



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

May 2013

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President’s Message by Tony Richard

Looks like Spring may be here, though late compared to last year. Hope everyone made it through snow season with the least amount of discomfort from shoveling, etc.

The PCCA Board of Directors will be embarking on a volunteer initiative as we move into our new club year beginning June 1, 2013. More information will be forthcoming in the May newsletter – we are all excited about encouraging

volunteers to help with all of the great things PCCA is working on.

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.

Regarding the newsletter, it appears, unless we have someone step up on this one, the June newsletter will be the last

issue until our September one. The current Editor also does many other things and wishes to take a break; therefore, there will be no newsletter in late June or late July if we don’t have someone willing to take over this task.

See you at the May dinner meeting where the slate of officers for the new club year will be announced and voted on.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- 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 – we will send an email blast or call members when needed.

ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

Our annual membership year ends on May 31st. Dues for the 2013 – 2014 year, become due at that time. Everyone (including those who are life members and who have paid in advance) should receive a USPS mailing at their address of record with us prior to the end of our year.

Each member is valued and an important part of our organization. This annual mailing will contain valuable information!

Please read it carefully – it requires a response.

We are asking everyone to confirm their contact information, complete a new survey (which will become part of our Membership application AND if you have our Newsletter US mailed to you it must be renewed. *We prefer you read it online via the email connection but if you absolutely can’t it may be mailed by request only.*

Dues may be paid at the

May meeting or mailed when you get your notice! Remember this is a great time to donate to the Trust Fund!

Please wait for your mailing before confirming information or renewing your subscription.

Your cooperation and help with this will keep our records accurate. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

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PCCA Fun Day – one of the possible attractions! INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ~ TELL ONE – TELL ALL!

PFDs Save Lives!

Just a reminder – when out in a boat make sure to WEAR your PDF!

It won't help you sitting on the seat!

STETSON LAND

Just a reminder, there is a club policy regarding seasonal placement of hunting stands and bear baiting on our land. You must ANNUALLY submit a written request for placement. The policy is available in our club house or will be mailed to paid members by request.

If you intend to have a seasonal stand or bear bait this year, please do not forget to submit your request to the board. This is necessary as there are many activities in Stetson now.

If you are not actively involved at Stetson, you may not know if a

placement would not work. This is to ensure no one has a placement which would put anyone or an activity in danger.

Your cooperation is appreciated. As always, please contact the board or the President if you have any questions.

JUNE Meeting – The June meeting meal has become our Annual Worker's Night. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert. PCCA provides the main course of a BBQ – choice of steak or Beer Butt Chicken. Workers eat for free ~ and all Chairpersons are asked to remind their workers of this great meal. All others, who may not have had a chance to volunteer this year, are WELCOME – Cost is as usual - \$7/per person. A wonderful time for fellowship and fun before the start of summer.

PLANNING AHEAD – FALL OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER

PCCA will be holding the Gun Show again this year at the Bangor Auditorium. As in prior years, it will be the weekend after Labor Day, September 7th & 8th.

This show requires as many workers as possible

to set it up and have it run successfully. It is not too early to mark your calendar and plan on helping out. Charlie Rumsey is the Chair. Please contact Charlie and let him know if you are available to help.

Set up is Friday, the Show opens on Saturday, runs all day and is open again on Sunday.

There are many opportunities so please, mark your calendar and sign up to help.

MAY – REGULAR MEETING

The May meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A ham dinner with fixins will be served at 6PM. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

The speaker for the evening will be Paul House, Founder of the House in the Woods program for veterans. This is a very unique program. Hunting,

Fishing and many other programs are offered. Come learn more about what they do.

There will be sign up sheets for willing to volunteer for projects. 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.

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.

Coming to the meeting? Consider bringing a guest or maybe giving another member a ride. The more the merrier – a great time for fellowship!

