



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

February 2012

The PCCA is a volunteer organization comprised of sportsmen and sportswomen from the local area. Formed in 1928, the purpose is to promote and preserve our sporting heritage and wildlife in Penobscot County, Maine.

We raise money for conservation projects, wildlife college scholarships, and various adult and youth sporting programs.

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President's Message by Tony Richard

I hope everyone had a happy New Year's celebration. As I write this month's newsletter, we just received our first snow of 2012. I suppose it was inevitable. The relatively moderate temperatures and reduced snow fall this winter so far is really helping the deer and turkey as well as other wildlife bridge that period to springtime. My theme in each newsletter is to make everyone aware of the many good things the PCCA does and the need we have for volunteers to make these happen. At last month's

dinner meeting, we had 3 sign-up sheets available – one was for anyone who wishes to help with this year's 74th Annual Eastern Maine Sportsman Show – one for anyone who wants to take a field trip to our land in Stetson while Sappi Paper is harvesting wood – and one is just a general sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to contribute some time to club for any reason, work on one of our committees, wish to be on the Board of Directors, want to learn how the Gun Show and Sportsman Show are

organized, etc.

The PCCA is also embarking on a new project this year – we plan to have a youth ice fishing day on our small pond near the clubhouse on February 26th. You'll hear more about that as get closer to the date – it should be a lot of fun. Hope to see you at the February dinner meeting.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- **Members and Guests – FEBRUARY 25th DINNER AND DANCE** – Please make your calls & reservations early! For menu, more information & reservations Call Nancy @ 843-7270 or pccarental at gmail dot com
-  We are on Facebook – Friend us!
- Dues 2012 – 2013 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.

CALLING MEMBERS

President Tony is interested to know who might be willing to serve on the Board or the Nominating committee?

You may ask – what does this mean or take for time. Our Board meets the 3rd Thursday of nearly every month at 6P and usually our meetings are about 1

to 2 hours. In addition, we hope Board members support the mission of PCCA by working on and attending as many of our activities as possible.

We will have a special sign up sheet at the meeting (Pres. Tony will get it after the meeting) and also one for other

jobs. It is very important to support our Sportsmen's Show – we need each and every member, who is able, to reach out and work that day. Again, another sign up sheet will be available OR – contact our Worker Coordinator – Jan Logan - missjan42000 @ yahoo dot com.

TIMBER HARVESTING – DETAILS, DETAILS – by B. Burgason

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In November, the club decided to hire SAPPI Fine Paper to harvest the areas we have designated on our Stetson property. For the first phase of the harvest this winter, we were planning to use the Bunker road from route 2 in Etna to access the 100 acre harvest block just north of Buzzel Stream.

However, before we could truck on the Bunker road, some improvements would be necessary to smooth out the surface and create enough room on the sides to plow snow. (Given the winter so far this year, maybe snow was not such a big problem after all.) Because this is a “discontinued town way”, our forester, Katie, checked with the Etna town office, the county court deed records and other sources. It was

determined that when a road is abandoned, the owners adjacent to the road then own to the middle of the road. In the absence of any specific reference to a Right of Way in our deeds, PCCA needed the permission of all of the landowners (there are 9) along the Bunker Road before we could cut trees or create ditches outside of the travel surface of the road. Just before Christmas, Katie sent out letters explaining what the club wanted to do and asked them to return a form giving us permission to improve the road. Unfortunately, we immediately had a family along the road who denied us that permission, so we needed to scuttle that plan and come up with another. Katie and I have decided to move the crew onto the

New Sweden Road and complete our clearcuts in there this winter. To do so, they will do enough road work beyond the camp to allow access this winter, then return in the summer to complete upgrading that section of the New Sweden road and cut the Bunker Road area.

During the summer, we will be able to upgrade the Bunker road travel surface enough to truck on it. Without the ability to create ditches and brush back the sides of the roads, our improvements will not be as long-lasting as we hoped.

The road crew moved onto the New Sweden Road on Jan 16. Harvesting equipment will move in soon after they complete the road.



The Opening Slide at the SAM Seminar on Deer Management!

FEBRUARY – REGULAR MEETING

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

Speaker will be Irving Kornfield, Professor of Biology and Molecular Forensics, at the University of Maine. Irv’s topic will be “Wildlife Forensics”. He’s works a

lot with IF&W and other agencies when forensic work is needed. Should be interesting..

Business meeting will follow our meal and speaker. This always proves to be an interesting update to activities within the club.

There will be sign up sheets for workers at the Sportsmens Show. 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. Dues will be received and applications for membership are also available at our meetings.

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. Consider bringing a guest.

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2/26/2012



Greenland Point Center, Inc.
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Investing in Our Youth Through Conservation Education



BENEFIT DINNER
FOR THE GREENLAND POINT CENTER

Sponsored by **PRINCETON ROD & GUN CLUB &**
PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

AT THE

PRINCETON ROD & GUN CLUB

Located at the end of a dirt road, north off West Street in Princeton, Maine. West Street goes west off US Route 1 from downtown Princeton. The turn onto the dirt road is about 1.7 miles west of US Route 1 and is marked with a large sign on the right as you leave Princeton.

