



# PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

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## President’s Message by Al Faust

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Has anyone been able to mow their lawns more than once, and mow it when dry? This rain has slowed us down in a lot of activities, but I hear the fishermen are still out there.


This is my last newsletter as President. We accomplished a great deal in the last two years, and truly has been a team effort. My thanks to all who have contributed to this effort. The

Sportsmen's Show has set new records of financial success and customer satisfaction; Brewer building use has turned the lemons of bingo loss to lemonade; the Gun Show continues to provide significant income and fun for many PCCA members; Family Fun Day is a new and significant service to community activity; our Brewer property looks great and is more functional for catering

meetings; scholarship/campership program is providing education to the youth that are the future of our outdoor traditions; we have begun participating in the restoration of the American Chestnut, and we have a very professional news letter.

Good people working together for great goals. It does not get any better. Thank you all! AL

### Special points of interest:

-  We are on Facebook – Friend us!
- Dues 2011 – 2012 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.

### June Dinner Meeting

Our June meeting is our Annual Recognition dinner. If you have volunteered or worked on a project this the year, dinner is the cost of bringing a pot luck dish (dessert or side) to share with everyone. You will have your choice of BBQ Chicken or steak. For those who were unable to work and quests, the meal is \$10. You are welcomed and encouraged to bring a pot luck dish to share. Looking forward to a good turn out before we take out summer break!

## INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE FISH STOCKING PROGRAM

### DID YOU KNOW?

The IFW website used to only provide the data from their Fish Stocking on an annual basis. The stocking would be done and then at the end of the year you could read what went into what waters. This has changed.

They are now publishing the information on their web site daily. You can

check waters by county and actually go on and read where fish have been placed. Information is listed by Date, Water, City/Town, Species, Quantity and Size. hopefully this news will be out in time for folks to donate).

The page also contains a

list of waterways where the stocking program has been discontinued. There is contact information if one has questions.

The IF&W website contains a lot of valuable information for the sportsmen so take time to become familiar with it.

# OUTDOOR FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday - June 4, 2011

10 AM - 4 PM

**Penobscot County Conservation Association**

570 N. Main St. - Brewer ME

## **Rain or Shine**

You and your family are cordially invited to enjoy the activities planned for this day.

There will be NO Charge to participate in the activities!

*Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult*

Activities will start at 10 AM and continue until 12 Noon.

Food will be available to purchase from 12 Noon until 1 PM

You are Welcome to Bring Your Own Picnic

Activities will resume at 1 PM until 4 PM

~ ACTIVITIES TO BE OFFERED ~

Schedule subject to change if circumstances are beyond our control

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance - Trailblazer Adventure Day Program - Visit the activities and earn a patch from the Alliance.

Penobscot Riverkeepers - Enjoy the Penobscot River in a 28' Canoe - rides start at 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM with a safety briefing, PFD fitting and basic instructions. PRK guides.

Maine Science Lady - Ruth Perry - What's in the Pond Water - Look and See! 10-12N & 1- 4 PM at Pond Microscopes and Pond water fun

Penobscot Fly Fishers - Fly casting at Pond 10 AM, 11 AM, 1PM, & 3 PM - no hooks just learn the techniques - 10 and Older only please!

Fly tying in Clubhouse 10 - 12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM - learn to tie the flies to catch the fish

Penobscot River Restoration - Making Wood Block Prints - Learn more about carving and stamping - in Clubhouse 10 - 12 Noon & 1 - 4PM

Geocaching - Learn about this sport - 10-12 AM & 1-4 PM Static Display in Clubhouse; active demos--find a cache outside - Limited Loaner Equipment will be available or bring your own GPS receiver

Penobscot County Conservation Association - Learn beginning basics of using an Air Rifle - in Clubhouse Basement Range 10 -12 Noon, 1-4 PM

Maine BowHunters - Archery for Beginners 10-12 Noon & 1-4 PM in Barn

Maine Trappers Assoc. - Inside display - Meet the Trappers and Learn More. 10 - 12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM Outside & Inside Set Ups.

Questions or more information contact: Lois-Ann Holmes 825-3688; woody\_higgins@yahoo.com; or [hollora@gmail.com](mailto:hollora@gmail.com)



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## FUN DAY – A DAY FOR ALL & FAMILIES

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, we will open our grounds for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Fun Day. The event opens to the public at 10A and will last until 4P. We are hoping for good weather and a good turn out.

We have a number of sports and conservation

minded groups who are participating to offer a lot of FREE activities for children and young at heart. Even members will have a good time coming to see the smiles on faces.

Please pass the word to your friends and family or

post the flyer. This has been a very popular event.

Thank you to all who are either working the event, have donated, and to all the organizations who make this possible. Working together we can make a difference in a child's life!

## DATE FOR 2012 SPORTSMENS SHOW ANNOUNCED

Each year as the Sportsmens Show ends work beginning on the next year's show. And so, as the doors closed this March, new work began on our 2012 show.

In a couple of weeks, letters will go out to all the 2011 Exhibitors asking them to commit to our 2012 show. There is an advantage for Exhibitors who sign up early.

