



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

November 2011

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.

President’s Message by Tony Richard – October 2011

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Well – Fall hasn’t disappointed – the colors have been spectacular, and the temperatures have been really good as well. I’m writing this the third week of October and night time temperatures are still in the upper 40’s and low 50’s. I hope everyone gets a chance to come to the November dinner meeting. Our guest speaker will be Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. I know it will be very interesting and

informative. Speaking of IF&W, they are the department that sponsors the Hunter Safety programs in Maine. The PCCA just completed another Hunter Safety class the weekend of October 15 and 16 and it was a great success. We had 76 students who all received their Hunter Safety certificates and cards. I would like to thank everyone who helped me organize, instruct, do the administrative work, assist students on test day, and in anyway participated in

this year’s program. I am fortunate to have had so many step forward to assist – there isn’t room to list them all in this month’s newsletter, but I will be thanking them by name at the November dinner meeting. There will be lots of other opportunities to help with various club functions and activities as we move through the Fall and Winter – please read all that’s going on in this month’s newsletter and, hopefully, find some time to volunteer. Hope to see you at the November dinner meeting. *Tony*

Special points of interest:

- **PUBLIC - Hunters Breakfast** will be held November 19th – mark your calendar now. **Contact Nancy Hatch to volunteer.**
- **November 5th – Dinner Dance** – Members and Guests – please make reservations – call 843-7270
- **Saturday 11/5** we move into Daylight Savings time – **turn your clocks back 1 hour – Change your Smoke Detector Batteries!**

After 3 years of doing the news, this month there is not enough room for everything. So – highlights –

AT the NOV. meeting – bring your raffle tickets OR MAIL THEM IN as it will be drawn at this meeting!

A turkey shoot will be held, on the range, beginning at 4 PM – 11/3 – Luck & Skill - \$1/target!!!! Don’t be late!

Also – **BIG Deer Contest - \$5 to get in – Sign up with Deane Smith at this meeting (or contact him)!**

At the last Club Meeting –

Quick Highlights

Woody’s Sportsmens Show cap was taken off his things on the top of the coat rack. He would like it back – no questions asked!

Also, anyone missing an Olympic National Park cap or a beige puff – those are on the coat rack with no owners – did you leave them behind?

Deane Smith still needs help with projects on the Stetson Land – please contact him for details!

If you received this newsletter in the mail and want it by email – please sign up on our website! Also,

please notify us of any change of snail mail address.

Posters for the Hunters Breakfast are in this edition – please copy and post!

Are you interested in being more active in the club? Job Shadowing Opportunities are available for many jobs – Sportsmens Show positions, and many more – please use our email addresses to contact the Sportsmens Show, Newsletter, Rental Coordinator (food events) or the President to express your interest and share your availability.

Best Time of the Year – by Bill Barron

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Foreword: This newsletter article was originally planned for the October Issue but due to computer problems, on th part of the author, was unable to meet the deadline. Do believe this article is appropriate for November. ~
"BEST TIME OF YEAR"
That special time of year is bearing down on us in spades. Yes that flash of fall color & that nip in the air brings to mind a certain nostalgia. Believe anticipation is more than half the fun. Those of you who have not already stowed you fishing gear get a move on.
A number of steps usually occur prior to any opening

day no matter your interest i.e. upland birds, rabbit, deer. bear, or waterfowl to name a few. Have to be sure our guns & rifles have been properly cleaned & oiled for easy action. Is that old hunting coat good for another season? Same for those old boots.

Further preparations- Veteran hunters will venture afield scouting out their favorite territories & special stands looking for signs.

If you are lucky to have a hunting camp, it also has to have a cleanup. Does the firewood supply need replenishing? What about

the ole one holer? Does it have that critical supply of you know what?

Depending on your personal style, some hunters prefer to go afield alone, enjoying the late afternoon sun- ah even a knap. But some more energetic hunters enjoy three or four partners covering a wider area. Yes and at night a card game is possible, if you don't fall asleep. You could wake up with a deer staring you right in the eye.

