

## "Blue Lights and Funny Cider" Seminar – Presenter Biographies



Above left: Retired Maine Game Warden John Ford Sr.,  
Right: Retired Maine State Trooper Mark Nickerson

### Biographies

**John Ford Sr.**, a native Mainer, comes from a long line of Maine Game Wardens. His mother rehabilitated wildlife and rescued Susie and raised her to full grown as depicted in the picture. (The coon will not be on tour.) John was sworn into the Maine Warden Service shortly after finishing up a four-year stint in the U.S. Air Force. He spent his 20 year warden career in Waldo County. Upon his retirement in 1990, he was elected as county sheriff and re-elected in 1994.

John has written a local newspaper column and is a regular contributor to the Northwoods Sporting Journal and has two books under his belt, "Suddenly, the Cider Didn't Taste so Good" and "This Cider Still Tastes Funny." He also is an artist known for his wildlife artwork. He lives with his wife in Brooks, Maine.

**Mark Nickerson** originally studied to become a dentist, but the lure of police work was enticing so he followed in the footsteps of his father, Millard E. Nickerson, who was Director of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations of the Maine State Police. Mark joined the Maine State Police in 1977, graduating that year from the 34th Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He first served in Troop C- Skowhegan and later in Troop D-Thomaston during his 28-year career with the Maine State Police. After retiring, Mark wrote columns about police work for "The Citizen" in Belfast and later for the "Knox County Republican." His stories were later compiled into his book "Blue Lights in the Night."