



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

September 2011

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 has enjoyed a great summer. It looks like the weather finally began cooperating in early July and seems to be continuing today. Maybe it is a sign that we’ll have a mild winter (I know, I’m delusional). Even though the PCCA hasn’t met throughout the summer, a lot of things have been happening nonetheless. The Family Fun Day was held on our property in Brewer in early June with 107 attendees – the scheduled date for the 2012 event is June 2. A number of us also assisted the Boy Scouts at Camp Roosevelt in late June and early July helping a lot of scouts earn their merit badges with shotguns – in fact, we’ve shot so much, several of the shotguns needed to be rebuilt after this year’s shotgun season – thanks to Charlie Rumsey for coordinating that. The

PCCA had a table on the Bangor Waterfront on July 16 during the Penobscot River Restoration day – it was manned by club members Woody Higgins, Al Faust, and Deane Smith. Jeff Hamadey and Charlie Rumsey taught rifle/marksmanship/safety at the Camp Jordan YMCA Leaders School. Lois Holmes along with 2 PCCA members taught a class on Geocaching at the Greenland Point Camp on August 4. The PCCA sponsored an Introduction to Shooting Sports on August 6 at both the Herman Skeet Club and Hampden Rifle & Pistol Club giving newbies a chance to shoot shotguns and some cowboy action fun and fed them lunch. On August 17, there was a meeting at the PCCA clubhouse with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regarding the removal of

privately owned dams on the Penobscot River. And, the PCCA rental services continues to provide quite a bit of club revenue throughout the year that permit us to do good things – thanks to Nancy Hatch and her crew for coordinating that. As you can see, there has been lots going on this summer and the PCCA has more upcoming this fall and throughout the year as you will read in this newsletter. The PCCA is a volunteer organization – we need our members’ volunteering to help do good things – please think about participating with any of the events throughout the year. There wasn’t enough room here to list everyone who has helped with events and projects – I apologize for that. That’s it from here – hope to see you in September.

Tony

Special points of interest:

- Regular meetings resume in September
- **PCCA Gun Show** will be held on September 10th & 11th – mark your calendar now. **Contact Charlie Rumsey to volunteer (941-8575). And Volunteers are still needed!**
- Hunter Safety Class October 15th & 16th Contact Tony Richard (827-3440)

Volunteers always welcome - contact a Chairperson if you are free to assist.

WANTED ~ PCCA MEMBERS INTERESTED IN CROSSTRAINING

Anyone interested to cross train & assist with coordinator/chairperson positions for our Sportsmen’s Show? If so, please contact Woody, Nancy or Lois-Ann via email or phone.

Fill In Your Calendar

We are going to try to get everyone dates for events as early as possible this year.

If you are interested in helping on an event but we have not yet announced the date – please ask!

Sportsmens Show Dates are March 9th, 10th and 11th in 2012

VOLUNTEERS are the heartbeat of PCCA!

Everyone working together makes for successful events.

Even if you can't physically help us or be at a function, there are other ways to help. Ask the Chairperson or leader for a suggestion.

Change of Email Address

Please change your email address on line at our website & email it to the newsletter editor!

Work Day Dates for Stetson Land & Camp

PCCA is fortunate to own many acres of beautiful land in Stetson. On this land is a nice camp and habitat for many species of wildlife. Each year there are "chores" to be done to keep things in good condition. In addition our Grant responsibilities require us to perform "practices" according to a plan which was written with the Federal Government.

To that end, Saturday, September 17th was selected as a day for folks

to gather at camp, bring their GPSrs, ATVs, saws, pruning equipment, etc and to work together to accomplish some tasks. Barry and Deane will go over a list of things needing to be done and equipment/tools required at our September meeting. If you can't make the meeting and have questions, please call Deane and he will fill you in.

September 18th was listed in our last newsletter as a

"rain date", BUT, where some folks can not attend on the 17th, it was decided to have a work day then too. Rain or shine. Anyone who can't make the 17th OR would like to work both days is welcome to come. There is work to be done on the camp, such as wood to put up, some jacking to do, cleaning never hurts and miscellaneous other chores which are always there for any property owner. So come on out – either day of the weekend and Lend A Hand!

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

PCCA will be sponsoring our Annual Hunter Safety Class on October 15th & 16th. As usual Tony Richard is heading this up. Are there any PCCA members out there who would like to assist? We need folks to even check people in both mornings – so even if you are not an

"instructor", please don't think you can not help.

If you are available and would like to learn more, please call Tony at 827-3440 to sign up or speak to him at the September meeting. Many hands make light work and the more volunteers we

have the easier it is for everyone.

There is a flyer in this newsletter about the course, please feel free to post it at a store or public bulletin board near you.

Thank you!

SEPTEMBER – REGULAR MEETING

The September meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, September 1st at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A BBQ Pork Spare Rib dinner with fixins will be served. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Our speaker will be Matt Scott, an aquatic biologist and club member. Matt was a PCCA Scholarship recipient. He will speak on "The Crayfish of Maine". This will surely

be a very interesting presentation. In addition, Deane and Barry will speak about the next steps we need to take for "practices" on our Stetson land.

