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President’s Message by Al Faust

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PCCA may suspend meetings for the summer, but the activities continue. Many of the Board members have been at Camp Roosevelt with the Boy Scouts throughout July.

We represented PCCA at the River Revival Festival. Hosting/catering dinner meals are going on thru the summer. And as always, the behind the scenes planning is going on for the Gun Show and the Sportsmen’s Show.

We will be reimbursed by the USDA for implementing several aspects of the forest management plan that we

recently adopted to qualify the Stetson land to remain in the state tree growth program for reduced real-estate taxes.

The duck box program will be a part of this. Adding bat boxes and bird houses will also qualify. We will need member participation to build the boxes and install them.

We meet representatives of the American Walnut Association at the River Revival. We learned that the walnut was once a major component of the Maine forest, but like the elm has been devastated by foreign

disease. A few local survivors are being cross bred with Chinese chestnut and have achieved remarkable resistance to the disease that wiped them out. I hope that we can use the Stetson land for a major planting of walnuts when enough seedlings become available. Because the walnut can be a major food source for wildlife as well as an important economic addition to the forest mix it would be exciting to participate in the reestablishing this native tree. Al

Special points of interest:

- Our Regular meetings will resume in September
PCCA Gun Show will be held the 2nd weekend in September – mark your calendar now. Contact Charlie Rumsey to volunteer.
Hunter Safety Class October 16th & 17th

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

SUMMER IS FLYING BY

Summer at PCCA came in with a bang. A successful membership BBQ followed by our Annual Family Fun Day in June. Activities at the club house have continued with many people using our facility for meetings and events.

These activities are wonderful fund raisers and help us to with our budget and finances. Without the support of some regular groups who meet here and our able member/volunteers, we

would have to do many more small fund raisers. Thanks to all who have assisted during the summer to keep activities going.

Many of our members work at camps and enjoy the summer season. We hope all of you have enjoyed your own family and friends this summer.

When you receive/read this newsletter it will be nearly August. One more month, and our meetings will resume. This year our

September meeting actually falls the Thursday before Labor Day. Mark your calendar now and we hope to see you there. The September newsletter will announce the menu for the supper.

As the days of Summer 2010 move on by, we are promised to have an activity filled fall and winter. Looking forward to all of you joining us – until then – take a child fishing or paddling.

SUPPORT ISN'T ALWAYS DOLLARS

One of our long time supporters and vendors at the Annual Sportsmen's Show has been Old Town Canoe. We are happy to accept product from them in payment for their vendor space. These items are then distributed and shared with various groups and organizations who share in like goals, missions and who conduct or promote conservation efforts throughout our State and beyond.

Recipients of the

products in payment of their 2011 show space are as follows: 1 - 16' Guide Canoe, 2 paddles & 2 - PFDs will be used at our show for a door prize; 1 - Vapor Kayak, paddle & PFD will go to the Friends of the NRA; 1 - 16' Guide Canoe, 2 paddles & 2 PFDs will go to the Cabin Fever Reliever Show in 2/11; Greenland Point has received 2- 16' 9" Discovery Canoes, 8 PFDs and 8 kayak paddles.

In addition to the product from Old Town Canoe, we

were also happy to gift Greenland Point with 15 spinning rods and reels which we received from the US Sportsmens Alliance at the Family Fun Day in June.

If any of our members are interested in learning more about donations of financial resources, equipment or product, please feel free to contact a Board Member. Creativity in supporting our mission preserves financial assets and allows us to do more work.

WANTED

Still Looking for:

Couch or chairs with wooded legs for our fireplace area. Contact Deane Smith

Additional Donations desired:

Gift cards for Hannaford, Sam's, Walmart or other food vendors to defer costs of grocery purchases for events. Contact Nancy

Donations to our Scholarship Funds - contact Nancy

Used GPS receiver units - Garmin, Magellen or any other unit.....for use in classes, Fun Day etc. Contact Lois-Ann

Other items which you feel fit out mission? Contact Al

Change of Email Address

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

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

It's that time again - time for the annual Hunter Safety Class. The class will be held Saturday and Sunday October 16th & 17th, at the club house. \$3.00 per person.

Tony Richard is coordinating this effort for another year. Tony's expertise and experience is appreciated in

preparing hunters for their license. He along with many other PCCA volunteers help educate folks in firearms safety.

