



2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY, MILAN IL.

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

The ice and snow have finally left us. Spring is on the way. With the frigid weather we had this year, with sub zero temps, our lakes along with many other lakes took a hit with loss of fish. This is normally a routine thing that happens each year. We expect a fish kill and it normally effects the shad and carp populations. This year however, we took a hit with our bass, crappies, catfish, and bluegills. There were fewer ice fishermen this year due to the cold, and our lakes do not have enough vegetation. This is something that we have wanted to do, but have failed to have a group organize this large task of transplanting vegetation so that our lakes would breathe and produce oxygen. We would love to have a group that would step up and take on this task. Interested? Call me!

In the meantime, we will try to restock our lakes early this year IF, flooding does not interfere. Remember that \$2.00 of each membership goes towards the stocking and managing of our lakes. The more members we get, the more money we have to stock the lakes.

So getting involved and helping out is the only way that things get done at the club. Good ideas with members wanting to help is the way. Members complaining about things and not willing to lend a hand is not the way. Get involved and help us out.

CONCEAL CARRY BANNED ON CLUB GROUNDS.

At our last Board of Directors meeting we approved a motion to ban conceal carry on club grounds. We currently have a NO FIREARMS on club property rule, and now want to make sure that our members know that we will not allow conceal carry anywhere on club property. Violators (members/non-members) will be dealt with accordingly. Signs are posted at entrances to grounds and buildings.

CARETAKERS REPORT: Jared 787-4770

Roads are open except for some parts of grounds. We need every ones help for work-day so come on out. Lots of tasks to do for all ages and abilities. Make sure you have your stickers on your car's windshield. This way we can tell at a glance that you are a member. Don't be surprised that I or other board members don't stop you anyway to say hello.
Jared

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB?



April:
Work Day: 5
Club Meeting: 15
Euchre: 11 & 25
12th -Outdoor Skills Day
13th- Open House
26th -Yard Sale/Flea Market

May:
Open House: 4
Club Meeting: 20
Euchre: 9 & 23

Saturday April 5, 8 am—12 Noon

Work Day is Saturday April 5.

Why come out and give us a hand at our semi annual work day? The RICC is run solely by volunteers. So in order for every club member to enjoy our beautiful grounds, lakes, and wildlife, we have to all take some time to give a few hours to keep up our club.

Our club does not have the money to “hire” outside help to help cut trees, clean up our grounds, fix our birdhouses, mend our fences, clean the inside and outside of the clubhouse, paint and repair picnic tables, and more. We have a job for every person and ability at our work days.

A free lunch is provided for all workers.

Memberships: Troy 563-381-7715

2014 memberships have been coming in on a regular basis. Make sure to tell your friends and family to get the memberships renewed, or turned in soon. Remember that we now accept credit cards. Rachel, our caretakers wife can take your memberships using a credit card. There is a \$1.50 up charge to use the card. Please call first and set up a time with Rachel to get your membership.

We anticipate that 2014 will be a great year for memberships. 2014 is also our 75th year celebration. The RICC was formed in 1939 and has been protecting our natural resources, supporting conservation education, and providing a location for our members and their families to enjoy the outdoors. Please spread the word to help us gain more memberships and help get more families away from all the electronics and come out to the club to enjoy some outdoor time.

Outdoor Skills Instruction Training Day—Saturday April 12 ,10-3 pm

RI Conservation Club Boy Scout 243
Outdoor Skills Instruction Training Day
Saturday April 12
Time: 10-3 pm

This is a FREE event—public is invited to attend!

Do you want to learn how to set up a tent? Or maybe would like to learn how to do some Dutch oven or camp stove cooking? Learn the importance of fire safety and how to build a fire? Hiking, fishing, planning your campout?

Boy Scout Troop 243 sponsored by the RICC will be offering a one day training seminar to include these skills and more!

The Boy Scouts are heavily involved in community service. Please come and learn from boys who do this sort of thing all of the time. Let Troop 243 help you enjoy our great resource that we have here locally at the RI Conservation Club.

www.riccnews.com

RI Conservation Clubhouse—Rentals available! Call Rachel 309-787-4770



The RICC clubhouse/pavilion is available for rental thru the year and is a wonderful place for your next event! We are a smaller private venue and competitively priced to fit into your budget. Our clubhouse holds app. 100 people.

We have a full kitchen, tables and chairs, outside pavilion with picnic tables and our newest addition—a back deck to enjoy the view of our lake. A full bar if needed & 60 in TV with cable available for a fee. Our club also is equipped with free WIFI.

Call today to reserve your graduation party (dates are filling up quickly), family reunion, small weddings and receptions, rehearsal dinners, retirement parties, bridal and baby showers and more!

For more information, check out our website at www.riccnews.com

RICC Yard Sale/Flea Market/Boat Auction—Saturday April 26—8-3 pm



Rock Island Conservation Club
Community Yard Sale/Flea Market/Boat Auction
Saturday April 26, 2014

Time: 8 -3 pm

Indoor and outdoor spaces available from \$10.00 and up
For more information or to reserve your space, contact Rachel @ 309
-787-4770 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.

***Breakfast and Lunch will be available so come out
and make a day of it!***

New for 2014 – Boat Auction April 26 - 1 pm till? We will be auctioning off some abandoned boats to anyone interested.

Preview will be from 11- 1 pm. Cash or credit cards accepted.

No checks please.

(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