The 2012 show will be held on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>,

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Set up will take place starting Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars today to help at the show.

Hours of labor go into the show, our largest fund raiser of the year. The upcoming show will be our 74<sup>th</sup>.

Watch our newsletter as we develop our lists of needed workers. The newsletter will always contain news about the

show as it is forthcoming.

This summer as you go about your way, please consider looking for new Exhibitors for our show. Does your favorite outfitter Exhibit? What about your favorite campground or other vendor who might enjoy our show? Please consider asking them if they are interested. Let Woody, Nancy or Lois-Ann know so we may send them a contract.

Thank you!



Banner at the Youth Fish & Game Association Fund Raiser

## JUNE – REGULAR MEETING

**Have an idea for the Newsletter – please email it to –**

**pccanews@gmail.com**

**Thank you!**

The June meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, Jun 2nd at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. The dinner will be the annual workers recognition dinner. For dinner details please read the article about this recognition. All are welcome to attend.

The program will be youth speaking on their

experience with the turkey hunt this year.

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.

Meetings are a great chance for fellowship, learning more about our association and finding out how you can pitch in! Hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE – this will be our last meeting until September! Happy Summer!

## WILDLIFE'S VIEW OF SPRING AND SUMMER

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This year the arrival of spring was on again and off again and too often rainy with high winds. Our resident bird and four legged animals faced even more daunting challenges. One we have not mentioned, the arriving migrants from the south and their problems. Let's look at our whitetail populations. The fawn crop of last year likely has had the heaviest losses due to the persistent deep snow depths. Older does, lacking poor access to food supplies, are in poorer health to carry the new fawn crop into the new season. The outcome will be fewer and less vigorous fawns. To support this thought I made the following observation. I ventured into my woods several weeks after that last heavy wet snow storm. Observed a number of

broken cedar tree tops. They had attracted numerous adult deer to feed, judging by the hoof prints no small prints were to be found among them. A lower deer harvest is likely to follow again this year. Moose by contrast would not be affected by these same elements. Turkeys on the other hand seem to be real survivors. They are able to find & utilize a wide variety of foods over a wider area despite snow depths. Another factor would be a good fall crop of acorns to help build that needed layer of fat. Nesting delays by the hens may be disadvantage to survival of the hens themselves since they are ground nesters. Although I met a hunter who witnessed three vigorous Toms drive a lone coyote away from their flock. This was an

amazing event & almost beyond belief. When we look at the grouse population decline, I believe it has been going on for a few years, with some local exceptions, Being ground nesters they are far more susceptible to predation by fox and coyote, contrasting with turkeys. Habitat requirements are far more critical. Early successional forest openings are a must for these birds. They need the so called edge effect for growth. We have touched on only a few examples of weather, predation, & cover types as part of wildlife's yearly cycle to grow and prosper. In spite of all odds they do surprise us as part of the field and woodland scene.

Until next fall this is der forestmeister.

### Up-Coming Events

#### June

2 - Regular Meeting

4 - Family Fun Day

#### July

Summer - NO MEETING

#### August

Summer - NO MEETING

#### September

1 - Regular Meeting

### NEWSLETTER DELIVERY CHANGES ~ EVERYONE PLEASE READ!!!!

**A reminder** - The May issue, of the "Penobscot Trails", explained the whys of asking folks who want their Newsletter by US Postal mail to sign up by returning the enclosed form. **To get the PCCA newsletter by US mail**

**you must complete and return the enclosed form to us by JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>!!! If you are not getting an email monthly - go to the website to sign up.** The Postal Service mailing of the July newsletter will only go to

those who return the form. Thanks to all who returned their form already! Questions, please contact us either via email or mail a note to PCCA Newsletter at our PO Box address. Thank you for your assistance..

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Our May meeting is when we hold our Election of Officers and Board Members for the new year. The Nominating Committee presented their recommendation for the slate at the Board meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The slate presented and accepted was: President - Tony Richard; 1<sup>st</sup> Vic

President - Woody Higgins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Deane Smith; Secretary - Charlie Rumsey; Treasurer - Nancy Hatch; Assistant Treasurer - Peter Bartley.

Directors - for 2 years: Ginny Fournier, Jeff Hamaday, Dave Berry, Rob McDonld, Lisa Drake

and Dick Ireland.

Directors - for 1 year: Jan Logan, Jerry Sullivan, Andrew Stearns, Lois-Ann Holmes, Bill Kurkndal, Rick Stewart and Immediate Past-President Al Faust will sit as the 13<sup>th</sup> member.

We look forward to a good turn out for the 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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**PCCA FUN DAY - SATURDAY - JUNE 4TH**

PCCA – Family Fun Day

Saturday – June 4<sup>th</sup>

10 AM – 4PM

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

This year we are planning on having the regular activities, lunch to purchase or folks may bring a picnic. Anyone able to work that day please contact Woody or Lois-Ann for more information.

Please let your schools, organizations and friends know. We will have a flyer in this newsletter.

The focus of this event is to have families get together to do fun, outdoor activities together at low cost.

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