

The BIRCH BARKER

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Birch Lake, Vandalia, Michigan

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RACE RESULTS

First Race

Troeger	9432
Milne	13835
Hague	12399
Howard	14009
Bratcher	8662
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Don't forget the Jones dinner tonight at 6:00 and 7:00. It's still not too late to get your tickets. There will be a meeting of the Senior Yacht Club after the dinner and later a square dance with Andy Smith-burger calling the dances. Let's have a good turn-out and a good time. See ya there!

If you are receiving mail here at the lake, please use either the house number or the name of the owner of the cottage on the envelope. Much confusion has resulted from unidentifiable mail being left at Breece's store. You will have faster delivery if you use your cottage number or name, and it will mean less bother for Mrs. Breece. Thank you.

Many of you perhaps do not know how much is involved in the sailboat races each Sunday. Besides setting up the starting and finishing lines, several things are involved. One of these is the constant radio contact between the Committee Boat and Dale Bratcher in his speed boat. In case anyone is hurt in an accident, Mr. Foote on the committee boat can radio Mr. Bratcher and the rescue will take less time. Once, just before a race someone broke a rudder, and Mr. Foote radioed Mr. Bratcher who went to Mr. Foote's house for a spare rudder and made it back just in time to let the unfortunate sailor enter the race. Also, the racing committee would like to thank the Luxemburgers for the use of their pontoon.



Here is the unsung hero of the sailboat races, Mr. Bratcher.

The Junior Yacht Club held a meeting last Monday and decided to have a dance with a band on August 31 from 9:00 to 12:00. Also, on the 23rd of August, there will be a scavenger hunt for the Junior Yacht Club members.

Officers for next year were elected at the meeting, and they are as follows: president Ken Ratajacak; vice-president, Jim Purdy; Secretary, Leslie Weesner; and treasurer, Cheryl Erhart. Congratulations, to all of you.

On the 31 of August, the East Side of the lake will sponsor an ice-cream social. There will be a small fee for the ice cream, but the homemade cake and pie will be free. It will start at 7:30 and trophies for the sailboat races will be awarded at that time.

For Sale: 16 foot Crestliner Fiberglass Boat with 75 hp. Johnson engine perfect condition. two gas tanks, two pillows, rear view mirror, fire extinguisher, convertable top with side curtains and back cover and 1960 gater boat trailer. Can be seen at cottage #20.

C. E. Linton
1700 Edwardsburg Rd.
Phone CO 4-3417

For Sale: Electric Water Heater
52 Gallon Rheem Heater \$35.00
Bliler Cottage #240.

We want to rent a sailfish boat. The Thom Hunters. Cottage 132.

Wednesday the Purdys entertained Mrs. Lodd Lewis and daughter Gay and Jay of Donnell Lake and Mrs. R. J.. Kadwill and Vickie, Pamela, and Jay of San Antonio, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barter, Cindy, Sandy, and Randy of Cassopolis.

A summer get-to-gether was held recently at the Blilers #240. The occasion was for Margaret Chandler of Indianapolis Sharon Vinson of North Vernon, and Gloria VanWynsberghe of South Bend, all guests of Linda Keefer. The girls will be juniors this fall at Ball State College.

Staying at Lott Cottage 109 for two weeks is the Cushing family. They report they had a wonderful time here at Birch Lake and hope to return next August.

Fraternity brothers Ronny Kase of Mishawake, Tom Meilstrip of South Bend and Chuck Ailes of Valparaso were entertained by Jim Hibsman last Saturday.

Mr. and Mr. Fred Hums visited the Mel Hibsman's last Sunday.

At the Carl Shank cottage Saturday evening they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mel Knight of Goshen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert White of Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Circle, Rogers, Arkansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hunziku, Magceian Lake were dinner guests of the Paul Thayers on Saturday.

The Lyman Waltons from Elgin Illinois spent an enjoyable weekend with the Habich's. Mr. Walton an authority on fishing, an inventor of fishing lures would like to know what has happened to the fish in Birch Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Snyder Jr., Mishawaka, and son A/lc Ronald O'Dell are spending a week.

Kim Kensill has returned to Birch Lake after spending the summer at Howe Military Summer Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humberger and son Ricky and Jane Anderson of Niles were Sunday guests of the Machallecks.

A special thanks to Bill King for rescuing a party of gar fishermen who were gasless.

Linda Lott is a guest at the Dr. Parker cottage.



Guests of A. L. Courtneys this weekend are Mr. and Mrs. Dorlen Murphy and children Kathy, Rick, and Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Eck and children David, Jeff, Cindy, and Gary. All are from Mishawaka. We also wish to thank Carol Myers for a terrific issue of the "Birch Barker" of last week.

The Ratajczaks had as their weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Royce Fleener and children Kirk, and Barry Lee from Indianapolis.

The Searge Bauers, the Chester Ralstons, the Robert Stahlys, and Susan, the John Stroms and Gregory, the Dr. John Rudolphs and Mary Margaret and Anita, and the Charles Harters spent Sunday afternoon and evening with the Russ Bryans at cottage #18.

The Circle of Service of the First Baptist Church of South Bend spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Mais; the honored guests were Rev. and Mrs. Scott.

