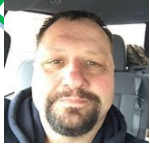


Rock Island Conservation Club NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

RICC Meetings will still continue for the remainder of 2020.

August Mtg 18

Sept Mtg 15

Oct Mtg 20

Nov Mtg 17

Dec Mtg 15

All events for the remainder of 2020 are cancelled.

Fall Hunter Safety is cancelled. Check DNR website for classes near you.

Boys & Girls Club Fish Derby will be a virtual one. Go to their website and sign up. You can fish that day at your favorite fishing spot and submit your pictures and WIN prizes! Make sure you have your 2020 RICC membership sticker and card with you that day!

From the RICC President: Troy Eacker 563-381-7715

Hi Everyone! Hopefully everyone is safe and doing well. Welcome to all the new members! As a reminder, please make sure you are reviewing the rules. There are new fish limits and speed limits that were changed and/or added at our last meeting. We are also regrettably cancelling euchre for the rest of 2020. There are too many restrictions and lack of attendance to continue.

WHATS NEW!; We have a new caretaker and hes' getting settled in. Stop by and say hi to Tony, Lindsey and their kids If you see them outside. Tony will be checking memberships and enforcing the RICC rules. Thank you to all members that take the time to help at the club. It takes a team to make the RICC as beautiful as it is.

We have a volunteer that is willing to teach a fish clinic. He will practice social distancing, so if you would like to learn a few more techniques in fishing, please give him a call. Rich Ehen 309-737-4816 and make an appointment with him.

Keep checking the website and Facebook page for any updates on the club!

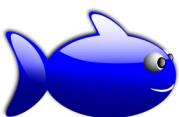
See Garbage? Pick it up please. Be responsible. We have noticed people are moving the concrete blocks used to help with erosion on our shorelines and using them to sit on. Please leave them where they are, as we mow, we don't always see them, and it take extra time to get off the mower to move them.

Thanks Troy



NEW update to our club rules—

SPEED LIMIT on RICC grounds is now 10 MPH. We have had way too many people "speeding" thru the grounds! And with the increased members and their children on grounds we need to keep them safe. If you see someone speeding thru the RICC, take down their license plate and make of vehicle and email to the club. We can turn this info over to the RI County Sheriffs office for review.



NEW CREEL LIMIT— BLUEGILLS

Please note the RICC will now instill a Bluegill creel limit. A membership will be able to keep 15 Bluegills per DAY per Membership, and the size is 5 inches and above. Please ensure you follow this new creel limit as well as all our creel limits at the club. And remember, any RICC member can ask to view your fish to ensure you are following creel size and limits per day. Thanks

2020 CANCELLED EVENTS

All remainder Euchre Dates are cancelled at this time due to Covid. We will inform you when/if we can begin them again this year. All RICC events planned have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020. Please make note of this, Covid 19 has affected our RICC events. Hopefully 2021 will be a fun and stellar year! Stay safe everyone!

RENTALS: Melia Lackey— riccrentals@gmail.com

interest in renting the building or pavilion – please review the rental contract at our website at www.RICConservationClub.ORG.

Our calendar is up to date with openings.

RICC Blood Drive – December TBD



Appointment is required to donate at this time.

Please call Don Peck at 309-721-5505 to schedule your appointment.

NEW BOAT CONTRACT FOR 2020— Troy—563—381-7715



All members that wish to bring their boats onto the RICC grounds for 2020, **MUST** have a **NEW** contract filled out and submitted to the Boat Committee for review. All members must abide by the Boat rules to keep their boat on the club grounds. New 2020 contract with rules, will be found on our website www.riconservationclub.org to print and bring to the club. Look at the page with club rules, and click on the link that states Boat guidelines.

If you currently have a boat at the club, the following **MUST** be accomplished in order to keep your boat stored on a designated boat rack.

1. Be a current 2020 member.
 2. Sign a new contract.
 3. ensure your name and registration numbers are on the boat. Get with the boat committee as they are working to ensure every boat is accounted for.
- Failure to comply will result in your boat being placed in lockup.
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Jay or Sue 309-269-1226 or email riccmembership@gmail.com

2020 Memberships are in! 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. We need to continue to educate our youth on the importance of our earth and the RICC is one way for them to learn to enjoy the outdoors! **Fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send it in OR you can now purchase your 2020 membership at our website www.riconservationclub.org!**

Jay & Sue



WELCOME to our new Caretaker and his family!

Tony Munson has accepted the position of RICC Caretaker as of August 1, 2020. He and his family are all moved in and he has already been taking on tasks at our club. Tony is presently in the “training” status, however, he is quite well versed on mowing, club equipment, patrolling the grounds as he has been an RICC member prior to his position. As Tony patrols the grounds, he will be checking for memberships, creel limits, camping permits, boat compliance, etc. To make his job easier, please make sure you have your 2020 RICC membership sticker placed on your vehicle AND your membership card on person while on club grounds. These are required per our rules of the club.

If you know of someone looking to purchase a membership, please direct them to our membership chairs—Jay and Sue Pienta. Tony does not have memberships at this time to sell.

A Few RULES to FOLLOW while on the RICC Grounds

1. **NO Swimming** is allowed in our RICC lakes, either by humans or by canines. No inertubes, float rafts etc.
2. **NO fireworks** are allowed on our RICC property
3. **Clean up your trash!** Please do not throw your trash in the fire rings, in the water or on the grounds. We are volunteers out here that clean up. We're not paid to clean up after you. The pictures below make us sad.....
4. **NO children** are allowed on the RICC Club grounds without an adult 2020 RICC Member with them at ALL times! You cannot drop off your children and leave them unattended.

Offenders that cannot follow the rules will have their membership privileges revoked, until you attend a RICC Board meeting to address your actions.

For a complete set of the rules, review what you received with your membership, or view them online at our website www.riconservationclub.org

**All Hunter Safety classes at our club
are cancelled for 2020 due to Covid 19**

[Www.riconservationclub.org](http://www.riconservationclub.org) or FACEBOOK

(2020) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2020)
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:

\$75.00 _____ Extra Sticker: \$5.00 _____ (1 Extra sticker allowed)

SENIOR Membership: (Member 65 +, Legally Recognized Partner, Grand Children under 18yrs, 1 Voting Right:

\$60.00 _____ Extra Sticker: \$5.00 _____ (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 \$5.00. 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, 2020– DEC 31, 2020

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

RICC MEMBERSHIP CHAIR P.O. BOX 3733 ROCK ISLAND, IL. 61204-3733

WWW.RICONSERVATIONCLUB.ORG (LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!)

