



## PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

April 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 Al Faust

The snow banks are receding and as is usually the case the Sportsmen's Show signals the end of bitter winter weather, and the beginning of mud season. We had a great show. Many happy children and parents, and many exhibitors pleased with the weekend and ready for next year. The

board and I thank all who came out to help, many hands made it possible for many club members to see the show, as well as work it. We hope you all enjoyed the show and will be at the next meeting to hear Nancy's report on the financial results. We have received our first shipment of two American

Chestnuts from ACF. They will be planted a little later this spring, grown in pots this year so that they can be protected over the first winter, which Glen Rae has found to be critical. We will determine a suitable location and plant them in the spring of 2012, either in Brewer or Stetson. Al

### ~ MEMBERS & GUESTS DINNER DANCE April 9<sup>th</sup> ~

Dinner, dinner and dance, dance only – Ham/pot roast and trimmings buffet. Reservations required. See the flyer insert for more information.

#### 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.

### 73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SPORTSMEN’S SHOW

#### WELCOMES IN SPRING

Beginning on Thursday, 3/10, the UMaine Fieldhouse and “Pit” was teaming with activity. By 5PM on Friday, 3/11 we were opening the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sportsmen’s Show. Over the next two days – What A Show It Was! Exhibitors galore, many programs to enjoy, a hearty turn out of PCCA members and others who volunteered their time to help as well as the wonderful public who came to enjoy the show.

Seeing people enjoy a day out was exciting. It was nice to see families with children and older folks all enjoy a day together. Smiles, giggles, dreams, plans, fun, food, memories – all were there at the show.

We are already working on the 74<sup>th</sup> Show for 2012. Each year bring an end but a beginning. So, watch the newsletter for information as the seed of our next show grows.

From your Show Chairpeople, we extend a huge Thank You to all our Committee People as well as the volunteers. Without your help – we could not put on something of this size and undertaking.

If anyone knows of someone who might like to be an Exhibitor in 2012, please contact Woody, Nancy or Lois-Ann with their information.

# DINNER – DANCE

## LINE DANCING INSTRUCTIONS

WHERE: PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION CLUB  
HOUSE

570 NORTH MAIN STREET, BREWER, MAINE

BUFFET DINNER will be provided by CATERERS headed up by Nancy Hatch.

MUSIC will be provided by DOLA HINCKLEY & BROTHER DAN

THE EVENT WILL BE: APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

MEAL SERVED FROM 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

LINE DANCING CLASS FROM 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

DOLA AND DAN SINGING FROM 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

FEE:	DINNER & DANCE	\$12.50 PP
	DINNER ONLY	\$8.00 PP
	MUSIC - DANCE ONLY	\$ 5.00 PP

DINNER MENU:       HAM AND POT ROAST  
                          MASHED POTATO  
                          VEGETABLE  
                          SALADS  
                          DESSERT

RESERVATIONS PLEASE:       PHONE 843-7270

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SEE YOU ON APRIL 9TH FOR A GREAT TIME!!!

**BYOB**

### MORE BUILDING CHANGES – WE ARE GROWING - IMPROVING

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When you come into the club house the next time, take a moment to look in the kitchen. So many wonderful changes have been made to the work space. It began with an expansion made possible through the work of the Penobscot County Jail Trustees. Then there was the new flooring.

Our most recent shout out goes to the man who helped us obtain new cabinets and counter tops at a reasonable price and THEN to the wonderful crew who came and skillfully fit them into the existing space.

New counters, a new double stainless sink, new plumbing and lovely new cabinets make our kitchen a great place to work.

Catering and renting has become a great source of revenue for the club. In the absence of Beano, the catering and building use has proven to be not only a good source of revenue but also a wonderful way to showcase our club.

Many groups and organizations are amazed to learn more about what we do. They, also, love to enjoy our rustic, picturesque, warm riverside club house for their functions.

Stand by for more. The Penobscot Trustee Work Crew will be improving the finish on our floor as well as some minor repairs and upgraded. In addition, some of our own club members who are trades people will be working to install new energy efficient lighting fixtures.

