

# ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: JAY 309-269-1226

*I was out at the club the other weekend and went around and met some of our members who were camping and fishing. Yes, my main reason to stop and say Hi is to 1. check memberships, and 2. meet some of our members and listen to what they say about the club and what they would like to see happen at the club. Usually I get great feedback and some great ideas and some not so great ideas. What our membership needs to understand is that the people who run the club, Board members, Exec members, caretaker, committee members, are all volunteers. We all do what we can to make the club better and we do it on our own time. SO when you have a great idea, the first thing I ask is: "Are you willing to help form a committee and run with your idea?" Usually the members response is: "oh no, I work and don't have the time." Well if we all said that, would anything get accomplished? We all can't just come out to the club and comment on what is not done, or why don't we have this, or why don't you do that. I'm here to ask you to start attending our meetings and get involved. Elections are coming up, the New Year will be upon us, "I" "WE" all have goals and things that we want to see accomplished at the club. BUT, it takes volunteers and we need your help! I was told once by one of our members: "I pay my dues and I'm tired of reading about you want help with this and that. I want to be left alone and just fish!" Well when the fish are not stocked, when the bills are not paid, when the budget is not passed, when the grass is not cut, I guess we can all just say, hey I pay my dues and I just want to be left alone and fish. So to that member that will be reading this and saying: "He's at it again telling us to get involved!" As Dave Hester from the "storage wars" show would say: **YUUUP!**  
Jay*

**ELECTIONS:** Jay 309-269-1226

October will be nominations, November 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



## CLUB CALENDAR

**OCTOBER:**

*Club Meeting: 20th:*

*6:30 & 7:30 pm*

*Work Day—3rd*

*8am-12 noon*

*Euchre: 9th & 23rd*

*Rock the Patio:*

*16th 5-10 pm*

**NOVEMBER:**

*Club Meeting: 17th*

*Euchre: 13th & 27th*

**DECEMBER:**

*12—Blood Drive*



IT'S NOT TOO LATE  
GET OUT AND CAMP!



### **Clubhouse Rentals—Sue Pienta 309-269-5647 or [smpienta@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.riccnews.com) for pictures, pricing and contract information.



### **CARETAKER'S REPORT: Gary 309-787-4770**

**WORK DAY.** We will have plenty of jobs to get accomplished. Tree and brush trimming, power washing, gutters, removal of memorial bricks, painting, cleaning, just to mention a few. 8-12 on Saturday Oct 3rd. Bring tools, gloves, do you have equipment like a backhoe, tractor, trailer? Give me a call. We will be needing assistance on the Patio Project also. So give me a call. Otherwise I hope to see a large crowd of members out on Sat the 3rd to get the club in shape for winter. Questions? Call me.

Take care Gary

### **MEMBERSHIP - 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 earth and the RICC is one way for them to learn to enjoy the outdoors!

Memberships have slowed some right now as the year comes closer to the end. 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 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.**



### **NEW! RICC KOOZIES for sale!**

We are so proud of our club that we have a limited supply of KOOZIES that we are selling! 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. No more warm beverages with these Koozies! 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, Rock the Patio event, 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!



Work Day!  
OCT 3

### Work Day Saturday Oct 3—8 am till Noon.

It's not too early to put this date on your calendar to give the club a helping hand! Remember, our club is a VOLUNTEER organization, which means the work done out here is by our members. Have you given a couple of hours of your time this year to help the club? If not, this is the perfect day! You can help out with big or small jobs. We have a job for every skill level! AND you get a FREE lunch out of it for volunteering your time! Remember, there is NO camping or fishing that day at the club unless you spend the morning helping with work day. We hope to see you all here!



## *Rock the Patio!*

Friday October 16, 2015

5-10 pm

### Rock Island Conservation Club

**Music, Pizzas, Raffles, Bon fire,**

**Relaxation under the stars! Bar will be open.**

We have a **limited** supply of Momma Bosso 12 in. pizzas that will be available for purchase at only \$5 a pizza cooked fresh for you to enjoy.

This event is to support the idea of putting in a new patio/bricks at the back of the Clubhouse for members to enjoy. We are in need of additional funds to make this idea a reality, so we are planning small events., like this one, to help raise funds. The RICC did receive a memorial donation from one of our past member—Sam Hubbs, and the family wishes was to build the patio and incorporate our memorial/celebration bricks into the design. If you are good at design, we could use your input with our Patio/bricks! Please contact Jay Pienta at 309-269-1226 or riccpresident@aol.com.

We are also looking for donations and bids to help build our Patio/Bricks. If you know of someone that has a concrete business or designs, please have them contact us.

Thanks for continued support of the RI Conservation Club!

(2015) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2015)  
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and acknowledge the rules of the RI Conservation Club and release of all liability.

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 1 Voting Right:  
\$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SENIOR Membership: Member 65 +, Legally Recognized Partner, Grd Children under 18yrs, 1 Voting  
Right:\$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Sticker: \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Extra allowed)

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, 2015– DEC 31, 2015

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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