

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

*Too much good information this month so let's get to it! Jay*

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

**2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

*President: Jay Pienta 1st Vice: Troy Eacker 2nd Vice: Dick Narske*

*Treasurer: Berta Garcia Secretary: Faith Ballard*

**2015-2017 Board of Directors:**

*1. Melia Lackey*

*2. Rob Meyer*

*3. Tim Miller*

*4. Jan Shrader*

*5. Dave Shrader*

**ALTERNATES:**

*1. Matt McDermott*

*2. Jim Garcia*

*3. Rick Driessens*

**2015-2016 QCCA Representatives:**

*1. Cindy Miller*

*2. Dick Narske*

*Alternate: Faith Ballard*

*We welcome the newly elected officers to the RICC Board and look forward to working together in the upcoming new year. We know that 2015 will be a year of new challenges, new ideas, and we hope to bring in new members to our great club.*

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**2015 MEMBERSHIPS ARE IN!** Do you need a great Holiday Gift? Why not a RICC membership to one of the best kept secrets in the QCA. Ideal gift for sportsmen, campers, families, kayakers, hikers and so much more! Check out [www.riccnews.com](http://www.riccnews.com) or the back page of the newsletter for a 2015 form.

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**WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB?**



**DECEMBER**

Club Meeting: 16

Euchre: 12 -Ugly Sweater Theme Night



**JANUARY**

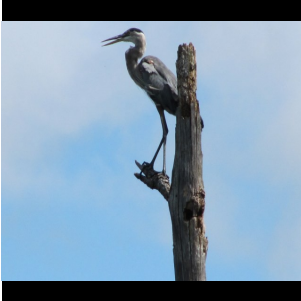
Club Meeting: 20

Euchre: 9

Ice Tourney: 24

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**ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**





## 2014 ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**SATURDAY 24 JANUARY** Registration 7-8a.m. Fish 8-1p.m. Weigh-in/Lunch 1:00p.m.

**Entry Fee--\$10.00 per person**

**Cash Bar will be open and a great lunch will be provided!**

**Prizes:** This year the prizes will be the partial return of the entry fee and merchandise prizes. Categories are listed below.

### Ice Fishing Tournament Rules

- Tournament is open to Club Members and club rule guests.
  - Ice or Shore Fishing Only
- Ice/Panfish style terminal tackle only, ex: small gigs, minnows, wax worms, Crappie Nibbles, etc.
  - All RICC size limits apply.
- Each contestant shall keep their fish separate **at all times/fish must be alive**
  - Anyone caught with combined fish will be automatically disqualified.
- Each contestant must weigh their largest bluegill, which will be used for tie breakers.

There will be 3 winners in each of the 3 categories. Contestants can only win in one place and category.

This will create 9 separate winners.

### CATEGORIES ARE:

1. Largest Crappie--9 inches or over (weigh only one) 1st/2nd/3rd
2. Largest Sunfish/Bluegill (weigh only one--selected by contestant) 1st/2nd/3rd
3. Most weight of Sunfish/Bluegill -- 10 fish limit. 1st/2nd/3rd

**TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ONLY IF SAFE ICE**

**OR OPEN WATER CONDITIONS EXIST!**

## **NEW RICC CARETAKER SELECTED:**

After a lengthy interview session, the RICC Caretaker committee selected Mr. Gary Elliott as our new caretaker. Gary and his fiancé Jodie will be slowly moving into the house and expect to be fully moved in sometime in January. Gary will be in and out of the club learning the ropes and keeping an eye on things until they are fully moved in. Gary comes to us with great qualifications and both Gary and Jodie look forward to handling the day to day operations of the club. We all look forward to meeting them come the December meeting. Welcome Gary and Jodie!

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## **Rentals—Sue Pienta 309-786-1364 or [smpienta@aol.com](mailto:smpienta@aol.com)**

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.

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## **RICC Blood Drive Saturday December 13**



7 am to 9:30 am. Please mark the dates for the December Blood Drive at the club. If you do go to a center between our dates, please let them know you are donating on behalf of the RICC #430.

**Please call Don Peck to Sign up 309-787-3386. Please consider donating to save a life.**

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## **QCCA SHOW SEASON STARTING:**

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 dependant 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.

Shows that are coming up are :Bald Eagle Days, Outdoor Show, RV Camping show to mention a few.

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### ***\*\*Special Meal during December Club Meeting\*\****

*In between the Executive Board Meeting and the General Membership Meetings there will be a down home FISH FRY being offered. Lake fish, Coleslaw, Potatoes, desert. To defray the costs and to bring some money into the club, we will be asking for a minimum \$5.00 donation for each member that partakes of this excellent meal. You won't get a better meal for the price and our meetings should be short and sweet. Plan on attending the Dec Meeting.*

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**(2015) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2015)**  
**MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)**

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and acknowledge the rules of the RI Conservation Club and voluntary release all liability of the RICC.

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:

Annual picnic \_\_ QCCA events \_\_ Hunter Safety Clinics \_\_ Call Me \_\_ Blood Drive(Give/help) \_\_ Club events \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the Club's Newsletter via Email? Y \_\_ N \_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:**

**RICC MEMBERSHIP CHAIR P.O. BOX 3733 ROCK ISLAND, IL. 61204-3733**