We are looking forward to some savings by doing this as well as better lighting and no more humming. Our building is used by many. Be proud and encourage folks to visit. Working together we are making our home better.

FMI – Contact a Board Member.

#### FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, PCCA will again sponsor a FREE Family Fun Day from 10A – 4P. Lunch will be available to purchase. Outdoor activities for kids, parents, friends, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone interested in the outdoors will be held.

We encourage you to pass the word so folks will come or come assist us by helping for the day. Groups and organizations such as the Penobscot Fly Fishers, Penobscot River Restoration, the Archery Group, PCCA Range personnel and others

will be there to coordinate and organize activities.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time please contact Woody or Lois-Ann to help on the event, Nancy to help with lunch or Charlie to help on the Range.

#### APRIL – REGULAR MEETING

The April meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, April 7th at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A dinner of with fixins will be served at 6PM. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

This will be Warden's Night and the Speaker will be members of the Warden Service. In addition we will have student Scholarship recipients as guests and a few will speak. 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.

Coming to the meeting? Consider bringing a guest or maybe giving another member a ride. The more the merrier – a great time for fellowship!



PCCA booth at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sportsmen's Show – Thank you Everyone for your help!

**Bill Barron didn't send an article this month. Miss it Bill but folks are welcome to send submissions to the Editor at the email above.**

# MAINE LOON & CHICKADEE LICENSE PLATE

Do you know the connection the Maine Loon & Chickadee License plate has to PCCA? One of our members actually designed the plate. Recently there was a Bangor Daily News article describing the role our own Marc McCollough played in designing these

two speciality Fund Raising Motor Vehicle plates for the State of Maine.

PCCA is fortunate to have Marc as a member and he generously gives back to the club. He has allowed us to use a CD he prepared of his pen & ink

drawings and is a regular supporter of our Sportsmen's Show.

It is interesting to find out more about the talents of our membership. The loon plate supports IF&W – so it is fitting the connection to PCCA. Thank you Marc!

## STETSON LAND

Many activities have taken place on the Stetson land this year and many more are planned. We have a Federal Grant which requires us to complete practices of land management. This is an extensive program designed to benefit wildlife.

Our Board Manager for

the land is Dean Smith. If you have any questions about the activities, please contact Dean.

Trees have been marked, please do not disturb the tape, and other activities including some wood harvesting will be taking place as we move forward into 2011.

There is also a committee

involved with drafting a policy regarding ATVs and other recreational vehicles. Your Board will be reviewing recommendations to ensure it is compatible with our grant and practice requirement.

To learn more about the Stetson land – contact Dean or a Board member.

## SPRING

We sprung the clock ahead the weekend of our Sportsmen's Show so now, spring should be here soon. It won't be long and we will be watching pussy willows bloom, thinking about fishing and summer activities. With all this we also come to thinking about what has become a rite of "Spring Cleaning".

Just as we do this at home, PCCA also will be doing some spring cleaning. There have been a number of things which just seem to get

tucked here and there in our building and garage. We will be making every effort to try and clean out before the Brewer Clean Up day in May.

Keeping our grounds clean and picked up is a continual effort. We request anyone who walks dogs here to "Scoop Their Poop" – which may be placed in their baggie in our dumpster. We hope folks using the pond with kids put their containers in our dumpster. Working together we can encourage and teach

good practices.

And with that – trash to treasure - There is something we need – on a fairly regular basis. That being large sheets of cardboard (unbent or scrunched) such as come to protect major appliances and the new larger type of TVs or monitors. So, if you have a supply of this, know of a store which does not recycle it or purchase a new TV and have some – please consider contacting the club so we may make arrangements to pick it up.

### Up-Coming Events

#### April

7 - Regular Meeting

21 - Board Meeting

#### May

5 - Regular Meeting

19 - Board Meeting

#### June

2 - Regular Meeting

4 - Family Fun Day

#### July

Summer - NO MEETING

#### August

Summer - NO 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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**THE NEXT PROJECT - PROGRAM - WHAT TO DO?**

**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 some of the regulars activities as well as maybe some new ones. 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 our next newsletter.

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

**About Our Organization...**

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