors, there will be great food and presenters!

Come and visit the show which will also run on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information and the program visit our web site [conservationassociation.org](http://conservationassociation.org)

Hope to see you at the show!

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



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