



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

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President’s Message by Al Faust

If you ever question the various PCCA projects and the volunteer time that goes into them you need to attend one of the recognition events. Student night is coming up, and February 19th many PCCA members attended a fund raising dinner/auction at the

Princeton Rod & Gun Club to benefit Greenland Point Center (GPC). The appreciation expressed by local supporters of GPC to the efforts of PCCA was truly heartwarming. If you need any motivation to get out and help with PCCA projects, one of

these events is the place to find it. Dick Ireland donated one of his hand carved duck decoys to the GPC dinner. It brought almost \$400 in a scotch auction. Thanks Dick! Al

There will be NO – MEMBERS & GUESTS DINNER DANCE in March Everyone has enjoyed these and had a great time – we will not have one in March BUT Stay Tuned for an announcement about the April Edition!!!

Special points of interest:

- **Workers are Still needed for the Sportsmens Show – Contact Jan on Nancy to sign up.**
-  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.

SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER GREENLAND POINT CENTER

Friday, Feb. 19th over twenty members and friends of PCCA braved the weather and drove to the Princeton Rod & Gun club for their annual Fund Raising Supper and auctions for the benefit of Greenland Point Center. It was a very successful event. Our own Dick Ireland had hand carved a decoy which netted a tidy sum in the Scotch Auction. Many of the PCCA members and friends were successful in

their efforts to win items in the Chinese Raffle too. 170 dinners were served to paying guests along with 32 campers and staff who were attending Winter Camp during vacation week. The entire evening brought in \$5,160 dollars! Fund raisers such as this are essential to the continued success of this growing Outdoor Conservation Center.

When wondering what you may do to assist ~ please consider making a donation. PCCA members bought tickets to eat, took down donations for the auction, raffles, and there were some monetary donations as well. Checks made out to Greenland Point Outdoor Center may be mailed c/o Jon Speed, PO Box 452, Baileyville ME 04668

TOUGH TIMES FOR WINTERING WHITE TAILS by Bill Barron

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By this time we are nearly sick of this cold snowy winter. Just think of what our deer friends are having to endure without any way of avoiding it. Winter has always been the major limiting factor for our deer herd. The whitetail population has already been reduced from the winter of '10 '11. Now they face one of the heaviest snow falls in many years.

Let's consider their habitat needs for survival: One. Old growth softwood stands with a dense canopy; a reduction in snow depth beneath aids deer mobility, thus

lowering energy needs. Two. By herding together they create trails commonly used by all. Three. Nearby low hardwood browse & or young cedar. Low level availability is critical. Four: They will tend to return to these same areas each year unless the yard has been disrupted.

Here is where the role of the predator: Mr. coyote can be devastating under the right conditions. Luckily our snow fall has occurred without an icy crust allowing the deer and coyote to be on equal footing for mobility.

The winter toll most likely will be high. That is my prediction. Sad to say the first losses will be last summer's fawns & then yearlings being less able to compete overall. Next fall's hunting season will have a much lower success.

Am sure those of you out on your snowmobiles in the woodlands may pass near some deer yards. You could stop and check them, do take along a pair of snowshoes. That snow depth will get you. I know, I tried.....

Until next time, this is der forestmeister

FEBRUARY CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

The Penobscot Fly Fishers Group will be holding their Cabin Fever Reliever event at the Brewer Auditorium this Saturday and Sunday February 26th & 27th. The event is one of their annual ones and always proves to be successful.

Each year, PCCA has participated by having a booth to promote our club and also sell tickets for our Sportsmens Show raffle.

It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the public, talk about club and introduce

folks to information about our Family Fun Day in June.

This year we are going to have a few tickets for kids to enter a drawing for a few goodies to win. These items were generously donated to us by Tony Richard.

MARCH – REGULAR MEETING

The March meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, March 3rd at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A dinner of Chicken Pie with fixins will be served at 6PM. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Speaker will be Woody Higgins speaking about the PCCA Sportsmens Show and what it takes to put on this huge show. 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!



Nancy Hatch talks with members Monreal & Drake at the Greenland Pt Fund raiser.

Big Deer Contest Winners

- 1 st – Matt Higgins
- 2nd – Paul Higgins
- 3rd – Lee Thornton

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – RANGE SAFETY OFFICER

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Over the years, PCCA has had many volunteers who have served us well. As our membership matures, it is time to invite some of our newer members to enjoy the opportunity to receive training in a specialty area (and in exchange for this training to make a commitment to

help us on our range.

There is currently a need for more persons to be trained to the level of NRA Range Safety Officer. There is no cost for the training but in exchange we ask you give of your time to assist on the range when help is

needed.

Charlie Rumsey, our Range Manager, will be coordinating the course. If you are interested in this training (which may have basic prerequisites) , please contact Charlie at 941-8575 for more information.

MAINE OUTDOOR FEDERATION

The Board of Directors at their January meeting voted to join and support the Maine Outdoor Federation. The Federation is a group of organizations united to give public visibility to issues in the outdoors and serves as a network of information, communication and action. Their purpose is to work together with their associates to

preserve our natural resources and ensure our outdoor heritage lives on for future generations.

The member organizations is a long list of groups PCCA has had long standing relationships with over many years. We look forward to working together to promote our mutual goals.

The Federation has a fledging website at www.maineoutdoorfederation.org and also has a presence on Facebook.

Watch for more news as this Federation grows and becomes more active. It is an all volunteer non-profit group and welcomes all outdoor groups to consider joining them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Each year PCCA has some special guests at some of their Dinner meetings. So – in order for those of you who look forward to seeing some of these folks, here is a bit of a sneak preview.....

the Maine Warden Service will be our special guests in April along with Students from Unity College. That meal and meeting will be on Thursday, April 7th. We will also be assisted by the Brewer High School Rifle team who will assist in serving and the kitchen.

The Brewer Rifle Team uses our Range throughout their year. Serving at our April meeting and assisting us at the Family Fun Days is their way of helping us.

The University of Maine students will join us this coming fall. Spring is a busy season with special projects for the UMaine group along with their Graduation schedule.

In May, we will be talking about our June Family Fun Day which will be held Saturday, June 4th.

We will need workers for this day which introduces family to many outdoor activities.

And – last but certainly not least, our Annual Year ends in May. The Board would like to invite any member OR new member who may be interested in serving on the Board to contact President Al or Board Member Woody Higgins to express their interest to serve. Names will be passed on to the Nominating Committee.

We are a busy Group!

Up-Coming Events

March

3 – Regular Meeting

11 – 13

Sportsmens Show

17 – Board Meeting

April

7 – Regular Meeting

21 – Board Meeting

May

5 – Regular Meeting

19 – Board Meeting

June

2 – Regular Meeting

4 – Family Fun Day

Sportsmen's Show

March 11 – 13,
2011

SIGN UP SHEETS
FOR WORKERS
WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT
THE MARCH
MEETING!

This is your last
chance to sign up
to work! Please
sign up or call
today.

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Workers are **STILL NEEDED** for our Sportsmens Show - Especially Saturday afternoon and Sunday! **PLEASE** Contact Jan Logan to sign up for ticket sales or door guard positions – Phone 843-6246. If you could

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assist in the food booth contact Nancy Hatch – 843-7270 or mail hatchhinckley at msn dot com

The success of this show depends upon the support of our membership. Door guards are even provided

with a chair so you don't have to stand on your feet.

Many hands make likght work – please call today. Your help will be appreciated!

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