

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From the President: Jay Pienta 309-269-1226

As we celebrate the Christmas season, I along with the entire RICC board, would like to wish you all a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. As 2017 brings us new changes to the club, unfortunately one of those changes will be the hiring of a new caretaker for the club. Gary has submitted his resignation to the club due to health issues. Gary and Jody will not be moving very far away and will be actively helping with the transition to a new caretaker. The announcement for the caretaker position is on the inside page of this newsletter and will be posted on our website along with a link to the caretaker position description, and application form. Applications must be received NLT 15 January 2017. Interviews will take place the first part of February, and hopefully a new caretaker selected and in place by 1 March. Please get the word out to any interested, as we will not be listing this in the newspapers and hopefully saving app. \$600.00 in ads. We will all miss Gary and Jody as our caretakers, and thank them for all they have done for the club. We know that they will still be active in the club and will see them out her all the time. Get well Gary, and see you at the club! *Jay*



CLUB CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Euchre 13th & 27th
- Meeting 17th
- Winter Fish Tournament—28

FEBRUARY

- Euchre 10th & 24th
- Meeting 21st



EUCHRE— . Second and Fourth Fridays of the each month.

6:30 registration, 7 pm play time.
\$5 buy in.

Potluck dinner at 6:15 if you wish to participate—bring a dish to share.

Bar is open so even if you don't play, come out and socialize!

January—Euchre dates: 13th And 27th

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

Graduation 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. 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.





2017 WINTER FISHING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

Registration 7-8a.m. Fish 8-12 p.m. Weigh-in/Lunch 12:15p.m.

Entry Fee--\$10.00 per person

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

Prizes: Prizes will be the partial return of the entry fee/merchandise prizes.

Categories are listed below.

Winter 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 CONDUCTED ON SAFE ICE OR FROM SHORE IN OPEN WATER

MEMBERSHIPS ARE IN! - Rob Meyers 309-644-0754

The holidays are right around the corner! And what better gift to give than a RI Conservation Club membership for 2017!

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!

Fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send it in!



Quad City
Expo

QCCA SHOWTIME! - Jerry 309-236-2309

QCCA Expo Center Show Season will be starting soon and we need volunteers to help work the shows. Our QCCA shows would not survive if it wasn't for dedicated volunteers as ours! And a bonus, the RICC receives \$3 for every hour you help and you can take in the show FREE before or after your shift! Look for the show season schedule on their website and give Jerry a call to volunteer. 309-236-2309. Don't forget to sign in as the RI Conservation Club so our club receives credit for your volunteer time!

GROUNDS AND BUILDING MANAGER NEEDED

The Rock Island Conservation Club 2421 Big Island Pkwy, Milan, Il. seeks an energetic, dedicated hard working Individual as it's grounds and building manager to care for 110 acres, three lakes, clubhouse, and outbuildings. No wages paid. Flexible hours.

2 bdrm split foyer home, large garage, and some utilities paid in exchange for services.

Ideal candidate would possess the following skills:

- * Ability to identify problems, troubleshoot and develop solutions.
- * Ability to work independently, and with a team.
- * Working knowledge of electrical, plumbing, carpentry principles.
- * Ability to work on and maintain motors, engines and other mechanical equipment.
- * Ability to operate industrial equipment, hand tools such as chain saws, tractors, mowers, tractor attachments and towable vehicles.
- * Valid state drivers license required.
- * Ability to communicate effectively both oral and written.
- * Professional attitude, tact and courtesy necessary to deal with members and customers.
- * Pass a background check.
- * First Aid/CPR training a plus.

If you possess these qualities, enjoy working outdoors, and would like to be part of our team, a Job Description and Application Form can be found

at: www.riccnews.com **Must receive resume by: 15 January 2017**

New Caretaker to be in place by 1 March 2017.

Send Application form and resume to:

RICC Caretaker Committee—Jay Pienta

2116 24th Street

Rock Island, IL. 61201

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MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)

MEMBER NAME (Printed on Membership Card) _____

I have read and acknowledge the rules of the RI Conservation Club 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, 2017 – DEC 31, 2017

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