

BIRCH LAKE

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

NO. 6

- AUGUST 15, 1959

10 CENTS

Clean-up Crew Lifts Face of

Yacht Club Site

ANNUAL JONES DINNER IS COMPLETE SELL-OUT

SURVEY STAKED OUT; ENTRANCE CLEARED

Your directors have done a remarkable job in contacting all the cottages because the biggest number of folks in Birch Lake history has purchased tickets for the annual dinner and square dance at Jones Community Hall this Saturday night.

Dinner Served at 6 and 7

Dinner will be served in two shifts at approximately 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. As the number attending this year will be taxing to the limit the Jones facilities, there's bound to be some waiting and unavoidable confusion. It may tax our patience to the limit, too, but we can rise to the occasion with the famous Birch Lake spirit of good humor.

There was enough brawn on hand for a good football squad as teen-age boys and some of their dads tackled the underbrush and that encumbered the 25-foot wide roadway going into the Yacht Club site.

The enthusiasm and effort going into the project show more than could words the appreciation felt for the opportunity that Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howard have given the Yacht Club.

Mike Machalleck has marked the corners of the site with "filling station pennants" and has outlined the borders with strings. Come on over and take a look and, if you need some good exercise bring an axe, shovel, chain saw or machete.

Starr Wentworth who, in addition to being an engineer, is an architect and qualified surveyor checked Mike's stakes and found them quite accurate.

LOTS OF ROOM FOR VARIED ACTIVITIES

As you can see from the memory sketch on the following page (and better on the plot plan that Starr Wentworth is drawing for the Jones meeting), there's lots of room for a combination basketball, badminton and tennis court. There's a shaded beech and maple grove for picnic tables, barbeque and corn roast facilities.

Grading, clearing, filling and planning can be done this season. Black-topping of access and play area and possibly the pouring of a building slab could be done early in the season next year as soon as the ground has drained sufficiently.

The Yacht Club facilities will not only be a rallying spot for the youth of Birch Lake -- they'll also be a fine place for whole family activities like the corn roasts and the pot luck dinners. Properly develop-

DANCE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

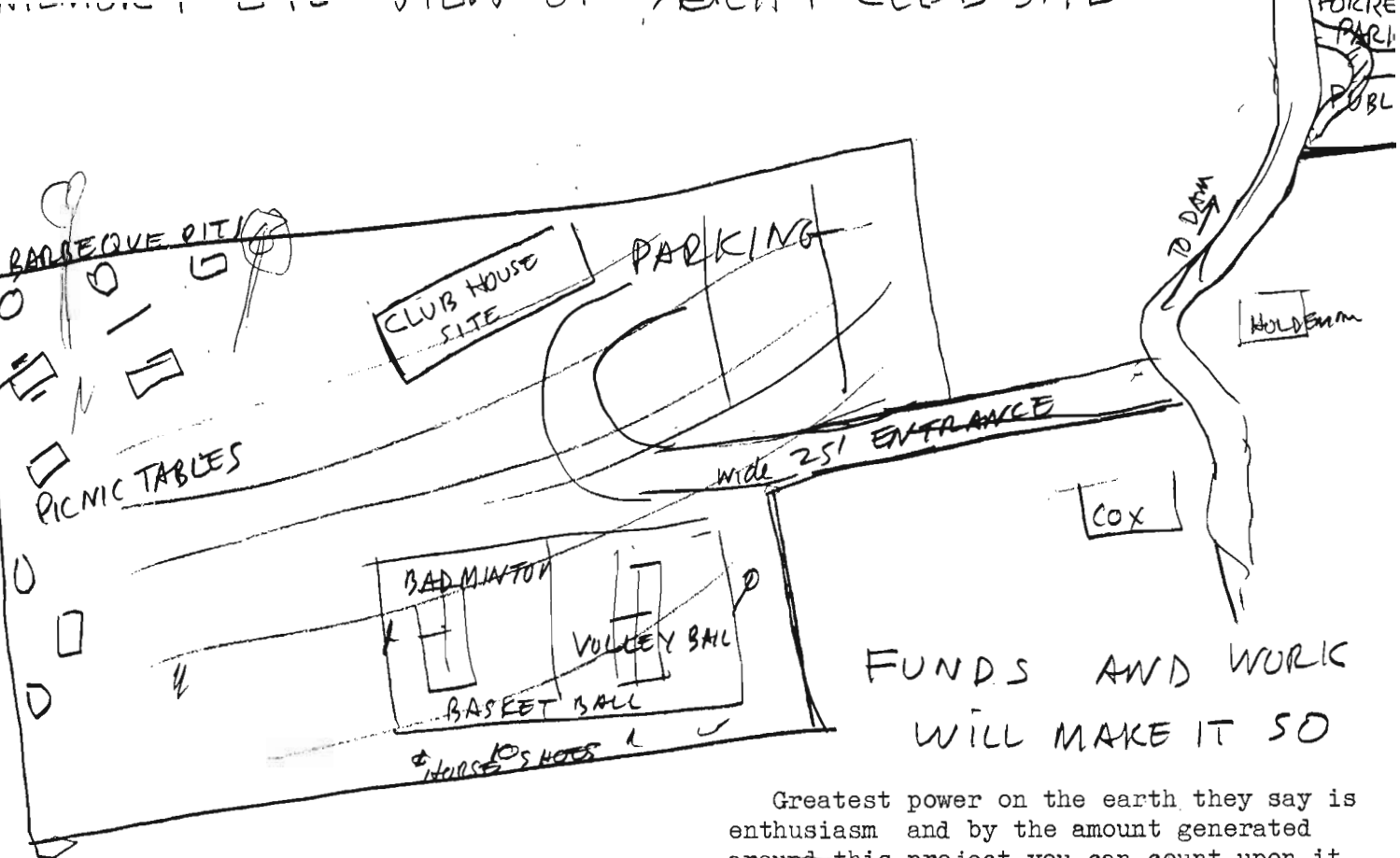
Although the Dinner is all sold out, the Jr. Yacht Club asks us to announce that tickets for the dance only will be 50 cents per person. Those who have a dinner ticket are admitted to the dance free.

STREET DANCE PLANNED FOR NEXT FRIDAY

The Yacht Club Juniors have planned a street dance for next Friday, August 21, on the black top in front of Haines cottage 124. This is the first time we've had a dance of this kind and the Juniors are counting on the Lake people to help make it a success.

