

Birch Barker

A Publication for the Members of Birch Lake Yacht Club

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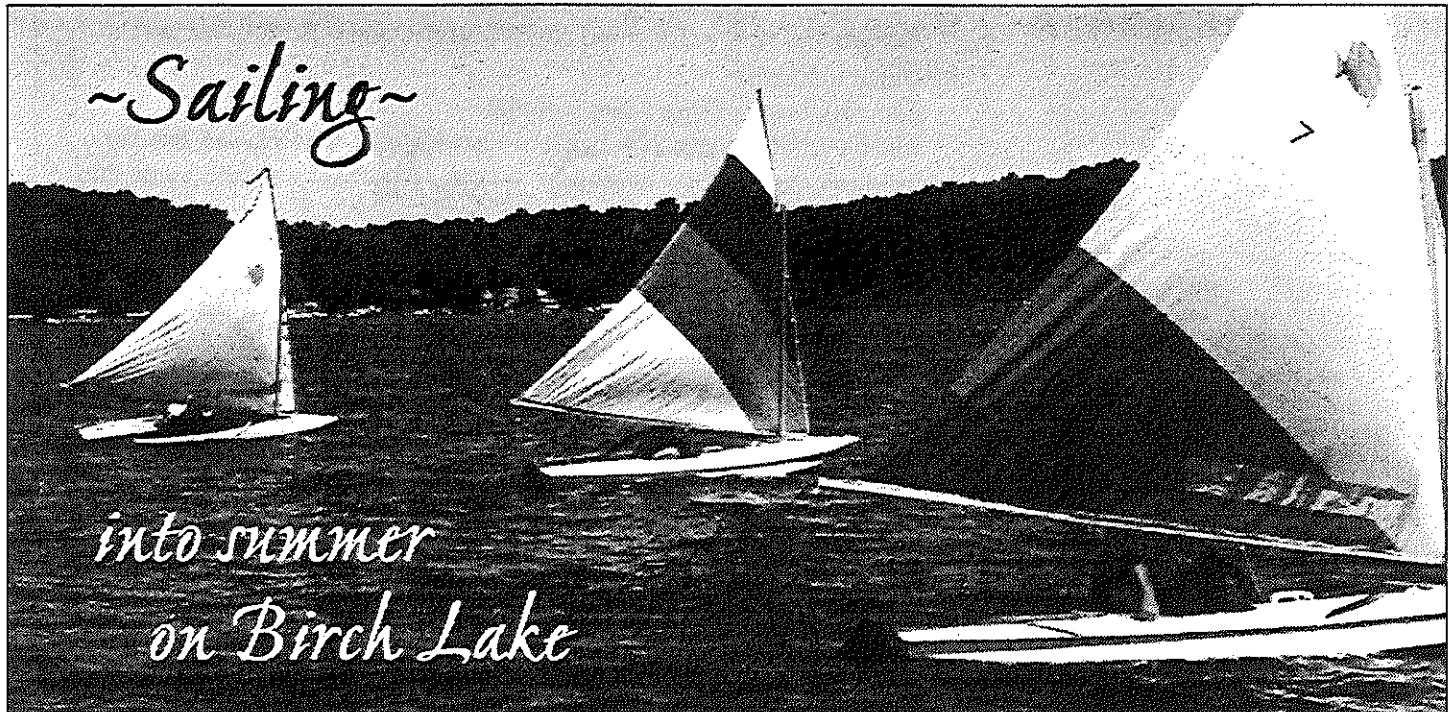


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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The season opened cool & a bit damp. With all the lakes suffering from low H₂O we should be thankful for the rain. Judging by the bailing required Sunday morning, our area got it's share & then some. My eye says we are still 5-6" below the high water mark of several years ago & there has been little evaporation as of yet.

Saturday morning Holly Troeger, Judy Olson & Louise Rieth did their routes. Stan Pitakos & I did a motor carrier route around North, South & part of the West shores. If your Barker was not where it belongs, blame Stan! It was a great pleasure to hand our publication to so many appreciative folks. The look on your faces when you saw what we were distributing tells the tale. Hopefully this second edition will go 'round by the usual delivery team. Be patient as we work out the logistics.

The BLYC Board met & tackled lake business, including two contentious issues. First, a commercial trapper has been hired to remove the Canadian Geese that have *imprinted* on Birch. The birds pose a water quality threat, shoreline nuisance & might populate to astounding numbers if not dealt with now. Geese will be relocated to nature preserves within Michigan at considerable expense. A fundraiser is underway to pay the cost. The "hunt" will take place mid June. Volunteers are needed.

