



PENOBSCOT TRAILS – PCCA NEWSLETTER

May 2014

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President’s Message by Tony Richard

I think Spring has finally sprung – although I’m not holding my breath just yet. The annual wild game banquet was held on April 6 and it was excellent, as usual – lots of great things to try – even had some new things that I hadn’t seen before. If you get an opportunity next year, it’s a great time and a good fund raiser for the Student Wildlife Society at UM who puts it on. See you at the May dinner meeting.
Tony

UMaine Scholarship Presentations - This month the University will present the scholarships from PCCA to deserving students in the Wildlife Programs. These would not be possible without your donations and hard work. We always accept donations designated for the Trust Fund and these donations ARE Tax Deductible!! The Trust Fund is dedicated money used specifically for scholarships. It is your designated donation which will help keep this fund solid and growing. When you are paying your dues this year, please consider designating an extra dollar or two for the Trust Fund. There is a place on your dues notice to so designate. Many of our members and the staff at IF&W benefited from our scholarships. Won't you consider helping our scholarship fund grow?

Special points of interest:

- We are on Facebook – Friend us!
- Dues 2014 – 2015 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 – we will send an email blast or call members when needed.

ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

Our annual membership year ends on May 31st. Dues for the 2014 – 2015 year, become due at that time. Everyone (including those who are life members and who have paid in advance) should receive a USPS mailing at their address of record with us prior to the end of our year.

Each member is valued and an important part of our organization. This annual mailing will contain valuable information!

Please read it carefully – it requires a response.

We are asking everyone to return their form to confirm we have their correct address AND telephone number as well as your email address if you have one.

Dues may be paid at the May meeting. Remember this is a great time to donate to the Trust Fund!

Also each year it is necessary to renew if you want the newsletter by

USPostal mail. There is a check off box on your dues renewal form. If it is not checked and/or returned your name is dropped from the mailing list. This is to try to reduce the number of mailed newsletters monthly.

Your cooperation and help with this will keep our records accurate. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Thank you!

2014 - 2015 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBER SLATE

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This is a revised slate for voting on at our Annual Meeting on May 1st.

President - Adam Robinson, 1st Vice President - Woody Higgins, 2nd Vice President - Al Faust, Secretary - Charlie Rumsey, Treasurer - Nancy Hatch, Assistant

Treasurer - Peter Bartley.

2 year Directors - Tony Richard, John Crane, Doug Merrill, Lois-Ann Holmes. Jan Logan and Angie Stearns.

1 Year Directors - Rob MacDonald, Lisa Drake, Ray Monreal, Cindy Merrill, John Fahey Jr.,

Scott Adams and Shannon Ford.

Our Annual Fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31st. We will take dues at our Annual meeting or you may mail them in. Everyone should receive a dues notice in the mail. If you don't please email Nancy! Thank you!

JUNE Meeting – The June meeting meal has become our Annual Worker's Night. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert. PCCA provides the main course of a BBQ – choice of steak or Beer Butt Chicken. Workers eat for free ~ and all Chairpersons are asked to remind their workers of this great meal. All others, who may not have had a chance to volunteer this year, are WELCOME – Cost is as usual - \$7/per person. A wonderful time for fellowship and fun before the start of summer.

PLANNING AHEAD – FALL OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER

PCCA will be holding the Gun Show again this year at the Bangor Auditorium. As in prior years, it will be the weekend after Labor Day, September 6th & 7th.

This show requires as many workers as possible to set it up and have it run

successfully. It is not to early to mark your calendar and plan on helping out. Charlie Rumsey is the Chair. Please contact Charlie, at 941-8575, if you would like to help - he will be conducting training this

summer for workers.

Set up is Friday, the Show opens on Saturday, runs all day and is open again on Sunday.

Mark your calendar and contact Charlie ASAP!



PCCA Fun Day – one of the possible attractions! INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ~ TELL ONE – TELL ALL!

PFDs Save Lives!

Just a reminder – when out in a boat make sure to WEAR your PDF!

It won't help you sitting on the seat!