The H. E. Bonnells and family from South Bend, R. P. Colemans and family from St. Jo, Mich. R. A. Hague from Birch Lake, Mrs. Elza Hague, mother of Al Hague, and Mrs. Aline Elliot visited the Al Hagues and celebrated Mr. Hague's birthday Sunday at cottage #11.

The Milne's attended the funeral of Mrs. Milne's only living uncle, Mack Kesler at Akron, Indiana. He was 93 years old.

The Gary Stout family entertained the employees and families of Bill's Lumber and Supply of Elkhart at a picnic dinner and swim.

Pat Richwaski of East Chicago was the guests of Kurt Eichorst at the Mais home over the weekend. Also as guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Eichorst of the Mais's.

Freddy Lee Meyers and sisters Vicki and Tracy were guests at Mrs. Gergus's. Also her niece Mary Kay Scheuk from Keokuk, Iowa is spending a few weeks.

The L. A. Milne's entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dost and sons Chuck and Gary from Valparaiso on Saturday. Mr. Dost was parts manager in Mr. Milne's Stude Agency for eight years. The boys enjoyed riding the ponies.

Guests of Meringas were Chau and Wayne Meringa and parents Eddie and Dee.

The Hubert M. Weaver's entertained Rev. Robert Knechel and family at a cookout Saturday. Rev. Knechel is pastor of the New Crist Manor Church of the Brethren, South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dixon had as guests of the past week Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dixon and family of Union Grove Wisconsin and Meile Dixon and friend of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Osborne entertained Mr. and Mrs. Art Melvin, Mrs. Lee Jones, Mr. Walter Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. David Mosier and children Susan, John, and Doug of Dowagiac, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Troyer and children Ken, Cathy, Judy, Debbie, and Tracy from Elkhart, Indiana at a family picnic Sunday.

Aloha time again for the Ray Klappauf family. All had a very pleasant vacation. The six weeks seemed very short. They left for home in Chicago Sunday, August 11.

Remember the bake sale at Breece's store on Saturday, August 17 given by Pine Row Home Demonstration.

Before returning to their home in Indianapolis Denny and Keith Weesner joined Helen and Bernie Weesner in giving a "Farewell Fline". Those enjoying the party were Herm and Bev Kruegel, Bert and Joe Myers, Connie and Earl Troeger, Betty and Ray Messner, Betty and Bob Hague, Trudy and Danny Claro, and Bill and Lee King.

Habich's had a surprise visit from Homewood and Chicago Heights, Illinois -- Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Peake arrived on Thursday and was thrilled at our beautiful lake. In fact they are planning a return visit in a week with their husbands.

The Doolittles entertained as weekend guests the Carl E. Stollenmeyer family, their daughter Butch and son Nathan. They also welcomed home the Doolittle daughter Anne who has recently returned from a tour of the eastern states in search of employment and eligible bachelors. She found both. Richard Doolittle returned from YMCA leadership camp where he spent a week (on leave from Camp Eberhart) and only brushed his teeth twice.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Doan, son Dennis and daughters Patricia and Rebecca were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. Mildred Binkley.

Visitors for the weekend at the Pennsylvanian were Mr. and Mrs. Gustane Harris. The Joseph Harris family will be at the lake until Labor Day. Dr. and Mrs. Terrence J. Harris will vacation with the family on the weekend of the 24th.

Janice Abel whose father is in the Air Force, has come from England to spend her senior year with the Cecil Dixons. Judy Dixon Schlecht and daughter Kay is also home for a few weeks.

Toni King is spending a few days with Joanne Scholma in Hastings, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Coleman of the Double D are leaving for Dallas Texas this week and will be gone until Labor Day weekend.

The Walter and George Rinehart families from Elkhart visited the Thom Hunters Sunday for a family picnic.

Mary Ann Purdy marched with the Constantine Band for the Gas Engine Show in Constantine Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hunt are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. John Klinneh and son for a week at the lake. John hopes to catch a mess of fish. He hopes.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCreary entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alford and Randy of Elkhart at a cookout Sunday.

Mrs. Donald Johnson from Chicago won a set of stainless Steel Service from the Big Larry Anniversary drawing. Cottage # 5 Lazy Lodge.

Mary Walbert of South Bend was the weekend guest at the Claro's and enjoyed the outdoor food very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hansen of Niles were guests of the Floyd Fulmers last Saturday.



Beware: Linda Landesman is beginning to drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Dawn, Daryl, and Kent were guests of the Dale Bratcher's Sunday.

Flash -- Carl Klappauf again made a long distance swim from the Tannadoonah Cove to the Public Beach on the East Side on Wed. August 7. It took him 45 minutes. Congratulations.

Scotty Troeger spent the week with his grandparents.

Marcia Bartow of South Bend spent a few days last week with Linda Landesman.

Mrs. Elza Hague, Mother of Al Hague and Mr. Hague's sister Mrs. Aline Elliott spent the week at Hague's cottage # 11.

Bill Oslod of Elkhart learned to ski this week and his sister Kathy Jo learned, too. Congratulations.

Charles Mascus of Gary was a guest of Christine DeWulf for the weekend. The DeWulfs are glad to be back at the lake after a three-week absence.

If anyone wants to be shown the way to Birch Lake, ask Doris Howard. She's good at it.

Jane Zilky, Mrs. Heckber's sister, visited the Hickbers last weekend.

Cindy and Sandy Barter spent the weekend with their grandparents the Charlie Purdys.