



## PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

February 2010

The PCCA is a volunteer organization comprised of sportsmen and sportswomen from the local area. Formed in 1921, 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 sports season is finally here, skiing, skating, snowmobiling ect. It seems many were over anxious to get out there. A little common sense would go along way in preventing the early season accidents we have had with people and their machines on thin ice.

As we drove to my mother’s house in Gardiner during the holidays, we crossed the Kennebec River on the Gardiner/Randolph bridge. On the ice in Randolph were about thirty ice houses, and about 200 yards away was open water at the mouth of

Cobbosseecontee Stream. BRRRRRRR!

Be safe out there folks, we want to see you at the next dinner meeting. Al

#### Special points of interest:

- Raffle Tickets enclosed are one of our fund raisers.
- Sign up to work our Sportsmen’s Show
- 2010 Family Fun Day will be held June 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us!
- Benefit Supper for Greenland Point will be Sat. 2/13 at the Princeton Rod & Gun Club
- If you haven’t signed up with someone to work the Sportsmen’s Show – please do so today!

### Fund Raising and Mailed Newsletters – by Lois-Ann Holmes

Each year at this time PCCA begins to sell Raffle Tickets as a fund raiser to help with our many projects and benefits. Enclosed with this mailed newsletter you will find some of those tickets. It is just impossible to email them.

For this issue of the “Trails”, everyone’s copy is being mailed. We are hopeful every member will either sell their tickets to family, friends, neighbors, or consider a purchase for themselves. Once sold, the ticket stubs and money need to be return to the club either by mail, bringing them to a meeting or bringing them to the Sportsmen’s Show. The earlier your sale is completed and we have the money in hand – the sooner it will be woking for the club.

Tickets cost \$5/each or 3 for \$10. Public sales will start at the Cabin Fever Reliever in Brewer and end at our Sportsmen’s Show in March where the winner will be drawn and announced on Sunday. Prizes are a 22 Rifle and a 20 Gauge Shotgun. Thank you all in advance for helping on this worthwhile project.

Any of you expecting an emailed newsletter this month – it is not being emailed. Giving our web man a bit of a break. Everyone who confirmed with me and received an acknowledgment should have received your email copy last month. I have heard from one person who did not receive their email copy. If you are expecting an email copy and it has not arrived by the First of a month – please email me ([ralph@maine.edu](mailto:ralph@maine.edu)) and I will send you a copy through my

account. Our newsletter is done through an automated service. The web master receives the copy to post on the website and sends it to the service for emailing. Please use our website to subscribe and unsubscribe for email delivery but also please let me know.

We hope you are enjoying the changes and look forward to more member written articles and informative information for our membership in the future. Thank you, too, to everyone who has expressed their liking to our new format.

## FUND RAISER for GREENLAND POINT CENTER

There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a serenity of the mind.

~Washington Irving

"There is a passion for hunting something deeply implanted in the human breast."

~ Charles Dickens

Saturday evening, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Princeton Rod & Gun Club off West Street in Princeton there will be a Spectacular Benefit Supper. They start serving at 5:30P. Menu included – Outdoor open fire cooked Roast Beef or Turkey, vegetables and HOME MADE Strawberry Shortcake.

In an article last month, we spoke of Greenland Point and explained a little more about it. "Situated on a 64-acre peninsula which extends into Long Lake, the peninsula is covered with a mature forest rich with wildlife. Songbirds, chickadees and pileated woodpeckers frequent the cabin circle throughout the day, and calls of the loon fill

the night. Adult fox and their kits entertain guests, and moose and deer are often spotted during walks along the trails."

This unique facility offers varied programs in environmental and outdoor education programs.

They have a web site [www.greenlandpoint.com](http://www.greenlandpoint.com) which fully explains their many programs and opportunities. My recent visit to the website, however, did not show an up to date calendar of events. They do have a phone number so you could call for more information.

PCCA does support and maintain one of the cabins. Moose Cabin is designated as being adopted

by our group. The "Adopt a Camp" Program at Greenland Point Center is a way for community members and organizations to contribute their time and energy to keeping up the cabins on their premises. Tender, Loving, Care is needed for these adored cabins that house campers during summer activities.

It is the responsibility of the "Adopter" to repair, maintain and otherwise keep the building in good condition, either by purchasing the materials and doing the work, or hiring someone else to do it.

If you are interested to know more about supporting our "Adopted Camp" at Greenland Point, please inquire to a Board

### PCCA FACEBOOK FRIENDS by Lois-Ann Holmes

After the December board meeting and with their approval, I created a Facebook page for our club. What is Facebook?

It is an on-line Social networking site used by individuals, organizations, businesses, causes and many others to connect, reconnect and publish information about what is going on. You can post comments, activities and other news.

