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President’s Message by Al Faust

Greetings;

It is a week before Thanksgiving as I write this greeting. My wife and I are preparing for our annual trip to Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving with distant family. I am sure many of you will be engaged in similar activities. Our prayer is for a safe and happy holiday for all.

Many of you have seen or read about the news conference on global warming that was held at PCCA on Wednesday November 18. Several

members believe the use of the club house for this purpose was not appropriate because it was a presentation of one side of the issue. That the club should provide a forum for vigorous debate, but not take, or appear to take, a position on issues. The Board of Directors has not taken a position on this issue.

I will try to provide more information and speakers to address the issue. If anyone knows of speakers, on either side

of the issue, that we could have address a dinner meeting, please let me know.

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Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife – 2008 Bear Harvest

Recently reported on the Maine Department of IF&W Facebook page and Website: **“Attention bear hunters that submitted a bear’s tooth in 2008** - Thank you for volunteering the tooth from the bear you harvested in 2008, this information will help us monitor black bear population levels and ensure a stable bear population.

Hunters who voluntarily submitted a tooth in 2008 can now learn the age of the bear they harvested (by

going to their website). The oldest bear was a 28 year-old female, while the oldest male bear was 20 years old. Like most hunted populations, older bears made up a smaller proportion of the harvest with just over a third of the bears over 3 years old. The lab was able to identify the age of most bears, however the root of a few teeth were damaged and an age could not be determine. We were not able to identify the names of 12 hunters due to recording

errors on tooth envelopes. We greatly appreciate the help of bear hunters, check stations, and guides that assisted with providing teeth from bears harvested in 2008. We plan to continue this effort each year with future continued support from the bear hunting community. Thank you for helping us learn more about Maine’s black bear population and insuring the continued health of Maine’s bear population.”

The IF&W website is great!

Special points of interest:

- 2008 oldest harvested bear ~ 28 year old female
- November speaker will be member Barry Burgason on Forestry and Wildlife
- Turkey Shoot Champ was Deane Smith
- Indoor Range Renovations planned

BOW – BECOMING AN OUTDOORS– WOMAN

**2009 Hunters
Breakfast a
HUGE success!**

Great Meal

Wished more
Members had
attended.....

Served 161 !!

Raffle Winners

Gift Certificate –
Linda
Rockwood,
Brewer

Wreath –
Risteen
Masters,
Orrington

Framed Picture
– Mansur,
Bangor

**Thank you fo
all!**

Your editor has long wanted to learn more about this program sponsored by Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (MDIFW). So after doing some reading decided to share my findings – taken from their website.

“The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program is sponsored by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), and is aimed primarily at women 18 years and older. BOW seeks to provide introductory learning experiences in a variety of outdoor skills including hunting, fishing and general outdoor recreation.

If you have been looking for an opportunity to learn new skills,

gain self-confidence or be more active in the outdoors - the BOW program is for you. We hold a number of exciting workshops each year throughout Maine, including the annual three-day Introductory Skills Weekend in September.”

The three-day workshop is held each fall. The workshop provides participants with the opportunity to complete four 3 1/2 hour sessions throughout the weekend on topics of their choosing that are related to hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation. It is well attended by women from all over New England.

Some of the sessions offered at the Intro Skills Weekend include

topics such as: firearms use and range safety, marksmanship, archery, bow hunting, ropes course, outdoor cooking, kayaking, canoeing, basic and advanced fishing, fly casting, outdoor survival, wilderness first aid, small motorboat handling, map and compass, GPS, outdoor photography, forest ecology, wild edibles, bucks and does, waterfowl hunting, fly tying, turkey hunting and much more!

In addition there are a series of Beyond BOW workshops, which are one-day workshops that focus on a specific outdoor skills.

For more information about BOW please visit www.mainebow.com

Honor Bestowed on Club Member – “Bucky Owen”

As reported in the Bangor Daily News and other publications, our own Dr. Ray B. (Bucky) Owen Jr. has been presented with The Atlantic Salmon Federation’s highest conservation award. The Lee Wulff Conservation Award is given annually for outstanding, long-term efforts to conserve threatened wild Atlantic

salmon. The award was presented in New York.

