

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

JAY 309-269-1226

November is just around the corner and the club is winding down and getting ready for the long winter months. Last month my message to our members was that the RICC is a volunteer organization and it relies on its' members to keep our club running. We ask for help but we don't mandate that you put in hours of work like many other clubs. It's your choice to help or not. Some members may purchase a membership and never come out to enjoy our club. Others will roll up their sleeves and jump in and help. That was the case at our last workday on Saturday Oct.3rd. The crew of members that came out to help was not large or as large as previous workdays, BUT what a great crew of workers we had! Gutter were cleaned, windows washed, clubhouse cleaned, areas organized, chairs washed, trees trimmed, birdhouses cleared, fence lines cleared, memorial bricks removed and put in storage. I personally thank each member, spouse, or child of a member that came out and gave their time to keep our club looking great. We had jobs for all ages and abilities. Thanks for your help. For those that didn't make it to the workday, remember that we have two per year, spring and fall. OR Gary always has projects in the works, so if you has some spare time, contact Gary and he can set you up with a job. Jay

ELECTIONS: Jay 309-269-1226

November Meeting will be election of officers.

POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

President, 1st and 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary

6 Board of Directors, 2-3 Alternates

2 QCCA Representatives 1-2 Alternates

Requirements:

Board member: Must have been a member for two years.

Exec Board member: Must have been a Board of Director for two consecutive years.

Want to make a difference? We always need new faces.



CLUB CALENDAR

NOVEMBER:

Club Meeting: 17th:

6:30 & 7:30 pm

*Meal will be Beef Stew.
A \$5 donation is asked.*

Euchre: 13h & 27th

DECEMBER:

Club Meeting: 15th

Meal will be Spaghetti

A \$5 donation is suggested

Euchre: 10th

BLOOD DRIVE:

12—Blood Drive



*SHOULD BE SEEING
THEM SOON AT OUR
CLUB*



Clubhouse Rentals—Sue Pienta 309-269-5647 or smpienta@aol.com

Holiday parties? It's not too early to book them! Dates are filling up fast so give me a call today! Bridal Showers, baby showers, rehearsal dinners, birthday and retirement parties. And it's not too early to think about Graduation parties for the spring time! The RICC holds up to 100 people. We have a clubhouse room, bar, large kitchen, outdoor deck, and pavilion. Perfect spot for the smaller venue. Check out our website at www.riccnews.com for pictures, pricing and contract information.



CARETAKER'S REPORT: Gary 309-787-4770

Thanks to all the members that came out to the work day to lend a hand. We accomplished almost all the items we had on our list. On a not so light of note, PLEASE DO NOT bring out your yard waste or any other materials and dump them on the burn pile or anywhere else on club grounds. The RICC is not in the business of burning unwanted items of our members. The current pile from work day will be cleared and no other items should show up. Certain areas will be under surveillance so please smile so we can get a good look at your face and license plate. Club Dumpster is not to be used for your unwanted items either. Questions? Call me. Gary

2016 MEMBERSHIPS ARE IN! - Rob Meyers

The holidays are right around the corner! And what better gift to give than a RI Conservation Club membership for 2016! Not only do you have access to an outstanding 100% volunteer run organization/club, but you have a place to go hiking, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, camping, enjoying wildlife, picnicking, and more so close to home! And for one low price you can utilize this club FREE every day! Plus your membership dues helps us to donate our club to other organizations that take part in preserving habitats and resources for water and wildlife. We donate the use of our club to many youth groups also, such as Boys and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls clubs, University of Ill extension, and more. We need to continue to educate our youth on the importance of our earth and the RICC is one way for them to learn to enjoy the outdoors!

November 1—new memberships for 2016 will begin to be sold, so let's get them in early!

Blood Drive Saturday December 12th at the RI Conservation Club - Don Peck 787-3386

7:00 am to 9:30 am . If you do go to a center between our dates, please let them know you are donating on behalf of the RICC #430. **Please consider donating to save a life.**



RICC KOOZIES for sale!