We already have fourteen friends who have joined our page since January. I look forward to others joining and using it as a medium to spread the news about our activities.

Things may be posted to a calendar and therefore we get the word out early about the dates of our activities, which will allow for better publicity. If anyone is on facebook look us

up in a search and join. Invite your friends.

We look forward to this being another medium to connect with the technical crowd. Our Family Fun Day has 3 people already, who have indicated they are coming and 11 people with "may attends".

If you have any questions – please contact me.

### FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

The winners of the Big Deer contest this year were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Deane Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Matt Higgins

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Farlene Smith

The February meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A Ham Dinner will be served. Cost of the meal is \$7.00 for members and guests. All are welcome to attend.

After the meal, everyone is invited to enjoy the speaker. Warden Allen Gillis will speak about the IF&W Operation Game Thief Program.

Business meeting follows the speaker.

All members are encouraged to attend and also bring a guest. 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!

If you see someone new at a meeting, please consider going over to say "Hello". A smile and a handshake goes a long way to make new folks feel welcome if they didn't come with an older member.

## WINTER EXPECTATIONS FOR WILDLIFE by Bill Barron

The big winter double 0--10 season is well under way. We are facing a heavy snow winter so far and could be in for more. High snow levels can be bad news for deer and even other wildlife species. This season is similar to last year, placing our deer survival at even greater peril.

We can help in our own way. This is the time of year when those of us who put up firewood are afield. Normally I drop a few cedars for the local deer while cutting. This year I plan to cut about a dozen & to cut more if there are any takers.

Had not seen any evidence of deer activity in my area when I started cutting. I dropped one cedar to test overnight. The next morning that tree was totally stripped.

Cedar has always been a good winter food for deer.

How did they find that tree so fast? It has to be scent. Freshly cut cedar does give off a very good odor even for me

Until next time... this is der forestmeister

This editor thanks to Bill for starting to write these little columns.

Everyone is welcome to submit – just email them to me, Al or bring to a meeting and leave them in the kitchen with someone.

Thanks again Bill!

To reduce postage costs – the newsletter is available by email or may be viewed on the website.

Please sign up on the website for email delivery. If your email does not arrive – contact the editor at [ralphh@maine.edu](mailto:ralphh@maine.edu)

Mail delivery problems call Lois-Ann at 825-3688

## 15<sup>th</sup> SAM Sportsman's Congress

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Deane Smith & Woody Higgins attended the SAM Sportsman's Conference at SAM Headquarters in Augusta. The session covered many issues confronting Maine sportsmen.

There was a morning panel discussion. The panel consisted of; Gerry Lavigne-SAM, Ken Elowe, Mark Stalder, Lee Kantar-DIF&W; Pat Strauch-Maine Forest Products Council; Outdoor Industry-Don Kliener; George Smith-SAM. The moderator was Harry Vanderweide. The discussion centered around herd assessment, wintering areas, predator control, and planned actions and solutions to solve problems. There was much comment and questions from the floor.

Late in the morning an

announcement was made of a DIF&W funding initiative being worked on jointly by The Nature Conservancy, Maine Audubon and SAM.

The lunch speaker was Tom Doak from SWOAM who spoke on their three year private landowner project.

After lunch there was another panel discussion again with ideas and questions from the floor concerning Legislative and other issues. This session covered many issues among which was the Salt Water fishing license which was very hotly discussed and questioned.

This panel consisted of George Smith; Legislators from the DIF&W Committee; Skip Trask-MPGA/MTA; Bob Meyers-MSA; Dan Mitchell-ATV

Maine; Natural Resources Network; DIF&W.

As this was a day long meeting there were too many items and information to put in this article. If you have questions or want more information see Deane or Woody.

The meeting was heavily attended by many other Sportsmen clubs and groups representing all sides of Maine outdoors and by several reporters.

Report provided to newsletter editor by Woody Higgins

### ***SPORTSMAN SHOW***

Each chairperson of a section of the show has started contacting people to schedule workers. Please let folks know your availability. If you have not been contacted but can work please let Woody Higgins or Nancy Hatch know. They can connect you with the right people to volunteer.

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**2010 Cabin Fever Reliever – Brewer ME – February 27 & 28th**

February 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> at the Brewer Auditorium the Flyfishermen's Group will be holding their annual event to beat winter blues. PCCA will have a booth at their event. We will be promoting our Sportsmen's Show, the Outdoor Family Fun Day as well as selling Raffle

Tickets for our Fund Raising Raffle.

We hope everyone can come and support the hosts of this wonderful event. If you would like to spend some time helping staff the PCCA booth – please contact Woody Higgins for more information and to be added to the schedule.

It is a great chance to get out, meet people and to get excited about our show which will be two weekends after.

**About Our Organization...**

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