According to the report, “the award recognizes Owen’s lifetime commitment to the environment and his efforts to protect wild Atlantic salmon and their habitat in particular. His commitment is helping achieve the goals of the

restoration of the Penobscot River in Maine, a significant undertaking that will open 1,000 miles of habitat to sea-run fish”.

Thank you Bucky! You are a shining example to all. Congratulations on a well deserved award!

DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

Did you know.....
65% of the children who attend the Hooked On Fishing ~ Not on Drugs Program have never fished before?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – MARCH 12 – 14, 2010

Calling All Members – Yes, everyone! Why?

Our 72nd Annual Sportsman Show will be held at the UMO Field House in Orono and we need your help. From people to sell and take tickets to folks to work the concession – there is a job for you.

And if you can't make it

for the weekend – perhaps you could help with getting things up to the Field house and setting up.

Be watching the newsletter for more details as the dates get closer – but – Please plan on working and save the dates.

Woody Higgins and Nancy Hatch are heading up the Show. If you have a question about what might be the right job for you – please contact them.

Remember – many hands make light work. Without the help of members – this show could not happen.

To reduce postage costs – the newsletter is available by email. Just go to our website and sign up. If you know someone who is not getting the newsletter – please contact Lois-Ann.

Renovations Planned – PCCA Range

The building committee is working to assess our physical plant on a regular basis. This being our building in Brewer, as well as the camp in Stetson. A recent evaluation was done of our indoor range.

Considerations were given to all factors but **safety was the #1 priority**. Our range is used for many types of shooting. Improvement in the entrance, or access door,

and improved storage for weapons were rated as being top priorities.

The building committee developed a plan for a renovation which will address both of these safety issues. They have made a materials list and feel strongly we may be able to use the Penobscot County Work Release program again for labor. This plan has been approved by Board.

Members who, may have time and talents in the building trades and would like to help, would like to donate funds to defray the cost of materials, may have materials to donate or who might help by soliciting donations, please contact Deane Smith or Charlie Rumsey for more specific information.

The Range Renovations once complete will be something to see!

Turkey Shoot Winners Announced

Before the November meeting, Charlie Rumsey headed up a "Turkey Shoot". Fun was had by all. Twenty four targets were scored.

The winners were announced after the dinner. Scoring in first place was Deane Smith. Deane was given the choice of prizes being a turkey or a ham. Deane chose the ham. Funny, how the turkey hunter at the Turkey shoot would chose a ham.

The second place holder

was Andy Stearns. Andy went home with a turkey.

Thanks go to Charlie Rumsey and also all the participants. Perhaps if we hold another fun shoot there may be even more folks come early.

It was nice to see people filtering in and going downstairs to try their hand on the range. We are very fortunate to have a range in our club house.

For those who may not know, the range is well used. The Brewer High School Rifle Team uses our range for their

practices during their season, January to May.

Having the range available for classes and the rifle team is a great service to our community. If you would like to know more about the range or activities which may be conducted there, please feel free to contact Secretary Charlie Rumsey, President Al Faust or Deane Smith.

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72nd Annual Sportsman Show is Coming - March 12 - 14, 2010

Each year in March, PCCA ushers in Spring by holding the Premier Sportsman show in Maine. Mark your calendars now for a fun filled weekend.

Vendors from all over the Country and even from Canada will be there exhibiting their wears and specialties.

If you know of someone who might like to participate – there are a few vendor spaces left to fill. Please direct them to our website or to contact Woody Higgins for more information. The more vendors - the better the show!

From active participation such as an indoor rifle

activity to demonstrations and vendors with things to sell, from crafted goods to guided sporting trips, there is something for everyone at the show. Please pass the word to your friends and neighbors, so they mark their calendar now, to make this **their Maine event** in March!

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