



## PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

August 2011

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### President’s Message by Tony Richard

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Things have certainly changed since my inaugural newsletter in June when our high temperature was about 52 degrees. It's now mid-July and we're in the low 90's – ah, the weather in Maine. But I'm not complaining mind you – this shovels

much easier than the snow.

There hasn't been a lot of items occur since the newsletter in late June. Our late August newsletter will provide more information on up-coming club activities and events.

We are truly a volunteer organization and encourage all members to help out wherever they can.

I hope everyone is having a great summer.

Tony

### Penobscot River Revival Festival

#### Special points of interest:

- **Introduction to Shooting Sports – August 6<sup>th</sup> -** Hampden Rifle & Pistol/Hermon Skeet. Come join the fun - **Contact Charlie Rumsey – 941-8575 – Advance Registration REQUIRED.**
- Hunter Safety Class October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> **Contact Tony Richard to volunteer.**
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Work Day at Stetson Land – rain date the 18<sup>th</sup> – watch for more details **Mark your calendars now to participate.**

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, PCCA participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Penobscot River Revival Festival. This is the second year we have participated with an informational booth at their event.

It is an opportunity to support the River Restoration Trust activities. Partnering with them has proven to be beneficial for both groups.

Our booth gave away a few regular fishing rods and a nice fly rod, donated for the purpose by LL Bean. The winner was 4 year old Joseph Bohm of Bangor ME. He was very proud of his win. We are

hopeful this may become the incentive for him to become a fisherperson as the years roll on.



Deane Smith and Woody Higgins set up and covered our booth. The Editor did not receive a list of other volunteers for the day but if you came to help – thank you!

As President Richard mentioned this is a volunteer organization and many hands make light

work.

Surely we will participate again in 2012 so mark your calendars for this to be happening next July. If you are interested in helping next summer, please speak with Woody or Tony so we can plan on you.

PCCA has a beautiful property along the banks of this recovering river. It is very nice to see the condition of the river improving. Exciting things are happening along the banks of the Penobscot – Join in the Fun!

### DO YOU KNOW AND USE MOSES?

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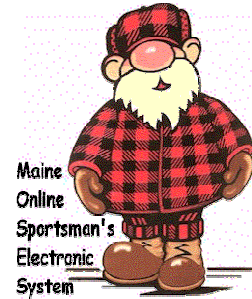
Unless you have lifetime licenses for hunting, fishing, trapping and other like things in Maine, you may want to be introduced, if you don't already know about MOSES.

The Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System (MOSES) is an exciting and innovative way for sports enthusiasts to purchase licenses and registrations from their local Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

agents, or even from the comfort of their home. MOSES will be simple, fast and reliable, offering improved services and streamlined fulfillment. It is available through the Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website.

They have a wicked cute logo! Ye Old Editor has used the system and loves it. Much easier than spending gas to drive to the Town Hall to buy a license.

Here is MOSES ~



Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System

#### CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS?????

Please let us know by dropping us a Change of Address to PCCA, PO Box 605, Brewer ME 04412 - Even if you are using email for the news– we need your snail mail address. Thank you!

### Fishing Anyone? Don't Dump Your Bait!

Sometimes writing seems like preaching to the choir for all you sports folks. Regardless it is fun to do research.

Did you know – The LARGEST threat to Maine's Fish Populations and Fishing Heritage is the illegal introduction of species by folks dumping their bait?

Since May of 2006, 80 new introductions have been documented by biologists throughout the state. The strange species get attention – but the spread of more commonly know species (largemouth bass, northern pike, rainbow smelt, black crappie) constitutes the greatest threat in Maine.

To learn more go to the IF&W website. To report the Operation Game Thief number is 1-800-253-7887.



#### Change of EMAIL Address

Please change your email address on line at our website through the newsletter link.

### Monthly Membership Meetings to Resume in September

As July rolls into August, this is just a reminder that we will not have a regular meeting in August. We take but two short months off from our regular meetings so all may enjoy the summer season.