It is appreciated if folks sign up by calling Tony at 827-3440 or Clint Gaskell, Regional Coordinator at 732-4300. Registration takes

place Saturday morning from 7A - 8A when class starts. Class runs from 8A to about 3:30 P each day.

Contact Tony if you are interested in assisting with this class.

Please pass the word if you know anyone who needs this class.

POSTAGE IS GOING UP

Yes, postage is going up again soon. This will effect all of us. We are able to mail our PCCA newsletter for one stamp, but, we are still sending out over 200 copies a month. If possible, it would be nice to reduce the number of copies mailed.

Many of you have already signed up for email delivery and read the news on line. We thank you.

Unfortunately, we have no

way to compare the email list to our membership list and match who gets emails and should no longer be mailed a regular copy (those who have contacted me to cancel mailing - thank you). If you are receiving a mailed copy and would prefer email delivery only - **please, if you have not already done so** - contact Lois-Ann by email (ralphh@maine.edu) or phone (825-3688). Only by contacting me can we avoid duplication.

There will be one and two times a year when all members will be mailed their newsletter. This will be when we are mailing fund raising tickets for you to sell and/or when there is "For Paid Members Only" information in the news.

For those who do not get email or don't have a computer, fear not! We will still mail your newsletter! Keeping everyone in touch is very important to PCCA!

MAINE STATE PARKS PASSPORT PROGRAM & MORE

A bit late in the year for me to be bringing you this in the news but there is still plenty of time to enjoy our Maine State Parks. So – DYK (Did you know?)? There is a new passport program this year for visiting our Maine State parks?

Visit any Maine state park or historic site from May 29 through September. Get your free passport at the park! Look for the brown passport station. Unlock the padlock using the secret code! (Hint: It's not a secret.

The combination is the park's established date. Find it in your passport pages.)

Stamp Your Passport!
The more stamps you collect, the more cool stuff you get along the way.

Everything from free stickers, patches, water bottles to seasonal passes are available.

Also remember there is a Senior Citizen program

for admission to the State Parks.

And speaking of Maine State Parks – a bit of trivia – this is the 75th Anniversary of Maine State Parks. Go to this web site for a nice list of happenings in the parks for the year: <http://take-it-ouside.com/events.shtml> (and do note all those dashes)

Some wonderful events going on and great things for family. If you can not participate – do encourage some other families to do so.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman - Maine

Introductory Skills Weekend – September 17, 18, 19, 2010

Sponsored by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife & Friends of Maine BOW, the information about this weekend has been released. It will be held at Camp Caribou in Winslow ME on the above dates.

The curriculum is expansive and includes everything from crafts to Wilderness First Aid skills. Firearms & range safety, archery, “talking turkey”, ATV skills, forest ecology, survival, map, compass, GPS, ropes, kayaking, canoeing – there is something for everyone.

The weekend will be jam packed with fun for women who enjoy the outdoors! Sounds like a meaningful weekend for women 18 years old to “61 and older”.

There are a number of Maine sponsors and some International ones as well. Camp Caribou is located on Pattee Pond in Winslow. There are also a few scholarships available for partial funding to qualified applicants on a one-time basis.

Accommodations are in

“rustic bunk-style cabins with 8 – 10 participants to a cabin. Facilities have showers and flush toilets. Meals are served buffet style in a lodge and participants must provide their own bedding and towels.”

If this sounds like something you would like to learn more about – their web site is www.mainebow.com. Additional contact information is Emily Jones at (207) 287-8069 or email emily.jones@maine.gov

Up-Coming Events

September

9 - Regular Meeting

10 - 12 - Gun Show

16 - Board Meeting

October

2 - Stetson Camp Breakfast

7 - Regular Meeting

16 - 17 - Hunter Safety

21 - Board Meeting

November

4 - Regular Meeting

18 - Board Meeting

20 - Hunter's Breakfast

Old Photos

Two board members and another member are putting our historical photos into archival format. If you have photos to donate – please consider us. More to follow.

PCCA BANGOR GUN SHOW – SEPTEMBER 11TH & 12TH

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The 33^d Annual Bangor Gun Show will be held at the Bangor Auditorium on Saturday, September 11th from 9 AM – 5 PM and Sunday, September 12th from 9 AM – 2 PM.

Come visit us and see close to 100 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!

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