



# PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

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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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We are already in the second decade of the “new” century. How time flies!!

I have lived with tax deadlines my whole professional life, and they still seem to come upon me faster than expected. Throw in a few holidays and it really messes things up.

The end of this decade has

not been what anyone could have projected, but I think most of us can look back and say we have many things to be thankful for. At the top of that list for me is the group of friends at PCCA. To be able to work with a group of friends that are interested in the same charitable goals, and fund those goals with activities that we enjoy is truly a blessing.

If you have not yet found your place in the organization to help, just come to a few more activities. There is always something productive for a motivated person to do.

Thanks to all who have made the last year a success!

### Special points of interest:

- 2010 will be a busy year – Keep in touch – read your newsletter!
- Tony Richard will be our speaker in January
- Another public Family Fun Day is already being planned for June
- The Brewer High School Rifle Team uses our gun range
- Scholarships and camperships depend on the success of our Sportsman Show

## Purchasing Maine Licenses On Line – by Lois-Ann Holmes

Searching for a Christmas present for my son, it dawned on me, he likes to fish. Ah, a Maine Resident Fishing License would make a very nice gift. Now, how to do that from home?

The State of Maine is working hard to be on the cutting edge of technology by using the Internet. Did you know you could order a vanity vehicle registration plate on line, renew most professional licenses, register your dog and purchase Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife licenses? It is very easy.

You need the name, address, date of birth and identification data of the person (eye color, hair color, height and weight) and a credit card. Plug everything into the form, pay with your credit card and you can print the license right out –

24/7! Purchasing a full year fishing license was not a problem. This was the perfect insert for the Salmon fishing book which was also going under the tree.

So, if you want to try it – all you do is go to: <https://www5.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses2/index.pl> This will open a web page where you just follow the instructions to purchase your license or a gift license for another person. It is very easy. The system is called MOSES.

With MOSES, you can purchase licenses any time of the day or night, and print your license out in your home or office in just minutes.

Who can use this service? Any Resident, Non-Resident or

“Alien” Sportsperson looking to hunt or fish in the State of Maine. This online service is not available for individuals that need to obtain a Complimentary, Lifetime, Military license or those from countries other than the U.S.A. or Canada. *Graphic from MeDIF&W website.*



## GREENLAND POINT CENTER – SUPPORTED by PCCA

### WANTED

PCCA is in need of a gently used couch and chair with WOODEN legs which won't scratch our floor.

If you have one to donate OR know of a business which might donate one – please call the club house and leave a voice mail message.

When I joined PCCA, I heard folks speak of Greenland Point. I had no idea what it was. Soon, I learned it was an awesome place in Washington County Maine which is open year-round and provides opportunities for environmental and outdoor education.

“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 member for more information. For information about the facility visit their web site.

### PCCA History Book ~ Do You Know? by Paul Uttormark

Do you have any idea how many youth the PCCA sponsors at Conservation Camp every summer – and for how long we've been doing this? And how about Hunter Safety education – do you know that the PCCA was a statewide leader in developing this program and continues to be a leader in certifying safe hunters in Maine each year? Did you ever wonder how the Club pieced-together multiple land

purchases to create a 1300-acre wildlife management area in Stetson and how the Club generates the revenue to carry out these purchases and programs? The answers to these questions, along with information about the men and women who had the vision to embark on these ventures and provided leadership to carry them out, is contained in “ The

Penobscot County Conservation Association: A History of Public Service.” Pick up a copy of this publication and learn about the proud traditions of your Club. Copies are available for \$10 at the Clubhouse or \$15 dollars by mail. All proceeds go toward PCCA programs.

### JANUARY REGULAR MEETING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

In 1967, we held our 48<sup>th</sup> Sportsman Show. It was held in Bangor. Norm Lambert played the organ and the Rockettes danced in the stage show.

The January meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A buffet meal of smothered pork, gravy and all the trimmings 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. Tony Richard will speak on Maine Whitetail Bucks. Tony is

a member of our club and surely will present an interesting and informative talk. He will also announce the winner of our Big Deer contest! Who will the winner be?