Admission will be 25 cents and they say it will be collected this time. Soft drinks will be sold and a hi-fi record player will supply the music.

In case you're wondering what happens to traffic while the dance is going on, here's the set-up: In front of the Haines a private drive splits off from the main road to



**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES MORE THAN PAY
THEIR OWN WAY**

By selling the Birch Barker, the Jr. Yacht Club will more than pay for the sailing trophies and for the canon shells used for starts.

All their dances, corn roasts and the like have added money to our treasury as well as providing recreation of the finest kind on Birch Lake.

It is conceivable that some of their earnings have gone into prosaic things like bulldozing a dump which should properly be the responsibility of the senior yacht club members. Let's shoulder our share!

Footes Get Snipe Sailboat

Everybody was glad to see another Snipe added to our growing fleet but the happiest ones of all were Mike Foote and his brother Ted. Ted had been dreaming of a boat to skipper ever since the Milne's let him sail their Snipe when they were away on vacation. This Snipe is numbered 7378, has a red deck and a white hull. It is in good shape and has a fine finish on the bottom and topsides. Its twin 7377 is the Haines boat with green deck and mahogany hull. Nearing Emmons, age 76, on a lake near Syracuse, N. Y. built these boats and the white one of Julie Ebeling's.

**FUNDS AND WORK
WILL MAKE IT SO**

Greatest power on the earth they say is enthusiasm and by the amount generated around this project you can count upon it becoming a reality. For more years than most of us would like to admit we've been talking about a Yacht Club place of our own and now, finally it's really shaping up in time to do some good for us and our children instead of for great, great grandchildren of some dim, distant future.

Already folks around the lake are volunteering contributions and it looks like we'll have twice the number of Yacht Club members than in previous years.

A drawing of the plot will be on display at Jones during our meeting and tables will be set up and manned to make it easy for you to get your Birch Lake Yacht Club memberships for 1960.

Your directors will contact every cottage that couldn't be represented at the dance but there will be no pressure, ever. This whole thing is built on enthusiasm and friendliness and the kind of members wanted are those that want to be part of it.

Naturally, we'll need more than our basic \$2.00 annual dues that took care of the dump and the like. So, to bring up the average we have the following steps that will be fun for us to gauge our participation:

- Basic membership ----- \$2.00
- Supporting membership .. 5.00
- Contributing membership 10.00
- Sustainers ----- 25.00 up
- Patrons ----- 100.00 up
- Satelite Patrons ----- 500.00 up

We had to add that last classification because

WELCOME AGAIN TO another year at Birch Haven. We hope that this will be one of the best years you will have as we have lots of activity planned for this year. The sail boat races started last week and there will be a regatta this weekend. We hope to have some very good races this year. We have a few new comers who will be competing for 1st place. There will probably be some close races so keep your eyes on the lake on Sunday for some thrilling moments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Dixon for the use of his pontoon boat for the judges and starters of the races.

We plan on getting the barbeque pits in at the Yacht Club so we can have our lake picnics there as soon as possible.

I cannot emphasize enough SAFETY ON THE LAKE. Please be careful...don't hurt your neighbor. Your safety will be our pleasure.

Your Friend and Commodore,

YOUR 1960 OFFICERS

Commodore: Ramon Messner (#101)
Vice Commodore: John Machalleck (#51)
Treasurer: Malon Eberhart (#27)
Secretary: William King (#263)

JUNIOR OFFICERS

President: Michael Machalleck
Vice President: John Cleveland
Secretary: Nancy Mechling
Treasurer: Denny Wentworth
Fleet Captain: Mike Foote
Social Chairman: Peggy Haines

JUNIOR YACHT CLUB MEETING

FRIDAY 7:00

MECHLING'S COTTAGE #140

HAROLD'S BIRCH LAKE CLUB
THE USUAL SPOT (#124 on East side)
COVER CHARGE \$.25 (one whole quarter)
DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 pm (do they ever close?)
MUSIC AND DANCING
NO ONE OTHER THAN MINORS AND ADULTS ALLOWED

Sunday, June 26, 1960, Race Results

TROEGER - 1st
EBELING - 2nd
HOWARD - 3rd
WEAVER - 4th
HAINES - 5th
GETZINGER - 6th

YOU CAN'T TELL THE BOAT WITHOUT A NUMBER

HAINES - 7577
FOOTE - 7378
MILNE - 7872

BIRCH BARKER REPORTERS AND SELLERS 1960

Dam to Machallecks - Cheryl Erhardt
Machallecks - Public Beach - Chris DeWulf
Public Beach to Mechlings - Leslie Weesner
Mechlings to Camp - Pat Burchell, Linda Landesman
North Side - Jeanette Lochmandy
West Side - Nancy Asire

Dr. F. W. McCallum will spend the fourth of July at the Ebelings to celebrate his 83rd birthday. Helping him celebrate will be the Ebelings and the Carson Proctors of Evansville, Indiana, both daughters of Dr. McCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Luxenburg were thrilled to have their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Conrad and their 5 lovely children; Kevin, Heather, Michele, Malissa and Harry for the past weekend. Jim Luxenburg will be home from Detroit for this weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Goss, parents of Mrs. John Ball were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Ball this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pluchar Jr. from Chicago and children, Roseanne, Tommy and Michael, spent a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pluchar.

Kurt and Charles Eichorst visited Mr. & Mrs. O. Mais at "We Luv It". Mr. & Mrs. Mais are now permanent residents of Birch Lake.

Mr. & Mrs. D. A. Verslype and children Mike, Susan Marie, and Nicolette were guests of the DeWulf family Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl J. Miller and son, Carl Jr. from Kalhasha, Michigan, Miss Maureen Casey from Bay New York, and Mrs. Glen McMillan and son Larry from Diamond Lake spent Wednesday evening and Thursday with the Gaston DeWulf family.

THE BIRCH BARKER

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB • VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 22, 1959

ANNUAL DINNER "STRETCHES" JONES HALL

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB ELECTED FOR 1960

The new slate of officers is made up of men who have worked diligently and have shown real desire to keep what is good at Birch Lake and make it a better community as it inevitably grows.

- Commodore: Ramon Messner (#101)
- Vice Commodore: John Machalleck (#51)
- Treasurer: Malon Eberhart (#27)
- Secretary: William King (#263)

There is a director for every twenty or so cottages to make it feasible to contact each cottage in his area. This also makes it easy for you to contact him and get to know him. We also have a new post of Director at Large, to help tie things together on the work on the lake and pinch hit for other directors who might be ill or away on business when some urgent work comes up.