Hunting traditions are in my blood. What about yours? Until next time this is der forestmeister

PCCA RECEIVES AWARD

On October 18th, President Tony and other Board members traveled to Augusta on behalf of PCCA to receive an award from the Landowners and Sportsmens Relations Advisory Board of the IF&W. We were

presented with a very nice plaque and duck print which will be on display at the November meeting. The documentation and nomination for this award is included in this newsletter.

The hard work of all our members for every event and activity is noticed by our community and state wide. It is thanks to all, we were considered and received this award.

Thank you one and all!

NOVEMBER – REGULAR MEETING

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

The speaker will be IF&W Commissioner Chandler Woodcock. He will speak on the IF&W Department. His talk is sure to be informative.

Business meeting will

follow our meal and celebration.

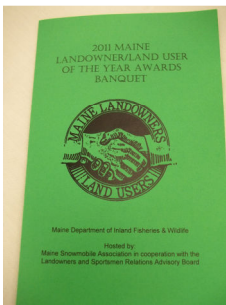
All members are encouraged to attend and also bring a guest.

Come EARLY and enjoy a turkey shoot! Bring any outstanding rifle raffle tickets.

There is a 50/50 raffle at our meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact an officer or Board member.

We will have baskets on the table for folks to donate money to defray the cost of food purchased to put on our Hunters Breakfast – please consider making a donation. Also if you have not called to sign up and work the breakfast – there will be another opportunity to do so.

Consider bringing a guest or maybe giving another member a ride. The more the merrier – a great time for fellowship!



2011 Landowner – Landuser Awards Program

Change of Email Address

Please change your email address on line at our website & email it to the newsletter editor!

**DINNER – DANCE
COUNTRY SHIRTS & JEANS NIGHT
VETERANS REMEMBERED**

**WHERE: PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION CLUB HOUSE
570 NORTH MAIN STREET, BREWER MAINE**

BUFFET DINNER will be provided by CATERERS headed up by Hancy Hatch

MUSIC will be provided by DOLA HINCKLY SINGING COUNTY OLD & NEW

THE EVENT WILL BE: NOVEMBER 5TH, 2011

MEAL SERVED FROM: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

DANCING FROM: 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

FEES: DINNER & DANCE \$12.50 PP

DINNER ONLY \$ 8.00 PP

MUSIC – DANCE ONLY \$ 5.00 PP

DINNER MENU: BAKED BEANS – CHICKEN & STUFFING

SALADS – ROLLS

APPLE CRISP – GINGERBREAD

RESERVATIONS PLEASE: PHONE 843-7270

EMAIL pccarental@gmail.com

SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 5TH FOR A GREAT TIME!

MEMBERS & GUESTS ONLY

BYOB



HUNTERS BREAKFAST

Penobscot County Conservation Association

Saturday, November 19, 2011

570 North Main Street

Brewer ME

4 AM – 9 AM

Menu

Bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, baked beans, home fries, French Toast, pancakes, biscuits, donuts, coffee and juice

Adults - \$6.00 Children under 12 - \$3.00

Come and eat breakfast before heading out for a day of hunting or just enjoying a weekend. We have a nice fireplace and the logs will be on the fire.

Proceeds from this fund raiser will be used for college scholarships and scholarships for youth to attend conservation camp. Your support is appreciated.

Organized Land User Group

Penobscot County Conservation Association

Nominated by: **Sportsman's/Forest Landowner Alliance and Seven Islands Land Company**

The Penobscot County Conservation Association's purpose is to promote and preserve the sporting heritage in Penobscot County. The group, founded as a Fish and Game Association in 1928, evolved to a broader focus on conservation education, habitat improvement and access to recreation. It adopted the name Penobscot County Conservation Association (PCCA) in 1951. The club hosts events and raises money for conservation projects, wildlife college scholarships, youth conservation camp and various adult and youth sporting programs.

