



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

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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 just hours away from the second annual Family Fun Day at PCCA as I write this. This day and the last meeting with the youth turkey hunters and their guides are shining examples of the positive impact we can have on young people today.

Scholarships and camperships are great programs, but these direct contact events have the benefit of motivating the kids and sparking the enthusiasm of the older generation to get out and have some fun.

If you did not participate in either of these events please keep them in mind for next year. In the mean time, take a kid fishing!

Al

Special points of interest:

- No Regular meetings in July and August
- PCCA Gun Show will be held the 2nd weekend in September – mark your calendar now. Contact Charlie Rumsey to volunteer.
- PCCA will have a booth at the Bangor Waterfront for the 3rd Annual Penobscot River Revival Event to be held on July 10th. If you could help – contact Woody

SUMMER VACATION by Ye Ole Editor

By the time this issue reaches everyone, I hope you will be ready for summer. A **reminder** the Association does take a short summer break. We do not have regular meetings the months of July and August. We return to our regular meeting schedule right after Labor Day in September.

While you are enjoying the summer, things will still be happening at PCCA. The Board will meet during the summer, the Newsletter will still be done AND many essential pieces of

work to produce our Sportsmen’s Show will happen. In addition, we still have rental contracts for use of the building as well as catering which we will fulfill.

Whatever events, activities or other things may fill your summer days, nights and weekends, please play it safe. Wear PFDs out in a watercraft, use helmets on ATVs and follow all the rules if using a firearm or other sports weapons. We look forward to seeing you all back safe and healthy this fall.

And speaking of health, be aware ticks are becoming more prevalent here in Maine. Use protective repellent, wear appropriate clothing when in the woods and check yourself when you get home.

Also, don’t forget sunscreen when out in the sun. Keep hydrated during your activities and don’t forget a First Aid kit for your pack.

See you all in September!

2nd Annual Family Fun Day

FREE - FOR THE TAKING

There is a large Hotpoint Chest freezer in the garage. This is an older unit but was working fine when unplugged about a year ago. It has been determined this particular unit no longer meets our needs.

If there is a club member who could use this unit and is able to pick it up and remove it, you may have it.

Please contact Woody, Al, Nancy or Lois to stake your claim and make arrangements for pick up ASAP.

SPORTSMEN'S SHOW – 2011

If you know of anyone who may be interested in being a vendor in our 2011 show – please contact Woody. Our preliminary mailing is complete and reservations are already coming in.

The success of the show relies on great exhibitors – will your favorite be there?

Saturday, June 19th we held the 2nd Annual Family Fun day on the grounds of the PCCA clubhouse.

The weather was outstanding. In fact, it was a bit to hot. Despite the heat and it being the first really good weekend of summer, nearly 120+ adults and children ventured out to enjoy sports activities outdoors, indoors and to use our property.

For some this was the first time down our

road. As always, we received many compliments on our building and property. Surely some of these folks will return to enjoy our trails and/or use the pond for fishing.

The day was enjoyed by all who attended and many children won prizes which had been generously donated by our sponsors. It will be fun to hopefully see photos of some of the fish caught with the 20 fish rods given away.

While picking up, we all spoke of the many groups, who all helped put on the day. Also, the outstanding turn out of PCCA volunteer workers.

We are looking at moving our date to a time which may bring out more participants. Regardless, we will be having a Fun Day in 2011 so be watching for the date to be announced.

Canoes on the river full of laughing children and the eagle flying overhead – what could be better?!

GROUNDS WORK – BREWER – UPDATE

If you attended Fun Day, or, walk our grounds, you may have noticed several piles of brush in various places. Deane Smith recruited a Scout Group which had interest in this project which was started.

The Scouts have been diligently limbing, picking up and doing trail maintenance.

Once complete, there will be a plan made for removal of the debris. Perhaps by chipping and utilizing the chips for another project.

If you look towards the river from our parking lot, you can already feel a breeze. The trees have been limbed up a bit, so you can see the sheen

of the water and we can enjoy a light breeze too.

