

# ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

*Fishing has been great! Remember our creel limits. Be respectful and properly dispose of your old fishing line, hooks, boppers, etc. Do not leave them on the club grounds where our wildlife could be harmed. Last year, we had a "animal resident" get hung up on some fishing line in the bushes, and DIED as a result of a P.I.G.S. The definition of this acronym in in the paragraph below.*

*On a sad note, the RICC lost a long time member recently—Dick Nar-ske. Dick was our 2nd VP and has been on various positions within our club for years. It's heartbreaking when we lose such dedicated members as Dick and Jim Garcia as their voluntarism was so important to the success of our club. Please remember our past members and their families in your prayers.*

*Our celebration patio floor is now completed and we will move to phase II with design ideas for our remembrance bricks. We will soon be taking orders for our bricks, so stay tuned! This patio will be a great addition to our club and a great place to entertain and celebrate our loved ones!*

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### JUNE

Blood Drive 11th  
Club Meeting 21  
Euchre 10 & 24  
Stargazing 25th

### JULY

Club Meeting 19  
Euchre 8 & 22

**P.I.G.S** - Have invaded our Club again this year! What does P.I.G.S. stand for? People Ignoring Garbage Stations. So simple, have garbage? Throw it away. Have something that can be recycled? Put it in the recycling can. See someone throwing trash on the ground or leaving it behind after their picnic or camping? Ask them to please dispose of it properly. Our caretaker cannot be everywhere all the time, and it is OUR club and we want OUR club to be clean and orderly. We cannot have trash all over the grounds or in the fire rings! Our wildlife could be harmed by trash and fishing line, hooks and anything that is not natural to their habitat.

The resident geese are busy having their little ones so please be respectful of their nests, babies and territory. Geese can be very aggressive if they feel their family is being threatened. Keep out of their areas if you see a pair and you will be fine. Friendly reminder: Animals normally do not need our help. Let nature be nature. No picture is worth harm to the animal or to the human.

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**RENTALS**—Sue Pienta 309-269-5647 or [smpienta@aol.com](mailto:smpienta@aol.com)

Rentals are in full swing right now. Most weekends the main clubhouse, pavilion, back deck and patio are rented. If you wish to check and see if there is an opening for your party, give me a call or email. It's a busy summer so far but we do have some dates still available!



**Blood Drive Saturday June 11 at the RI Conservation Club - Don Peck 787-3386**

6:30 am to 9 am . If you do go to a center between our dates, please let them know you are donating on behalf of the RICC #430.

**Please consider donating to save a life.**



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

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!

Anytime you see trash laying around, please take the time to pick it up and dispose of it in the trash/recycle cans. If you are camping, picnicking and using the fire rings, make sure you put out all your fires! And keep the fire rings clean. Throwing trash into the fire rings are not appealing to the other members of our club, so be respectful. And don't forget to stop by the caretaker house to see me if you have questions or concerns.

**Remember that use of the Dump Station will now cost you \$10.00 per use.** You **MUST** make arrangements with me so that I can unlock the station for you. Dumping prior to your stay is not allowed. Set up a time with me once you start your weekend campout so that we have a time setup prior to you leaving. Gary



We have some camp events happening this June members need to be aware of. June 13-17 the Cub Scouts will be using the main and back properties for their Day Camp. Volunteers are always needed, especially if you are a fisherman! June 20-24 the University of Ill will be using the main clubhouse and grounds for their camp. Just another way the RICC gives back to our youth!

**EUCHRE**

**Euchre—2nd and 4th Fridays of the month!**



Did you know we have Euchre nights twice a month at the club? It's the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month. And the bar is always open on these nights! 6 pm to 10 pm. You don't have to play cards to come out and enjoy the bar and grounds. It's a fun group of people that come out for our Euchre and bar nights.

Buy in is \$5 for Euchre. Registration is at 6:30 and 7 pm is play time. We also have a pot luck if you wish to participate. Bring a large dish to share. Come on out with friends and enjoy your club!

**USED OIL**—we will be discontinuing the drop off of used oil **immediately**. The cost of the removal of the oil has now become too expensive for the RICC to continue this free service. Please make sure you take your used oil to the appropriate drop sites—check your auto supply stores or where you get oil changed. Be kind to our environment by being responsible.



## Stargazing Night! June 25—6 PM—12:00 AM

Please come and join us for a night of Stargazing at the RICC on Saturday June 25. The Stargazing event is **FREE** and will be presented by the Popular Astronomy Club.

We will begin at 6 pm with dinner , then Stargazing at 8 pm inside the clubhouse for a slide show presentation, and then move onto the area by the Horseshoe lake where the Popular Astronomy Club will have a Mobile Observatory with telescopes to see the planets such as Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, and then when it's a little darker, we can view the stars.

We will have Walking Tacos to purchase and our Lakeside Lounge Bar will be open.

This event is open to the public so please bring a friend!



## RICC Annual Picnic—Saturday August 27—11-3

We are in the planning stages for our annual picnic. If you would like to help plan the picnic, please give us a call and Barb Aney will call you back 309-787-4770. There is so much to think about of what to do for the picnic!

We always sell raffle tickets for a chance to win some awesome prizes! Cake Walk, Bingo, Games, Music and of course Food are always part of the afternoon! Do you have an idea that you think would be fun? Maybe

some type of cooking contest? Put your thinking caps on and give Barb a call to help!

**NEW UPDATE!** We will have some classic cars out to the picnic again this year! They were a hit last year, so come and see these beautiful cars! We will be have Flea Market Vendors out at the Picnic this year! They will be located on the east side of the main clubhouse area. So come out and get some great deals!

***The Picnic is open to the public so make sure you invite your neighbors, friends and family members to join us for the afternoon! This is a FREE event!***



## Boys and Girls Club Fishing Derby—August 6 8:00-1:00

Open to the public! 1000 catfish to be released, 350 will be tagged, a \$10 and a \$25 entry fee. Catch the right \$25 tagged fish and you could WIN a 2017 Honda SUV! 350 prizes will be won! Don't miss this event! More information about this event can be found on our face book page or Boys and Girls club of the Mississippi Valley website. Registration has already begun. Fishing will be from the shorelines of the Main Lake at the club. All kinds of activities planned and food and beverages will be available along with bait and fishing assistance. Plan on coming out to this event and support the BGCMV and spend the day with your family.

***Look for new events happening at the RICC this year! Check our FACEBOOK page and website to keep informed, along with your newsletter.***

***Share our events with your friends!***

***Only \$65 a year for making memories! Www.riccnews.com and FACEBOOK***

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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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