Wide Influence: PCCA has far-reaching influence beyond its own membership. The club hosts several annual events that draw a wide variety of sports men, women and youth.

The Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show has over 150 exhibitors, workshops demonstrations and special displays and activities for children. It promotes fun, safe, responsible recreation, from archery to water safety. Held over a weekend each March, it heralds spring and welcomes visitors from all over Maine and beyond.

Each fall, over 100 vendors participate in the PCCA's Bangor Gun Show. Like the Sportsman's Show, this three day event draws from a large area.

Family Fun Days were begun in June 2010. Events include fly tying and fishing, Archery, meeting search and rescue dogs, geocaching, air rifle use, Penobscot River canoe Rides, learning what's in pond water and learning about pelts and fur. PCCA recruits several local organizations including Audubon, Penobscot River Keepers, Penobscot Fly Fishers, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Bow Hunters and US Sportsman's Alliance to put on these events.

Nearly 6000 safe hunters have been certified in over forty years of hunter safety courses Conducted at the PCCA clubhouse.

The club also puts on hunter's breakfasts, social events/fundraisers and work days to enhance club property (releasing apple trees, wood duck nesting boxes, etc.)

Focus on Youth: PCCA plays a key role in introducing youth to hunting, fishing, and other outdoor pursuits. The club annually sponsored up to 60 middle school students for a week of conservation school at Greenland Point or Bryant Pond (formerly the Maine Conservation School, now under the purview of 4-H). Special activities at Family Fun Days and the Sportsman's Show are geared toward youth. Club members volunteer to take youth on duck hunts, turkey hunts and other special trips the youth would not otherwise have an opportunity to learn and enjoy. A fishing pond near the Brewer clubhouse is maintained for youth fishing only.

Land Stewardship: PCCA manages 1300 acres club-owned land in Stetson, following good conservation and wildlife management guidelines. Various practices are carried out to enhance wildlife habitat. The land is open to public use.

Education: Each monthly club meeting features a presentation on a conservation topic. PCCA has been a leader for decades in offering hunter safety courses. Money is earned for wildlife and youth scholarships. Several scholarships are given each year to students at the University of Maine, Unity College and University of Maine at Machias. Events, such as the Sportsmen's Show, have numerous opportunities for people to learn in a friendly setting. Show workshops vary from K-9 demonstrations to deer nutrition, woodcock ecology and outdoor navigation.

Collaboration and Sharing: PCCA collaborates with other organizations to host events. From Maine Audubon volunteers who teach children about pond life to IF&W wardens who teach Hunter ethics to the Maine Bowhunters who teach archery and the NAVHDA which put on Hunting dog demonstrations, PCCA involves numerous other organizations to share expertise with its members and the public.

The club gladly shares its clubhouse with others. For example, the Penobscot Fly Fishers hold their regular meetings at PCCA and the Sportsman's Forest Landowner Alliance meets there at least twice a year. In May the U Maine Wildlife Society held a public wild game dinner at the PCCA clubhouse. Members supported the fundraiser by providing the facility, donating game and attending the supper. PCCA has a catering group and recently expanded and renovated the kitchen to make meal functions easier to manage.

PCCA club members are very welcoming. The club brings together a variety of people with diverse outdoor and conservation interests, who all share the goal of promoting and preserving the sporting heritage in Penobscot County and beyond.

Letter of Support:

I am writing this letter to support the nomination of the Penobscot County Conservation Association as Land User of the Year for 2010.

I believe Sarah Medina of Sportsman's/Forest Landowner Alliance and Seven Islands Land Company has provided a very thorough nomination which includes many very good Reasons why the PCCA is worthy of this honor.

The PCCA has played an important role in working with Maine landowners and other Maine land user organizations to keep private and public land open to public access in Maine.

Albro Cowperthwaite

Executive Director

Letter of Support:

On behalf of the Maine Snowmobile Association, I am please to support the nomination of the Penobscot County Conservation Association (PCCA) as Land User Group of the year.

