



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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The Sportsman’s Show is right around the corner. I want us all to acknowledge the effort Woody Higgins, Nancy Hatch, and Gerry Longcore have already put forth to make this show a success. Now the rest of us will be needed to complete the job. Several people who have been key participants in the past will be limited in

their presence, or missing entirely, for health reasons. We need additional members to jump in to take responsibility and add a little more time at the Show this year. I am sure everything will all work out fine by Sunday night. The Show would not be still going after 71 years if new people did not step up at critical times.

The next couple of monthly meetings will be exciting. Our guests will be students from UMO, Unity, and Machias, as well as the Game Wardens. Added to that annual mix will be some special recognition by the University, commemorating our 50 years of scholarship support. Al

Geocaching – by Lois-Ann Holmes

Special points of interest:

- Raffle Ticket Stubs and money is due back to the club no later than Sunday March, 14th at out show!
Sportsmen’s Show – Door Guards STILL NEEDED – CALL Jan at 843-6246
Uniformed Wardens will attend our Sportsmen’s Show
March 11th – workers needed to prepare for the show – CALL Woody!

What is this thing called Geocaching? It is an activity which brought me to PCCA. How’s that? Well, I had read about this activity and though it sounded like fun. Geocaching requires a GPS Receiver (GPSr). I asked for and received one Christmas of 2005.

Wanting to learn a bit more about my GPSr, I heard PCCA was holding a class on GPSrs, Map and Compass. I signed up to attend and learned a few basics about my unit and renewed a bit of knowledge I had about maps and compass. From there, I learned a bit more about the sport by reading several books and on line.

In January 2006, I found my first cache, which was a pill bottle hidden away in Orrington. The bottle contained only a paper log

to sign but it was the challenge of the hunt. My finds now include 2188 caches, in over 8 US States and Canada. I have found at least one cache on all but 6 map pages of the Maine DeLorme Gazetteer.

Geocaching is a treasure hunt using a GPSr. The locations where people put caches (something hidden) are many times nice spots where you might never have been before. The challenge of going to find a cache may make you venture somewhere you might not otherwise visit. Caching can be done in all seasons, too. It was my motivation to go to Monhegan Island – a place I knew was beautiful but I just hadn’t been.

The basic piece of equipment needed to cache is a GPSr. You

will also need access to the internet (to identify locations where caches are hidden, transportation, a few items to swap and a pen.

If you like the outdoors this might be a new sport for you. Some caches require hikes, some are even accessible to handicapped. If you would like to learn more about geocaching, you can access the web site at www.geocaching.com or learn more at www.geocacher-u.com. In addition, please feel free to chat with me about the sport. I will be having a booth at our Family Fun Day and several of my Geo-friends will be helping. We will be doing some demos so feel free to stop by and learn a bit more.

There are caches all over the World to find!

GREENLAND POINT CENTER – SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER

ON THIN ICE

REMINDER

This winter has been very mild. There has been melting and erosion of the ice on all waterways in our state.

Know the ice conditions before you venture onto the ice. Some waterways have varying conditions. If you are going onto a waterway make sure someone knows your plans!

Please don't take any chances – PLAY it Safe!

Conservation means the wise use of the Earth and its resources for the lasting good of men.

Louis Bromfield

On February 13th, the Princeton Rod & Gun Club hosted their always Spectacular Benefit Supper of Outdoor open fire cooked Roast Beef or Turkey, vegetables and HOME MADE Strawberry Shortcake.

There was a good showing of PCCA members with at least three tables seated with our contingent. Many of our members were lucky winners in the Chinese auction too.

This year a group of youth with counselors from Greenland Point snow shoed over to enjoy

the meal with us. It was interesting listening to the youth explain their adventures of the day in a Winter Outdoor Event.

Having them enjoy a meal with us put faces to those who benefit from our hard fund raising work.

The weather, this year, was beautiful with snow actually melting and water running across Route 9. Many folks mentioned seeing wild life on the ride down. Deer, turkeys and ye Editor and carful actually saw a very large owl.

A good time was had by

all. Consider adding this to your calendar for next year. There is usually a car or two leaving PCCA – the more the merrier.

The web site for the center is www.greenlandpoint.com or stop by to see the Center if you are in the Princeton area. It is off West Street, which goes out of town from Rt. 1 in Princeton. You will see a large sign on your right for the Center and the Princeton Club – Follow the road and you will find the Center.

USING THE PCCA BUILDING

When our Board of Directors decided to no longer hold Beano, another means of fund raising was needed. It was decided to try rentals of our beautiful PCCA club house.