Second, Camp Tannadoonah has a long & fruitful relationship with Birch. In updating their various insurance programs they encountered a speed bump regarding fire-works. While small items remain to be resolved, the Camp Administration & Board expect smooth sailing. Sub-notes: we need a dry night Saturday, July 1st (as we

can not launch from Camp Sunday when kids are on site). The rain-day site is off lake, above the North shore (which means any short / ground displays will not show well). Regardless, we need help to clean up after the show Sunday morning.

I'm working on details with the Camp, RKM Fireworks & property owners. If anyone knows of a better rain-day location, I'm open to suggestions (rule out the old West shore site & Landing). I'm aware that any change will create concern & complications (*NIMBY* principal in play).

A reminder (printed in last week's Barker): if you have a complaint, send me a note; if calling to volunteer I'm all ears.

Three events are on the weekend dance card. The **Boating Safety Class** is at the Club from 7am - 1 pm. Don't forget a No.2 pencil & sack lunch. Sorry folks, the Class is full. If alternate sites have space we will publish them. Meanwhile consult the Sheriff at 616-445-8644. Attend the **Boat Check** for safety inspection Saturday from 11am - 1 pm (note time correction from last Barker). Go to Sheryl Papandria's dock (4th pier East of the Landing). Sunday morning starting at 8:30 am Tom DeCocker

is hosting **Get Kidz Hooked on Fishing** at the Club. Tom has gone to great effort to offer this Kidz event. He's planned hands-on stuff to teach & entertain our prospective fisher-people. There may be an opportunity to rent / buy gear at great rates, & rumor has it some live Birch fish will be on display! Please come with your child.

Next Saturday - 06/10 - the Junior Commodore is hosting a Kidz Fizz (soft drinks, snacks & fun), followed by the Commodore's Cocktail. Continuing the theme adopted by Past Commodore & Former First Lady Beck, the night will be a wine & cheese fest (bring a bottle & trifle to share) along with open bar.

Last, on this weekend with two Safety events, it's appropriate to ask again. Please be careful with your cars & water toys. Lets go slow & give 'em a break both on the water & around our lakeland lanes.

See you on the water,

-Bob King, C2k

Calendar for June 3-10*

06/03 7 am-1 pm - Boating Safety Class (Club, already sold out)	06/04 8:30 am - "Get Kidz Hooked on Fishing" Kidz Fishing Class (Yacht Club)
06/03 11 am-1 pm - Boat Check (Sheryl Papandria's dock East of the Landing)	06/10 5 - 7 pm - Junior Commodore's Fizz
	06/10 7 pm - late - Commodore's Cocktail

*See <http://www.hometown.aol.com/blcking/BLYC.html> for the full calendar of events.

If you have items for the BARKER, please put all materials in the Barker box (at the Yacht Club) by 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, or e-mail the info to me at sailorphil@webcraftarts.com. If you must, mail (10 days prior to desired publication date) to Phil Vitale, 122 So. Michigan, So. Bend, IN 46601, call Phil at (219) 232-3735, or fax your items to (219) 232-3853.



Birch Lake Notes

Who's new?

We want to introduce new Lakers to our community circle. Lynn Peter has taken up residence on the Northern East shore at 63037 Birch Road. To find her place look for lots of exterior cedar shake / shingle improvements & a sign that reads "Follow your Heart." Lynn likes winter softball, championship chess & walks in the rain (I made all that up - sorry Lynn). Lets all welcome Lynn to the Birch family.

Please send info on other new folks (so we can quit guessing) to Phil Vitale at: Sailorphil@webcraftarts.com

Thanks from Camp

Thanks to all who braved the cold to attend the Open House last Sunday at Camp Tannadoonah. It was well attended and a nice way to get to know some of our Birch Lake neighbors. A new program being offered at the waterfront this year will be kayaking. The horseback/cookout/overnight has been so popular that we are also offering it during the 2nd and 4th weeks of our season. Call the Camp Fire office for more information, 219-234-4145. Someone will be up at camp daily beginning on June 7. If you have questions about anything, please call, 1-616-476-2177.

-Miss Toody

News from the cove (and outlying areas)

Cake Cutting and Bird Seed Throwing Report

Chet and Vivian Kolber's daughter, Dr. Sharon Kolber, was married in April to Gerald Burkard. The wedding took place in Utah.

