

# ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**From the President:** Jay Pienta 309-786-1364 Email: ricc@att.net

As the year starts to come to a close, the club starts to prepare for the next year of business. November brings election of new exec officers and a designed group of board of directors. We will also elect 2 representatives to the QCCA board. This year we have the following positions up for election: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer. 5 - 3 year term board of directors, 1 - 1 year fill in board of director, 1 -3 alternate board of directors. 2 - 2 year term QCCA representatives, and 1 alternate rep. So you can see that the club can certainly use some new members who would like to get involved and take the club into the next successful year. November is also our annual meeting and certain items may be brought up for voting that will effect the clubs operations. It is very important for our members to attend not only our annual meeting to elect our officers, but to attend our monthly meetings to give your input.

This next year will be a challenging one and some major changes may have to take place in order to keep our club financially secure. 2013 memberships were down 30+ % and we attribute that to the club flooding 4 times. Membership income is down 50% from last year. YET, our insurance, operating costs, utilities keep going up. On page 2 of this newsletter is a questionnaire that we asking our members to fill out so that the 2014 RICC board can review your answers to help come up with a vision for the next years to come.

The RICC is not run by the 23 elected officers alone. The RICC is your club and we need your ideas, input, visions, and help to keep this club running for years to come. What type of help? Members to help out with club parties or euchre. Someone to cook a meal for a meeting night, We need QCCA volunteers to work the shows, New members who want to get active and run on the RICC board, the list goes on and on. What am I saying? Yes it takes a village to keep our club running. Think about it, take the survey, let us know what you think of the club and how it can be improved, with your help. Take care *Jay*

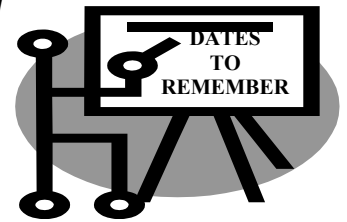
## **BOATS: 787-4770**

Here is the deal on member boats that are currently registered and assigned a designated slot on our boat racks. Members have TWO options:

1. Take your boat home for the winter months.
2. You will be allowed to keep your designated rack slot and keep your boat in that slot for the winter months. You must make sure you boat is stored upside down to prevent snow and water buildup which could damage our racks. You will be required to sign another contract come spring 2014 to renew your slot for the next summer months.

As always, the club is not responsible for any damage, or theft of you boat while on club grounds. It is your responsibility to watch water levels and to move your boat once water levels reach your boat. It is also your responsibility to keep an eye on your boat as it is not the responsibility of the caretaker or any other member of the club to watch your property. Any questions can be directed to Jared.

## **NOVEMBER 2013**



### **NOVEMBER**

#### **10th**

RICC Fall Open House  
2-4p.m. 2014 member-  
ships available!

#### **19th**

Club Meeting  
6:30 Board of Directors  
7:30 Membership  
Election of Officers  
Annual Meeting  
**Potato Bar** served at 7  
pm for a donation

**Euchre:**  
8 & 22



### **DECEMBER**

#### **7th**

Blood Drive  
Club Christmas Party

#### **17th**

Club Meeting

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## RICC Information Survey

To better assist the upcoming newly elected RICC 2014 Executive Board and the Board of Directors, the following questionnaire is being attached to the newsletter in hopes of gathering information about our members, and what our members want from the Rock Island Conservation Club. This information will be taken into consideration when planning the upcoming 2014 year and beyond. PLEASE fill out the questionnaire and mail to: Jay Pienta 2116 24<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Island, Il. 61201 OR send an email with your answers to the following questions. [Ricc@att.net](mailto:Ricc@att.net).

- Do you hold a General\_\_\_\_\_ or Senior\_\_\_\_\_ membership?
- How many years have you been a member of the RICC? \_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you visit the club per month? \_\_\_\_\_
- For what purpose do you visit the club? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many club events and which events do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many club meetings have you attended in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you have never attended a meeting, why? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you read the newsletters so you are informed of club activities? \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of events would you like to see at the club? \_\_\_\_\_
- Would you organize/run/assist in an event? \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of ideas do you have to help bring in more memberships?

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What type of ideas do you have to get more member participation/involvement in club activities?

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Are you familiar with volunteering to work at the QCCA Expo shows and that the RICC receives money for your hours worked? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you familiar with how the money received from the QCCA shows are spent at the RICC? \_\_\_\_\_

If you could improve one thing at the club, what would that be?

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Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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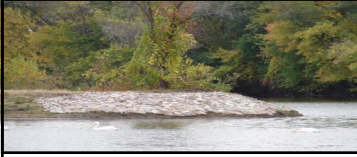
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## RICC Blood Drive Saturday December 7

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.**



Thanks to all our club members that helped re-enforce the point of the channel that runs between the two main lakes. Each stone was hand set. What a great looking job! Thanks for all your hard work.

Did you happen to see our overnight visitors to the club? Yes hundreds of pelicans have been stopping by and staying overnight at the club as they make their journey down south. They are actually a quite large graceful bird and are impressive to watch.



### CARETAKERS REPORT: 787-4770

*Thanks to all of our members that came out to help during our fall workday. For the amount of members that showed up and with the weather, we were able to get quite a few jobs accomplished. Rachel and I also hope that those members and families that came out for the Fall Fest had a great time. Weather was a little cold should we say, but the kids had a great time pumpkin chunking, and attending the trunk or treat. A special thanks to the trunk or treaters, and to those who helped us put on this club function.*

*Jared and Rachel*

### **\*\*RICC Fall Preview to Spring Open House November 10th 2-4p.m.\*\***

**First time ever! Grab your friends and neighbors and bring them out to the club to show them what the club looks like in fall. AND get them to take advantage of a great deal for a Christmas present or stocking stuffer. 2014 memberships will be available for purchase. Tours of grounds, refreshments, prizes. Family memberships: \$50.00 Senior memberships: \$40.00**



### SANTA IS COMING!

*Naughty or Nice? Santa will know!  
The RICC is hosting a Children's Christmas Party  
Saturday December 7, from 1-3 pm.*

*Santa's "elves" have many activities planned, but you must pre-register to attend!  
And Santa will have a gift for each child that attends.  
Each family is asked to bring at least a dozen homemade cookies or Holiday candy,  
and in return each family will take home a plate of goodies to share.*

***Please email or call with your reservation:***

***Child/children's name, age and gender.***

***Email your reservation to RICC@att.net or call the club 309-787-4770 and leave a message. Please reserve your space by Friday Nov. 28.***

**(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**