MAY – REGULAR MEETING

The May meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, May 1st at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A smothered beef dinner with fixins will be served at 6PM. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

The speaker for the evening will be Jerry Longcore who will be speaking on Lyme Disease and ticks. This should be a very informative talk

and one we should all listen too. Ticks are getting more and more prevalent in our woods today. A bite has the potential to make you very sick. Be prepared.

This is the Annual Meeting where our new Board and Officers are voted on. We will also outline summer activities which are planned. Come and get to know folks and learn more about what is going on. Dues will also

be taken.

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

There is a 50/50 raffle at our meeting and raffle tickets will be for sale

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

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

This is the May issue of the news and Ye Olde Editor has one more issue before I am putting away my keyboard. I started doing the news, I think, in 2009 and it has been a labor of love. Shared until 1/2012, with my hubby who helped.

Well, over 6 months ago, I gave my notice – it's time for a break. One person has talked to me about the time it takes. In talking with them, I am not sure what their decision will be. But yes, it takes time and is time weighted with deadlines. I will willingly

Thank you to everyone who came to our April meeting and listened to the speakers about Bears in Maine and the upcoming referendum. The vote in November is a very important referendum question! It may determine the future of much more than bear hunting in our state in the

Our non-profit Trust Fund is a foundation which allows us to have funds to provide annual Scholarship money to the colleges and university programs which are dear to us. A continuing stream of donations into this fund is essential for it to remain healthy.

As Memorial Day approaches, won't you

say it was much easier with Ralph and I doing it as a team.

When I began I changed a one page President's letter – which was prepared and mailed each month into what you receive now. A new editor, with the blessings of the Board, could make more changes too. So, if anyone has interest, please speak to Tony, me or after elections our New President.

Last summer was the first summer I did not do a newsletter from June until

BEAR REFERENDUM

long term.

Such things as access and/or increased access fees to areas such as the North Maine Woods at check points may be effected. Attempts may be made to come back with petitions to ban hunting upland birds with dogs. If you learn more

PCCA Trust Fund

consider a donation to our Trust Fund? Peter Bartley would be happy to discuss this with you and also Life planning legacy commitments to the Fund.

If you would like to make a Memorial Donation this year, please just make your check out to the PCCA Trust Fund and mail it to our PO Box or hand it to Nancy or Peter

September. This year the break will allow for the Board to make a decision about the future of this publication and recruit a new editor.

In closing, I have had a lot of fun doing this publication for you. I enjoyed working with everyone, loved the few folks who contributed (Bill Barron, Peter Bartley, each President, etc), and of course appreciated the thanks from those who enjoyed it. It is time to pass the keyboard to someone. Thank you everyone for your support!

about the people who started the referendum, they do not intend to stop with bears! Please know the potential exists for many other outcomes if this referendum is not voted down!

Please, become informed and help the campaign!

at the meeting. It is thanks to the generosity of many over the years, that PCCA has been able to generously support students for many years.

Your continued support and generosity will ensure we can do this for many years to come!

Students are the leaders of our future ~ we shall not fail them!

Up-Coming Events

May

- 1 – Regular Meeting
- 10 – City of Brewer Clean Up
- 15 – Board Meeting
- 31 – Family Fun Day

June

- 5 – Regular Meeting
- 19 – Board Meeting

July

Summer Break – NO MEETING

August

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- 9 – Bear Referendum Super Supper Event

September

- 4 – Regular Meeting

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is VERY important if you have a change of address, phone number or email address to notify us. A note to our PO Box is all you need to do.

Thank you.

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ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

PCCA – Family Fun Day

Saturday – May 31st

10 AM – 3PM

A FREE day for folks to bring their children to our PCCA grounds and enjoy fun outdoor activities with them.

Please let your schools, organizations and friends know. The flyer for the event is enclosed. More will be available at our meeting. For a digital copy, please email the newsletter editor.

The focus of this event is

to have families get together to do fun, outdoor activities together at low cost. Boating, archery, air guns, fishing, fly tying, trapping, geocaching – many fun things will be available that day.

Help ensure a great turnout – pass the word.

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