Jim and Linda Bergan's son, Joe, married Tracy Flora in Mishawaka, also in April. A good many Birch Lakers were present at the festivities.

Congrats as well to longtime North Shore resident Jim Thayer on his marriage to Eleanor.

The very best to these happy couples.

The Cove welcomes back Bill and Tish Hayden, who plan to stay for the summer or until their home here is sold. Absolutely no one wants this lovely couple to leave. Dissuasive plotting is afoot.

Blackwoods, Bouwkamps and Loretta Drolet departed en masse for a family shebang in Wisconsin with volumes of Agnew family siblings, offspring and various assorted critters geared up for a rousing good time. It's safe to predict that Wisconsin will never be the same. (To give you some idea, Beth Blackwood is wanted in Arkansas. TRUE.)

Missed Manners replies to last week's query:

Question: are cut-offs appropriate at an evening wedding?

Answer: Of course, and congratulations to Gilligan and Maryann.

Have yourselves a superb week

-Sunny

BS. has behaved quite well this week, considering.

BLYC SAILING NEWS

This year's Memorial Day regatta was a hot and frustrating drifter: "Without a breeze, without a tide...as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean." Ironically, the sailors who practiced the day before had encountered fresh breezes and near-arctic conditions. The regatta consisted of two races for the Sunfish and only one race for the MC's. We strive for a series of at least three races for the regattas, but wind and weather conditions override all plans.

After two overcast and inclement days there was an understandable desire by all boaters to tear up the lake in Monday's delightful sunshine. At times during last Monday's races boat waves were the only source of motion! Several sailors and non-sailors who saw the races asked me to use this column to request that boaters not cut through the race course unnecessarily, and show courtesy and common sense when near the sailboats. (Admittedly, on Monday it was hard for boaters to tell that a

The Memorial Day Regatta 2000 results are:

MC's	1st Race	2nd Race	Series
Harold Cranmer	1	DNS	1
Don Harman	2	DNS	2
Rick Harman	3	DNS	3

Sunfish	1st Race	2nd Race	Series
Jim Bolinger	4	DNF	4
Tom Howard	3	2	3
Bob King	1	3	2
Scott Troeger	2	1	1

race was going on.) The lake residents are already quite good about this, and I recognize this request is wasted on those who bring their boats and waverunners for the day, because they don't read the Birch Barker. When pulling tubes or motoring around just having fun, please remember that if you have a choice of

course either in front of or behind a sailboat, the sailor will appreciate wakes from behind which push the boat forward, but will resent encountering waves from ahead.

Many thanks to the committee boat crew of Jim and Sally Beck, "General" Calvin and Leslie King, Phil and Sandy Vitale and Bruce Wagner.

From the Birch Barker Archives...

Lake Notes

Lake Notes are compiled from past issues of the Birch Barker. The following "fish stories" appeared in the Barker over the years.

Cottage #357 has accounted for 155 trout this summer. The fish have all been between 10 and 13 in. long, just a nice size for fine eating. (Birch Barker 9/4/71)

Carl Klappauf caught a 19" trout weighing in a 3 lb.! (Birch Barker 7/1/72)

Tom Drinkall recently caught a 16", an 18", and two 14" trout from Birch Lake. The big fish are still here so all you fisher-

men and fisherladies—keep trying! (Birch Barker 7/13/74)

Jeff Olson of cottage 126, age 5, caught a 17" large mouth bass Mon., July 21 off the end of his Grandpa Brown's pier... (Birch Barker 6/26/75)

There are fish in the lake and I hope all you fishermen are finding some good ones! Your editor was amazed the other morning to see "Old Joe" (that's what we call the Blue Herons) land at the end of our pier, drop a fish, and calmly walk in to shore, cross a couple of yards and fly off from a neighbor's pier. Upon examination, he had left a beautiful, fat 10" sunfish. (Birch Barker 6/7/80)

Greg Toth (W320) celebrated his 24th birthday with the catch of his life — a 3 lb., 18-1/2" trout... (Birch Barker 9/19/80)

Brad Zesinger & Doug Davis caught a 31/2 lb., 18-1/2" bass at the dam the other night with their bare hands... (Birch Barker 7/2/83)

In the past our lake has been visited by commercial minnow fishermen and some of our residents have had some unpleasant experiences with them... As of March 11, 1988, by order of the DNR, BIRCH LAKE IS CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF MINNOWS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES... (Birch Barker 7/1/88)

-Sandy Krchmar

It's not easy being green

BIRCH LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - BLYC Water Quality Committee
May, 2000

Each lake is different. It is extremely valuable to build up an historical record. Problems and causes are not the same in every lake and need to be identified with water quality data of collected information so that knowledge can be put into action to move lake management from a vision to a reality.

