

N.I.C.C.

December 2013

Newsletter

It's derby time again! N.I.C.C. is in full swing preparing for our main fundraiser of the year, our 54th Annual Ice Fishing Derby and Winter Festival to be held on February 8th & 9th 2014. Headquarters will be at Thirsty Turtle.



Our 54th Derby could not possibly happen if it weren't for many of our N.I.C.C. members who volunteer their time and energy to make this a successful fundraiser. Preparations for ticket sponsors begin well before Halloween, when members contact businesses who are truly generous enough to help underwrite the cost of running the derby. Then it's time to solicit local businesses to place an ad in our information booklet and/or donate an item for our auction.

Committees are formed for; auctions, kids and adult games, fish judging, raffles, ticket and food sales. Back by popular demand is the Shanty Contest. When auction items are collected, they go to the chairperson in charge who places them in the right category.

If you have never joined us, please do so. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the carnival atmosphere. There will be hourly raffles, games for the children and adults on both days. Come watch the fishermen register their catch of the hour inside the tent hoping to win a prize for the smallest or the largest fish. When you get hungry there's plenty of good food at the Conservation Café inside the tent. Remember, the children's auction is held on Sunday, February 9th at about 3:00 pm with the adult auction next followed by the main raffle.

In the next couple weeks you will be receiving raffle tickets. Tickets are selling for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Remember, proceeds from this fundraiser helps defray our yearly expenses and also allows us to provide a scholarship to either an Antioch Community High School student or a Lakes Community High School student. Raffle ticket sales are the most important part of the derby, and is how we are able to give back to the community.

DERBY INFORMATION

TICKETS - We have cash prizes to be raffled off this year; \$1,500, \$500 and \$300

DERBY BOOKLET - The advertising book has become successful for the media portion of our derby. Earlier, members were sent copies of our Sponsorship Opportunities form either through the mail or email. We have already received some ads from members.

AUCTION ITEMS - We are always looking for auction items for the children's or adult auction.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - for kids games, runners during the auction, adult games, ticket sales, the Conservation Café and the bucket raffle table. Please contact one of the board members if you would like to volunteer.

ICE SHANTY CONTEST

Here's an opportunity to win \$100. Enter our Ice Shanty Contest on Saturday February 8th at headquarters before noon. It's amazing how creative our contestants have been in the past from having their whole office set up inside or even making it their Man Cave. The winner will be announced on Sunday, February 9th prior to the auction at approximately 2:30 pm.

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WINNER OF THE BLACK FRIDAY 50/50 RAFFLE

The lucky winner of our first Black Friday Raffle was Robin & Jeff Nottingham who received a check for \$460. Thank you to everyone who took part in this new adventure.

DATES TO REMEMBER

At the September board meeting, it was the decision of the board to hold combined General/Board Meetings on the second Monday of each month. Special meetings for committees will be held on appointed dates.

December 9 at 7 pm----General/Board Meeting
January 13 at 7 pm-----General/Board Meeting
February 3 at 7 pm-----Derby Meeting
March 10 at 7 pm-----General/Board Meeting

*from the Officers and Directors of the
Northern Illinois Conservation Club*

*Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year*