



N.I.C.C.

April 2023 Newsletter

Spring is here!

Nature Night - All about bees - May 17

Our first Nature Night of 2023 will be on Wednesday May 17. Jordan Marcelain, member of NICC, will share his expertise and answers questions. It will be an informative presentation showing several frames in different life stages. We might even have the opportunity to taste honey by scraping it off the frame. Honey bees are not endangered. They are not native to the US. They are originally from Europe and came over with the pilgrims in the 1600's. Did you know there are only 7 species of honey bees? Come and find out more about these pollinators and bring a friend.



Derby Thank You Party



Another way to celebrate our 63rd Derby was to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a successful event.

This year's party was held at Harbor Brewing in Lake Villa. Pizza was delivered and enjoyed by all. It was an evening of laughter and music.

The lucky derby raffle winners were drawn. are:

\$1000	Lisa Halford
\$500	Scott Morgan
\$250	Tom Twiff



It is with deep sorrow we share with you Tony Was passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in his sleep on March 21st. Tony has been an integral member of NICC for over 30 years. We were fortunate to celebrate with Tony on March 17th (center in the above picture) as we thanked all those who worked our 63rd Annual Ice Fishing Derby – of those 63 years, Tony was our fish judge for more than 30 years! We will miss your kindness, smile, and love Tony, the Derby will not be the same.

Stop Look & Listen
By Jessie Szmergalski

In the past 2 weeks here is a list of all the birds that my bird app has ID'ed at the club (I iD'ed ducks and geese). It'll be neat to see the changeover come summer, who is migrating thru vs who summers around here.

Song Sparrow	White-breasted Nuthatch
Northern Cardinal	Sandhill Crane
Red-winged Blackbird	American Robin
Hermit Thrush	Pair of mallard ducks
Ring-billed Gull	Pair of Canadian Geese
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Black-capped Chickadee
Downy Woodpecker	American Crow
White-breasted Nuthatch	Trumpeter Swan
Hairy Woodpecker	



Election of Board Members – May 8



Every year in May we have elections for our board of directors. Each year there are different positions which are open. The different term dates of each position allow for continuity of the operation of our organization. This year, the following positions are open and up for election:

President: 1-year term
Vice President: 1-year term
Secretary: 2-year term
Treasurer: 2-year term
2 Director positions: 3-year term

You may be thinking; “I don’t know, I am not sure what value I can add...I don’t know enough about the organization...I am not sure how much time I can devote.” Well, 30+ years ago the same questions crossed my mind. I am so glad I jumped in! And, it was easier than I thought. Laura Golonka

The organization’s direction and goals are based on membership input. This would be your chance to share your thoughts and help shape NICC for today and the years ahead. Taking on a director position is a great way to learn more about the organization. As you learn more, you will find you have a lot to offer.

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the board, or in filling one of these positions, please contact Laura Golonka at lgolonka2@gmail.com

May 13 Adopt-A-Highway



This year marks our **24th** year to volunteer for the Adopt-A-Highway program in Lake County. All volunteers are asked to meet at 10:00 am at Triangle Sports & Marine, on the northwest corner of Rt. 83 and Grass Lake Rd. Grab your gloves and head for the highway. There will be a \$10 Starbucks gift card to the person who finds the most unusual item during the clean up!

We will also use this day as a good opportunity to come back to the club grounds to clear the grounds of fallen branches. Also, it's time to give the clubhouse a good cleaning after being closed since fall. Lunch will be served.

Please contact Mark Fini or at if you can help during the highway clean up and/or grounds clean up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 10	General/Board Meeting 7 pm	Mexican Paradise Café, 434 Lake Street, Antioch
May 8	General/Board Meeting and Elections 7 pm	NICC Club Grounds
May 13	Adopt-A-Highway 10 am	Triangle Sports & Marine
	Club Grounds Clean Up Noon	NICC Club Gounds
May 17	Nature Night 6:30 pm	NICC Club Grounds
July 10	General/Board Meeting 7 pm	NICC Club Grounds
July 15	Outdoor Education Day	NICC Club Grounds
Aug 14	General/Board Meeting 7 pm	NICC Club Grounds
Sept.11	General/Board Meeting 7 pm	NICC Club Grounds
Oct. 9	General/Board Meeting 7 pm	NICC Club Grounds
Nov. 13	General/Board Meeting 7 pm	NICC Club Grounds



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