Birch Lake is our 10,000 year old friend. We know that Indians joined together in the early spring around Birch Lake where they bathed in the lake and drank of its water claiming the water had great healing power. The pure clear water of Birch Lake that the Indian knew is classified as oligotrophic (deep and clear with little aquatic plant growth) Eutrophic supports abundant aquatic plant growth and contains little or no dissolved oxygen. Mesotrophic falls in the middle.

In 1978 Birch Lake was mesotrophic to very low mesotrophic.

In 1999 Birch Lake was oligotrophic to high quality mesotrophic.

How do we know the trophic state of Birch Lake in 1978? Why did the pure clear water change? What was the problem? What was the cause? How was it identified? What solution improved the water quality and placed Birch Lake in the oligotrophic range?

Birch Lake data records an analysis study of Birch Lake in 1978 and a technical report by Dr. Snow, Andrews University Water Testing Lab. The study consisted of 3 phases:
1) April, June, August samplings and a weed survey. 2) analysis study of the watershed which is broken down into sub areas based on drainage patterns within the watershed and ranked for potential nutrient pollution. 3) presenting alternative solutions to Birch Lake's water quality problem. The samplings determined the trophic state of Birch Lake. Recommendations were made to improve the water quality: 1) Replacement of malfunctioning septic systems 2) proper septic tank and drainfield maintenance. 3) Absence of fertilizer to reduce phosphorus runoff.

In 1984, the problem, and the cause was identified by Lee Maager, Director Environmental Health and the Cass County Health Department Birch Lake Survey Program was designed to eliminate a residential sewage pollution problem at Birch Lake. Each residence on the lake was inspected by an environmentalist to determine if the septic system met the Sanitary Code of the County. Ninety-six were in non-compliance and subsequently cited for violation. In 1994, we were extremely proud and pleased to announce that all 96 systems contributing bacteria and/or nutrients to the lake were corrected. Undoubtedly, the replacement of malfunctioning septic systems improved the water quality of Birch Lake. Recommendations were made to preserve and protect the water quality: 1) proper septic tank and drainfield maintenance. 2) "lawn fertilization should not be tolerated."

In 1986, when the water quality committee was established within the Yacht Club the Health Department set up a Birch Lake Monitoring Program (BLMP): 1) samplings for bacteria at locations around the lake, the stream, Harvey Street pond. 2) monitoring for pastured hogs in watershed - agricultural practices - flow & preservation of the inlet stream, flow and inspection of the outlet at the Weir Dam. BLMP also includes factors which play a role in water quality: geese, road runoff, public parks, boat landing, boating. BLMP address water quality environmental issues; recorded as resolved or current.

"Thanks to Don Winne, and Pearl Bonnell." BLMP is participating in ML&SA water quality programs: Aquatic weeds. Zebra Mussel Alert. Purple Loosestrife Alert.

BLMP joined Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) in 1999. CLMP is coordinated by Ralph Bednarz, DEQ, Don Winne & Pearl Bonnell, ML&SA. Samplings included Chlorophyll, Secchi Disk Transparency, Phosphorus and determined the trophic state of Birch Lake in 1999 and provides data needed to record changes or trends in lake productivity. Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature is added to the samplings. "Thanks to Ralph Bednarz" who says, "Birch Lake is a nice resource to protect."

g.temple

Kidz' Corner

Bird-footed dinosaurs - huh?

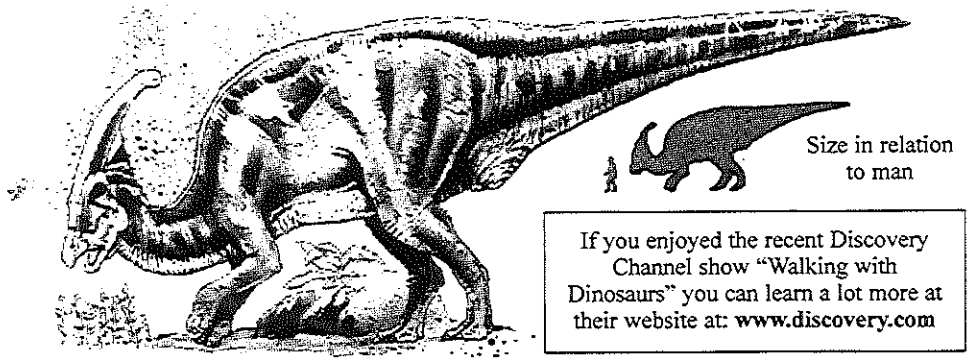
Many folks (otherwise accounted quite clever) will in every day conversation confuse Pachycephalosaur (featured in last week's Barker) with it's cousin Ornithomimid - Parasaurolophus.