The PCCA has a long and rich history in the region they serve, and statewide they have set the standard for promoting traditional outdoor recreation. Their clubhouse on the banks of the Penobscot River is frequently open, either for one of their many events, or for use by countless other outdoor groups that use their facility. One of the finest things about the PCCA is that everything they do is encourage more people to participate in outdoor activities, and encourage more people to do thing the right way when they're out there.

There is an endless list of activities and projects the PCCA is involved in – the annual Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show, their annual gun show, Family Fun Days, and countless breakfasts, safety courses and other events. Again, all of their activities are geared towards more participation and more education.

The PCCA is a fine role model for every outdoor group in the state and are certainly Deserving of the Land User of the Year Award.

Bob Myers

Executive Director MSA

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS – THANK YOU!

Eighty-one students completed the Hunter Safety Course, the second weekend in October. As always, the class included youth and adults.

Our Chairman and Coordinator, Tony Richard wants to thank all the members of the club who stepped forward and volunteered their time to make this successful.

From instructors to cooks and kitchen help, a class of this size would just not run smoothly or be possible without such wonderful helpers. Thank you everyone!

PUBLIC HUNTERS BREAKFAST

For the past few years, PCCA has been holding a Public Hunter's Breakfast. It is becoming increasingly popular. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 19th from 4AM – 9 AM, right here at the PCCA club house.

As always, please

consider helping on this worthwhile project. To offer assistance, please contact Chairperson Nancy Hatch. Also, we are accepting monetary donations to defray our expenses.

The flyer is included in this newsletter. Please consider posting it in a

prominent place for advertising or making some more copies to post.

We usually have a log or two burning in the fireplace and plenty of hunting stories being shared.

This is one of our major fund raisers for our scholarships and camperships.

Up-Coming Events

November

3 – Regular Meeting

5 – Dinner Dance

17 – Board Meeting

19 – Hunter's Breakfast

December

1 – Regular Meeting

15 – Board Meeting

31 – Gala New Years Dinner Dance Bash

Busy Is As Busy Does – by Lois-Ann Holmes, Editor

This was an old saying my Mom used to use. I never really thought a lot about it and what she meant by it. Now, that I am an adult, I believe I know what she meant.

Anyone can be busy. Having your life filled with activities, things to do, places to go, people to see and the like. But, busy does not always mean productive. There is a distinct difference between being busy and being productive!

You can fill a 40 or 50 hour week with activities

that make you feel like you have accomplished a lot. But at the end of the week, you still haven't done much to make a difference at home, at work or for the groups and organizations you support.

Are you attending the right networking events? Are you blocking time in your calendar for family time, personal time, and time for the organizations you are a member of? Are you looking for new opportunities to serve? Have you asked – How can I help?

Avoid the pitfall of believing that activity and "busyness" is effective. Take time to be organized in all you do.

If you want to achieve a feeling of personal success and satisfaction, it is critical you invest time each and every day and week in activities which help you achieve an overall feeling of goodness which comes from balance. Don't be so busy you get lost in your activities but contribute to them in an organized fashion.

Enjoy life to the fullest!

Sportsmen's Show

March 9 – 11, 2012

We already have a good number of vendor contracts.

If you know of a company who would like to be in our show – please have them visit our website for more information.

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PUBLIC HUNTERS BREAKFAST – NOVEMBER 19TH – 4 AM – 9 AM

PCCA will host our Annual Hunter's Breakfast on Saturday November 19th from 4AM – 9AM. For \$6/per adult or \$3/for children under 12, you won't go away hungry!

Menu includes: **Bacon, ham, sausage, eggs**

(cooked to order), home fries, French Toast, pancakes, biscuits, donuts, sausage gravy, coffee and juice! All this for one price!

We will also have raffle tickets on sale.

Don't miss this fun time. There are usually logs on the fire and time for great conversation before a day in the woods.

Proceeds for college scholarships and camperships to Conservation Camps.

About Our Organization...

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



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