Our regular meetings will resume the First Thursday in

September. Stay tuned to our newsletter to learn more about the menu for that meeting.

Dinner is always at 6PM followed by our speaker and business meeting.

Program Chariman Deane

Smith is working hard to get a great line up of speakers for this year. If you have an idea for a speaker – please contact Deane.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we hope to see you in September.

## 2011 – Bangor Gun Show

In just a few short weeks, the Bangor Auditorium will be a buzz with vendors setting up for our Annual Gun Show. Our able Chairperson Charlie Rumsey always puts together a wonderful show.

This would not be possible without the assistance of our Club Members as volunteers. As you are reading this, won't you consider taking a few hours of your weekend on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> and make a commitment to help. Call Charlie at 941-8575 to sign up. There are many spots to fill – many hands make light work. Thank you!

## Lyme Disease – Should You Be Concerned?

If you enjoy the outdoors, hunt, fish or generally recreate outdoors in Maine, the answer is YES! Lyme Disease is alive and being transmitted right here in Maine.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium, that is transmitted to a person through the bite of an infected deer tick.

Symptoms of Lyme disease include the formation of a characteristic expanding rash at the site of a tick bite 3-30 days after exposure. This rash occurs in 80% of patients. Fever, headache, joint and muscle pains, and fatigue are also common during the first several weeks. Later features of

Lyme disease can include arthritis in one or more joints (often the knee), Bell's palsy and other cranial nerve palsies, meningitis, and carditis (AV block). Lyme disease is rarely, if ever, fatal.

So – use insect & tic repellent, check yourself for tics after being outside and be aware. If bitten seek medical consult.

## Introduction to Shooting Sports

### FREE Event – August 6th

Funded by a Grant from the NRA Foundation, Inc. – a non-profit Organization dedicated to Shooter Development – PCCA will be sponsoring an all day event – "Introduction to Shooting Sports" on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The event will be held in 2 locations, The Hampden Rifle & Pistol Club and the Hermon Skeet Club. 9 AM to 12N and 1P to 4P at both locations. Each location will be offering different types of shooting

experiences. Everything required to participate is provided FREE – including lunch! Firearms, ammunition, eye & hearing protection and yes, lunch – all Free!

Come and Experience the Fun and Safety of Organized Shooting Sports and Learn from Experienced Shooters! If you have always wanted to try shooting skeet, trap, sporting clays, action pistol, cowboy action, and

gallery style – now is your chance!

Advanced Registration IS REQUIRED. To learn more or to sign up – please call Charlie Rumsey at 941-8575

Please pass the word on to friends and family as well. You do not have to be a PCCA member to participate.

### Up-Coming Events

#### August

6 – Introduction to Shooting Sports – Hampden/Hermon

18 – Board Meeting

27 – ME OGT Fund Raiser – Hampden

#### September

1 – Regular Meeting

10 – 11 – Gun Show

15 – Board Meeting

17 – Work Day Stetson

#### October

6 – Regular Meeting

15 & 16 – Hunter Safety Class

20 – Board Meeting

### 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsmens Show

Accepting Contracts for Exhibitor Space NOW

Discount for Reservations with Deposit before October 1<sup>st</sup>! Go to PCCA Website for more Info!

### So Many Accidents on the Water – WEAR a PFD!

**PENOBSCOT COUNTY  
CONSERVATION  
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We are now on  
FACEBOOK too!

It seems like I am constantly writing this in the summer. But, recent losses of life on the water all indicate reminders need to be given. It just doesn't matter how strong a swimmer you are –

wearing a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) aka a Life Jacket is essential!

Just having it in your boat is not enough. Put it on and make sure others in your watercraft are wearing theirs too.

Use sense when out on the water. Adult beverages and boating just doesn't mix either.

Stay safe this summer. Practice safe boating and encourage other to do the same.

### About Our Organization...

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