



## PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

February 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.

### President's Message by Al Faust

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Winter has come on strong since the Holidays! I hope you are all enjoying it.

We had some great great fun with the grandchildren

on old runner sleds Christmas Day. The kids had never seen runner sleds before and had a great time, wore them out, which their parents appreciated.

Maine Youth Fish & Game held an ice fishing day at Pickerel Pond in January.

I hope you have found an outdoor activity to share with a youngster this season. Al

**Stetson Work Days** – February 26, Duck box maintenance and installation at Stetson Management Area. Meet 10:00 at camp on New Sweden road. Need some people with snowmobiles and a few basic hand tools. See or contact Barry Burgason to let him know you are coming or for more details: cell: 745-2656 or b.burgason at huber dot com. Second day may be necessary: March 19. Thank you!

#### Special points of interest:

- **Members and Guests – FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> DINNER AND DANCE** – Please make your reservations early! Nancy @ 843-7270 or hatchhinkley at msn dot com
-  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.

### HEALING WATERS – SETTING UP A PROGRAM

#### TO BE PRESENTED AT PENOBSCOT FLYFISHERS MEETING

"Healing Waters" is a program to get Disabled Veterans involved in fly tying, fly casting and eventually out fly fishing. The PCCA Board, after discussion with the Penobscot Flyfishers (PFF), has voted to become involved with this program.

We will furnish a location for the program to meet, as we have a handicapped accessible building and the nearby

pond for casting practice. PFF will provide the people and materials needed for the Vets to learn to tie the flies and learn to cast.

Information about how this program is set up will be presented at the **Penobscot Fly Fishers dinner meeting on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**. They meet at the PCCA building and purchase their meal from our catering service. Any one interested is

welcome. Dinner is \$11.00, served at 6P and a reservation is necessary.

Please call Woody -945-6853 or Nancy - 843-7270 to let us know you are attending so we'll have plenty of food. Dinner is served at 6pm and their presentations and meeting follows.

Hope to see some PCCA members attend.

### A WALK IN THE WINTER WOODS by Bill Barron

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Our thoughts have since moved beyond deer hunting and the Christmas seasons and on to the winter scene. Yes, there still is the elusive snowshoe hare for those who enjoy hunting behind their hounds.

For me I enjoy the quiet setting, especially after the first snow. The sunlight is low on the horizon with the long shadows among the hardwoods. The softwoods, of course, are silhouetted against the sky. As you walk you can hear your feet crunching in the snow.

As you look and listen all is not quiet. There is

activity even if you do not see it. What about the moles and voles under the snow? You will most likely encounter noisy chickdees, blue jays, pileated woodpeckers [in old growth forest] partridge [budding in the poplars] and those pesky crows. Tracks in the snow are a giveaway -- snowshoe hares, gray & red squirrels, deer, fox, coyote and the discerning eye to tell the difference.

If you happen to have an active beaver flowage on your land & solid ice you can spot their activities even under the ice.

Their houses often leave

telltale evidences. You can locate their winter food supply of bright poplar chewings gnawed with pointed ends that were collected earlier in the fall.

Our enjoyable walk was not too long but the pleasures of the winter scene has been re-awakened. We learn there is a message to take home in those winter winds. With a little imagination you can almost smell it in the air.

Until next time, this is der forestmeister

### DONATIONS – THE LIFEBLOOD OF AN ORGANIZATION

Ye Editor seems to like humble pie.

In last month's news, I reported the wrong donor for the 1 Day Boat Rental donated as a prize for our Youth Scholarship raffle this year. **PORT HARBOR MARINE** was the donor!

We thank them very much and apologize for the error.

Speaking of donors and donations, no matter how big or small, donations are the lifeblood of groups like PCCA.

Donations of your time and talents are just as important

as money. Goods, services, time, talents or cash – all these support our work and are vital throughout the year.

To every donor we Thank You and look forward to your continued support!



New Year's Eve Gala – A Happy Table!

### FEBRUARY – REGULAR MEETING

The February meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, February 3rd 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 Deane Smith speaking about Food Plots for wildlife and his experiences with this practice. Come and learn more.

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!