The agenda will continue after our speaker with a business meeting.

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!

## Tracks In The Snow by Bill Barron

The year 2009 deer season has finally come to a close with a surprise ending. That pleasant surprise came in the form of an ideal tracking snow. It's been a number of seasons since we had snow at the proper time.

Great for the dyed in-the -wool deer hunters and a disadvantage to the white tails. The stories that tracks may or may tell can be very misleading..

In my woods this year, I chose what appeared to be a fresh track and hastily concluded it to be a large buck. The prints not only were very large but penetrated the turf more than usual. Being a lone track, I translated it to mean a buck. After an hour of following this

meandering animal I found a bed where the deer had bedded down, likely during the night. Just how fresh the trail became the question. I decided to continue following. To my sudden surprise I could hear the deer jump an run but only a short distance. That wily old buck was playing hide an seek with me. My anticipation heighten, yet I was determined he was not going to outsmart me. Stood still and listened for what seemed like an hour. (really only a few minutes) The deer snorted and began moving toward an opening. Ah, this will be the crowning moment. Raised my rifle awaiting his appearance. The first visible part was his shoulder. Yet I had to see his head.. Surprise... no antlers were on the head when it

came into view, just a large healthy doe.

Sure can't judge a book by it's cover. Those tracks sure fooled me, although I had had fair success in the past following that theory of large prints. Followed several other tracks that day but without success 'but did observe a coyote track following a deer trail. Any of you hunters finding the same situations in your favorite hunting territories?

The joys of hunting are both nature's surprises and being outsmarted by an old buck. What about you; what is your excuse this year?

Until next time... this is der forestmeister

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## PCCA On Facebook

PCCA now has a presence on Facebook. Facebook is an internet Social Networking site. Our site allows us to announce events and gather friends.

Finding us is easy - we are at <http://www.facebook.com> and search for Penobscot County Conservation Association. To join as a friend you need a

Facebook account, find our page and add us a friend. This is another way for us to connect with the techie generation.

Our website address is posted on our page as well as a photo of our fireplace in the club house at Christmas time. Our Newsletter Editor is the administrator and will be adding content from time

to time. If you have any suggestions after visiting the site - feel free to let us know.

One of our Sportsmen's Show exhibitors posted a site for our show which is how we got the idea. If you are already on Facebook - please become a friend!

## Major Renovations Nearly Complete to Indoor Range

Through the efforts of our building committee and Range coordinators with planning, logistics and securing the services of trustees from Penobscot County Jail, major renovations have been made to our indoor range downstairs. Most of the changes enhance safety and will make the range more efficient.

We are very lucky to be the recipient of the services this very efficient

and talented work crew offer. The cost of their labor alone would have made many of the projects they have worked on cost prohibitive for the club. Our able building committee is looking ahead for more projects to do.

In addition to renovating the range, several club members have shared their time and professional talents to do some much needed work on plumbing and electrical

work. Left over siding from the job on the garage has been installed on one side of the main club building to protect it as well.

The Range is used throughout the season for Brewer High School Rifle team. We are happy they call the PCCA Range home.

Take a few minutes when you come to the January meeting to go downstairs and see the changes and improvements.

### **SPORTSMAN SHOW**

Every member can do something to help - if someone doesn't contact you, PLEASE contact Woody Higgins or Nancy Hatch to volunteer. It takes all of the members of PCCA to make a successful show!

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## 2010 Sportsman Show – Work is Ramping Up

March 14 – 19, 2010 will soon be upon us and Chairpersons are working hard to line up everything necessary to produce the show. Behind the scenes there is a lot of work.

Most people see what happens the days of the show. This is a production of large

proportions. We are fortunate those who crafted the show years ago left great templates to use.

What can you do to help? Find a vendor who would like a booth! Don't be afraid to ask your local tackle shop or outfitter. Help us on one or all days of the show. Many hands

make light work! Invite and encourage all your friends to come to the show.

Let's all work hard to make this the Greatest Show in Maine! Together we can make a difference, as they say.

Watch the newsletter for more information.

## About Our Organization...

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

