

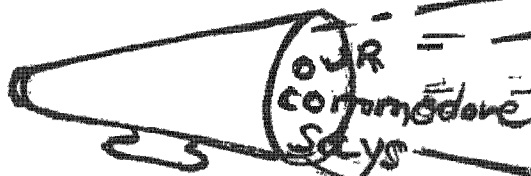


THE BIRCH BARKER

Vandalia Michigan

NUMBER 1

JUNE 27-1964



H E L L O

and isn't it good to be back to enjoy a wonderful summer at Birch Lake? We hope you will enjoy the Birch Barker again this year as we do our best to keep you informed as to news and happenings around the lake. The first issue is free...there will be a charge for following issues. We not only want to keep you informed but think this helps to make us a really friendly little community.

We are planning a variety of entertainment for those who are interested. This is also an excellent way of becoming acquainted. A Social Chairman is to be appointed and will be announced in the next issue. There was a good response to the questionnaire which was mailed out in the spring...some of the suggestions were bingo, ice cream socials, nature films, square dancing, etc. If you have other suggestions, please let us hear from you. Just notify me or your director. We want our club to be enjoyed by both Junior and Senior citizens.



The first family fun for the year will be the BIG 4TH OF JULY celebration. Mr. Parri has promised us a very colorful display. They will be shot from the same location as last year, which is on the west side of the lake. We want to thank Mr. Dvorak for the loan of his property for this event. Be ready to watch at 9:30...would like to start earlier for the little ones...but feel it must be dark enough for all to enjoy. In case of rain, the program will be held the following evening. There are a few families who will be unable to enjoy the fireworks from their yards because of tall trees but you have time to plan ahead and look for a good viewing point. Anyway, it's better than having to travel miles to enjoy this national event. There are some who have not as yet contributed to our fund



but if all will cooperate by this week end, we can promise you a show that will long be remembered by you and your families. Your director will be making his final drive....if by any chance he misses you or you miss him, please see me at my cottage # 307, Woodland Cove Drive.

I wish to express my appreciation to all officers and directors for the fine way in which they have cooperated with me in getting our summer program set up. We hope our continued efforts will result in a lot of fun for all. Please remember we welcome your suggestions and comments and we do appreciate hearing from you. Thanks!

I. T. Bowers,
Your Commodore for '64

THIS IS A NEW YEAR AT THE LAKE AND WE SEE NEW FACES

We cordially welcome you and are anxious to get acquainted. We are proud to be known as a "friendly family" lake. Won't you please join our Club?

SENIOR YACHT CLUB OFFICERS

		Cottage No.
Commodore	I. T. Bowers	307
Vice-Commodore	Charles Purdy	153
Secretary	Herb Howard	24
Treasurer	Mahlon Eberhart	27
Fleet Captain	Dave Milne	84

YOUR DIRECTORS ARE:

West Side	Pate Gillis	375
	Don Claro	376
	Dr. J. Toth	320
Cove	Don Coleman	310 R
South Side	Don Erhardt	4
	Frank Neterer	99
	Lester Milne	93
East Side	John Brown	127
	LaVern Hunt	200-6
	Glen Myers	159
Non-U-Komok Hill	Lamar King	Hill # 1

FOLLOWING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN APPOINTED:

Building Committee . . .	Seldon Foote	94
Fishing Contest . . .	Art Glenton	152
Boat Parade . . .	Ken Ratajczak	264
Jones Annual Dinner and Square Dance . . .	LaMar King	Hill # 1
Social Chairman . . .	(to be announced in next paper)	

BIRCH LAKE JUNIOR YACHT CLUB OFFICERS:

President	Ken Ratajczak	264
Vice President	Jim Purdy	153
Secretary	Leslie Weesner	121
Treasurer	Sheryl Erhardt	4

YOUR JUNIOR DIRECTORS


Jim Purdy	153
Leslie Weesner	121
Kathy Machalleck	51
Debby Bratcher	00
Butch Habich	380
Helen Toth	320
Ken Ratajczak	264

YOUR "NEWS HOUNDS" and their cottage numbers:


Tori King - # 263 Georgeanna Wirick - # 7 Pam Foote - # 94
 Cindy Ball - # 98 Denny Bratcher # 00 Keith Claro # 376
 Karen Toth - # 320 Kirk Lochmandy - # 270

REGARDING BIRCH BARKER NEWS: Starting with this issue, we are collecting all news and making deliveries at the same time. We want to be sure to do our part and do it well, but would enjoy as much time for fun as possible therefore hope this arrangement will be satisfactory. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND HAVE YOUR NEWS READY FOR US! If for any reason we miss you, our cottage numbers are listed. You may also take your news direct to the I. T. Bowers' cottage # 307, the head news office for the printing of the paper this year. Thank you.

