



2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY, MILAN IL.

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From the President: Jay Pienta, 309-786-1364

I would like to thank all of our members that took time from their busy schedules to come out during our workday and help with all the tasks that needed to be completed. We had some regulars and some new members that helped. The club cannot continue to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds without the time and support from our elected board of directors and our membership. Thanks again for coming out and supporting the club.

Some highlights in this issue that you need to know about:

Rising waters.

Club Flea market/Boat auction

Gate closures

Trash/dumping information

Last and not least before I let you move on to the rest of the newsletter is that I know we just placed the picnic tables and fire pits out on the lakes not more than a week or so ago. So I will ask you, what is wrong with this picture?



You may not see it clearly, but there is broken beer bottles, and aluminum cans thrown in the fire pit and not placed in the proper provided trash containers. Glass containers are NOT allowed on club grounds! And is it that hard to pick up after yourself and walk 50 feet and properly dispose/recycle your trash? We will be watching this year and will not put up with this behavior. A citation program is in the works and could affect your membership if you are caught violating club rules. So please use common sense and follow club rules. The club, and all its members will appreciate you keeping our grounds clean.

Memberships: Troy 563-381-7715 Jay Pienta 309-786-1364

Club memberships are coming in steadily now and with our TV ad and open houses, We expect a good year with increased membership. Remember that you can mail in the form on the back of this issue, get a membership from our caretaker, or call me or President Jay and we will make arrangements to get you a membership. Please inform your family and friends. We accept cash, checks, or credit card. A \$1.50 up-charge will be added when using a credit card. Troy

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB?



May:

Open House: 4

Club Meeting: 20

Euchre: 9 & 23

June:

Club Meeting: 17

Family Potluck & Kids Craft :

Friday 20th

Euchre: 13 & 27

From the Caretaker: Jared Egan—309-787-4770

During the dry season, we need to take caution when using our fire pits. Please make sure all fires are put out completely. You have plenty of water to use (lake water) to put out fires. With the winds we have been having, a fire can ignite again if there are any sparks left in a fire pit. Do not endanger our club grounds or wildlife by not taking the time to put out a fire.

Keep an eye out for any rising waters. There is none predicted as yet so that's good news. If you have a boat on the club grounds, make sure you plan to move it to higher grounds if the waters rise. PLEASE ALSO USE DESIGNATED TRASH/RECYCLING CANS.

All boats must be registered and assigned a slot to be kept on club grounds. You can call me to set up a time to register your boat or come out on Saturday April 26 from 8-4 to register it.

RICC Blood Drive—DATE CHANGE FOR JUNE— Don Peck 309-787-3386

The Blood Drive date has been changed to **June 28** at the RICC. Times are 6:30 am to 9:00 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.**

Fish Update—Due to our harsh winter we did have some fish kill. At our March Meeting the membership voted to increase the amount allocated to date to add additional fish to stock the lakes. We also had 2 individuals who wish to remain anonymous donate \$100 each to restocking the lakes. If you wish to donate to the restocking, please send a check to the RICC PO Box and note that it is a donation to our fish program. Presently the RICC uses \$2 from every membership to restock our lakes annually.

Family Potluck and Kids Craft Night—Friday June 20

A group of ladies thought of an idea to bring our RICC family together for an evening of fun!

So, the RICC will be having a Family Potluck on Friday June 20 from 5-9 pm. The RICC will be grilling out and ask everyone to bring a large dish to share. A donation can be made to help defray the cost of the meat for the meal. Bar will be open that evening for everyone to enjoy also.

We will also have a craft for the kids and grand kids of the RICC that evening. The kids will be making stepping stones to be used in our landscaping around the club grounds. What a fun night for all! Please put this on your schedule for a fun family night!

Do you have an idea for a family night? Come to our next meeting and share it!

Thank you to our Boy Scout Troop 243 for their Outdoor Skills Training Day. A lot of work went into this event and we hope to have it be an annual event for people to take advantage of. The scouts did a great job and were prepared for every outdoor adventure. To see pictures of their event, check out our Facebook page or the club website at www.riccnews.com

RI Conservation Clubhouse—Rentals available! Call Sue 309-786-1364



The RICC clubhouse/pavilion is available for rental thru the year and is a wonderful place for your next event! We are a smaller private venue and competitively priced to fit into your budget. Our clubhouse holds app. 100 people.

We have a full kitchen, tables and chairs, outside pavilion with picnic tables and our newest addition—a back deck to enjoy the view of our lake. A full bar if needed & 60 in TV with cable available for a fee. Our club

also is equipped with free WIFI.

Call today to reserve your graduation party (dates are filling up quickly), family reunion, small weddings and receptions, rehearsal dinners, retirement parties, bridal and baby showers and more! You can also email Sue at smpienta@aol.com

For more information, check out our website at www.riccnews.com

RICC Yard Sale/Flea Market/Boat Auction—Saturday April 26—8-3 pm



Rock Island Conservation Club
Community Yard Sale/Flea Market/Boat Auction

Saturday April 26, 2014

Time: 8 -3 pm

Indoor and outdoor spaces available from \$10.00 and up
For more information or to reserve your space, contact Rachel @ 309-787-4770 or email riccpresident@aol.com

Limited spaces available! You do not have to be a RICC member to participate in our community yard sale/flea market event.

***Breakfast and Lunch will be available so come out
and make a day of it!***

New for 2014 – Boat Auction April 26 - 1 pm till? We will be auctioning off some abandoned boats to anyone interested.

Preview will be from 11- 1 pm. Registration: 12-1 Auction: 1:00

Cash or credit cards accepted.

No checks please.

(2014) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2014)
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

FAMILY Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 1 Voting Right: **\$50.00** _____

FAMILY Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 2 Voting Rights: \$75.00 _____

SENIOR Membership: Member 65 +, Legally Recognized Partner, Grd Children under 18yrs, 1 Voting Right: **\$40.00** _____

Remarks: _____

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, 2014– DEC 31, 2014

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

Annual picnic__ QCCA events__ Hunter Safety Clinics__ Call Me__ Blood Drive(Give/help)__ Easter Party__ Halloween Party__ Christmas Party__

Would you like to receive the Club's Newsletter via Email? Y__ N__ Be on the list to receive E-GRAMS? Y__

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

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