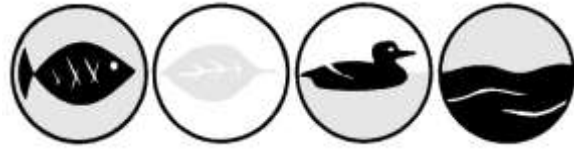


# N.I.C.C.



## September 2020 Newsletter

### Volunteers attack projects



Many thanks to Paul Yucus, Ken Golonka, Patty Bellack, Marco Hartley, Jim Waldow, Leonard Dane, Aaron, Milenea, Glad, and Nikola DeDobbelacre,

What would NICC do without our dedicated volunteers. On August 8, the barn was cleaned out and ready for the next step in renovation. The roof needs to be redone; metal plates are going to be placed around the outside bottom to keep critters from taking residence. Hopefully, the barn will have a gravel floor before winter.

There are more projects that are on the list. The house and shutters and barn need to be repainted, a section of flooring inside the front door facing the pond needs to be repaired.

So, one of these days you will be receiving a message asking for volunteers for one of our projects. Keep in mind you can use your yearly 5 hours of volunteer time.



## Labor Day September 7

Jessie and Bill Szmergalski, have worked tirelessly sanding and staining the main sign out by the road. They also have been working on the sign at the gate entrance. The lettering will be changed from white to yellow matching the same color as the main sign. Thank you both for your continued dedication.



Like new



Working to perfection



Ship shape from top to bottom

#### **For those of you who aren't aware of the story behind the sign.**

In 1961, the Northern Illinois Conservation Club rented property from the Gifford Family. The sign is made of clear redwood and was installed on the original posts of the Channel Lake Country Club on SW corner of Rt. 173 and Country Club Dr. The original posts were from 1921 and are still there. In 1984, the Gifford family sold their property. N.I.C.C. found another piece of property to rent at the NE corner of Deep Lake Rd. and Rt. 173, which is now a portion of the Red Wing Slough on the west side. In 1986, the club purchased the present piece of property and installed the sign at the entrance to the club on Rt 83. In 2007, the sign was taken down when construction started on Rt. 83. The decision then was to try and restore the hand routed portion and replace the aging posts. The sign was originally repainted by Kirk Denz who also made new posts. In 2013 a complete restoration was done by Ken Golonka and installed June 22.

#### **Adopt-A-Highway September 12**

It's that time of year again when NICC volunteers grab their gloves and head for the highway. Have you noticed NICC's name on the two signs on Grass Lake Road between Rt. 83 and Rt. 59? NICC signed an agreement each year with the Lake County Division of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program, to help clear debris on this section of highway. This year will be our 22nd year to participate in this program. We would like it to have all volunteers meet at the corner of Rt. 83 & Grass Lake Rd next to Triangle Bait and Marine at 10 am.



**September 20** there will our first trap shoot of the year. 10 am. – 2 pm.  
 No need to register in advance Children under 18 yrs. Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian



**SPECIAL NOTICE**

NICC grounds will be closed on September 26<sup>th</sup> for private event.



Did you know, NICC has its own landscaping crew? A group of members volunteer their time and energy to maintain the grass. These members are Paul Yucus, Jim Waldow and Bill Szmergalski. Another part of the landscaping crew is Jessie Szmergalski, who in the past couple years has donated and planted flowers around the house. Thank you.

**Mark your  
 Calendar**



<b>Sept. 20</b>	Trap Shoot	10 – 2
<b>Sept. 21</b>	General/Board Meeting	7pm
<b>Sept. 26</b>	NICC grounds closed for private event	
<b>Oct. 11</b>	Trap Shoot	10 – 2
<b>Oct. 12</b>	General/Board Meeting	7pm
<b>Nov. 1</b>	Trap Shoot Closing of house	10 – 2