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PLEASE
 HAVE YOUR
 NEWS READY
 ON SATURDAY
 AND GIVE IT
 TO YOUR
 REPORTER
 WHEN YOUR
 PAPER IS
 DELIVERED ON
 SATURDAY.
 THANK YOU !!







You can get your
 BAKED GOODIES
 at the
 Neterer's cottage
 # 99
 for the 4th of July

The Pine Row Home
 Demonstration Club
 will have a bake
 sale at the above
 cottage on
 Saturday
 July 4th
 from
 9:00 until 12:00

Mahlon Eberhart, our treasurer, gives you the financial report for 1963 :

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Memberships, Sr.	\$ 431.50	Fruit Belt electric	\$ 27.66
Memberships, Jr.	31.50	Fireworks	481.00
Boat Storage	190.00	Taxes	75.00
Fireworks	477.25	Building Expense & Supplies	335.67
Birch Barker	176.29	Diamond Lake (pop)	144.30
Dances	179.07	Dinner	243.65
Pop Sales	182.40	Smithberger (dance)	25.00
Dinner	254.25	Reed (dance)	30.00
Juke Box	2.75	Insurance	99.75
Social	43.40	Thrifty Checks	1.50
		Thayers (trophies)	78.52
		Refund - H. Weaver (boat)	10.00
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	\$ 1968.61		\$ 1552.05
Carry over 1962	511.92		
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Total	\$ 2480.53	Total	\$ 1552.05
	RECEIPTS	\$ 2,480.53	
	EXPENSES	1,552.05	
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	BALANCE	\$ 928.48	

THE JUNIOR YACHT CLUB DANCE SCHEDULE: Time - 8:00 to 11:00

TUESDAY 	THURSDAY 	SATURDAY 
June 23 Chap: Mrs. Weesner	June 25 Chap: Erhardt*s Carpenter's	June 27th Chap: Machalleck's Hague's
June 30 Chap: King's Claro's	July 2nd Chap: **	July 4th THERE WILL BE NO DANCE BECAUSE OF FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
July 7th Chap: Claro's	July 9th Chap: Weesner's	July 11th Chap: Howard's Bratcher's
July 14th Chap: Hague's	July 16th Chap: **	July 18th Chap: Brown's Ratajczak's
July 21st Chap: **	July 23rd Chap: **	

** THE DATES WHICH ARE STARRED MEANS WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR CHAPERONES.
Would you like to help? If so, please notify Ken Ratajczak, Cottage # 264

BOAT TRAFFIC

I believe it was mentioned in a previous Birch Barker that boat traffic on the lake should be in a clock-wise manner.

Our present law states that for safe travel on waterways in the state of Michigan, traffic should be COUNTER-CLOCKWISE. If we all follow this procedure, our boating should be safer, especially when pulling skiers.

I. T. Bowers



BIG FISHING CONTEST

It has been decided that a fishing contest would be a lot of fun. This contest starts as of June 27th and ends August 30th. There will be a beautiful trophy awarded for the largest fish caught...measurements to be taken with the mouth shut (the fish's mouth, I mean, ha ha) and from tip to tip. There will be three categories, bass, bluegill and trout. The fish must be registered with me and must be alive at the time of measuring.

Let's cast our worries away....cast in our lines today. I'll be looking for you at my cottage # 152.

* Art Glenton,
Chairman of Fishing Contest.

WATCH THE BIRCH BARKER FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DATES FOR COMING EVENTS " " "

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL ? ?

(small charge of 25¢ covers the ad)

FOR SALE: Oliver 15 HP boat motor with controls.....an Elgin 7 1/2 HP boat motor.....Johnson 2 1/2 HP boat motor.....three sets of boat oars.

Please see A. C. Dickens, cottage # 60

COULD YOU USE A REFRIGERATOR ?