#### Big Deer Contest Winners

- 1 st – Matt Higgins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul Higgins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lee Thornton



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PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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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. 19, 2011

5:30 PM

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

CHINESE RAFFLE TO FOLLOW

*COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!*



FUND RAISING RAFFLE - PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

PREMIER ATLANTIC SALMON FISHING REEL  
HAND MADE, UNIQUE, SIGNED AND NUMBERED  
\$2000.00 VALUE

GENEROUSLY DONATED BY -

BY MASTER REEL MAKER ~ PAUL HERMANN, MD

There reels are no longer available on the regular retail market!

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR CONSERVATION CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS and HALF TO PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION TRUST

300 TICKETS PRINTED AND TO BE SOLD

\$10/TICKET

RAFFLE WILL ENDS WHEN ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT EVENTS, CLUB  
MEETINGS OR BY MAILING PRE-PAYMENT TO:

PCCA, ATTN: REEL RAFFLE, PO BOX 605, BREWER ME 04412

(ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED AFTER TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT WILL BE RETURNED)

This fall the PCCA Board decided to try some winter fund raising Dinner/Dances for members and guests. It has turned out to be very successful.

New Years Eve, the Special Dinner crew led by our Catering Coordinator

Nancy, proved to be no different. 66 PCCA members and guests enjoyed bringing in the New Year right at our beautiful club house. A delicious buffet of baked stuffed haddock and ham with veggies, fixings and dessert was served.

After the meal, music was provided by our own Dola Hinckley. Many folks enjoyed a turn on the dance floor. It was nice to see youngsters be able to take part and have a good time too! Old and young enjoyed the evening together as part of the PCCA family.

## FEBRUARY DINNER DANCE

The February Dinner - Dance will be held on February 12, 2011. This will be the perfect chance to bring that special someone out for the evening and begin a special Valentines weekend.

~ The Dinner Menu ~  
Chicken Pie, BakedBeans, Salads, Rolls, & Dessert

Dinner only is \$8.00 per person and served from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

If you prefer to ~  
Dance only \$5.00 per person from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Combo price for both ~

Dinner & Dance  
\$12.50/per person

Reservations are required so we can ensure enough food and seating.

To make reservations, please call Nancy or Dola at 207-843-7270 or you may send an email to hatch hinckley at msn dot com

Give them a call today to reserve. Come and enjoy a great time with friends!

### Up-Coming Events

#### February

- 2 – Penobscot Flyfishers Meeting
- 3 – Regular Meeting
- 12 – Dinner Dance
- 17 – Board Meeting
- 19 – Greenland Point Fund Raiser – Princeton
- 26 & 27 – Cabin Fever Reliever

#### March

- 3 – Regular Meeting
- 11 – 13 Sportsmens Show
- 17 – Board Meeting

## 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAM SPORTSMENS CONGRESS

Reported by Woody Higgins

Deane Smith and Woody Higgins attended this Congress, in Augusta on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Titled " Wish Lists and Roadblocks", it started at 9am and ended about 2:30pm with a break for lunch. The topics of the morning session were: Whitetail Deer - A new Deer Plan; Landowner Relations; and Fisheries.

After lunch the afternoon session was based around Legislative bills

coming in the new session and the IF&W \$ Initiative.

We were required to list three positive wishes and three negative things we would like to see changed. These thoughts were discussed at the session and will be compiled and given to Govenor LaPage.

A lot of the wishes and problems discussed were based around the funding of the IF&W. There is a bill

proposing a constitutional amendment to secure protected funding for the department. Rebuilding the deer herd was hotly discussed and Landowner relations were also.

Many sportsmens clubs and organizations along with IF&W leaders, business groups, and legislators were among the speakers and attendees.

If you have questions contact Woody or Deane.

### Sportsmen's Show

March 11 – 13, 2011

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

Please sign up to work!

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

**SPORTSMEN'S SHOW NEEDS WORKERS**

Two areas of our Sportsmens Show really need workers for the weekend. The ticket taker and door guard positions must be filled for all days. In addition, the food concession is a very busy area and requires a lot of people

to staff all the jobs. Please remember – the success of our show depends on our workers.

Sign up sheets will be available at our February & March meetings.

If you are unable to attend but could work the show -

PLEASE Contact Jan Logan to sign up for ticket sales or door guard positions – Phone 843-6246 OR to work in the food booth contact Nancy Hatch – 843-7270 or mail [hatchhinckley at msn dot com](mailto:hatchhinckley@msn.com)

Your help will be appreciated!

**About Our Organization...**

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**To learn more about PCCA or obtain a membership application, please contact us.**

