

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

JUNE 2014



2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY, MILAN IL.

**ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION
CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

As we celebrate our **75th year** this year of our RICC, I look back at almost 10 years of serving as our RICC President and I see that we have made many great accomplishments to our club. Let's mention a few: New floors in the clubhouse, new windows, new lights, PA system, club trucks, gator, improvements to the shorelines, our first TV commercial ever!, boat storage racks, club deck, and on and on we could go. Our club now has a working budget and guidelines we work with to ensure all our bills are paid. One of our main goals has been to increase our RICC membership. Without members, keeping the club running is a continuous challenge. Did you know that it costs us approximately \$74 per person to just to keep our club operational? And we only charge \$50 per family membership. One of the ways we can keep our membership affordable is to increase our RICC club memberships.

Next year we may be faced with a membership dues increase just to keep in the black. And we may still need to cut costs to keep the club running. Yet it is our mission to keep our club affordable so everyone can come out and enjoy. Some possible solutions: Increase membership numbers? Increase dues? cut costs? We need to get more members involved! We need members to step up and serve on the board, We need input, ideas, and the people who will take charge and implement those ideas.

I know many of our regular volunteer members are getting older and are looking for more down time. My wife and I have much going on with older parents, and that takes a lot of our time now. We still put in countless hours as do other board members but we are in need of some new volunteers to come forth and show you care about the club. Something to think about—where will the club be in 5, 10 or 20 years? I am a concerned because if we do not get the involvement needed to keep this club up, very hard decisions may have to be made. I would like you to think about if we all just sat back and didn't lift a finger to help out OUR club , how long will it take before we just fade away.....scary thought for the best kept secret in the QCA. I know you care so please give time to your club. It needs your volunteer support!

At our July meeting, we will have a round table of suggestions on how we can provide volunteer opportunities to our club members. Please come to our meeting to discuss. You would be surprised how just a few hours of your time would benefit your club. If you have a specialty or would like to offer your time, please give me a call or email. We will find a task for you!

The RICC Board of Directors and myself appreciate all our members.

Your president

Jay

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB?



JULY

Cruise In: 13th 12-5 pm

Club Meeting: 15

Euchre: 11 & 25



AUGUST

Club Meeting: 19

Euchre: 14 & 28

RICC Picnic Saturday September 13



Do you have a group that has a following that we can highlight at our picnic this year?

Do you have an idea on how we make this more of a community event?

Would you be willing to be part of a team of people that are working on making our 75th year something special?

Do you have ideas how to introduce new people to our club?

The Picnic committee has a few people starting to make this picnic a stellar one, but we need your help, your contacts, your ideas and anything else you can think to make this day a fun day!

If you would like to be part of our team, please email riccpresident@aol.com with your name and phone no. The committee will be in touch. Or you can call Jay at 309-786-1364 We are also in need of Silent Auction items! Please call if you have a donation for the silent auction or raffle table.

The picnic is only as good as the volunteers willing to put in a little time to make it special. Please plan to share your ideas with our picnic staff.

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Here's our plans so far: Events may be added or deleted based on volunteers.

DATE: Saturday September 13th

PICNIC TIME: 11:00 - 4:00

LUNCH SERVED: 11:00 - 1:00

LUNCH: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert COST: \$6.00

RAFFLE BAR WILL BE OPEN Come and bring your own Picnic Lunch!

SILENT AUCTION MUSIC CASTING CONTEST (KIDS and ADULTS)

ADULT GAMES KIDS GAMES

MILAN FIRE DEPARTMENT? CAR SHOW? HUMANE SOCIETY?

Consider helping us make our 75th Year Picnic the Best!

**Sunday July 13—Olympic Cruise In for Silvis Special Athletes 12-5pm—Kym Bultynck
309-269-4419 or Email: kbultynck@aol.com**

Receive a punch card for a \$10.00 donation at any of the cruise in sponsor locations, on the day of the event. Then, stop at each of the five locations to receive a punch on your card. If all punches are earned, and the card is turned in by 5:00 at The Edge, you will be entered into a drawing for a prize package valued at \$250! All donations from the punch card will go to Silvis Special Athletes to purchase uniforms and provide transportation to regional and state Special Olympic competitions. Motorists of all types are welcome!

**Lakeside Lounge at the Rock Island Conservation Club (Suggested starting location)
2421 Big Island Parkway, Milan, IL**

On the Rock Grille and Bar
4619 - 34th Street, Rock Island, IL

Generations Bar and Grill
4100 - 4th Avenue, Moline, IL

Shannon's Bar and Grill
252 S. State Avenue, Hampton, IL

The Edge
1802 - 2nd Avenue, Rapids City, IL

Please remember to always drink responsibly. Participants assume all risks and liabilities associated with this event.

CARETAKER'S REPORT: *Jared 787-4770*

As with many areas around the QCA, the club is also feeling the effects of Mother Nature. Water is on the rise again and most club areas will be closed off by the time this newsletter reaches you. Please respect any closed areas and stay on the main roads. If you go into areas that are off limits, and get stuck, it is your responsibility to get yourself out.

Quiet hour for campers is 10:30 P.M. Please follow this rule and be respectful to other members who are camping next to you. If there is a complaint, I will ask you nicely, Once, to respect the quiet hours. IF I have to come back a second time, your membership will be revoked, and you will be asked to leave, and your membership will remain revoked until you come to a board of directors meeting and plead your case. Every member receives a copy of the rules, so please follow them.

Trash/Recycle Containers: There are TRASH containers, and there are RECYCLE containers. Is it that hard to pay attention and put only RECYCLE materials in the RECYCLE cans? And ONLY trash in the TRASH cans? There are dedicated members that have to separate and take the RECYCLE materials to the center, and separating TRASH from RECYCLE is becoming a "DIRTY" job. Please help the club out and use only designated containers for designated materials. This will make everyone's job easier. Thanks for your help Call me if someone needs a membership! Jared

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

There is still PLENTY of summer left to enjoy a membership at the RICC.

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 upcharge will be added when using a credit card.
Troy

(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