Board of Directors

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2013-2014

President	Tony Richard
Vice President	Woody Higgins
2 nd Vice President	Al Faust
Secretary	Charlie Rumsey
Treasurer	Nancy Hatch
Asst Treasurer	Peter Bartley
2 Year Directors	Rob McDonald Lisa Drake Ray Monreal Adam Robertson Cindy Merrill John Fahey
1 Year Directors	Jan Logan Bill Kuykendall Scott Adams Lois-Ann Holmes Andrew Stearns Wade Moffett John Crane
Finance Committee	Deane Smith Adam Robertson Bill Barron Peter Bartley
Membership	Dola Hinckley Lois-Ann Holmes Nancy Hatch
Emergency	Charlie Rumsey Al Faust Woody Higgins
Land Committee	Deane Smith Barry Burgeson Jay Munson

April 17, 2013 – PCCA was proud to award 22 Scholarships to students at the University of Maine Department of Wildlife Ecology. These scholarships, along with camperships are one of the reasons we work hard

fund raising all year! We were very proud at the ceremony this year when our own Jerry Longcore received the Friends of the Department award for his participation, which has enriched the program,

over the years. In addition – Mark McCollough received the Distinguished Wildlife Alumnus Award!

Thank you gentlemen for your service to PCCA & UMaine!

Bits and Pieces – What’s Going On

Some months there are lots of little things which don’t make big columns – so here are the “Bits & Pieces” – Charlie Rumsey will hold a “For Members Only” NRA Pistol Course at the club house soon – if you are a paid member and are interested – contact Charlie ASAP at 941-8575.....Don't forget if you want to plant hybrid, blight resistant American Chestnuts to contact Al Faust – this will happen in May.....Yu will be receiving a volunteer survey and club policy. Don't forget to fill it out and return it with the other update materials to

our PO Box.....When there are baskets on the table, they are to collect donations towards programs we are doing which are low or no cost for families. Please help by putting a donation in the basket. By donating you help support continuing these programs.....Clean up day – is May 19th. Come and help – we need rakers, trash picker uppers, window washers, and much more. Bring tools and come join others to clean up our grounds.....Wanted – our clubhouse is in need of a small (home size) working upright vacuum.....are you

upgrading yours or willing to donate one to the club – just let us know (our old one is dying) or bring one in.....Membership – an often asked question – how do I join PCCA – come meet us – learn more about us! You need to be a Maine resident and need a sponsor. Each new member receives an application form in their welcome packet – copy it if you want to sponsor a friend – if you want to join – come meet us and fill out an application.....as summer and spring approaches – please stay safe out there folks. PFDs and SeatBelts save lives!

Our non-profit Trust Fund is a foundation which allows us to have funds to provide annual Scholarship money to the colleges and university programs which are dear to us. A continuing stream of donations into this fund is essential for it to remain healthy.

As Memorial Day approaches, won't you

PCCA Trust Fund

consider a donation to our Trust Fund? Peter Bartley would be happy to discuss this with you and also Life planning legacy commitments to the Fund.

If you would like to make a Memorial Donation this year, please just make your check out to the PCCA Trust Fund and mail it to our PO Box or hand it to Nancy or Peter

at the meeting. It is thanks to the generosity of many over the years, that PCCA has been able to generously support students for many years.

Your continued support and generosity will ensure we can do this for many years to come!

Students are the leaders of our future ~ we shall not fail them!

Up-Coming Events

May

- 2 – Regular Meeting
- 16 – Board Meeting
- 19 – Brewer Clean Up Day

June

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

July

Summer Break – NO MEETING

August

Summer Break – NO MEETING

September

- 5 – Regular Meeting

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is VERY important if you have a change of address, phone number or email address to notify us. A note to our PO Box is all you need to do.

Thank you.

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4RD ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

PCCA – Family Fun Day

Saturday – June 1nd

10 AM – 4PM

A FREE day for folks to bring their children to our PCCA grounds and enjoy fun outdoor activities with them.

Please let your schools, organizations and friends know. The flyer for the event is enclosed. More will be available at our meeting. For a digital copy, please email the newsletter editor.

The focus of this event is

to have families get together to do fun, outdoor activities together at low cost. Boating, archery, air guns, fishing, fly tying, trapping, geocaching – many fun things will be available that day.

Help ensure a great turnout – pass the word.

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