- West Side (North) Mel Hibschan (#309) (300A to 325)
- West Side (South) Dr. K. G. Cleveland (384) (328 to 400)
- North Side (225 to 275) Alex Budzinski (267)
- Nun-U-Kumok (1 to 26)
- East Side (North) William Olson (141) (140 to 200)
- East Side (South) Clem Haines (124) (101 to 138)
- South Side (East) Selden Foote (94) (100 to 45)
- South Side (West) Robert Hague (20) (42 to 01)
- Director-at-large James Luxenberger (100)

Actually, because the number of cottages on the South Side, John Machalleck (51) pitches in to help cover the middle part including cottages 24 to 54.

COMMUNITY MEETING TONIGHT AT 7 AT HAINES' #124 EASTSIDE

Of important interest to property owners and directors will be this meeting to report and discuss the findings and progress made by your officers on some of our most pressing community problems

BIRCH LAKE FOLKS AND CLUB OFFICERS
MEET WITH NEW CASS COUNTY SHERIFF
Richard Dool impressed favorably as he
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When fifty more tickets were sold for the dinner than last year, the women of Jones who pitch in to serve us were a bit concerned about being able to serve that many. However, Birch Lake courtesy saved the day and we had fun and plenty of wholesome food in spite of some waiting as had been anticipated.

Several Birch Lakers, thinking ahead, suggested that next year we have our annual dinner at the new Yacht Club site so that we could all eat at once, be cool under the tall beeches and maples. More folks could then stay for our meeting which is always quite short. The dancing (under the stars) could be started earlier and we wouldn't have the drive back with tired youngsters. One suggestion is that we make it a pot luck. Another is that the main course be barbecued at the site and the rest of the dinner be pot luck. Another idea is that we have the people from Vandalia (the ones that served fried chicken with all trimmings at the Michiana Regatta Luncheon this summer at Diamond Lake)

cater for the dinner. Only hitch might be the weather.

NEW VIEWS CALL FOR RAISED SIGHTS.

The annual dinner meeting is just one of the many, many possibilities for use of a community facility of our own. But it calls for a little change in our habit of thinking about our contributions to our Yacht and Community Club. Before we had a tiny budget because there was no need or plans for needing more. Now Birch Lake is in a sense growing up, there are more cottages - much finer ones, incidentally, and many of them are year-round homes. There are more boats and vastly more high-powered boats and their price tags are usually in the four figures. In addition there has been a noticeable trend for trade-ins for the newest styles and models. This is all nice and it adds a Riviera-like sparkle to the lake but it also emphasizes the need for boating safety through courtesy and a knowledge of the nautical rules of the road.

And more than anything it points out how inadequate our Yacht and Community club participation is both in numbers of members and the amount contributed. With the devalued dollar, the basic \$2.00 membership is equivalent to only a little more than half of its previous worth. Buy a gallon of good paint for the cottage, a bit of panelling, a couple of two-by-fours and you'll get the point.

We'd like to keep the \$2.00 basic membership to make it possible for everyone on the lake to be a member, even if inactive and retired. The rest of us who have energy, ability and earning power can contribute

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in proportion to our ability and interest. The thing to remember is the great migration to the waterways, the tremendous boom in boating is putting greater and greater pressure on the lakes and on Birch Lake. We are particularly "blessed" by this pressure because Birch is a deep sapphire of lakes with deep, sweet, cool water -- set like a veritable gem in a ring of wooded hills. The second reason for this pressure is that we are near populous areas with prosperous industry, trade and high average family incomes.

This in turn places greater responsibility on your Yacht and Community club officers and directors and places greater urgency on your participation both in interest and dues.

You've seen this pressure working on Diamond Lake where the community reacted and had the fishing sites barred for bathing and other than boating for fishing purposes. That action has diverted pressure to our public beach sites and again emphasizes our need to work together as a community. Are you doing your share?

THE HOWARD' OFFER IS AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE LAKE COMMUNITY

Not only does the new site make practical a fine community playground and meeting place but it serves as an important step in easing some pressure in the future. Imagine if those thirteen lots each had a cottage on them along with two or three cars at each and matching boats and water "contraptions" somewhere in the lake?

CIVIC-MIND BIRCH LAKERS START BALL ROLLING FOR 100% MEMBERSHIP

The common denominator of these self-starters is an interest in improving our Birch Lake community and preserving its good things for our children and in turn for theirs. They range from top corporation executives to regular workers and a retired fireman. Again, the common denominator is interest.

- E. A. Luxenberg (#100) - - \$500.
- Mrs. Edith Davis (#40) - - - 100.
- Alex Sikorski (#28) - - - - 30.
- Hubert Getzinger (#2) - - - - 25.
- Dr. K. G. Cleveland (#384) - 10.
- G. B. Cox (#45, next to Y.C.) 10.
- Gaston DeWulf (#73) - - - - 10.
- W. A. Donahue (#19) - - - - 10.
- Wayne Milne (#84) - - - - 10.
- Clem Haines (#124) - - - - 10.
- Harry Diman (#122) - - - - 10.

These are just some of the early memberships turned in. In many cases your directors have not yet had an opportunity to call on you -- perhaps not until this week-end. W. A. Donahue suggests that a good rule-of-thumb minimum is to add \$2.00 for each child in addition to the basic family membership of \$2.00 -- it makes sense! And the important thing is that we have nearly 100% pulling together. We should have listed Bob Deolittle

talked with us about our current problems. As a law enforcement officer he pledged full cooperation with us at the lake,

"GET PLANNING FOR THE DECORATE BOAT PARADE AND FLOAT CONTEST"

That's the word from the Jr. Yacht Club social committee and they add, "Don't forget our decorated boat parade! Time always seems to slip by quickly the week before; so start now and have your boat part of this Birch Lake tradition. Last year we had an excellent parade and the plans are for an even better one this year.

"The parade and contest is set for Saturday, September 5 at 4:00 p.m. The boats will collect off the south-east side launching place and then parade slowly around the lake.

"Following the parade, prizes will be awarded to the most original, most beautiful and best executed designs. Two honorable mentions will be made in each area, so do get started now to be a winning entry in the contest."

PLEDGE
* * *

I do solemnly pledge myself. . . to promote and perpetuate. . . high standards of navigation and seamanship to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the United States Power Squadrons and of any local squadron of which I may be a member.

