



2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY, MILAN IL.

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

With the fluctuation of temperatures, the thickness of the lake ice is questionable. There may be parts that look solid and others that are open water. Until we get a surge of cold weather, I would advise staying off the ice. Recently with the periods of open ice, we have seen the bald eagles out on the lakes. Great to see them at the club. You should have noticed that last month we sent the newsletter out over mail. We will do this again this month so that all of you will get a renewal form and be able to send the form and your money in for 2015. Remember that the cost has gone up so a General membership is \$65.00 and a Senior is \$50.00. Renewal is not automatic and we will not send out any other notices but this article in this newsletter. As always you can pull a membership form off the website and mail it in, call me and we can arrange a time to get you a membership, and soon once Gary and Jodie (our new caretakers) have moved in, you will also be able to get a membership at the caretaker's house. Your membership money is our main income used to operate, maintain, and improve our club. Questions about membership to the RICC can be directed to me. Jay

2015 MEMBERSHIPS ARE IN! Yes I know we just talked about 2015 memberships Sooooo.... Do you need a great Birthday Gift? Why not a RICC membership to one of the best kept secrets in the QCA. Ideal gift for sportsmen, campers, families, kayakers, hikers and so much more! Check out www.riccnews.com or the back page of the newsletter for a 2015 form.

Save the Date! Saturday April 25, 2015—8 am—2 pm

RICC Flea Market

Open to the public!

Reserve your space to sell your items at our 3rd annual Flea Market. You do not have to be a RICC member to reserve a spot at our Flea Market.

\$10 to reserve your outdoor 10 x 10 space, \$15 for 10 x 10 inside space and electrical use. Payment will be required to reserve you space. Call Sue @ 309-787-4770 and leave a message or email riccpresident@aol.com.

Reservation form will be in the January newsletter and website.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB?



JANUARY:

Club Meeting: 20th 6:30/7:30

(Meal between meetings will be Turkey & Noodles)

2015 Budget will be presented during membership meeting.

Euchre: 9th 6:30

Ice Tournament: 24th 07:00– 1:00

FEBRUARY:

Club Meeting: 17th 6:30/7:30

Euchre: 13th & 27th 6:30



2015 ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY Registration 7-8a.m. Fish 8-1p.m. Weigh-in/Lunch 1:00p.m.

Entry Fee--\$10.00 per person

Cash Bar will be open and a great lunch will be provided!

Prizes: This year the prizes will be the partial return of the entry fee and merchandise prizes. Categories are listed below.

Ice Fishing Tournament Rules

- Tournament is open to Club Members and club rule guests.
 - Ice or Shore Fishing Only
- Ice/Panfish style terminal tackle only, ex: small gigs, minnows, wax worms, Crappie Nibbles, etc.
 - All RICC size limits apply.
- Each contestant shall keep their fish separate **at all times/fish must be alive**
 - Anyone caught with combined fish will be automatically disqualified.
- Each contestant must weigh their largest bluegill, which will be used for tie breakers.

There will be 3 winners in each of the 3 categories. Contestants can only win in one place and category.

This will create 9 separate winners.

CATEGORIES ARE:

1. Largest Crappie--9 inches or over (weigh only one) 1st/2nd/3rd
2. Largest Sunfish/Bluegill (weigh only one--selected by contestant) 1st/2nd/3rd
3. Most weight of Sunfish/Bluegill -- 10 fish limit. 1st/2nd/3rd

**TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ONLY IF SAFE ICE
OR OPEN WATER CONDITIONS EXIST!**

2015 RICC CALENDAR

JANUARY

Club Meeting: 20

Ice Tourney: 24

Euchre: 9

APRIL

Club Meeting: 21

Workday: 4

Open House: 12

Flea Market: 25

Euchre: 10/24

JULY

Club Meeting: 21

Euchre: 10/24

OCTOBER

Club Meeting: 20

Work Day: 3

Euchre: 9/23

FEBRUARY

Club Meeting: 17

Euchre: 13/27

MAY

Club Meeting: 19

Open House: 3

Euchre: 8/22

AUGUST

Club Meeting: 18

BBQ Throwdown: 22

Euchre: 14/28

NOVEMBER

Club Meeting: 17

Euchre: 13/27

MARCH

Club Meeting: 17

GHS: 21

Euchre: 13/27

JUNE

Club Meeting: 16

Blood Drive: 6

Jakes Day: 6

Euchre: 12/26

SEPTEMBER

Club Meeting: 15

GHS: 10/12

Euchre: 25

DECEMBER

Club Meeting: 15

Blood drive: 12

Euchre: 11

Rentals—Sue Pienta 309-786-1364 or smpienta@aol.com

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. Give us a call to book your party!

Check out our website at www.riccnews.com for pictures, pricing and contract information.

QCCA SHOW SEASON STARTING:

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 dependant 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.

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

MEMBER NAME _____

Signature _____ DATE _____

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

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:

Annual picnic __ QCCA events __ Hunter Safety Clinics __ Call Me __ Blood Drive(Give/help) __ Club events _____

Would you like to receive the Club's Newsletter via Email? Y __ N __

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

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