The mistake is understandable as both bird-like footed plant eaters were so successful in the late Cretaceous Period. Similar in shape to a Hadrosaurus (but that's another column), the



Bird-footed

Parasaurolophus had a duck bill & six foot long hollow crest on it's head. Paleontologists wonder whether it was simply a colorful distinctive display for this herding creature, or was the crest a trumpet?



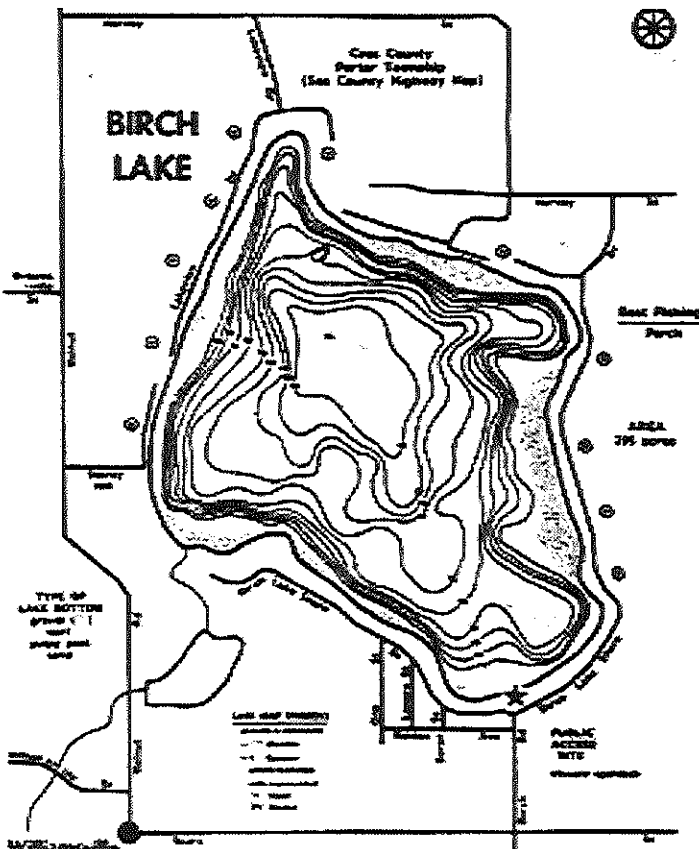
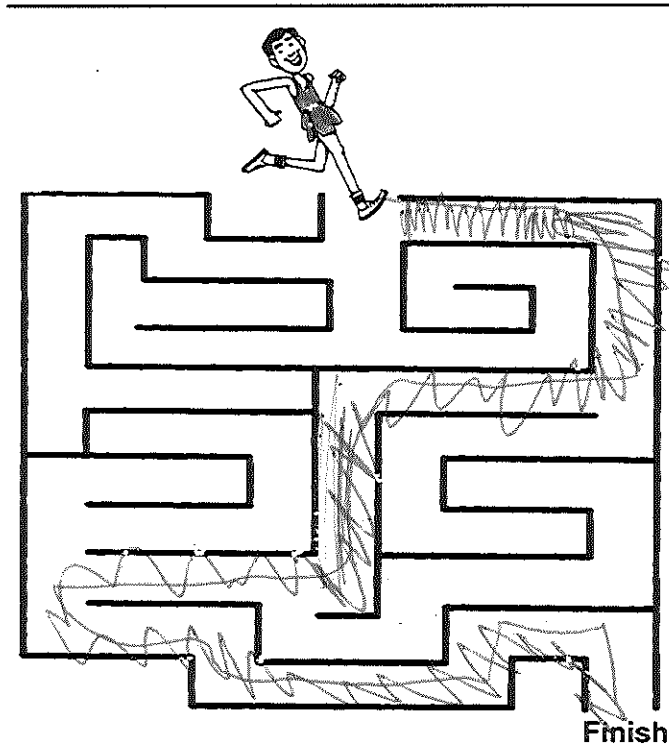
Size in relation to man

If you enjoyed the recent Discovery Channel show "Walking with Dinosaurs" you can learn a lot more at their website at: www.discovery.com

What would a horn that big sound like?

