



## PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

April 2010

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### President’s Message by Al Faust

Another Sportsmen’s Show in the books. My responsibilities were completely different from prior years, for a number of reasons. As many of you know I have spent most of my time in prior Shows in the airgun range. This year, I was “keeping the bank”. I got to circulate more, but spent very

little time on the range. I was able to take one of my granddaughters to the range for her first shoots with the airgun. She put eight out of ten shots in the black. I am not sure who was more thrilled – Robin, Dad or Grandpa!

I join Woody and thank all members and

nonmembers that made the Show a success. It went smoothly. Revenue was up a little over last year, very gratifying in this economy. Al

### Special points of interest:

- Wild Game Banquet Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
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- Family Fun Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Planning has started.
- Thank Yous to all who assisted at the Sportsmen’s Show – a most successful event
- April meeting our program will be scholarship recipients from Univeristy of Maine

### AH – THAT PERPETUAL SPRING – by Bill Barron

It seems we have enjoyed spring like weather since the middle of February, much too the benefit of our outdoor bird and animal friends.

Although the ice fishing clan nearly missed out due to thin and dangerous ice conditions. Sorry fellows we can not win them all. Be patient the trout and salmon season is due shortly. No bout the fly tying enthusiasts have been busy at their benches anticipating the opening day. Are you one of them?

One thing for sure – our

whitetails have been enjoying access to a wider variety of foods due to the lower snow depths and warmer temperatures. Making for a broader range of winter habitat availability.

Did enjoy a recent trip in my woods just to see the antics of the deer (based on their footprints). Observed the absence of small footprints among the tracks. The fawn crop of last year was missing. Not good for next fall.

Sure enough if you look closely, with the advent of greater food choices the

deer become more selective. Conversely in times of scarcity they will consume nearly anything of a vegetative nature. On the bright side the surviving adults are faring much better. Bet there will be many twin births. Time will tell

Until next time,

this is der forestmeister

*Thank you Bill for an informative and interesting article – Please keep them coming! Ye Editor*

## 72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL EASTERN MAINE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW HUGE SUCCESS!

### Wild Turkey Season

Turkey season will be upon us soon.

Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunting day will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Spring season is May 3, 2010 to June 5, 2010.

To read more about the regulations go to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife web site.

PCCA played a significant role in reestablishing turkeys into their habitat in our state. Hatching many eggs with release of the chicks.

Without habitat there is no wildlife. It is that simple.

*Wildlife Habitat Canada*

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show closed it's doors at 4 PM on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. At this writing the show is being considered a success.

Thanks are due to all the club members who worked hard and long hours to make this a success. Without the support of many and all the workers this show would not happen.

All vendor space was taken this year. We were fortunate as near the end a few of our long standing exhibitors were unable to attend. With a waiting

list to draw on – all spaces were filled. The attendees seemed to enjoy the variety and had positive things to say.

The winner of the Old Town Canoe was J. Batkowski from Old Town. The Gun raffle winners were James Cowan of Brewer who chose the Shotgun and Brandon Robinson of Hermon who received the pistol. Thank you to all club members who helped sell tickets

Another thanks goes to all the committee chairs who recruited personnel and

ensured all the assigned tasks were completed. Things flow smoothly when the work is done through using this approach.

After the show our Co-Chairs Woody Higgins and Nancy Hatch had the following to say – "this was the easiest show we've done since we took over a few years ago and it's due to the hard work and effort of all who were involved. No names will be mentioned just thanks to the working members and others who volunteered and helped over the weeks prior and the four days of the show.

## FIFTY YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIPS from PCCA!

For fifty years, the PCCA has provided scholarships to students in the Wildlife program at the University of Maine. This April 1 will be the fiftieth year that the Penobscot County Conservation Association has hosted the latest scholarship recipients at their monthly meeting. What began as a

single scholarship of \$150 to Russell Fieldhouse in 1960 has grown to twenty-two scholarships today. Each of the scholarships is named for one of the club members who contributed time and effort over the years. Over these past 50 years, the PCCA has donated over \$900,000 to approximately

550 students at the University of Maine. Recipients of these scholarships have gone on to illustrious careers in fisheries and wildlife. Over the next several months, Jim Gilbert will be sharing some of their stories in the newsletter

## APRIL REGULAR MEETING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

The April meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, April 1st at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A special catered dinner, with pie, will be provided by the University of Maine. This is a thank you for our 50 years of scholarship support to the wildlife program. All are welcome to attend.

Guests for the evening will be present and former Scholarship recipients

from the University of Maine, faculty and other distinguished University personnel. Please read more about this special celebration on page 3.

Business meeting will follow our meal and celebration.

All members are encouraged to attend and also bring a guest. Applications for membership are also available at the club

house.

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!

## Kitchen Renovations Underway

Our Sportsmen's Show had not even wrapped up but what we were on to another project for PCCA. Once again we are fortunate to have engaged the services of the able Trustees from Penobscot County work release program.

They have undertaken a very ambitious project of renovating our kitchen and public rest room space. A new wall has already been constructed, which expands our overall kitchen space. When we returned from the Sportsmen's Show to do the dishes the new expanded size was clearly evident.

The new bathrooms will open

directly out into our hall. No more walking down the tiny hall. This will make them easier to find for folks not familiar with our facility.

Electrical service is being updated and with this we will have much needed additional outlets in the kitchen and hall. There were many times when we wanted to use appliances but didn't have enough outlets.

By the time you receive this newsletter the old kitchen wall will probably already be down and the bathroom doors moved.

This is a huge project and

would not be possible without the trade labor from the Trustees and the volunteer assistance of some of our club members to coordinate the activities, open the building daily and provide their professional trade expertise to the project.

These renovations will mean a more efficient working space for the folks who prepare our meals and do the catering. We are fortunate to have good workers and providing quality space in which to work is important to the continued success of our building rentals.

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## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE EXTENDS THANKS

By Jim Gilbert

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The University of Maine will host the April 1 PCCA meeting.

Current and previous University of Maine recipients of PCCA scholarships will be attending the April club meeting as part of the celebration of fifty years of scholarship support. The students will introduce themselves and the previous recipients will tell you a little about their careers.

The University of Maine wants to thank the

Penobscot County Conservation Association for their strong support of our program by catering the meal for the April meeting.

Jeff's Catering will be providing the food. Although we do not have a menu at this time, we do have it on good authority that it will involve pies for dessert.

There will be no cost to members - this is part of UMaine's thank you for your support of the students.

*Editor's Note ~ Since the University is generously providing us with our meal on April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board would like to extend to our members the unique opportunity to make a free will donation to the scholarship fund, A donation container will be on the table when you come to the meeting and pick up your meal tickets. Please consider a generous donation. The 50/50 raffle will also be done.*

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**Annual Wildlife Society Game Banquet – April 18<sup>th</sup> – 6PM – PCCA**

The Annual Wildlife Society Game banquet will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the PCCA Club house. Tickets will be \$6. Menu will be a mixture of game meats (fish, fowl & mammals) served in a variety of different preparations

selected by experienced volunteer cooks.

Donations of game meat are welcome and encouraged. If interested in donating contact Stephen Dunham or Kathryn Chenard ([stephen.dunham@umit.maine.edu](mailto:stephen.dunham@umit.maine.edu)).

[maine.edu](http://maine.edu) or [kathryn.chenard@umit.maine.edu](mailto:kathryn.chenard@umit.maine.edu) Proceeds from this supper benefit The Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

This is always a wonderful meal – please consider supporting the Society!

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