

# ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**From the President:** Jay Pienta 309-269-1226

2016 has arrived, New officers have been installed, and the new year looks great for the RICC. We have some new organizations that will be using the club this year. One organization is the Living Lands and Waters which will be holding classes at the club teaching local students about protecting the environment. Another organization that will be utilizing the club is the Boys and Girls Club who will be hosting a Fishing Derby that will be open to the public. Fish will be stocked and tagged. There will be an entry fee, and prizes awarded for those who are lucky enough to catch a tagged fish. Plans are still underway but word is that one of the prizes will be a 2016 SUV. More to come on this special event so stay tuned. This event could become an annual event, and the club could benefit tremendously. Another event will be the ILLOWA Boy Scouts will be hosting a Cub Scout day camp at the club. The RICC Board is still discussing ideas some new ideas for family and adult events at the club. Have any ideas for some fun events at the club? Drop me a line and we can discuss. As always, the club depends on our volunteers, so get involved and help us out. One last note: February will be the last newsletter that you will receive IF you have not renewed your membership dues for 2016. You can submit the application that is on the back of this newsletter, go on our website and print off a membership form, call the club @ 787-4770 and setup a time to get a membership from Gary or Jodie, or you can call me and setup a time to come by and pick up your membership. Troy will be down at the RICC booth during the Outdoors show and the RV/Camping show at the QCCA Expo Center, so you can also renew your membership there.

## ICE FISHING? USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM!

Recent Ice thickness at the club is 7-9 inches. Upcoming weather forecasts show a rise in temperatures so be cautious when you enter onto the ice. Use cleats, and when possible, you should always fish with a partner. Also remember creel limits and size requirements. As always the DNR can and will check our members for current license, so make sure you have yours on hand to show. Be safe and enjoy your time on the ice. Remember that the RICC Policy is that fishing on the ice is AT YOUR OWN RISK! We are not responsible for any injuries or accidents while you are on the ice.



## CLUB CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY:

Club Meeting 16th

Euchre 12 & 26

### MARCH:

Club Meeting 15th

Euchre 11 & 25

### APRIL

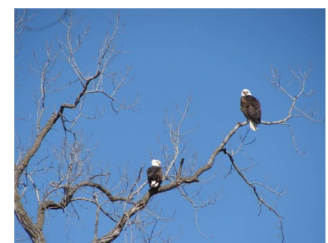
Club Meeting

Euchre

Hunter Safety

Flea Market/Yard Sale -  
April 30

*The Eagles are back!  
Come check them out at  
our club!*





Graduation Parties? Bridal Showers, baby showers, rehearsal dinners, birthday and retirement parties. And it's not too early to think about 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.

Call Sue Pienta  
309-269-5647 or  
email  
[smpienta@aol.com](mailto:smpienta@aol.com)

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RICC Caretaker Gary: 787-4770 - **BOATS**

if you currently have a boat at the club, the following **MUST** be accomplished in order to keep you boat stored on a designated boat rack.

1. Be a current 2016 member.
2. Sign a new contract.
3. ensure your name and registration numbers are on the boat. Get with Gary ASAP as he is working to ensure every boat is accounted for. Failure to comply will result in your boat being placed in lockup.

**Display your 2016 stickers!**



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.

### **Hunter Safety Course**

**Berta Garcia**

**309-787-1242**

**April 14 & 16**

**Spring Classes will be April 14 and 16. You must attend both days to pass the class. Fall Classes will be September 8 and 10. Limited to 250 students—Registration Deadline is 15 days prior to first class**

**Lunch Available for a Small Fee**

*Registration forms can be obtained at [www.riccnews.com](http://www.riccnews.com)*

*Classes are taught each year at the club and are totally run by dedicated volunteers. We are always in the need of new instructors and counselors. So consider helping us out. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Berta Garcia 309-787-1242*

## YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET—309-787-4770

### Rock Island Conservation Club Community Yard Sale/Flea Market 2421 Big Island Parkway, Milan IL

- Saturday April 30, 2016
- 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
- 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)*

### 2016 Club Projects: Jay Pienta—309-269-1226

This year we have 4 major projects planned for the club.

- A new roof is needed on the caretaker house
- Upgrade the main clubhouse electrical panel
- Refresh painting of the inside clubhouse
- Completing the Celebration Patio in the back of the main clubhouse

If you are experienced or have a business or know of business that would like to help with these projects, please email me at riccpresident@aol.com or call 309-269-1226.

We have some material to make new curtains for the main clubhouse, so if you know someone who sews and would like to donate their time to make us new curtains, please contact me. All these updates help make our club more attractive for our events and for rentals.



Looking for something new to wear?

Well, we have it! We have T shirts \$15.00 and sweat-shirts \$25.00 for purchase! We are taking orders for these items and they are all a pre-pay.

For more information please contact Troy at teacker45@yahoo.com or call 563-381-7715

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with our new Koozies!  
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product.**



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MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)

MEMBER NAME (Printed on Membership Cards) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and acknowledge the rules of the RICC 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, 2016 – DEC 31, 2016

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

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