Deane has more plans, so if you are interested in this type of work – please contact him. Many hands make light work!

WHAT WILL FALL BRING?

When we resume our meetings in September, the club will be looking towards a busy fall.

We will hit September running with the Annual Gun Show 9/11- 12. Contact Charlie Rumsey if you can help. In October there will be a Hunter Safety Course, Tony Richard is the contact.

The 2nd Saturday in October we will hold our annual breakfast at the Stetson

camp and land. A skeet shoot is also usually held. All club members are welcome – so mark your calendars now and watch for more information.

One of our fund raisers and growing each year is our Annual Hunters Breakfast. This will be held the 3rd Saturday in November. We will be looking for many hands to make this easy for all – so please mark your

calendar and plan on coming for a few hours to help. More information will be published in the fall. At our November meeting we will be passing a basket for donations to help defray costs of putting on the breakfast too.

Finally – it is not to early to think about the 2011 Sportmen's Show which will be held 3/12, 13, & 14. We will be looking for lots of helpers.

MAKING SUMMER SPECIAL FOR A CHILD

The sun is shining today, the birds are singing – it is a glorious day and one which reminds me of my childhood. The right of passage from school days into summer vacation was always filled with the anticipation of fun things to do outdoors. Some children are fortunate. They have friends and family who ensure they get to fulfill those dreams.

Other children only have a week at day camp or overnight camp where they can learn and grow in the outdoors. It is this group of children we must reach. The group, who, without our assistance would never be able to attend camp.

PCCA is engaged in giving to camps in many ways. We also work tirelessly to ensure there is continued funding through various creative revenue streams. Ensuring the viability of camps, their longevity and working tirelessly for children to enjoy the outdoors has become part of the PCCA mission.

Now, how can you help? How can you personally make summer special for a child?

Most everyone thinks of financial support for camp programs and scholarship programs. It is true – this is essential help. But, in addition, could you help a

family take a child fishing, could you help paddle a canoe with the River Keepers Group, could you help a child learn to tie a fly, or maybe even help lead a hike? Even if you can not personally help, perhaps you could connect a family or child with someone who could.

Like the Youth Turkey Program, introduced for youth this past season, making the connections to get children outdoors is very important. Perhaps we can't each physically do it ourselves but if we can channel the energy to the right place – we will have more smiling children after this summer is over.

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PCCA YOUTH FISHING POND

By Lois-Ann Holmes

Each day we drive down to our club house, we drive past the pond. The pond is one of the gems on our property. It is used by many people.

From families teaching their children how to fish, to older folks sitting on the shore with their dogs, this area of our property is very popular. For a long time, I just drove by folks – going about my way to do whatever my mission for the day might be.

Recently, I have taken the time to stop and chat with folks. It all started when

the turtles were laying eggs. The turtles were out of the pond, digging in the sand. It was a way to start conversation. I have learned a lot about the folks who use our pond.

Folks have told me, our grounds are the favorite place for their children to visit rating higher than the park. Older folks like the ease of accessibility and the quiet of the water. Some folks like to walk with their dogs. There have been photographers here too.

This is an interesting area

on our property. I, myself, am interested to learn more about the history of the pond.

Until, I have more information to share, I hope everyone knows what a busy place this is on weekday evenings and weekends. Folks have expressed their gratitude our land is available for the community to use and for them to share with their children.

Each guest could be a future member – Welcome Them!

PCCA DUES ARE DUE!

Have you paid your 2010 – 2011 dues? If not, won't you consider doing so today?

Mail your check with current contact information to:

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PCCA MEMBERS GIVE MANY HOURS TOWARDS OUR MISSION

While our members take a two month break from meetings, the Board would like to thank them for their many hours of work towards our missions and on projects during our 2009-2010 season.

work and when working together great things may be accomplished.

We welcome all new members to join in on our many projects. If you are not sure how to help, who to speak to or what to do – just find one of those

faces who always seem to be there and ask.

Each year our members are provided with a list of contact names and numbers. Please feel free to contact folks and ask about how to work on a project.

Many hands make light

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