Business meeting will follow our meal and speaker. There will also be a chance to sign up to work the Gun Show.

All members are encouraged to attend and also bring a guest. Dues will be received and

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!

Why is this newsletter in my Postal Service mail box? Because we wanted to get you raffle tickets AND also one of our NEW PCCA stickers! It has been a long time since we had stickers available and wanted everyone to have one.

Please note – this will be the only US Postal mailing until dues renewal time in the spring UNLESS you have signed up to receive your PCCA newsletter by mail! *If we have received your request for us send you your newsletter by US Postal mail, there is a RED dot on your address label.*

If you do not have a red dot on your label but wish to receive the newsletter in your Postal mail box – please complete and return the section below to us. If the red dot is there – there is no need to mail this again.

Mail the form to: PCCA NEWSLETTER REQUEST, PO BOX 605, BREWER ME 04412

COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BELOW:

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (IF YOU HAVE ONE) _____

Thank you!

Just a reminder – the newsletter is posted on our website each month. You can sign up on our website to receive an email when the newsletter is posted. Reading the newsletter on line saves the club money and our newsletter staff time.

If you are on the Monthly US Mailing list but would like to be removed – please email pccanews at gmail dot com.

Each fall, there is a club members breakfast gathering at our Stetson Camp. A time for fellowship and afterwards some fun with skeet shooting.

This year the date of the

breakfast will be Saturday, October 1st. Breakfast is usually ready by 8AM and the Skeet Shooting begins around 9AM. A good time is usually had by all. Food, Fellowship and some Fun – what could be better?

If transportation may be a problem or directions are needed, please let a Board member know so perhaps we can do some car pooling.

Looking forward to seeing folks there!

Annual Hunters Breakfast Date Announced

Mark your calendars and pass the word – the date for our Annual Hunters Breakfast has been announced. On Saturday November 19th, be prepared for one of the BIGGEST and BEST breakfasts in this area.

And speaking of the breakfast, we can always use helpers on that day.

Nancy Hatch heads up this event and schedules all the workers. If you are willing to work (early or late) that morning please let Nancy know! We are always looking, too, for donations to make this a profitable fund raiser. We will have baskets on the dinner tables at our November meeting for your donation. If you know of a business who would like to

support this effort – please notify Nancy.

Each year this event has grown and we anticipate this will be another good year. We need helpers to get out flyers, help with advertising, set up, sell tickets, clean and prep tables before and after folks eat and clean up after the event. See you there!

Stetson Land

Practices – What are Practices?

When we discuss Stetson Land we often refer to “Practices”. Folks who are familiar with Grants (awards of funds from both Federal, State and other sources) are sure to know about “practices”. The thought came, perhaps not all knew exactly what a practice was or exactly what was meant.

Here is a brief explanation. According to the dictionary – a practice is: Noun: The actual application or use of an idea, belief, or method as

opposed to theories about such application or use. Verb: Perform (an activity) or exercise (a skill) repeatedly or regularly in order to improve or maintain one's proficiency.

When a group writes an RFP (request for proposal) for a Grant (hoping to get money of course), there are things which become defined. These are the steps to take, the skills, the tasks, the actions which will conform to what the awarding agency is asking for and trying to achieve to

reach their goals of the grant award. Also defined will be the markers or measures of the achievement of these defined things and time frames.

Simply put – for “this” – you need to do “this” – the measure that you achieved it will be “this”. Fill in a word for “this” and you get the idea. And the rewards or payments are spelled out too.

Hope this helps explain “practices”.

Up-Coming Events

September

1 – Regular Meeting

10 – 12 – Gun Show

15 – Board Meeting

October

1 – Stetson Camp Breakfast

6 – Regular Meeting

15 – 16 – Hunter Safety

20 – Board Meeting

November

3 – Regular Meeting

17 – Board Meeting

19 – Hunters Breakfast

BOARD MEMBERS

If possible, a group photo will be taken at our September meeting. Please try to attend.

2011 – HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

DATES:

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 15, 2011

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 16, 2011

REGISTRATION:

Call IF&W in Augusta or Clint Gaskell (Regional Coordinator) 732-4300 or Tony Richard (827-3440 or e-mail at pccapres@gmail.com).

COST: \$3.00

CLASSES: Completion of Registration

From 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at PCCA

Clubhouse on October 15.

Classes run approximately 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

LUNCH: Students should bring their lunch each day. PCCA provides all other class materials.

MINIMUM AGE: 10 - Anyone 12 or under must be accompanied by an adult both days.

PCCA BANGOR GUN SHOW – SEPTEMBER 10TH & 11TH

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

The 34th Annual Bangor Gun Show will be held at the Bangor Auditorium on Saturday, September 10th from 9 AM – 5 PM and Sunday, September 11th from 9 AM – 2 PM.

Come visit us and see all the great vendors.

This is a firearms and ammunition show only. No other sporting goods or flea market items will be available.

Vendor space is still available – please visit our web site for more information if you would

like a table.

Admission is \$7.00 for adults, children under 12 free with an adult. NRA members \$6 or join NRA at the show and get in FREE Law Enforcement with LE ID - \$6.00

See you at the show!

About Our Organization...

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