Great Christmas gift idea! Stocking Stuffers!

These are high quality and are being sold for a reasonable price of only \$4.00 per style. The can Koozie is made of very sturdy rubber and is excellent for keeping your beverage cold! The water bottle/beer bottle Koozie is made of material and has a belt clip and hand strap for walking. Please help support and advertise our club with the purchase of these Koozies. They are being sold in the bar area during club functions, Euchre nights, and at our caretakers house. Or you can call Jay 309-269-1226 to pick some up at home. Once they are gone, THEY ARE GONE!

Ice Fishing Tournament—Saturday January 30,2016

Let's hope for Ice for our tournament! We have some great sponsors again this year and many great prizes! Start planning your fishing strategy now!



Quad City
Expo Center

QCCA Showtime! To volunteer call: Jerry 764-7097/309-236-2309

The Quad City Conservation Alliance is made up of 5 clubs. RICC is one of those clubs. **All shows held at the QCCA are dependent on volunteers from each of the 5 clubs.** You can be one of those people who can help both the QCCA and our club by calling Jerry and letting him know that you would be willing to work a show. Jerry will let you know what jobs are open and what hours are available. Jobs include: popcorn, concessions, tickets, ice cream, beer wagon etc.

Our club receives \$3 for every hour that you work and that money is used for conservations programs and conservation budget items here at our club. You will also be allowed to take in the show either before or after your shift. You must sign in before and after your shift so our club gets credit for your hours. Please go to the QCCA website for a list of all shows coming this season.

We have some great projects lined up this year and those projected depend on money made from our volunteers that work the QCCA shows. So call Jerry today and tell him that you would like to volunteer. Thanks for all your help!

Did you know?

- **Did you know** that the RI Conservation Club is strictly a volunteer run organization? No one is paid for their time.
- **Did you know** that our club is a 5-1c-7 non profit organization? We do what we do because it is what we believe in.
- **Did you know** that our Club does NOT receive any state, local or federal funds? Our income is from our memberships, volunteer hours we work at the Quad City Expo Center during their shows, and our annual picnic/raffles.
- **Did you know** anyone can run for a RICC Board of Director Position! If you have been a RICC member for 2 years, we need your input and your time. Please consider being part of the RICC management team.
- **Did you know** that we only ask for a few hours of your time each year, in order to help diversify the load from the other dedicated volunteers? Please call or email and ask how YOU can help!
- **Did you know** that the RICC membership is open to EVERYONE? You do not have to be referred as a potential member by a current member.
- **Did you know** that the RICC is the BEST KEPT SECRET in the QCA? Well, let's share that secret so we can continue to keep our club alive!

(2016) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2016)
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)

MEMBER NAME (Printed on Membership Cards)_____

I have read and acknowledge the rules of the RICC and voluntary release all liability of the RICC.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

GENERAL Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 1 Voting Right:

\$65.00 _____ Extra Sticker: \$3.00 _____ (1 Extra sticker allowed)

SENIOR Membership: (Member 65 +, Legally Recognized Partner, Grand Children under 18yrs, 1 Voting Right):

\$50.00 _____ Extra Sticker: \$3.00 _____ (1 Extra sticker allowed) TOTAL: \$ _____

You will receive one membership sticker with payment. (1) ONE additional car sticker can be purchased at a cost of \$3.00. You must have the sticker affixed to your windshield directly behind the rear view mirror and your membership card must be in your possession when on Club property.

Memberships valid: JAN 1, 2016 – DEC 31, 2016

Circle the events that you would be willing to help out with. Call me to help out with the following events:

Club Events ___ QCCA events ___ Hunter Safety Clinics ___ Call Me ___ Blood Drive(Give/help)___

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

RICC MEMBERSHIP CHAIR P.O. BOX 3733 ROCK ISLAND, IL. 61204-3733

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