

# N.I.C.C.

## December 2015

### Newsletter



It's derby time again! N.I.C.C. is in full swing preparing for our main fundraiser of the year, our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Derby and Winter Festival to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2016. Headquarters will be at Turtle Beach next to Thirsty Turtle.

Our 56<sup>th</sup> 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 underwrite the cost of running the derby. Then it's time to solicit local businesses to place an ad in our information booklet 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 14<sup>th</sup> at about 3:00 pm with the adult auction next followed by the main raffle.

You will be receiving raffle tickets in the next couple weeks. 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 parts 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, \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

**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 and adult auction.

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

### TRAP SHOOT FUNDRAISER

It was a perfect Fall day to hold our last very successful trap shoot of the year on Nov. 1. Having the banner posted by the club sign brought in people interested to find out what our club is all about. Thank you to the following members who helped with the trap shoot....Ken & Laura Golonka, Ross Musumeci, Cindy Yelden, Rich Couvion and Bonnie & Don Letich.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

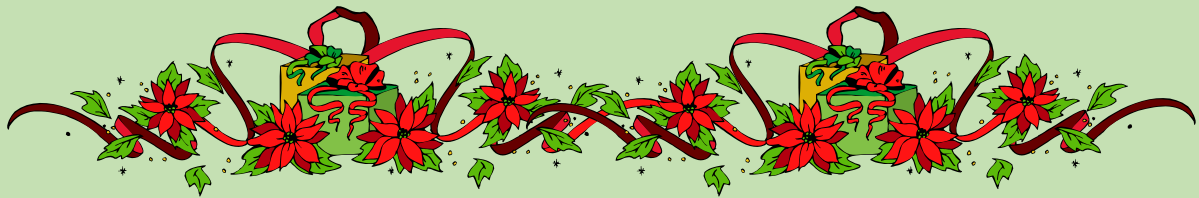
Chris & Jennifer Cybul  
Casey Cybul  
Brian & Jennifer Drumm

### DATES TO REMEMBER

December 14 at 7 pm----At the Antioch Library  
January 11 at 7 pm-----At the Antioch Library

### A REMINDER

You can visit our facebook page @ [www.facebook.com/NorthernIllinoisConservationClubNicc](http://www.facebook.com/NorthernIllinoisConservationClubNicc)



*Merry Christmas  
&  
A Happy New Year*

*From the officers and directors of NICC*