

ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hope you all had a great Christmas with family and friends. Remember that 2014 RICC Memberships are available. Have a safe New Years eve and looking forward to a great 2014 year at the RICC.

2014 Club Calendar of Events:

JANUARY:

21st Club Mtg
10th Euchre
25th Ice fishing Tournament

FEBRUARY:

18th Club Mtg
14&28 Euchre

MARCH:

18th Club Mtg
14th Euchre
19th HS Instructor Mtg
27 & 29th Hunter Safety

APRIL:

5th Club Workday
11 & 25th Euchre
12th Spring Fling (tentative)
13th Open House
15th Club Mtg
26th Club Flea Market/Boat Auction

MAY:

4th Open House
9th & 23 Euchre
20th Club Mtg

JUNE:

7th Blood Drive
7th Jakes Day
13th & 27th Euchre
17th Club Mtg

JULY:

15th Club Mtg
11th & 25th Euchre

AUGUST:

19th Club Mtg
27th HS Instructor Mtg
8th & 22nd Euchre

SEPTEMBER:

4th & 6th Hunter Safety Clinic
16th Club Mtg
13th Club Annual Picnic
12th & 26th Euchre

OCTOBER:

4th Club Workday
21st Club Mtg
18th Fall Fun Night (tentative)
10th & 24th Euchre

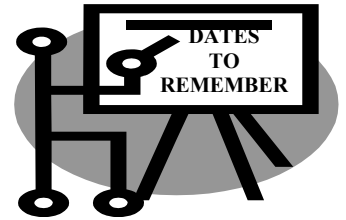
NOVEMBER:

18th Club Mtg
14th Euchre

DECEMBER:

13th Blood Drive
6th Christmas Party (tentative)
16th Club Mtg
12th Euchre

DECEMBER 2013



JANUARY:

21st
Club Meeting
6:30 Board of Directors
7:30 Membership
Approval of 2014
Budget

25th
RICC Ice Fishing Tour-
nament

Euchre:



10th

FEBRUARY:

18th
Club Meeting
6:30 Board of Directors
7:30 Membership

Euchre:



14th and 28th



RICC Blood Drive Report

26 Participated, 25 Units of blood were donated. These donations will touch as many as 100 people in need. 2014 will mark 30 years of blood drives held at the Conservation Club. Next blood drive will be held on Saturday, June 7 (6:30 to 9:00 am). A special thanks for all of our members who support the MVRBC and donate the gift of life.

Quad City Expo Center Update— Call Jerry 309-764-7907

Workers will be needed for the upcoming 2014 show season. Please plan to volunteer at these events as the QCCA cannot function without our volunteers! And remember, one perk the RICC receives from your donation of your time is \$3.00 and hour to every hour you work. This “extra” income is instrumental in the financial aspect of our club. And if you work a 4 hour shift you are allowed to come before or after your shift to enjoy the show for free!

The Quad City Conservation Alliance is made up of 5 clubs. RICC is one of those clubs. All shows held at the QCCA is dependent on the volunteers of these 5 clubs. You can help by calling Jerry to volunteer to pop popcorn, work in the concession stands, sell tickets, ice cream, etc.

Make sure you sign in before and after your shift so the RICC receives the proper credit.

Club Newsletters:

Please renew your membership for 2014. Your last newsletter you will receive will be February. Please help us save money and trees by requesting an E-Newsletter. If you are receiving yours by email, please make sure you add the RICC to your address book and contact us when you change your email address.

MEMBERSHIPS: Troy Eacker

2014 MEMBERSHIPS ARE IN! There are 3 categories of memberships this year and they are as follows:

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Member (under the age of 65), Legally recognized partner, children under the age of 18yrs old, **ONE** voting privilege. **\$50.00**

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP: Member (age 65+), Legally recognized partner, grand children under the age of 18yrs old, **ONE** voting privilege. **\$40.00**

2 Vote FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Member (under the age of 65), Legally recognized partner, children under the age of 18yrs old, **TWO** voting privileges. **\$75.00**

Your Membership includes your membership cards, copy of the club’s rules, and ONE vehicle decal/sticker.

ONE additional vehicle decal/sticker can be purchased for an additional cost of \$3.00.

Membership cards will be required to be displayed when voting on club business during meetings. You may have noticed that we are progressing on sending out the newsletter via e-mail. This will save the club on printing and mailing costs. The new 2014 membership form is on the back page of this newsletter and the club website will be updated.

Forms can be found on our new website www.riccnews.com Also don’t forget to "like" our facebook page

2014 ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SATURDAY 25 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. A hearty lunch is included in your entry fee

Prizes: 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 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 CONDITIONS EXIST!



Caretaker's Report: 787-4770

*Most areas have now been chained off to protect the grounds. Please park your vehicle and walk. Remember that Ice fishing on the RICC lakes are at your own risk. Ice thickness will vary based on local temperatures and location of springs throughout the lakes. Safety is the club's first concern so remember to always use the "buddy System"
Also any use of snow mobiles are not allowed on club grounds*

Rachel and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

**(2014) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2014)
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)**

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

FAMILY Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 1 Voting Right: **\$50.00** _____

FAMILY Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 2 Voting Rights: **\$75.00** _____

SENIOR Membership: Member 65 +, Legally Recognized Partner, Grd Children under 18yrs, 1 Voting Right: **\$40.00** _____

Remarks: _____

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, 2014– DEC 31, 2014

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 ___ Hal-
loween 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