

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

JAY 309-269-1226

I know that this issue will not reach you all before the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, so I hope that you all had a special day spent with family and friends. During this time of celebration and thankfulness for what we have, we also remember the good times we have enjoyed with our loved ones. Though some of those loved ones may no longer be physically with us on this day, we know that they are with us in our thoughts and memories. We pray that the Almighty will watch over them and they will be with us each day to watch over us.

This last month, the Almighty took from us one of the RICC's longtime member, board member, and close friend Jim Garcia. Jim's long list of accomplishments to the RICC, QCCA, and to all the youth in our community may never be truly known. Jim's passion for the outdoors, for conservation, for our young hunters, and to our community will be felt for years to come. We know that when that young hunter or even that seasoned hunter comes across a situation out there in the bush, they will remember what they were taught during their hunter safety class and make the right choice and always remember how to be safe in the outdoors. Jim, keep a watch over all those who enjoy the outdoors. We will miss you dearly.

Jay

ELECTIONS: Jay 309-269-1226

The following members were elected at our October meeting:

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

Secretary: Faith Ballard Treasurer: Berta Garcia

BOARD Members: 2016-2019

1. Barb Aney 2. Missy Wallace 3. Andy Wood 4. John Hurt

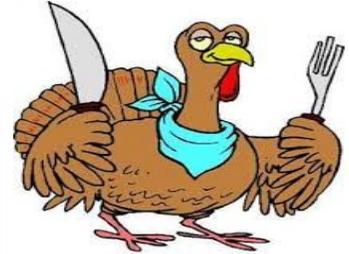
5. Sue Smith Logan Frost to fill 2016-2017 vacancy

Alternate: 1. Amy Anderson

QCCA Representatives: 2016-2018

1. Cindy Miller 2. Dick Narske John Hurt to fill 2016-2017 vacancy

Alternate: Faith Ballard



CLUB CALENDAR

DECEMBER:

Club Meeting: 15th:

6:30 & 7:30 pm

Meal will be Spaghetti.

A \$5 donation is asked.

Special Raffle prizes

Euchre: 11th

BLOOD DRIVE: 12th

7:00-10:00 AM

JANUARY:

Club Meeting: 19th

Presentation of 2016

Budget.

Euchre: 8th and 22nd

WINTER Fishing

TOURNAMENT:

Saturday 30th



Clubhouse Rentals—Sue Pienta 309-269-5647 or smpienta@aol.com

Holiday parties? It's not too early to book them! Dates are filling up fast so give me a call today! 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. Check out our website at www.riccnews.com for pictures, pricing and contract information.

CARETAKER'S REPORT: Gary 309-787-4770



Picnic tables and fire rings are put away as are the picnic tables. We have left a few campsites open just down from the main clubhouse for those seasoned campers. Some areas are roped off, and various areas could be closed off depending on the weather and condition of the grounds. Fish are still biting, and the eagles should be arriving soon, and frequent the club until the lakes freeze over. I have 2016 memberships available so stop on out or give me a call and set up a time to get your membership. Gary

2016 MEMBERSHIPS ARE IN! - Rob Meyers

The holidays are right around the corner! And what better gift to give than a RI Conservation Club membership for 2016! Not only do you have access to an outstanding 100% volunteer run organization/club, but you have a place to go hiking, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, camping, enjoying wildlife, picnicking, and more so close to home! And for one low price you can utilize this club FREE every day! Plus your membership dues helps us to donate our club to other organizations that take part in preserving habitats and resources for water and wildlife. We donate the use of our club to many youth groups also, such as Boys and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls clubs, University of Ill extension, and more.

Blood Drive Saturday December 12th at the RI Conservation Club - Don Peck 787-3386

7:00 am to 9:30 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 KOOZIES for sale!

Great Christmas gift idea! Stocking Stuffers!

These are high quality and are being sold for a reasonable price of only \$4.00 per style. The can Koozie is made of very sturdy rubber and is excellent for keeping your beverage cold! The water bottle/beer bottle Koozie is made of material and has a belt clip and hand strap for walking. Please help support and advertise our club with the purchase of these Koozies. They are being sold in the bar area during club functions, Euchre nights, and at our caretakers house. Or you can call Jay 309-269-1226 to pick some up at home.



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 conservation 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.



2016 WINTER FISHING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SATURDAY 30 JANUARY Registration 7-8a.m. Fish 8-12p.m.
Weigh-in/Lunch 12:15p.m.

Entry Fee--\$10.00 per person

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

Prizes: Prizes will be the partial return of the entry fee and merchandise prizes.

Categories are listed below.

Winter 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 CONDUCTED ON SAFE ICE OR FROM SHORE IN OPEN WATER

(2016) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2016)

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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