Ornithomimids were plant eaters with strong hind legs & three-toed feet that resemble bird's feet. They had beaks or duck-bills (also like birds), cheek pouches & teeth designed for the crushing / grinding of food. Ornithomimids ate the leaves & needles of cycads, ferns, ginkgo & yew trees.

Iguanodon, the first dinosaur ever discovered, was the largest at over 30 feet long. Some of the smaller Ornithomimids ranged in size from a house cat to man sized. Hypsilophodon & Lesothosaurus were fast runners hitting speeds thought to reach 30 miles per hour!



WORD SCRAMBLE

The words below have been scrambled. They are all related to our solar system. See if you can "unscramble" each one to reveal the real word.

NSU Sun

RATSS Stars

NOMO Moon

BRITO Orbit

PACES Space

EAHTR Earth

MRAS Mars

TECOM Comet

May Flies with no mayflies

This misnomered bug is a delight to hungry fish & gets the flytossers blood boiling. Watch for evening hatches of this aquatic bug & the frenzy it evokes!

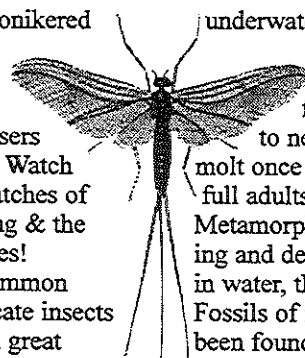
Mayfly, common name for delicate insects that emerge in great swarms from lakes, streams, and rivers. The approximately 1,500 species range from 1 to 3 cm (0.4 to 1.2 in) long and have two or three long tail filaments. Mayflies are

underwater nymphs for one to three years.

They emerge from the water, fly to nearby plants, and molt once more to become full adults (see Metamorphosis). After mating and depositing their eggs in water, the adults die. Fossils of mayflies have been found dating from about 300 million years ago.

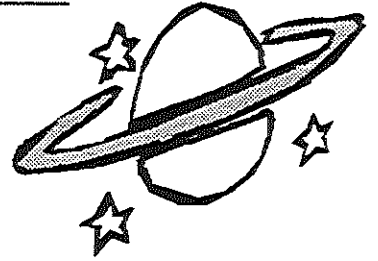
Scientific classification: Mayflies make up the order Ephemeroptera.

-Chrys A. Lis



Kidz — check out this game site!
<http://www.af.mil/aflinkjr/jr.htm>

Stu's Star Stuff



Until recently nearly all the planets have been hidden from view, lost in the sun's glare. Jupiter and Saturn are just beginning to peek into the morning sky this weekend.

Over the next few days, look for them about an hour before sunrise, very low in the ENE. Saturn is about 1.2 degrees to Jupiter's lower right, very close.

Spot them by mid-June and you'll still catch them closer together than they'll be

again until December 2020.

Mercury is a fun planet to spot. It's at its highest for this year in the evening sky during the first week of June. Try for Mercury low in the WNW, about 9 degrees up.

You may have to look from the roads above the lake.

On June 9 Mercury is farthest from the sun in its orbit as seen from Earth and forms a triangle with the Gemini twins,

Castor and Pollux.

Next week, Armageddon.
Enjoy the show. It's free!

-Stewart Spratt

BARKER CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Birch Lake Yacht Club is in the process of establishing a Lending Library for members (and associate members). Any books you want to donate (both children's and adult literature - sign your name on the inside cover) should be brought to the Commodore's Cocktail Party on 6/10.

A limited number of 1999 Birch Lake Directories are available for sale, \$2 each just like last year. There will be no 2000 Directory published so get 'em while they last (Commodore's Cocktail - 06/10)

FOR SALE

For sale: 6 blue boat fenders. Only used one season, \$5 each. Great to use on pontoons. Call Becks at 476-2760

For sale: 14' Lund fishing boat. Call Klappauf's (616) 476-2663

HELP WANTED

Commodore needed for 2001 BLYC season. Inquire to Bob King at bicking@aol.com

Kidz Wanted: to paint mural in Kidz Corner BLYC - TBA

Help Wanted: Loving Parents to chaperone Kidz functions, date = you pick

Seamstress wanted - I need someone for a patriotic project - No pay but salutes aplenty.

MISC.