PUBLIC ROAST BEEF AND TURKEY SUPPER

WITH HOMEMADE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

SATURDAY, FEB. 11, 2012

5:30 PM

\$12.00 Adult, \$6.00 UNDER 12, \$30.00 Family Rate

CHINESE RAFFLE TO FOLLOW

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!



PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

CORDIALLY INVITES THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND

1ST CHILDREN'S WINTER ICE FISHING DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

(IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER – RAIN/BLIZZARD – SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012)

9 AM – 3 PM

570 NORTH MAIN ST, BREWER ME

FREE FISHING!

CHILDREN ~ FROM TODDLERS TO AGE 15

PARTICIPATE & EXPERIENCE ICE FISHING

**PRE-DRILLED HOLES AND PRE-PLACED ICE FISHING TRAPS ON
OUR POND (LeVASSEUR POND)**

EQUIPMENT AND BAIT WILL BE PROVIDED

**ACTIVITIES MONITORED, SUPERVISED & TAUGHT BY
EXPERIENCED FISHERS AND SPORTS**

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

**WARM BEVERAGES & LIGHT FOOD/SNACKS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION IN THE CLUB HOUSE**

FMI – CONTACT - LOIS AT 207-825-3688 OR

WOODY AT 207-945-6853

Ok Folks – wonder what you can do? Here are some things before and beyond the Sportsmen’s Show. Reach out and help out – it’s a ton of fun and you give back.

1. Cabin Fever Reliever – we need folks to man the booth representing PCCA and to promote Camp at Greenland Point

(especially Sunday - inside and warm).

2. Winter Kids Family Fishing day (we need workers – this is new event so be prepared). Sign up and we will make it work.

3. Nominating Committee – anyone willing to help here – see/contact Tony

4. BOD members – interested – contact/see Tony

5. Sportsmen’s Show THURSDAY Help – loading/moving needed early during day – contact Woody – email pccasportshow at gmail dot com Thank you!

SAM – DEER MANAGEMENT SESSION

On Saturday, January 21st, a few of your BOD members represented PCCA at a Deer Management Session hosted by SAM in Augusta. The management of this organization has changed. With that comes new vision, new initiatives and new direction.

This meeting was very well attended and also

very informative. It was interesting to hear the vision for the future of Maine’s deer herd and what may be done to preserve it for future generations.

One clear message, your newsletter writer heard was communication, cooperation and partnerships. Without this at all levels, which includes IF&W and the political arm, our deer herd will not survive.

And there are many partners who have not joined us yet! I went to the bank the other day – only to meet a devote sportsman who was a bank officer – interested in learning what was going on/happening but belonged to no group.

Time to bring these folks in to all work together for our childrens’ & grandchildrens’ futures.

SPORTSMEN’S SHOW QUICK UPDATE

Folks – the Exhibitor space is sold out. Woody does and is maintaining a waiting list.

We are actively seeking every able bodied member to work doing something at the show! Connect with someone to sign up – of if you have email and in default the news editor will forward your request. If everyone gives a few hours it will

help. We are aggressively seeking folks who are available for set up and moving of equipment during the day on Thursday 3/8/2012! Call, email Woody!

A new thing this year is the “bottomless mug” of hot beverage at the PCCA Concession Stand. The mugs are limited but will be sold to Exhibitors first at \$7/each – unlimited hot

beverage for the weekend with your mug. After Exhibitor check in (and the ones sold there) these will be available for Club Members/General Public to purchase. There were a limited number purchased (144 were purchased) and is no discount for Club Members/workers (sorry).

Questions about the show should be directed to pccashow at gmail.com

Up-Coming Events

February

- 2 – PCCA Meeting
- 11 – Greenland Point Fund Raiser
- 16 – PCCA Board Meeting
- 18 – Work @ Stetson – Wood Duck Boxes
- 25 – PCCA Dinner Dance
- 25 & 26 – Cabin Fever Reliever
- 26 – PCCA Ice Fishing Family Day

March

- 1 – Regular Meeting
- 9 – 11 Sportsmens Show
- 17 – Board Meeting

Sportsmen’s Show

March 9 – 11, 2012

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR WORKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY & MARCH MEETINGS!

Please sign up to work!

Exhibitor booths are Sold OUT!

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[http://www.conservation
association.org](http://www.conservationassociation.org)

February 18 and please consider contacting Barry to let him know you are coming.

Duck box maintenance at Stetson Management Area. Meet 10:00 at camp on New Sweden

STETSON WORK DAYS

road. Need some people with ATVs/snowmobiles, tote sleds and a few basic hand tools like hammers, drills, short ladders etc. See or contact Barry Burgason to let him know you are coming or for more details: 827-6232

or b.burgason at huber dot com. Thank you!

Be in touch with Barry for more information on Stetson land management practices and other ways you may help!

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