



ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB Newsletter

JULY

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www.riconservationclub.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- RICC Membership MTG 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm June meal is BLT, Pasta salad and chips. \$5 donation is suggested
- Euchre is the 2 & 4th Fridays of the month except for the months except for Oct-Dec is only the 2nd Friday of these months.



- Dec 16 is the next Blood

Drive

Don Peck 787-3386

6:30 am to 9 am . If you do go to a center between our dates, please let them know you are donating on behalf of the RICC #430.

Please consider donating to save a life.

- August 26 Flea Market = NEW DATE!
- September 7 & 9 Hunter Safety Course
- Oct 7 Work/Clean up day 8-12 NOON
- Oct 21 Trunk & Treat
- Dec 16 Blood Drive

QCCA Wetlands

contact person—

Dick Ridell

309-737-9550

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

Hi everyone, hopefully you had a good 4th holiday. Things are going good at the club. The only thing that we had to cancel was the picnic scheduled for July. We did not get a committee together in time to properly plan and execute the picnic. So, we are regrouping and getting a team together to make our RICC 85th year a memorable one!

Remember the Flea Market? Well, it's been rescheduled for August 26, and details are later on in the newsletter.

Always keep in mind that it takes a lot to keep the club grounds cut and taken care of. We do the best we can with the time and volunteers we have. Please be patient with us, and consider giving the club a hand when you have some time. We appreciate your help. Thank you, Troy

BEAKS & BILLS—Dave VanLandegen

In my last article I spoke about the spring migration. The annual Audubon Spring bird count took place May 6th and I was asked by our local Audubon Chapter to cover the Rock Island Conservation Club. Even though we were flooded badly at the time and I knew it would be tough going, I was excited to cover the club.

After spending about 3 hours at the club, I ended up the morning with 39 species of birds. Wow, that is a great number considering my ability to travel the club grounds was limited by the flooding. It also had a negative impact on species which like to scavenge on the ground, such as the Hermit Thrush. Due to limited space I will list some of the more interesting and uncommon species I observed at the club.

Concerning the flying bug eaters, I observed a number of Northern Rough-winged Swallows and Tree Swallows. These are the little birds that fly over our lakes and never stop. They often are confused with Purple Martins. Sadly, I did not see any Purple Martins during my count.

Lesser Yellowlegs (these are shorebirds) were very active in the flooded area around Horse Shoe Lake. I counted 7 of them which is a very nice number for an uncommon species. I also observed a Pileated Woodpecker. This is the largest woodpecker in North America reaching the size of a crow. Wow, they look like a Pterodactyl (flying dinosaur) when they are flying. I counted 11 Baltimore Orioles and I had a Rose-breasted Grosbeak in my count.

Lastly, three new birds for me were observed, a Northern Waterthrush, Warbling Vireo and a Northern Parula. As I have stated in a previous newsletter, we are blessed with a diverse and healthy ecosystem. Our bird population is just one example of that.

As always, happy birding.

Dave VanLandegen



2023 MEMBER-SHIPS AVAILABLE NOW!
WWW.RICONSERVATIONCLUB.ORG

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



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 August 25. and 1 Friday 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.

RICC PAVILION AND CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse and/or pavilion, please look online for rental price information and email Melia at ric-rentals@gmail.com

NEW Rescheduled Date for our Spring Flea Market

SALE

RICC Annual Flea Market/Yard Sale
Saturday August 26, 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—**PLENTY OF GRASS AREA AVAILABLE!**

\$15 Under Pavilion **A COUPLE SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE**

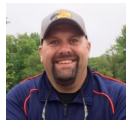
\$15 Inside Main Clubhouse **A COUPLE SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE**

\$15 Inside Old Clubhouse – **SOLD OUT!**

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



CARETAKER'S REPORT: Tony 309-787-4770

It's been beautiful out at the club this summer. Hot yes, but still nice. Anytime you see trash laying around, please take the time to pick it up and dispose of it in the trash/recycle cans.

If you are camping, picnicking and using the fire rings, make sure you put out all your fires! And the fire rings clean. Throwing trash into the fire rings are not appealing to the other members of our club or good for our wildlife at the club, so be respectful.

And don't forget to stop by the caretaker house to see me if you have questions or concerns.

As Always, enjoy your outdoor time

Tony



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 373 Milan IL 61264

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 _____

Club Rules.

Have you read them?

riccpresident@aol.com

Thought this would be a good time to review some club rules. We have members come up and ask about our rules and we can hand them a copy of the RICC rules and basically tell them that our rules are based off of using common sense. If you get in trouble while at the club and need to answer to the board, then you were probably doing something without thinking or just not following our simple rules. **PLEASE FOLLOW ALL CREEL LIMITS FOR FISH!!** Questions about our rules? Send an email to: riccpresident@aol.com, or check them out online at our website and at all the entrances of the club.

TOP TEN Most Abused Rules:

1. **All pets** must be physically restrained **AT ALL TIMES** on club property.
2. **No glass** containers are allowed on club grounds.
3. No littering or dumping shall be allowed.
4. The speed limit on club grounds shall not exceed 10 MPH.
5. Simply: **NO guns of any type, bow and arrows, weapons, ammunition on club grounds** UNLESS specifically authorized by the RICC Board of Directors. **CONCEAL Carry is not authorized on club grounds.**
6. Not watching rising waters and keeping your boats on designated racks.
7. Moving to another campsite every 3 days for tents and 5 days for campers.
8. Camping units must not be left **unoccupied for more than 9 hours.**
9. Quiet hours are between 10:00PM and 8:00AM, this includes generators
10. No swimming or wading in club lakes. This includes pets.

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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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