

N.I.C.C.

December 2017

Newsletter



It's derby time again! N.I.C.C. is in full swing preparing for our main fundraiser of the year, our 58th Annual Ice Fishing Derby and Winter Festival to be held on February 10th & 11th 2018. Headquarters will be at Turtle Beach next to Thirsty Turtle.

Our 58th 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, fish judging, raffles, ticket and food sales. 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 11th 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-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. 5. 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, Bonnie Letich

Remember the birds during these cold winter months



There is usually plenty of food for birds at the beginning of winter, with an abundance of natural berries and seeds available, but as the winter months go by, these food items are consumed. Eventually the pickings are pretty scarce, pushing some birds to the edge of starvation. Here's a good recipe for feeding birds.

1 Cup crunchy peanut butter, 1 Cup lard, 1 Cup quick oats, 1 Cup cornmeal, 1 Cup flour, 1/3 cup sugar.

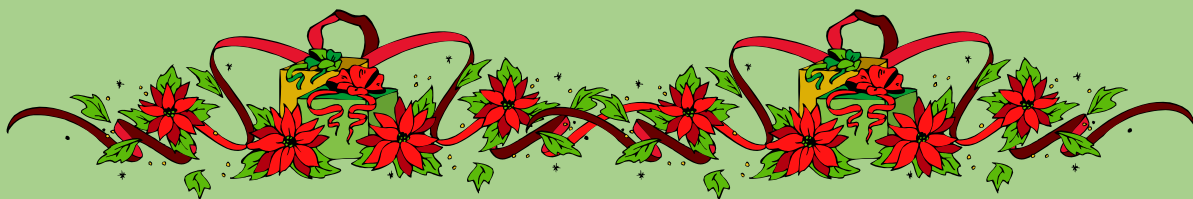
Melt peanut butter and lard together. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into square freezer container about 1 ½ inches thick. Cool completely and cut into squares. Store extra squares in freezer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

January 8 at 7 pm-----At Time to Bite located at Musky Tales, Inc 25855 W. Rt. 173

February 5 at 7 pm---- At the Thirsty Turtle Brew & View



*Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year*

From the officers and directors of NICC