To cooperate with agencies of the United States of America charged with the enforcement of laws and regulations relating to navigation;

To maintain and operate my boat legally and in a manner that will not cause damage or discomfort to others;

To render assistance, whenever possible, to anyone afloat who is disabled or in distress

And at all times, to conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to the organization whose ensign I am privileged to fly.

This pledge, taken by every member of the U. S. Power Squadrons, is included here because it has some wholesome boating philosophy that we should try to encourage in our own Yacht Club.

The South Bend Power Squadron starts another of its annual basic piloting and small boat handling courses soon. The classes meet at Bullock Outboard Marine Company, U.S. 31, North of the toll road at South Bend on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The course is open to anyone interested and is free of any cost except the student needs a copy of the classic text, PILOTING, SEAMANSHIP AND SMALL BOAT HANDLING, by C. F. Chapman founder of the U. S. Power Squadrons and editor of MOTOR BOATING. It is standard equipment on a cruiser.

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YACHT CLUB

No. 3 July

WORK DAY ACCOMPLISHES MUCH

The work day at the Yacht club proved to be a great success. We cleaned up the old stumps and hauled 4 dump truck loads away. The younger members of the lake cut down all the high weeds and cleaned up all around; now we are ready to pick our spot for the pits and we hope to have the bulldozer in to dig out for the building.

We will be glad to hear any suggestions or ideas as we want everyone to be satisfied and young and old to enjoy it.

Please come and help so we can have something done before the year ends. The season goes fast and it takes a lot of work.

Thanks,

Ray Messner

Commodore

WORK DAYS WILL BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY FOR A WHILE. GET A GROUP TOGETHER AND COME!

Sat. morn at 10 - Perhaps an afternoon session. Come see what you can contribute and choose a convenient time!

Red Beckman was the guest at E. Troeger Jr.'s.

Guests of the Howards' Wednesday were Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weaver of Elkhart. Weekend guests were Bernie Wolsclager, Kirt Corner and Gil Stump of Elkhart.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Klowski & son and Mrs. Wechnerowski spent Sunday with the Landesman's.

Mr. & Mrs. C. Shank had a gang of friends over for a steak fry Saturday evening.

Mrs. C. Purdy entertained the Pine Row Home Extension for a potluck dinner, Friday. There were 14 members present. Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Merriman & daughter, of North Nige, California, will be visiting the Purdy's for two weeks.

Kenneth C. Bernaciak and family Eileen, Karen & Kevin, will be spending the month of July at Val Bernaciak's residence.

Mr. & Mrs. Lunz entertained at a family picnic in honor of Mrs. Culp's birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. L. Hunt had guests from Donnell Lake, Mr. & Mrs. E. Bekney and relations from Penn.

Safety warning - Don't speed boat! A quick turn

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Work Progresses on Yacht Club Site

by Clem Haines

Yacht club members, both junior and senior, have been working on the Yacht Club site cutting down weeds, carting away stumps and generally getting ready thr the next bulldozer operation Saturday, August 3rd.

New Plan Utilizes Contour of Ground

As shown on the sketch on the left, the sand and gravel from the building area will be moved down to fill the low spots in the parking-play area. At first we'll have a one story basement building but with the whole front open and just slightly above the level of the road. During the winter, this will be used to store boats--bringing in funds to do further building. Later, as funds are available, a split-level type of building will be achieved by adding another story. This should give a beautiful effect in the natural setting we have there.

Road Stood Up Well During Winter

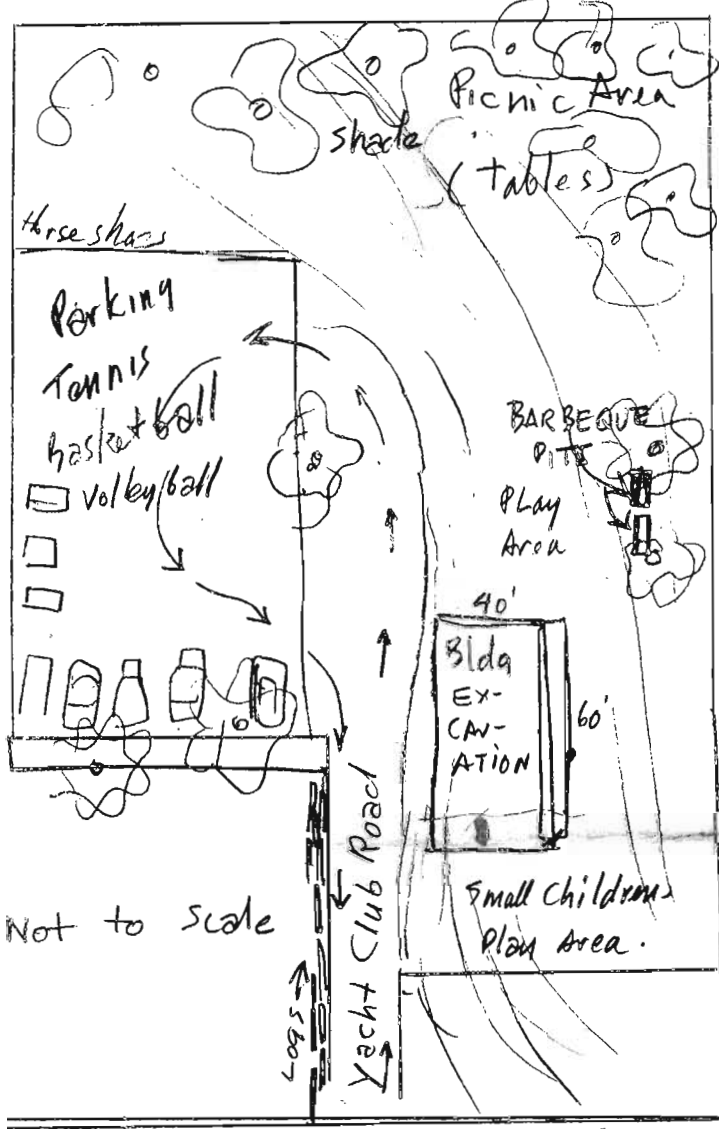
If you've been over to the site this year you will have noticed that the road is in excellent shape and there has been remarkably little erosion in other areas. Great deal of credit for this goes to the good job of rip-rapping with logs done along the road last fall.

Work Starts Seen on Barbeque Pits

These will be put in soon to make possible a Yacht Club Corn Roast as well as for barbeque purposes. They will be convenient to the club house site but back between two trees so they will not interfere with the play areas.