We are in process of accumulating toys for the Kidz Corner inside & sandbox toys for outside. If you have some usable toys to donate, bring them to the

Kidz Fizz on 6/10.

Have you seen any zebra muscles when taking out your piers? We need kidz to help with a zebra monitoring program this summer. Ever wonder what kind of hotel a zebra prefers? Watch this space for details ...

Wanted: Long ago we had road signs that were set up & taken down annually. We have the signs but need a sharp fella who remembers where they went ... contact Bob King

PROPERTIES FOR SALE/RENT/WANTED

Young couple wants to sleep around - We are looking for Birch property and would like to try all of the cottages before we buy; call Phil or Sandy (219) 291-6102.

BLYC Members for 2000 Season

Andriano, Felix-III & Stacia
Asire, Jack & Evelyn
Asire, Marty
Ball, John, Jr. & Jennifer
Ball, John Sr.
Beck, Jim & Sally
Bender, Dick (& Marsha)
Bergan, Jim & Linda
Bernaciak, Ken & Mary Ellen
Blackwood, Howard & Beth
Bliler, William & Grace
Blue, Jim & Shirley
Blue, Richard
Bolinger, Jim & Debbie
Brovold, Gary & Karen
Coan, James
Cote, Adrian & Judith
Cover, Al & Liz
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Custard, Phil & Elizabeth
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Doba, Bill & Judy
Drolet, Loretta
Dufour, Dr. Duffy & Sue
Dugan, Terry & Carol
Eberhart, Gilbert & Barbara
Eichorst, Doug & Judy

Emory, Tim & Becky
Flora, Larry & Marge
Foley, William & Gladys
Foos, Jim & Carol
Freihofer, Fred & Carol
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Hayden, Bill & Letita
Herms, Bob
Hornbeck, Jack & Marianne
Howard, Tom (& Colleen)
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Klappauf, Sandie, Ray & Lee
Klimek, Matt & Joyce
Kolber, Chet & Vivian
Koontz, Thelma
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Kreager, Loreen
Krugger, Herm & Bev
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Obrien, Nancy
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Parkinson, Frank & Elizabeth
Price, Eileen
Rasmussen, Buzz & Linda
Reynolds, Dan & Janet
Richwine, Mike & Debbie
Rieth, Bud & Louise
Rogers, Tom & Shelly
Rogers, Tom & Vicki
Russwurm, Rick & Patti
Sanders, Ray & Sonya
Sante, Marty & Doris
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Sheetz, Harold & Charlene
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Bold text = members in good standing plus fireworks

Birch Lake Yacht Club Contributions

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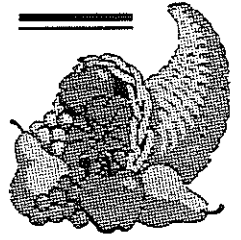
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Best of Beck's Bistro



Gourmet Meat-Noodle Casserole

Upside-Down Marinated Shrimp Bowl

5 lb fresh large shrimp
in shells peeled and

deveined.

1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 cup white or red wine vinegar

1 1/2 tsp finely shredded lemon peel

1/4 cup lemon juice

2 Tbsp tomato paste

1 Tbsp honey

3 cloves garlic minced

2 tsp grated ginger

1/2 tsp salt

1/4 tsp ground red pepper

Mix together, olive oil, vinegar, lemon

peel, lemon juice, tomato paste,
honey, garlic, ginger, salt and ground red
pepper. Cover and shake well.

Pour marinade over shrimp in bowl, cover
and chill overnight.

Occasionally placing a larger flat plate
tightly over the bowl and
invert to redistribute the marinade.

Before serving, hold the plate off center,
and invert bowl slightly to

drain off marinade. Repeat inverting and
draining until all marinade is

drained. Discard marinade. Place serving

bowl platter over bowl,

carefully invert bowl to unmold. If

desired, arrange greens, herbs,
lime wedges, cucumber, red onion and

tomatoes around
shrimp. Makes
about 20 appetizer
servings.

Tomato Salsa

1/3 cup finely chopped white onions

1 lb plum tomatoes (about 10), seeded,
if desired and finely chopped.

2-4 serrano or jalapeno peppers, seeded if
desired, and finely chopped.

2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh Cilantro

2 Tbsp lime juice

1 tsp salt.

Combine all ingredients. Cover and chill
for up to 24 hours. Makes

2 1/2 cups.