From all indications this has become a successful venture. We are doing rentals to folks for things such as birthday parties, bridal showers and weddings. In addition we are also renting to

groups for their monthly meetings such as the Fly Fishermen, the Greater Bangor Area Landlords Assoc. and others.

Our Treasurer, Nancy Hatch coordinates and handles the rentals as well as food service requests. Please contact Nancy if you would like to use the building or if you know of another group or someone who

is interested give them her contact information or have them call the club house and leave a message.

Many months are filling fast. With the many improvements made to our building it is becoming a popular place to meet. We are thankful monies raised from rentals have been able to help our treasury.

MARCH REGULAR MEETING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

Guests for the evening will be Wardens from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of the State of Maine and Scholarship recipients from Unity

College. Annually we invite the men and women of the IFF&W to join us for our meal and meeting. In addition, each year we welcome scholarship recipients.

Business meeting follows our meal.

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!

ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON

By Editor Lois-Ann Holmes

When I first joined the Conservation Association, I had no idea how many projects and things happened in this very busy organization. Even though I have been a member for a while and very active, I am sure there are things I have missed.

It came to me, perhaps some of our news folks, and maybe even some of our older members, might like a review of the many things which happen.

Our Premier event is, of course, the Sportsmen's Show. Currently it is held in March. Most folks do not realize that when the show

closes on Sunday night each year, the planning starts for the next year. This production requires thousands of hours of work.

In February for the last few years we have been involved with a booth at the Cabin Fever Reliever event in Brewer. We participate to meet folks and pass the word about our organization.

June, last year, we sponsored an Outdoor Family Day which was a huge hit. This will surely become an annual event.

In September, we hold the Annual Gun Show in Bangor.

This is event also involves many hours of work. It is another activity where we rely heavily upon our members to volunteer and work the show.

We hold an annual public Hunter's Breakfast. This is rapidly become a very busy and popular event. Workers are always needed.

Our Golf Tournament is coordinated by the Munsons. This is an event where people can help as well.

Surely I have missed something, but, this is a quick overview of the major happenings.

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

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OUR NEXT RENOVATION PROJECT

Many wonderful improvements have been made to our buildings in the past few months. The work was done by trustees enrolled in the Penobscot County Jail Work Release program. Each day they came with their guard and worked on the projects which have enhanced our physical plant.

The projects are many, but, without their labor and talents, we would not have gleaming newly refinished hardwood floors, siding on the barn and part of our club house, new shingles on the barn and most recently a remodeled range in the basement.

What's next? Beginning early in March, this talented crew, with the guidance of some of our Board of Directors and

members, they will start the monumental task of remodeling our kitchen and bathrooms. This will involve building a new wall, and then - behind the scenes - doing changes necessary to make our kitchen bigger and easier to use.

The planner has promised this will be a seamless renovation with no disruption of service or use of our building during scheduled times. Our rental coordinator, Nancy Hatch, has provided input during the planning process to ensure the needs of the catering crew and others is met. Everything possible will be done to ensure the project stays on time, on task and creates a minimum of mess.

The building rentals have proven to be positive for our

organization. It is with this in mind the next step would be kitchen and bathroom improvements. We are fortunate the Penobscot County Program is still available.

For those of you, who may have specific questions about the project, please contact Dean Smith who is coordinating all portions for the Board. If you would like to acknowledge the positive impact of this program, please feel free to contact Sheriff Glenn Ross, Penobscot County Sheriff Department, 85 Hammond Street, Bangor ME 04401. Surely he would be uplifted by your positive comments.

SPORTSMAN SHOW
Good Men & Women Still Wanted!

If you have not been contacted but can work please let Woody Higgins or Nancy Hatch know.

Many people make the show happen. It is much easier if you know you are helping so you can work an area easiest for you. They can connect you with the right project managers.

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71st Annual Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show

**March 12, 13 & 14 –
University of Maine
Field House – Orono
ME**

The longest running and
oldest Sportsmen's
Show in the Nation!

Don't miss it – every
Exhibitor Space is full –
there is a full program
all weekend. From

things to eat to great
excursions and things to
buy – there is something
at the show for everyone.
Come and plan on
spending the day.

Support the exhibitors –
buy a raffle ticket or two.
PCCA has a raffle too.

Shuttle bus service from

Steam Plant & Performing
Arts parking lots on
Saturday & Sunday. Don't
battle hunting for a place
to park. Ride the bus!

A great place to be - Hope
to see you there!

About Our Organization...

**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.**

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