Work Parties Every Saturday

We need lots of volunteers to get in on the fun and sociability of making ours a real yacht club. Having a part in it is truly rewarding and the more of us that join in, the more friendly and unified will be the spirit of our Birch Lake Community. If you have equipment w could use or services to offer, please contact Ray Messner, Senior Commodore or the Junior President, Mike Machalleck.



30 CAR WASH CAR WASH CAR WASH \$1.00

ATURDAY JULY 23 Starting at 10:00 o'clock

AT HENRY SEARS PARK (PUBLIC LANDING)

\$1.00 per car--white walls extra

PLENTY OF PARKING SPACE

LET US CLEAN YOUR DIRTY CAR AND ADD ANOTHER BRICK TO OUR FUTURE CLUB HOUSE!

SPONSORED BY BLYC JUNIORS



SUNDAY - JULY 24

FIRST COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER

PLACE - HENRY SEARS PARK (PUBLIC LANDING)

TIME - ALL DAY SUNDAY

COME EARLY - STAY LATE!

BRING - DISH TO PASS - (SALAD - CAKE - PIE -
POTATO CHIPS - ETC)

HOT DOGS OR HAMBURGERS + ROLLS FOR YOUR
FAMILY AND TABLE SERVICE

GRILLS AND TABLES WILL BE SET UP

POP AND COFFEE WILL BE SOLD - 10¢

PLENTY OF PARKING SPACE -
COME BY BOAT OR CAR!

BUT - DO COME

LET'S MAKE THIS A BIG AFFAIR

YOUR FUTURE YACHT CLUB DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT

Ms. Elmer Hagerty and Joyce along with Mrs. Elmer Hagerty of Elkhart, attended a bridal show for Miss Francele Adduci of Three Rivers, which was held in Decatur. Guests were present from Chicago, Kalamazoo, Elkhart, Three Rivers, South Bend, White Pigeon, Paw Paw and Decatur. Miss Adduci and Dick Hagerty will be married August 13th at the First Presbyterian Church Three Rivers.

Sunday guests of Paul Mattasits were Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Domnanovich and children.

Mr. and Richard Futa, Susan and Nancy; Mr. and Mrs. Al Sikorski, Annette, Allen and Anthony; Andy Strasser and Mrs. Mary Sikorski, all of South Bend, were dinner guests of the Donners Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thayer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Thayer. Also in the party were Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Bridgeman, Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher and Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher and families, of Niles.

Larry Deputy of Elkhart was the guest of Brian Lochmandy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Powles and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gifford were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Dixon, Saturday and Sunday.

LOST ONE GREY OAR If found, please return to cottage #255.

DIRTY DANKEN

5 CAR WASH BIG SUCCESS



July 29, 1960

RACING RESULTS



JR. PRES. - MIKE MACHALLECK

those of you who did not visit the public wash some time Saturday, let me tell you it was a busy place! Forty cars filled the area and the Jr. Yacht Club members worked diligently on a production line system; the first group swept out the interior, the second washed the car down with soap, the third rinsed it and the fourth wiped it completely with a chamcois and it was returned sparkling clean to its owner. To the convenience of many, pick-up and delivery service was maintained. A sincere thanks to all the active Jr. members for their hard work in making this endeavor such a success-- we made \$57.00-- and all the patrons let us serve them.

Because of no wind Saturday's race was cancelled and two were held on Sunday. The placed in this order:

- 11:00 o'clock race: Haines, Milne Howard, Foote, Troeger, Ebeling, Machalleck, Getzinger Weaver D.N.S.
- 2:30 o'clock race: Ebeling, Haines, Foote, Troeger, Getzinger, Howard, Weaver, Milne, Machalleck D.N.S. (did not sail)

Don & Gay Wilbur of Allegan, Mich. visited the Tunnecliffes over the weekend. Brooks Thomas and family of Findlay, Ohio, stopped by Sat.

Mr. & Mrs. John Witz of Mishawaka, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Van Ryan & children Kristine and David of South Bend were visitors at the P. C. Forbes Saturday.

Rosemary Apper has spent the past week as a guest of Gail Getzinger.

FACTS on SPRAYING

by Dr. Cecil Dixon

Before we become SPRAY HAPPY and feel that 50 per tree is such a bargain, let us consider the facts and see how cheap this offer is. A few statistics for your consideration:

After spraying for Dutch Elm on the Michigan State Campus 95% of all the bird population in the area lay dead. Complete replacement families died from the effects.

After spraying Fisher lake near Three Rivers, Michigan thousands of fish lay dead on the shore. In this year the same program killed many more fish.

Statistics show that after spraying for Dutch Elm disease, Maple Scale followed.

Statistics show that since the use of insecticides, Cancer and Heart disease is on the increase.

Hargraves of Mayo's Clinic, leading Blood man, made this statement and I quote, "The use of poisonous insecticides including D.D.T. helps to cause Leukemia, Hodgkins Disease and Aplastic anemia." He added that most other blood experts in this country agree with him, unquote.

D.D.T. and other insecticides are accumulative in the human body. Before we go off the deep end and think we are getting something cheap, think of all the keds on this lake inhaling and ingesting these deadly poisons.

I can give you hundreds of other reasons but I ought to set you thinking. On top of these, sprays never stopped Dutch Elm disease. If you still think so, ask for a money back written guarantee and also ask the chemical company to sign a statement assuming responsibility if anyone gets sick from the insecticide. You still

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson and sons were guests of the Stantons.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Scott Jr. and children Dick and Peggy spent the day at the Erhardt's cottage. Peggy Scott will stay the rest of the week with Cheryl and Lynne Erhardt.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyack and Mr. and Mrs. Youngquist from South Bend; Mr. & Mrs. R. P. Coleman and family from St. Joseph, Mich. are spending the week at the Al Hagues.

The R. D. Carpenters entertained last Sunday. Their guests were: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Vining and sons Dick, John and Louie; Lynne Worsham and Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Vining and son Bobby.

Janice Carpenter had as her guest last week, Rhonda Kaley.

