

2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY MILAN, IL.  
WWW.RICCNEWS.COM 309-787-4770 RICCPRESIDENT@AOL.COM

# ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1 JANUARY 2015



## CLUB CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY:

*Club Meeting:*

*17th: 6:30 & 7:30*

*Ice Fishing Contest:*

*28th: to be decided at  
17th meeting if safe.*

*Euchre:*

*13th & 27th*

### MARCH:

*Club Meeting:*

*17th: 6:30 & 7:30*

*Hunter Safety Course  
March 21*

*Euchre:*

*13th & 27th*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

JAY 309-786-1364

The new year has begun and the club is off to a good start. Memberships are rolling in at a fast pace. We are seeing people sign up that have not been members for several years. This newsletter will be the final newsletter sent out to both 2014 and new 2015 members. As of the Feb newsletter, we will be only sending out newsletters to those who have specified either email version or paper.

SO.... Get your membership renewed AND... give a copy of this newsletter to a family member or a friend and get them to sign up. This may be a

great year and we don't want to have you miss out on all the fun. The general membership approved the 2015 budget at our Jan meeting so we are getting the 2015 season started.

Gary and Jodie, our new caretakers are almost settled in and Gary has been out on the club grounds both checking for 2015 memberships and doing some meet and greets. 2014 stickers will no longer be accepted, so be prepared to either renew your membership on the spot or come back when you have renewed.

Please make an effort to stop by and meet Gary. As time goes by, Gary will start recognizing members cars, and hopefully your names. We have not had a caretaker presence at the club for several months and that is changing now. So if you see Gary or Jodie, stop and say "Hey". I'm sure they will be happy to meet our members.

Have questions? Suggestions? Give me a call or email me at the club email address listed above.

Can't wait for spring!

*Jay*

## ICE TOURNAMENT POSTPONED:

Due to the warm temperatures and unpredictable thickness of the ice, the Board voted at our last meeting to postpone the Ice tournament to till 28 February. A final decision will be made at the February 17th meeting

to hold, or to cancel the ice tournament based on the condition of the ice. Member safety is our first concern and having a fundraiser versus putting members safety at risk is not an option. Remember that IF you go out on the

ice, be sure to practice the Scout rule of the "Buddy" system. Reports at this time shows the ice thickness at varied thickness. Could be 3 inches in some places and thicker in others. Ice is beginning to break from the shoreline also. Ice fishing on club lakes is at your own risk. As always, follow club rules on size and daily limits. DNR can and does check for current license. Be careful! Fish smart.



## CLUB RENTALS

SUE 786-1364

Holiday parties? 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](http://www.riccnews.com) for pictures, pricing and contract information.

## GOT WOOD?

JAY 786-1364 OR 787-4770 RICCPRESIDENT@AOL.COM

The ILLOWA Boy Scout Council will be having a Cub scout day camp at the club come the spring. One of the projects that they will be doing will be to make bluebird houses for the club. Our current BB houses are deteriorating and we need replacements. In the past years, the houses have been filled and the birds has laid several clutches in each house.

What the club needs from our members is WOOD!. Each house is made from a 1 X 6 X 6 feet long pine board. We will need 40-50 boards. Each boy will assemble the bird house and customize it. Once placed on club grounds, each boy will be encouraged to keep an eye on their house and see if any local residents move into their house. This may also encourage the boys to have their parents join the club and get involved.

Once we get all the boards, we will need several members with small tabletop saws to help cut the individual pieces for the boys to assemble. What a great project to get our young people involved in, to learn some carpentry skills, and to learn about our local wildlife. Please consider checking your lumber stash, or consider going out and purchase a board to help make a house for our local birds.



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!

## YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET CALL—309-787-4770

**Rock Island Conservation Club Community Yard Sale/Flea Market**

**2421 Big Island Parkway, Milan IL**

- Saturday April 25, 2015
- Time: 8 -2 pm
- Indoor and outdoor spaces available from \$10.00 and up
- For more information or to reserve your space, contact Sue @ 309-787-4770 and leave a message or email [riccpresident@aol.com](mailto: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.



*For more information about the RI Conservation Club, please check out our website at [www.riccnews.com](http://www.riccnews.com)*

## RICC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER *PLAY AND SHOP DAY* 309-787-4770



**Come and shop for gifts from our Vendors (Tupperware, Pampered Chef etc.)  
and play “WINGO” for Prizes!**

- .25 per “Wingo” card – (Dabbers provided)
- Snacks will be provided, cash bar available, raffles and more!
- Date: Sunday February, 22, 2015
- Time: Doors open at 1:00 pm – Game time begins at 2:00 pm

***This event is open to the public.***

We are still looking for more Vendors to participate in our event! If you are interested in being a vendor at our event, please call 309-787-4770 or email [riccpresident@aol.com](mailto:riccpresident@aol.com) for more information.

Money raised at this event will help provide two \$1000 scholarships per year to qualifying students in areas related to conservation including natural sciences, resource management/conservation, environmental law, environmental science/studies or other related fields sponsored by the Rock Island Conservation Club.

***Www.riccnews.com and FACEBOOK***

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) \_\_\_\_\_

---

**WE'RE ON THE WEB! WWW.RICCNEWS.COM (LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!)**

---