



ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

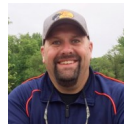
- RICC Membership MTG
3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Meals are planned for meeting nights again for a Donation.
- Euchre is the 2 & 4th Fridays of the month except for April 28. Oct-Dec is only the 2nd Friday of these months.
- April 6 & 8 Hunter Safety Course
- April 15 Work/Clean up Day
- April 16 Open House
- April 29 Flea Market
- May 6 Spring Fish Tournament
- May 7 Open House
- May 19 Band Night
- Jun 3 Blood Drive
- June Kids Fishing Clinic
- June 17 Band Night
- July 22 Picnic
- September 7 & 9 Hunter Safety Course
- Oct 7 Work/Clean up day
- Oct 21 Trunk & Treat
- Dec Blood Drive

QCCA Wetlands
contact person—
Dick Ridell
309-737-9550

From the President: Troy Eacker 563-381-7715 riccpresident@aol.com

Hi everyone, just a reminder. This will be your last newsletter until you renew your 2023 membership. So let's get them in. We have an exciting year planned with a few live bands, a friendly BBQ competition during the annual picnic, to the ever so popular Trunk or Treat, a kids fishing clinic to an Spring shore only fishing tournament. If you think you want to volunteer for such events you can contact me at 563-381-7715, or at riccpresident@aol.com. Be sure to check out our new bird section in the newsletter, Dave will be talking about the different birds that migrate through the club. Well that's it for now.

Thanks Troy



CARETAKER'S CORNER: Tony 309-787-4770

Reminder to everyone to stay on the roads because the ground is thawing and very soft! We do not need ruts in the grassy areas as it makes it very difficult to cut grass.

Thanks, Tony

BEAKS & BILLS—Dave VanLandegen

Our club is "Going to the birds!" The Rock Island Conservation Club is best known as a wonderful place to fish and enjoy being one with Mother Nature. However, the Rock Island Conservation Club is also a hot spot for birding. Having been an active bird watcher at the club for a number of years, in many ways I believe the club is a gift to the conservation of birds. It is a wonderful place to enjoy a little poison ivy too if you're not careful where you walk!

But why do birds matter? So what if we have a lot of birds hanging out at the club. What difference does that make? Like the canary in the mine, birds in both numbers and variety of species are an indicator of the conservation health of our club grounds.

The beauty of birds can be breathtaking. The stunning blue color on a Kingfisher as it swoops in front of you while fishing one of our ponds, or the bright ruby red of one of the hummingbirds gathering nectar from the honey suckle vines that grow on our grounds. Birds bring forth emotions like the joy of seeing a nest of robins. The awe of a Bald Eagle catching a fish from one of our ponds or the serenity of seeing Trumpeter Swans swimming in one of our ponds. Birds can in their own way make life a little better for all of us.

Is the Rock Island Conservation Club a birding hot spot? Last year during the spring migration I counted 27 Baltimore Orioles in one hour of bird watching at the club. I would call that a hot spot.

In the upcoming newsletters it will be my goal to introduce you as club members to some of the many species of birds that can be seen at the club. With this it is hoped that like me, you not only see the beauty in birds but understand why it is so important that we keep our club the healthy conservation area that it is.

Dave VanLandegen



Check out our new section called— **BEAKS & BILLS** to learn about some of our beautiful birds at our club!

Hunter Safety Course

April 6 & 8

Look for the registration for on our website. www.riconservationclub.org

QCCA SHOWS 2023

March

3-5 Antique Show

10-12 Great Train Show

23-26 Flower & Garden

April

1– Infisherman Swap

2– Motorcycle Swap

Give Jerry a call to volunteer. 309-236-2309 to work the QCCA shows. We always are in need of volunteers!



Troy at 563-381-7715 or email riccmembership@gmail.com

Remember: **Our membership year is from Jan 1-Dec 31** each calendar year. The RICC is a private club and does not receive any State, Local or Federal funds and that is why you have are able to **enjoy** the RICC 24/7 365 days a year!

2023 memberships are available to purchase NOW!



Euchre—2nd and 4th Fridays of the month!

Did you know we have Euchre nights twice a month at the club? It's the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month except for the April 28, and the 4th Fridays in Oct—Dec. And the bar is always open on these nights! 6 pm to 10 pm. You don't have to play cards to come out and enjoy the bar and grounds. It's a fun group of people that come out for our Euchre and bar nights.

Buy in is \$10 for Euchre and quarter bumps. Registration is at 6:30 and 7 pm is play time. Pay out to top 3 players. You do not need a partner to play, We also have a pot luck if you wish to participate. Bring a large dish to share. Come on out with friends and enjoy your club!

To keep up to date on new events added to our RICC calendar thru the year, LIKE and follow our Facebook page and check out our website www.riconservationclub.org.



**RICC Annual Flea Market/Yard Sale
Saturday April 29th 2023 - Rain or Shine!
8-3 pm**

Reservations for the sale are going on now. Check out our Facebook page and website for updated information.

\$10 Grass Area

\$15 Under Pavilion

\$15 Inside Main Clubhouse **SOLD OUT!**

\$15 Inside Old Clubhouse – This club house has steps to get inside

Contact: Sue Pienta at email smpienta@icloud.com

Please go to our website www.riconservationclub.org to print off a form and mail to Sue with payment to confirm your reservation. Or email Sue and a form will be emailed to you.

To pay by venmo: @RICC_2421



RICC CELEBRATION/MEMORIAL PATIOBRICKS ORDER FORM

Each brick can be personalized with the maximum of two lines

Bricks are \$35 each. Prepayment is required before bricks can be ordered. To order contact Donna 309-236-0476 or djnickell60@gmail.com or mail to: RICC BRICKS Box 3733 Rock Island, IL 61201-3733

RICC CELEBRATION/MEMORIAL PATIO BRICKS ORDER FORM

NAME for whom brick is purchased: Two line minimum (In honor of, memory of)

No. of Bricks: _____ Cost for each Brick \$35.00 Total _____

Checks made out to: RICC Brick Patio

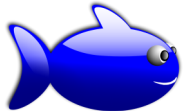
Purchasers Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

EMAIL _____



MAY 6, 2023 RICC Spring Derby 6 am to 1pm ~Shore fishing only—
Rich Ehen—Outdoorshappens1@gmail.com

- ~NO pre fishing day before derby if you plan on participating
- ~ Largest bass
- (largemouth or smallmouth), Largest crappie. Can only enter one fish. Prizes pay our depends on the # of entries
- ~Fish must remain alive. No stringers.
- ~Fish transport. Either a fish bag or clean 5 gallon bucket. Buckets available for a \$5 rental fee.
- ~ Fish must be caught with rod/reel. No more the 2 rods at a time. Club regulations apply.
- No snagging.
- ~Participants will need a valid IL fishing license.
- ~ Paid entry is for one individual.
- ~ No sharing fish. If caught, you'll forfeit entry. If a club member, you will potentially forfeit your membership.
- ~ minimum length of fish to enter. 16" Bass, 10" crappie

Rock Island Conservation Club

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(2023) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2023)

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 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, 2023– DEC 31, 2023

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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