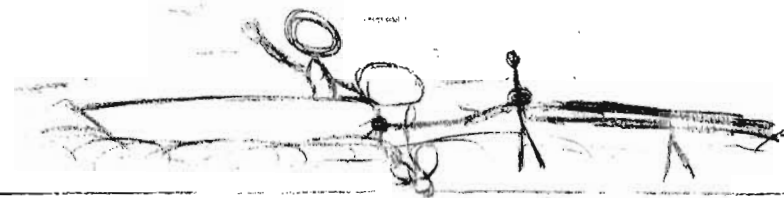
Sunday guests of the Jim Clarks were: Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Guy McCoy, of Niles; Mr. & Mrs. Norm Emmerich and family and Miss Toni Thompson of Kalamazoo.

Jensens had the Barnettes and Aitchisons out Sunday to enjoy a good, old swim and skiing.

Arlene Varga and her fiance, Dave Martin, spent the weekend with the Paulsons. Also Paula Careggio, Susie Fornaresio and Paula's cousin Dave Galinet, spent most of the weekend here.

Mr. & Mrs. Milton John of South Bend were we

The Birch Barker



Number _____ Price 10¢ August 6, 1960

ANNUAL DINNER AUGUST 20th

THE ANNUAL Birch Lake Dinner will be held at _____ ones, Saturday, August 20. The first serving will be at 6:00 and the second at 7:00. Tickets will be on sale Saturday August 6 at the usual price of \$1.25 for children and \$1.75 for adults. Hope to have a big turn out. Prizes will be given away.

The Eagle Lake Regatta was well attended by Birch Lake and we made a good showing.

Also some work has been accomplished at the Yacht Club site. Forms were made for the barbecue spit and the bulldozer is coming Wednesday. Drop around this weekend and see what has been accomplished. Hope it meets everyone's approval.

This weekend we will have our usual sailboat races.

The Jr. Yacht Club will have their annual snake dance soon.

Your commodore,

Ray Williams

Guests of Steve Machalleck Friday and Saturday were Bill Hill and Denny Ellis of Niles. Guests during the day included Carol Mersereau, Ingrid Frigaard, Madelon Bennett, Julie Bechtel all of Niles, and Leslie Shipman of Wisconsin, a guest of Julie's.

Mrs. Ella Machalleck of Niles, mother of John Machalleck of cottage #51 spent the weekend with him and his family and helped in the birthday celebration for John on Sunday, July 31.

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hockstra and family of Decatur, Michigan were guests of the Scholmas Thursday, July 24.

In honor of Rhyner Scholma's mother's 87th birthday, the Scholmas attended a party-reunion at Johnson Park near Grandville, Michigan, Aug. 1.

WANTED: 14 to 16 ft aluminum boat. #155 Val Bernaciak

FOR SALE: Nipper Sailboat..See it at #325, Asire.

Please throw your garbage over the bank. We have had several complaints from the owner and if it isn't corrected, he will close the dump to us. SO..... please throw your waste way over the edge.

ROAD CLEAR AREA
ATTENTION ALL!

THANK YOU

Debbie, Peter and David Carpenter from Terre Haute are at Birch Lake for their usual visit with their Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Carpenter.

Mrs. Terry's sister and husband visited the Terrys.

Mrs. Elsie Robinson of Chicago is visiting with the E. R. Dreves.

Mr. & Mrs. Dritlif Lagoni had dinner Saturday with Mr. & Mrs. Pat Lagoni.

Joyce Bovik Peyton and her husband David and son Chris were at the Boviks for a long weekend they came from Arlington, Virginia. Sue Minos of East Moline, Illinois was also at the Bovik's for the weekend. Sue had attended the G.O.P. convention where she was an active worker in Vice President Nixon's headquarters.

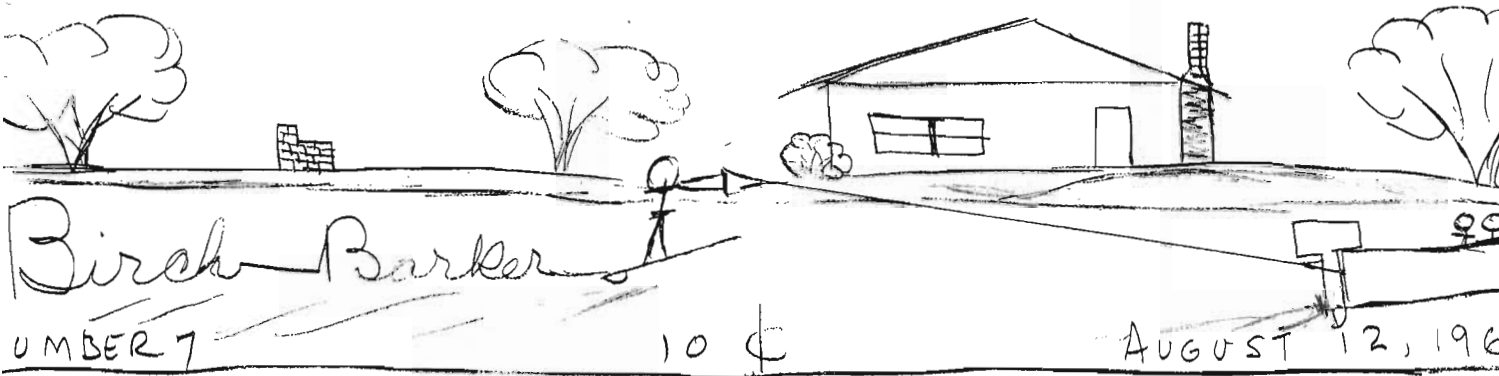
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Phillips and sons Vince and Ricky of South Bend visited the Wiricks, Sunday July 31.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Sanders of Marion, Indiana were weekend guests of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bragg and Jim. Miss Gail LBend of Mishawaka was the Sunday guest of Jim Bragg.

Miss Delilah Manning and her sisters Phyllis and Mary Lou visited Joanne and Rhyna Scholma, Saturday July 30.

Mrs. La Mar King spent from Tuesday to Friday at M.S.U. for Homemakers conference. While she was there, Toni stayed with their aunt Eleanor Steve with their aunt Pat and Lori with their Aunt Luch. LeMer "helped" it with the neighbors.

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CORN ROAST

BOAT CLUB SITE AT 6:30 SATURDAY, AUGUST 13.

Bring corn & dogs, buns and a dish to pass, also your own table service. Pop & Coffee will be sold. Have corn prepared to roast.

Meeting of directors & officers Saturday at corn roast. PLEASE BE THERE!

