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ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2024



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

TROY: 563-381-7715



Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a great Holiday. In November we had nominations and voted in the board members and executive board members.

As we move forward into next year, the show season starts up at the QCCA Expo Center. Remember you can volunteer your time down there and the club gets money back for every hour your there.

We are having our Christmas dinner and meeting on December 17th starting at 6:30. It is a potluck, the club will provide the main dish so sides and deserts are needed. We will also have raffle baskets to bid on so hope to see you all there.

We will also have 2025 memberships available for those that are wanting them for Christmas gifts. Enjoy your Christmas and we will see you all next year.

Thanks!
Troy

CLUB CALENDAR

DECEMBER:

Meeting 17th @ 6:30 pm

Pot luck dinner and raffles. Bring a dish to share!

JANUARY:

Club Meeting: 21st

Presentation of 2025 Budget.

Euchre: 10th and 24th



We should be seeing
them soon at the
RICC!

RICC MEMBERSHIPS! If you would like to purchase a membership, or if you have a question about your membership, contact: JD 563-349-8469 or riccmemberships@gmail.com. JD will have the info you need to join our club. You can also go to our website www.riconservationclub.org to purchase. Our membership is a great Holiday Gift! Purchase now for that special someone!

JOIN
NOW

EUCHRE :



Euchre is done for 2024! What a great year it was with everyone who came out to enjoy the game, be with friends and just hang out. Look for the 2025 Euchre dates coming up soon. Make sure you check your Facebook page, Website calendar and newsletter. Second and fourth Fridays of the month except for April, Oct, Nov, and Dec

Great Holiday Gift Idea!

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: Donna Nickell RICC BRICKS 3404 42nd Ave A #196, Moline IL. 61265

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 _____

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CARETAKER'S REPORT: Tony 309-787-4770

The club is now getting ready for the winter months. Gates will be closed when the ground is soft to prevent it from being tore up by vehicles. Soon the Eagles will be back so make sure you membership sticker is on your vehicle so I do not need to ask for your membership cardwhen you are on club grounds.

This is your club. Show your pride in our club by picking up after yourself and others as needed. Enjoy our beautiful club!

As Always, enjoy your outdoor time,

Tony

ELECTIONS: Troy—563-381-7715

The following members were elected at our November meeting:

President: Troy Eacker **1st Vice:** Rob Meyers **2nd Vice:** Logan Frost **Secretary:** Jamie Frost **Treasurer:** Melia Hemphill

BOARD Members: 2025-2028

- 1. Melissa B 2. Deanna 3. Andrea G 4. Del J

QCCA Representatives: 2025-2026

- 1. Rich 2. JD 3. Faith 4. Rick

Let's talk for a few minutes about our annual membership dues.

Cost for a General membership is \$75.00 Senior is \$60.00

Membership runs from 1 Jan - 31 Dec

We are a private Non-Profit organization. We receive no local, state, or federal funds to keep our club operational.

Our income is based on our membership dues, and we also receive funds from the QCCA Expo Center for working the shows. \$3.00 for every hour worked per person. We may get a bonus periodically, but that money is not expected income.

So let's breakdown an annual membership: (Based on 500 (\$75) Memberships 2024 (appr. operating costs)

Membership card and sticker cost:	\$ 2.00
Membership mailing cost:	\$.73
Newsletter cost:	\$ 3.00
Newsletter postal cost:	\$ 2.00
Fish stocking cost per membership:	\$ 2.00
Taxes:	\$ 5.60
Insurance:	\$27.00
Maintenance costs:	\$19.00
Utilities costs:	\$14.00
Licenses:	\$ 5.00
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This is just a snapshot of a few of our required (must have) costs. Where do we get the income to pay for all the other budgeted items? We do have Club and Bar rentals. Fundraisers, income from the QCCA and bonuses, club events etc.

We have to increase our membership numbers, OR we may have to increase our dues based on inflation costs.

January's meeting is the presentation of the 2025 budget. Interested in knowing where our money comes from and how it is spent? Plan on attending the January meeting!

Give a gift of a RICC Membership for the Holidays! We appreciate your support!

BirdTalk #14

It's that time of year to start feeding the birds. Just remember, once you start you should not stop until spring when natural food sources become plentiful. When you feed birds in the winter, they become very dependent on you feeding them. Due to space limitations, I will keep this short.

I have one feeder in my yard. It is 6 feet off the ground, and I fill it with one type of seed, Black oil sunflower seed. Black oil sunflower seed is the preferred seed of all native songbirds. Cardinals, Blue Jays, Black-capped Chickadees, Nuthatches and all species of woodpeckers. What I call junk birds don't like it, that being House sparrows and Starlings. I also put out a suet feeder. The woodpeckers love it.

Finally, I have a bag of mixed seed that I throw out on the ground below the feeder. Just a handful every day. Dark-eyed Juncos (they are often called snowbirds) prefer to feed on the ground.

As always, Happy Birding
Dave V

QCCA SHOWTIME! All shows held at the QCCA are dependent on volunteers from each of the 5 clubs. You can be one of those people who can help both the QCCA and our club by calling Jerry and letting him know that you would be willing to work a show. Our club receives \$3 for every hour that you work and that money is used for conservation programs and conservation budget items here at our club. You will also be allowed to take in the show either before or after your shift. You must sign in before and after your shift so our club gets credit for your hours. Please go to the QCCA website for a list of all shows coming this season. Call Jerry to volunteer! 309-236-2309

Rock Island Conservation
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(2025) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2025)
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, 2025 DEC 31, 2025

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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