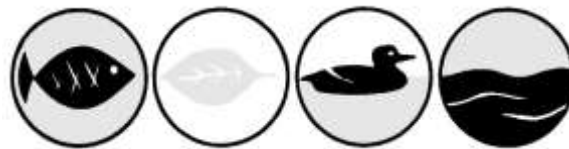


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June 2021 Newsletter

Greetings NICC Members,

First of all I would like to thank everyone who has renewed their membership for your continued support of NICC. I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events such as the Wednesday Nature Night at NICC, Pop up Trap shoots, pop up Yoga, The Outdoor Education Day July 24th, or the August 7th membership picnic.

At our last membership meeting the 2021-2022 officers and directors were voted in. The officers voted in were, me (Leonard) as President, Jessie as Vice President, Laura as Secretary, and Ken as Treasurer. The new Directors are Mark Fini and Steve Morgan. We say goodbye from the board (not from the club) to Bonnie and Ross. They both have served the club for many years and their support is greatly appreciated.

Wednesday May 19th we kicked off Nature Night at NICC with arborist Alfredo from Tito's Landscaping talking and showing us the proper way to maintain and care for trees. Also at the event we planted 2 trees. An oak tree in honor of Bonnie's 20+ years of devotion to NICC and a river birch in honor of Ross's many years of support to the club. Save the dates for June 16th when Vince from Hey and Associates will be out to discuss native and non-native plants then on July 21 Mike from the Lake County Health Department will be out to talk about bats. In August we hope to have someone from the Lake County Forest Preserve District to speak about turtles. Right now we are planning to have talks the third Wednesday of each month thru October. If you have a topic you would like to learn more about, please let us know.

The NICC Pond has been looking really good again this year thanks to the help we are receiving from Clarke Aquatics. They come out every two weeks to evaluate the pond and apply a treatment if needed. The rowboat and pedal boat are placed by the pond for your use, please remember to wear a life vest. There are some located on the porch railing of the Clubhouse.

Speaking of the Clubhouse, it is currently getting some much needed attention. NICC has contracted with Tim from Fix It Home Services to do some repairs to the Clubhouse and Garage. Once those repairs are completed we will be painting the Clubhouse. If you are interested in helping with the painting, please let us know.

Thank you again to everyone who came out to the club for the clean-up day, the meeting, and the first Nature Night at NICC. I hope to see you soon at one of the many events we have planned for this coming summer.

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Grounds Clean Up - May 8

Another perfect weather day for grounds cleanup. Everyone working were like energized Bunny's. So much to do and plenty of help too! Ron brought his wood splitter and with the help of Walter Henning, Col. Paul Hettich and son Joseph, all the wood was split and relocated to another area. Gardening was completed by Maddie and Jessie. Later in the house, Laura and Maddie cleaned the main meeting room while Bonnie cleaned out a few cabinets in the kitchen. Jessie and Bill spent majority of their time cutting down Buckthorn. Ken had attempted to turn the water on in the house, but found there was a break in the line. Until the repair is completed NICC does not have water.





NICC has its own landscaping crew. A special thank you goes to Mark Fini for completely refurbishing the lawn tractor. Thanks to Paul Yucus, Jim Waldow and Bill Szmergalski for keeping the grounds in excellent shape.

The next time you're out at the club grounds, notice all the flowers planted around the house. Jessie Szmergalski, has been working with landscaping of flowers for the last couple years. Thank you, Jessie.

Membership Musings

Greetings All! The current roll call stands at 91 units as we enter our new membership year. Thank you all for continuing to support the club's mission to protect nature's land, flora, and fauna. As temperatures rise, this month would be a great time to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague out club grounds for a tour. There are still many projects that need to be completed and the club needs your help. Please watch for upcoming correspondence for ways that will allow you to serve your 5 hours of volunteer time. Or if you have special skills and talents that you would like to share, drop me a note. Any questions, comments, or concerns I can be reached at 847-727-9022.

Ron Lobodzinski/Membership Chair



Jim Koppa
Jennifer McElligott



Pop Up Yoga Class on May 13.

What a beautiful setting for an outside Yoga Class. Next time we have a Pop Up Yoga Class, bring a friend and enjoy the peace and tranquility of our grounds. There is no age limit. The gentleman in the photo at the right, is 95 years young.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The club grounds will be closed from June 25-27 for a private event

Outdoor Education Day July 24, 2021

NICC along with Lake County Pheasants Forever and the Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited are teaming up to host the 3rd Annual Outdoor Education Day at Richmond Hunt Club on July 24, 2021 starting at 8:00 am.

There will be trap shooting, archery, fishing, fly fishing and much more!

This event is open to everyone 10 and up. Please watch our facebook page for additional information. Space is limited, registration is open so sign up today, you'll want to reserve your spots!

Register here: <https://pfqf.myeventscenter.com/event/Aoed3-47798>

NICC's Nature Night

Open to the public

🌿 June 16th @ 6:30pm 🌿

Native & Non-Native Plants

presented by

Vince Mosca from Hey & Associates

🦇 July 21st @ 6:30pm 🦇

Bats

presented by

Mike Adam from Lake County Health Dept

🐢 August 18th @ 6:30pm 🐢

(tentative date)

Turtles

presented by

Gary Glowicki from
The Lake County Forest Preserve District

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 14	General/Board Meeting at 7 pm
June 16	Nature Night
July 12	General/Board Meeting at 7 pm
July 21	Nature Night
July 24	Outdoor Education Day
Aug 9	General/Board Meeting at 7 pm
Aug 18	Nature Night