Membership cards will go on sale next week

SAFETY

A near serious accident occurred on the lake Sunday afternoon. Due to the fast work of Pat Forbes and D. Gilbert Eberhart a drowning was averted. This incident causes us to ask that:

1. Unnecessary yelling or screaming while swimming be avoided
2. Always have more than one good swimmer in a

Mr. & Mrs. James Woodcock and Mrs. Blanche Herreman were dinner guests of the L. J. Denne

Mr. H. K. Tunnicliff is in Columbus Ohio attending the furniture market.

Mrs. Culp's grandson Darryl spent the past month with his grandmother.

Miss Linda Ebeling is spending ten days in Moorestown, New Jersey as the guest of Miss Arnell Abbott.

The Messners has as their guests Sunday and Wednesday evening, Mr. & Mrs. Ora Messner, Mr & Mrs Roy Millisie, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Messner & Mr. Mrs. Billie Messner.

This week Mrs. Fred Taylor with Lisa and Johnnie from Fort Wayne will be at the Bob Carpenter cottage. Fred Taylor will come for the weekend and so will Mr. & Mrs. Ed Carpenter from Terre Haute.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Natansky and sons were guests of the Klappaufs at the V. Bernaciaks. Also Mr. & Mrs. Matt Victors and son were guests.

Mrs. Thomas Hutcheson & daughters Margaret and Barbara of Mishawaka called at the Charles Purdy home Saturday. Cindy Barber of Cassopolis spent the week end with her grandparents the Purdys.

The Howard Anderson Jrs and son Howie are visiting the Howard Anderson Srs. this weekend.

The Harris' will be back at the cottage August

Saturday

- 1 Ebeling
- 2 Messner
- 3 James
- 4 Howard
- 5 Gatzinger
- 6 Machelbeck

Sunday

- 1 Ebeling
- 2 Wain
- 3 Messner
- 4 Howard
- 5 Gatzinger
- 6 Foster
- 7 Wain
- 8 Milne

Mrs. Terry's sister, husband, daughter Becky Lou and cousin Marcia visited Terry's.

Mr. & Mrs. Short & Mrs. E. Regus spent Sunday with the Terry's.

Mrs. Roy R. Smith of Evanston, Illinois spent a two weeks vacation at the Hemminger cottage, she is an Aunt of Mrs. Hemminger. Other relatives were present at a lawn and dinner party given in her honor.

Let us not forget the Sunday School at 10:30 each Sunday at the Hemminger cottage. It is one hour a week too much to ask of your time to learn of God, the giver of all good?

Miss Meredith Metcalf, daughter of Mr. & Mrs David A. Metcalf of South Bend was a guest of the O'Briens for a few days last week. (She was invited!)

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fischer and son James Michael of South Bend were the guests of the

THE

BIRCH BARKER

No. 8

CORN ROAST POT-LUCK INITIATES YAC

YOUR COMMODORE SPEAKS----

There was just a fair attendance at the Corn Roast Saturday night. I was sorry there weren't more there to see what has been accomplished. The cement floor is in and also all the walls are up. It is an ideal spot for the Yacht Club. Come up and inspect it!

This Saturday night, the 20th, is the Annual dinner-dance at Jones. There will be the usual business meeting after the dinner & the new officers will be elected. Prizes will be given away. Also, if you've not been contacted by then for dues, you will be able to get your memberships there.

If you need some last minute tickets for the Jones dinner-dance, they are available. Please contact the Messners, cottage #101.

Please Come to the Dinner-Dance! IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEETING to discuss future planning of Yacht Club.

Sunday guests of Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Lafferty were Mr. & Mrs. Albert Greive of Troy, O. and their 2 grandchildren of Piqua, O., Mr. & Mrs. Lester Kessler of Wayne Lakes, O. & their grand-daughter and Mrs. Addie Stanley of Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Mr. & Mrs. V. Bernaciak will be at their Birch Lake home for the rest of the summer. Daughter Mrs. Klappauf & children are also vacationing. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Miller were Sunday guests.

Jerome & Diane Bernaciak are spending 2 wks. at Birch Lake with thier folks. Mr. & Mrs. James Hubbard & son were weekend guests of the young Bernaciaks.

The Landesmans spent the week in South Dakote. They had a wonderful time!

The Humphreys entertained the George Biggs', Mrs. D. Fritz and Dr. & Mrs. A.W. Hellenberg Sunday.

The Grover Holdermans held a picnic at the Coans Sun. 31 members of the family attended.

Mr. Shank & son, Steve, spent a wk. in Miami.

Sunday guests of the Glentons were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Gotstein.

BUILDING & CELEBRATI

A wonderful time and complimented with del dogs was enjoyed by m

The dinner held in Yacht Club was a doub for it was with their was erected only that

Wednesday morning in here to deposit th day loads of cement b hauled in for Saturda

At 7:30 A. M. a cr laying the first of t the basement walls. lake, under Ray Messn right along with the other jobs they were

A lot was done in more must be done if it as a boat storage ing) for this season.

If you weren't at seen it yet, do come! keep up on this proje

Remember, this is keep the COMMUNITY S

ATTENTIC

Mr. Fergus of cot starting a band compc Contact Mr. Fergus at if you are interestec name and the instrume

SOUNDS LIKE FUN--

Kathy Craig of Elkhar her grandparents, Mr.

The Neterer's enters and sons, Mrs. Wm Cr Alfords, Bonnie and I supper Saturday nigh

John McCreary spent ' parents, the Neterer.

Marilyn Mayden and N

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lindstrom and daughter, Sally, from Crown Point, Indiana, were guests of the Machallecks last Sunday. Elaine Lees, who has spent the week at the Machalleck cottage of her Aunt and family, returned with the Lindstroms, another Aunt and Uncle, to stay with them until the 23rd, when she'll fly to her home in Lakeland, Florida.

Guests of Steve Machalleck, Cottage 51, for a few days were Dennie Molica and Joe Griffee of Niles.

Carol Mersereau and Ingrid Frigaard, of Niles, are spending the week as guests of Marianne Machalleck.

Miss Brenda Johnson was a week-end guest of Judy and Norma Winther. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cealka were Sunday guests of the P. C. Winthers.

Mr. George Wirick and family are spending their vacation at their cottage, #7 on Nun-U-Kumok Hill.

Paula and Patty Sprick of Holland, Michigan are spending Thursday through Sunday as guests of Joanne and Rhyna Scholma.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geuring and family of Allendale, Michigan spent a few days in the Scholma house-trailer last week.

FOUND: CHILD'S GOLD CHAIN with one letter on it. Inquire at Hemmingers, cottage 114.

