



## PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

March 2014

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### President’s Message by Tony Richard

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It’s hard to believe we are half through February as I write this month’s newsletter with another winter storm on the way. Lots going on at the PCCA, as usual – The duck boxes on our Stetson land will have been completed by the March dinner meeting and I hope Barry Burgason will be able to give an update at that time, the Cabin Fever Reliever is happening toward the end of February, our first youth

ice fishing day on our pond in Brewer was held in January and the second will be held on February 23, Sportsman Show March 7, 8, and 9, the nomination committee is hard at work on next year’s slate of officers, the annual wild game banquet is coming up in April – lots of activities. We will once again have sign-up sheets available at the March dinner meeting for anyone who wishes to help with this year’s 76<sup>th</sup> Annual

Eastern Maine Sportsman Show. Hope to see you at the March dinner meeting. 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. Thank you to everyone who has helped.

*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 2014 – 2015 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.

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

The 76th Eastern Maine Sportsmen’s Show will be held at the University Of Maine on March 7, 8, 9. Set up day is March 6th. 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 pccarental@gmail.com or call her. *She could really use some workers at the concession!* ~ or ~ call Jan at 843-6246. She is in need of extra workers too as we have new places to monitor. Please sign up ahead so we can

plan.

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!

### MARCH CLUB MEETING DELAYED TO MARCH 13TH

Due to the need for set up at the Field House on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month for the Sportsmen’s Show, our regular meeting will be delayed by 1 week. Our speaker will be from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Lisa Bates talking about her work with Maine Black Bears. Based on the recent HSUS petitions turned into the State regarding a Referendum question on bear baiting this fall, it is important to keep abreast of the most current information. We encourage our members to attend.

### EVENTS, PRODUCTION, STAFFING

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PCCA is a volunteer organization. Without the help of many, we could not do what we do. At the last Board meeting, the Chairperson of the Sportsmen’s Show announced his plans to retire in a few years. If there is anyone in the

organization who would like to step up and learn the ropes – NOW is the time. Please let Woody know and he will explain what it takes.

Our Gun Show also needs people to mentor for leadership positions.

Speak to Charlie Rumsey. Kitchen Manager, Ms. Nancy could use some more helpers in her corner too.

Ask not what the club can do for you but what you can do for the club!

### 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 6th at 4pm.

They are seeking donations of Game Meat. If you would like to donate – please contact Caitlin Gunn via email caitlin.gunn@umit.maine.edu

Cost will be \$8.00 per person and 50% with a meat donation. Excellent food – don’t miss it!!!!

### Friends of NRA Banquet

April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of NRA will hold their Annual Banquet at the Cross Insurance Center. A Gala Fun Raising event and good time for all. FMI and tickets contact Charlie Rumsey.

PCCA has benefited from Grant award from this

Group for a number of things we use on a regular basis. Some of the things we have obtained through these grants are our Crossman Target airgun range, the addition to the Crossman range, skeet launchers, shotguns, our transport trailer, and more over the years.

Eastern Maine is fortunate to have such an active friends group. PCCA is also lucky to have the expertise of a number of our members who are actively involved in these local (and National) NRA activities too. Please support them if you are able.

#### Big Deer Contest Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Paul Higgins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Woody Higgins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tim Bland

#### NEWSLETTER

Is anyone interested in doing the Newsletter? The June issue will be my last one. After 5 years as Editor it is time for a break. Please speak to Tony if you are interested.

### MARCH – REGULAR MEETING

The March meeting of the club will be held on **Thursday, March 13th** at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer.

**NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!** A dinner of baked ham with fixins will be served at 6PM. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Speaker is Lisa Bates from IF&W and it .

Business meeting will follow our meal and speaker. All are encourage 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!

## Save Maine's Bear Hunt and Management Programs

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The above title is a Facebook page but it also is something which may be the real crux of a Referendum question this fall. The Human Society of the United States has turned in petitions to bring their agenda of doing away with bear baiting, trapping and hunting with hounds. Should the signatures be validated to defeat the referendum, as was done in 2004, we will need to get out the vote, be informed and work hard to explain why these practices should not be

restricted.

The March speaker will speak to this from the perspective of being a member of the IF&W team. Our April speaker will also provide more information about what this all means to Maine sportsmen and women AND the Maine Economy.

A new group has been formed, The Maine Wildlife Conservation Council, which is working hard on this cause. They had a booth at the Big E in February and will have a

booth at our own Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show this March.

Look for them to do Major fund raising efforts all over the state in the near future. If you would like to donate to the cause, either cash or items for fund raising raffles and auctions, please speak to Tony, Woody, Deane, Lois-Ann or to our speaker at the April meeting. Many items have been donated but many more are needed as well as ticket purchasers!

### NRA Basic Pistol Class

Just a reminder - Charlie Rumsey, our Range Officer, will be holding an NRA Basic Pistol class at the PCCA Club house on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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.**

### MEETINGS & SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

A look ahead.....

The lottery has opened for Moose permits – information on the IF&W Web site.

March 1 & 2 – Cabin Fever Reliever at the Brewer Auditorium

The Sportsmen's Show in August put on by SAM will be held on 3/28 – 3/30

April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our Regular meeting and Warden's night – always a popular evening.

April 6<sup>th</sup> is the UMaine Wildlife Society Wild Game Banquet.

April 11<sup>th</sup> is Unity College's Wild Game Banquet (tickets sold in advance and usually sold out).

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Fund Raiser for Maine Wildlife Conservation Council (more on this as it gets closer – save the date)

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Super Banquet in Augusta for Maine

Wildlife Conservation Council

May 31<sup>st</sup> – PCCA Fun Day

June 5 is our last meeting of our 2013 – 2014 year.

And every month will surely bring other activities.

Watch our Facebook page too for more events and happenings.

#### Up-Coming Events

##### March

7 – 9 Sportsmens Show

13 Regular Meeting

20 – Board Meeting

##### April

3 – Regular Meeting

6 – UM Game Banquet

17 – Board Meeting

##### May

1 – Regular Meeting

15 – Board Meeting

31 – Family Fun Day

#### Sportsmen's Show

March 7 – 9, 2014

Tell Your Friends!

Adults & children 12 and up - \$8 Weekend Bracelet for all shows \$15 (Bracelet must remain intact on wrist all weekend) Children 11 and under FREE!

1 canoe raffle ticket with each paid admission

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**COME TO THE 76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EASTERN MAINE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW**

At 4 PM, Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> the doors will open for the 76<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 8<sup>th</sup> and

Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information and the program visit our web site [conservationassociation dot org](http://www.conservationassociation.org)

Hope to see you at the show!

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