Borreliosis can really tick you off

Lets talk Borreliosis. Ok, I wouldn't have
known either. This is the medical circles name
for Lyme disease; a bacterial disease that is
carried by ticks, and effects both two legged
and four legged animals, (three legged too,
sorry Mooky). We have many ticks around the
lake. Ticks are regarded as a carrier of the dis-
ease, but it is fairly certain that ticks become
infected with this bacteria by biting mice.
When the ticks bites another host, the bacteri-
um is then transferred to the blood of the host
animal.

The risk factor of coming into contact with
a tick infected with Lyme varies with the sea-
son (spring, summer, etc) and the area you live
in. Ticks can be found in fields, secluded
woods with low-lying brush and bramble, and

marshlands. Sounds like home!

Some of the steps you can take to protect
your pets, and your family, from Lyme disease
carrying ticks include:

■ routinely check your pets when

they have been outside in tall
grass and brush,

■ brush your pet regularly, espe-
cially after a hike in the woods,

■ use a flea and tick collar, baths
and dips as recommended by your
vet or pediatrician,

■ regularly mow and cut down

brush where your dog plays,

■ ask your vet about vaccinating

your pet for Lyme disease.

Some of the signs of a dog that has con-

tracted Lyme disease may include:

■ arthritis

■ sudden onset of severe pain and
lameness

■ fever

■ lethargy

■ loss of appetite

■ depression

If you even slightly suspect your pet has
contracted Lyme disease, contact your veteri-
narian. They will have the most recent tests
and treatments available for treating this dis-
ease.

Stay tuned next week for our exciting arti-
cle on "SKUNKED?"

-Fido's friend

Wyland's Marine

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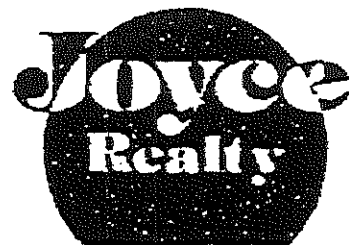
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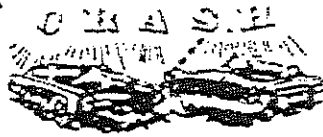
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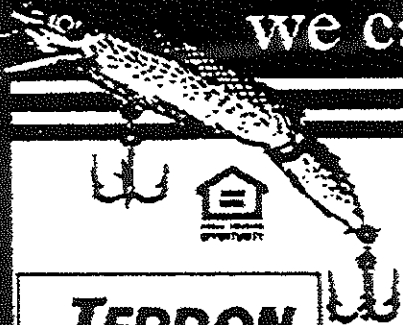
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Tentative Schedule all IST (Indiana Std Time):

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Sun - 06/04 - 8:30am - Get Kidz Hooked on Fishing (Club)
Sat-Sun 06/10-11 - MI free fishing weekend (no lic. needed)
Sat - 06/10 - 5 - 7pm - Junior Commodore's Fizz (Club)
Sat - 06/10 - 7pm - late - Commodore's Cocktail Party (Club)
Sat - 06/17 - 7pm - late - Marc's Fancy Pants Dance
Sat - 06/24 - Club rented for private function
Sat - 07/01 - 11am - 4th of July Regatta
Sat - 07/01 - Fireworks (after dark, rain-date Sun.)
Sun - 07/02 - 7am - Tannadoonah Pancake Breakfast
Sun - 07/02 - noon - Boat Parade
Sun - 07/02 - 2:00pm - 4th of July Regatta
cancelled - Vice Commodore's Cocktail Party
Sat - 07/15 - 5 - 7pm Junior Buffett Party
Sat - 07/15 - 7pm - Jimmy Buffett Party
Fri - 07/28 - 11am - Mens Stag Golf Outing
Fri - 08/04 - 11am - Ladies Golf Outing & Luncheon
Sat - 08/12 - 5pm - Corn & Sausage Roast
Sat - 08/26 - 6pm - Fall Dinner (mystery Commodore?)
Sat - 09/02 - 11am - Labor Day Regatta
Sun - 09/03 - 1pm - Labor Day Regatta
Mon-09/04 - 10am - Sailing Trophies
Sat - 09/16 - 10am - Club Shutdown

BLYC Board Meetings:

Sat - 05/27 - club (9:00 am)
Sat - 06/17 - " "
Sat - 07/22 - " "
Sat - 08/19 - " "
Sat - 09/16 - " "

Homeowners Association Meeting:

Sat - 08/19 - follows Board meeting. (10:00)

Other (unscheduled) Events:

Garage Sale, Craft Day, RegattaKidz, Kidz-Bonfire/Sing

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