FOR SALE: TWO BURNER SPACE HEATER---\$10.00
See E. O. CROSE, cottage #9, south side.

FOR SALE: ALL OCCASION CARDS \$1.25
Personalized Stationary \$1.25-\$1.50
Personalized Xmas Cards \$2.50
Cottage #11--Connie Coleman

FOR SALE: 12 foot STEEL ROW BOAT
Inquire #99 or Telephone GR-2861

FOR SALE: 16 window screens at 50¢ each.
Contact Lafferty's--cottage #175

FOR SALE: MUSHROOMS--Hot-house grown
Order day ahead. or by Thursday night
for week-end use. 60¢ per pound.
Cottage #51--Marianne & Kathy Machalleck

SELLERS:

Lazy Lodge to Public Beach--Leslie Weesner
and Connie Diman

Public Beach to Cottage #40--Kathy
Machalleck

Cottage 39 to Dam--Andy Paulson
Dam to Camp Tannadoona--Mike and Tim
Messner

Tannadoona to Lazy Lodge--Fran Olson and
Nancy Mechling

JUNIOR YACHT CLUB MEETING

SATURDAY 7:30

HIBSCHMAN'S COTTAGE #309

Jr. memberships will be sold for
50¢.

Everyone please attend.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sat. Aug 29 - Moonlight S

Fri. Sept. 4 - Labor Day Da
at Haines Gar

Sat. Sept. 5 - Decorated B
Parade + Conte

THE BIRCH BARKER

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Vandalia, Mich.

Sept. 2, 19

ANY ACTIVITIES TO WIND-UP SEASON

LIE EBELING PLACES FIRST IN SEASON SAIL BOAT RACES

Sunday brought the regular season of sail-boat races to a close, after 12 very exciting and picturesque races.

This has been an interesting season, with the largest number of boats participating in several years.

SEASON STANDINGS

RACE	BOAT	NO.	POINTS
1	Ebeling	9602	1656.8
2	Haines	7377	1585.3
3	Troeger	9432	1492.5
4	Howard	12399	1473.4
5	Getzinger	10360	1421.5
6	Foote	7378	1380.4
7	Milne	7872	1346.5
8	Weaver	10955	1266.6
9	Machalleck	6990	1204.4

LABOR DAY REGATTA

Although the season races are over, a special series of races will be held over the week-end which will be called the Labor Day Regatta. Winners of this Regatta will receive trophies, as will the Season winners. These trophies will be awarded at the Yacht Club, Monday, Sept. 5 at 3:00 p.m.

CHALLENGE RACE

A challenge has been issued by Fred Ebeling for a ONE RACE CHAMPIONSHIP for OTHERS of the regular skippers.

This is a special event to raise money for the Yacht Club as each DAD puts up \$5.00 for the total to be donated to the Yacht Club.

The winner of the race will receive a x-pack as consolation prize.

Each skipper may choose his crew. The race will follow the last race Sunday. Be sure to watch this--it should be GOOD!!

ATTENTION

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3rd. -- 7:00 p.m.

COTTAGE #51 -- MACHALLECKS

IMPORTANT - PLEASE ATTEND - IMPORTANT

Junior memberships are selling well. If you haven't been contacted yet, see your Barker^{er} seller or the junior officers. A complete list will be published in the first Barker^{er} of next year.

SUPPORT YOUR YACHT CLUB!

BOAT PARADE SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.

It is hoped that many entries will be presented for the annual decorated boat parade to be held this Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at 4:00 o'clock.

All boats will gather at the public beach landing, preparatory to a tour around the lake.

A first place award will be given in each of the three following classes: Most original, Most beautiful and Best executed design. Two honorable mentions will also be made in each class.

Judges for the parade will be Mrs. Vernon Ball, Mrs. John O'Brien, Mrs. Robert Doolittle and Mrs. Perley Forbes.

MEMBERSHIPS STILL COMING IN

Additional list of donors:

Any memberships not in at this time, will be listed in the first Barker of next year. We are still hoping to get the roof on the building this year, so if you haven't made your contribution yet, please see the Director on your side.

PATRONS:

No. 23 Earl E. Troeger . . . \$100.00

SUSTAINERS:

No. 250 John W. O'Brien . . . 25.00
 2 Hubert Getzinger . . . 25.00
 263 William King . . . 25.00
 51 John Machalleck . . . 25.00

CONTRIBUTOR:

No. 48 Fred Ebeling . . . 20.00
 39 Harold Holderman . . . 20.00

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 unless noted

No. 27 Mahlon Eberhart
 18 Ross Bryan
 267 Alex Budzinski
 45 Gregory B. Cox
 4 Don F. Erhardt
 20 Robert Hague
 22 Earl Troeger, Jr.
 00 Dale Bratcher
 181 Howard E. Andersen, Jr.
 11 Alva Hague
 9 E. O. Crose

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP: \$5.00 unless noted

No. 272 Elmer Hagerty . . . No. 46 H. Paul
 Hill 6 Rhyner Scholma . . . 140 J. E. Bee
 Hill 1 Lamar King . . . 133 G. W. Bre
 6 E. D. Badger
 264 Don Miller
 5 Harold Kirkley

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MEMBERSHIPS: \$2.00 unless noted

No. Lazy L.	Joseph Harris	\$3.00
Lazy L.	James Kelly	
114	Chester Hemminger	
266	Paul Mattasits	
121	Berniel Weesner	
2	Dave Getzinger	
Hill 10	Peter Winther	
Cove lot	Galen Heckber	
16	Russell Weaver	
42	Leslie Jensen	
268	Myron Weldy	
113	Frank Nelson	
74	John Scannell	
93	Lester Milne	

CONTRIBUTOR:

No. 54	Reen Meringa	\$20.00
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MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

Mr. & Mrs. Bill McMahon and children, Bill, Mike and Trisha of Chicago visited the Mike Merrills last Sunday.

Mrs. Otto Martin of cottage #95 entertained the Past Chief's of the Pythian Sisters of Mishawaka last Thursday afternoon at a pot-luck dinner. She had 22 guests.

Rita Gearhart was the weekend guest of Janice Horning, who was visiting with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Martin of cottage #95.

DON'T FORGET
THE

BOAT PARADE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

BOAT STORAGE: There is still room for several boats to be stored in the new YACHT CLUB BLDG. Rate \$30.00 Contact Ray Messner #101 or John Machalleck #51.

FOR SALE: OIL BURNING FLOOR FURNACE