



2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY, MILAN IL.

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

2014 is coming to a close and the club now looks towards the New Year and preparations that must be done before the new year arrives.

1. Elections will take place at the November meeting. Positions that are available are: President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Treasurer, Secretary.

5 Board of Directors positions are available. 2-3 Alternate Board of Directors. 2 QCCA Representatives.

Nominations can still be taken from the floor in November, and each person running will have 2 minutes for introductions.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please refer to the RICC by-laws for eligibility requirements.

2. 2015 Memberships dues have been increased. General: \$65 Senior: \$50. 2015 Stickers and cards are now available. Troy 563- 381- 7715.

3. Once the 2015 RICC board has been elected, the task of preparing a 2015 budget will begin. Even with the increased cost of memberships, the 2015 budget will prove to be challenging to balance. Some major line items may need to be cut or drastically reduced in order to maintain a balanced budget. An increase of 2015 memberships will be a key factor in our budget and with the future of the clubs survivability. The newly elected board will need to have some brainstorming sessions, and collect ideas and suggestions from our membership. How can you help? "GET INVOLVED!" Whether it is only for an hour, attending a meeting, workday, how about a call to share your ideas? With your help and the dedication of the RICC board, 2015 can be a successful year.

1. Caretaker applications have been received and being reviewed. Nov 10 is the deadline and Interviews will be scheduled.

2. A very special thanks to Al Classen, Dave Shrader, Dan Henning, Rolie Bender (hope I didn't forget anyone) for donating their time to put on the new roof on the caretaker's garage. Looks great!

3. Thanks to all who came out to help with this fall workday!

4. Check out the article on Breakfast with Santa! If we don't get enough reservations, Santa will have to take the RICC off his visit list. Jay

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB?



NOVEMBER

Club Election Meeting: 18

Euchre: 14 & 28



DECEMBER

Breakfast with Santa: 6

Club Meeting: 16

Euchre: 12



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Santa is stopping by for Breakfast on Saturday December 6 from 9 am to 11 am at the Rock Island Conservation Club! Would you and your child/grandchild like to have breakfast with Santa? If so, please plan to make your reservations now as we have a limit on how many children that can attend. Fill out your reservation form below and mail in with PAYMENT as soon as possible to reserve your spots. All children will receive a small gift from Santa.

Child's name: _____ Gender _____ Age _____ \$2.00 per child _____

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Member's Name: _____

Member's Membership No: _____ How many adults? _____ \$2.00 per person _____

\$2.00 per child if pre-registered before November 25, 2014.

\$2.00 per adult if pre-registered before November 25, 2014

Pre Registration is REQUIRED—no exceptions

Mail to: RICC Breakfast with Santa—Attn: Sue Pienta 2116 24 St. Rock Island IL. 61201

All checks are to be made out to RICC.

We need to have at least 25 children (children/grandchildren of a RICC member) signed up for this event by

November 22 to prevent the event from being cancelled.

If you plan to attend with your child/grandchild, please sign up ASAP.

You must pre-register for this event.

RICC Chair Positions available for 2015:

RICC Information Booth for QCCA shows: Chair RICC info booth for Bald eagle days, Outdoor show, Camping show. Organize workers, ensure booth is manned during show hours.

RICC Scholarship Chair: Oversee scholarship program and committee.

Questions about these available positions can be addressed to the President—Jay Pienta 309-786-1364

Rentals—Sue Pienta 309-786-1364 or 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 pavillion . Perfect spot for the smaller venue. Give us a call to book your party!

Check out our website at www.riccnews.com for pictures, pricing and contract information.

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.

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

*****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.

(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) ___ 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