



2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY, MILAN IL.

# ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

*If you missed the picnic, you missed a great time. The band was great! It was a beautiful day! And it looked like everyone was having a great time. So there are some big "Thank yous" that need to go out to those who helped make the picnic a great success. First, thank the Lord for a great day! Second, thank you Barb Aney and family for working so hard to pull this off. Sue Pienta for cooking, Jan Schrader and family for working the raffle, Troy for bartending, Berta for taking care of the cash. Dan McDermott for getting a great kitchen crew. And for all the other volunteers that gave of their time to make this event a success. Thanks for a great job! There are several issues to discuss in this newsletter so let's get started. Jay*

As Dragnet's Sergeant Joe Friday said; **"Just The Facts Ma'am!"**

Facts are sometimes hard to accept. So is the truth. But the truth/facts that have come to light is that the club has been losing money for the last several years. The "facts" are that costs keep going up and the club has not raised its dues in almost 5 years. At the September Board of Directors meeting, it was voted on and passed that the dues for RICC memberships effective 2015 will be raised. General membership will now be \$65.00 and Senior memberships will be \$50.00. The following "Facts" were presented to the board by the RICC Treasurer and are printed for your review.

INSURANCE	12,250.00	LICENSE PLATES	300.00
PROPERTY TAX	5,430.00	GROUNDS	2,000.00
NON PROFIT FEE	10.00	SUPPLIES	500.00
CPA	1,000.00	UTILITIES	6,000.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	300.00	GARBAGE	1,200.00
VEHICLE PMTS/UPKEEP	4,300.00	OUTHOUSES	3,750.00
TRACTOR/MOWER	1,000.00	PHONE	700.00
SNOW REMOVAL	1,000.00	MAILINGS	3,000.00

This list of costs does not include the costs to run the bar, and other required items.

**TOTAL: \$49,240.00**

Divided by current number of members for 2015: **650**

Cost per member to balance this 2015 budget amount: **\$75.75**

**THERE YOU HAVE IT SGT FRIDAY; "Just the Facts"!**

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



**OCTOBER**

Workday: 4th

Club Meeting: 21

Euchre: 10 & 24



**NOVEMBER**

Club Mtg: 11

Euchre: 14 & 28

## **RICC CARETAKER POSITION AVAILABLE**

Jay Pienta 786-1364 riccpresident@aol.com

Due to work schedule and personal issues, Jared has decided to leave the RICC Caretaker position. Those interested in this position can call me direct for questions. We hope to have a new caretaker in place by the end of 2014. The following is a short description of the job. more information and an application can be found on the RICC website: [www.riccnews.com](http://www.riccnews.com)

### **GROUND AND BUILDING MANAGER**

The Rock Island Conservation Club 2421 Big Island Pkwy, Milan, Il. is seeking a grounds and building manager to take care of its 110 acres, three lakes, clubhouse and out buildings.

No wages paid. flexible hours.

2 bdrm split foyer home, lg garage, and some utilities paid in exchange for services.

Ideal candidate would possess the following skills:

Ability to identify problems, troubleshoot and develop solutions.

- Ability to work independently

Working knowledge of electrical, plumbing, carpentry principles.

Ability to work on and maintain motors, engines and other mechanical equipment.

Ability to operate industrial equipment, hand tools such as chain saws, tractors, mowers, tractor attachments and towable vehicles.

- Valid state drivers license required.
- Ability to communicate effectively both oral and written.

Professional attitude, tact and courtesy necessary to deal with members and customers.

- Pass a background check.
- First Aid/CPR training a plus.

Retired/Semi Retired preferred

If you possess these qualities, enjoy working outdoors, and would like to be part of our team, an application form can be found on

at: [www.riccnews.com](http://www.riccnews.com)

**Please follow the instructions on how to apply for this position.**

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### **Gun Hunter Safety Class—**

Jim and Berta Garcia would like to thank everyone who came out and volunteered their time to make this fall GHS class a success. Plan to assist in the spring for the next class.

## **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

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## **Club Work Day/Clean up—Saturday October 4th. 8 am—12:00 noon**

Lunch is provided for all volunteers. Please put this on your calendar to come and give your time to get the club ready for the fall/winter months. Some items to be complete that day—landscaping, painting, cleaning bird houses, posting property signs, clubhouse cleanup, tree trimming, picnic table repairs, firepits, air conditioners, stain deck, recycling and more projects to come. We will need all hands on deck to get these projects accomplished. Mark Your Calendars!

**Remember that there is no fishing or camping that day IF you do not plan to help us with the workday. IF you don't plan on coming out to help us then don't plan on fishing or camping that day.**



## **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.**



## **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

**\$4.00 per child/adult the day of the event—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.*

## ***Did you know?***

- Did you know that the RI Conservation Club is strictly a volunteer run organization? No one is paid for their time.
- Did you know that our club is a 5-1c-7 non profit organization? We do what we do because it is what we believe in.
- Did you know that our Club does NOT receive any state, local or federal funds? Our income is from our memberships, volunteer hours we work at the Quad City Expo Center during their shows, and our annual picnic/raffles.
- Did you know anyone can run for a RICC Board of Director Position! If you have been a RICC member for 2 years, we need your input and your time. Please consider being part of the RICC management team.
- Did you know that we only ask for a few hours of your time each year, in order to help diversify the load from the other dedicated volunteers? Please call or email and ask how YOU can help!
- Did you know that the RICC membership is open to EVERYONE? You do not have to be referred as a potential member by a current member.
- Did you know that the RICC is the BEST KEPT SECRET in the QCA? Well, let's share that secret so we can continue to keep our club alive!