There is a Frigidaire - one door - freezing compartment - 61" high - 32" wide - is in good condition - sells for \$25.00 at the Leo Zelasko's cottage at # 138 on East side.

PONY LIQUIDATION SALE: (Sold ranch) now selling all ten ponies...both big and little. Mares....foals.....cart harness and saddles - See

L. A. Milne - cottage # 93

THE BIRCH LAKE DUMP

is again available to us. If you are new at the lake, please ask your neighbor or director for directions.

Remember to throw your trash well over the hill so as not to misuse this privilege.

LET'S MAKE OUR PAPER INTERESTING

We enjoy the social news.... perhaps you might have something pertaining to history... something funny or perhaps an embarrassing incident...everyone enjoys a good joke

* Your reporter

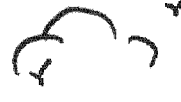

ALL FISHERMEN, please note: I was asked to write to the Michigan Fishing Commission in regard to the stocking of our lake with bass, trout and bluegills. This, I did and received a lengthy letter dated Jan. 14, 1964 stating that they found it unadvisable to continue stocking the lake every year with trout but that they had resumed their plan of stocking at three year intervals. Starting with 1956, they planted 6000 legal size... 1959 - 6,000 legal size....in 1962 - 2,500 legal size and in 1963, 2,400 15 inchers. They plan to continue with this schedule. Regarding bass and bluegill, they state "planting warm water fish in lakes where they are able to reproduce naturally, has been shown to be unjustified" Should you wish to read the letter in its entirety, please see me.

* I. T. Bowers

We wish to express our heart-felt sympathy to the Verlodt's and the Peters family in the death of Mr. William E. Peters, a well known Birch Laker. Word was received that Mr. Peters died last week end. Funeral services were held last Wednesday, June 24th in Ft. Lauderdale. Mr. and Mrs. Peters (formerly at cottage # 323) moved to Fort Lauderdale 6 years ago, at which time their cottage was taken over by their daughter and family. Others surviving that are familiar to the Birch Lake Community besides Doris Verlodt are Judi Ann, Tom and Dick Peters.

SAILING NEWS

You must enter 13 of the 15 races to qualify for any trophies. The races will start at 11:00 and 2:30 each afternoon listed. In case of bad weather, races will be held on August 30 at 11:00 and 2:30. Please save the following schedule for reference.

June 28	..... 2 races		August 2	..... 2 races
July 4th	..... Regatta (1 race) 11:00		August 9	..... 2 races
July 5th	..... Regatta (2 races)		August 16	..... 2 races
July 12th	..... 2 races		August 23	..... 2 races
July 19th	..... 2 races		August 30	..... 11:00 and (open for make up) 2:30
July 25 & 26	..... No races at Birch (Invitational at Eagle Lake)		Sept. 6	..... 2 races (for Labor Day Regatta)
			Sept. 7	..... 1 race (finish regatta 11:00)

If you see the Floyd Fulmer's looking up in the sky, they are not stargazing....they are watching for a certain plane which will be bringing their daughter Evelyn, her husband Jack and children Martha, Jeff and Nancy Asire back from Ethiopia. We understand you have developed a wonderful airport in that far country, Jack. Have seen some of your beautiful slides and are anxious to see more. Hope we can arrange a date so everyone can see them at the Yacht Club soon. By the way, the Asires should be enjoying good old terra firma at Birch Lake on the 3rd of July.

We wish to thank Mrs. C. Cowen for the following news item: The 1st issue of the Birch Barker was distributed on June 27th, 1943. The editor's name was Chuck Schott. We can all be mighty proud of our heritage here at dear old Birch Lake.

Judy, Kay and John Schlecht of Arlington, Virginia, arrived Thurs. to spend a few weeks with her parents and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Dixon at cottage 50. Judy's husband John will join the family later.

There is never a camera around when you need one! You should have seen the slide into the lake when one section of pier went down at # 307. The I. T. Bowers' were entertaining Mrs. Teresa McCombs, Mrs. Mary Beebe Tod Ward and Cindy from South Bend. After delicious charcoaled steaks, a boat ride was to be enjoyed but instead all received a good dunking.

Ray and Kate Henderson of South Bend dropped in for a visit with the John Ball's on last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cowen at # 308 entertained the faculty of Elsie Rogers school of Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp. of Mishasaka, at a pot luck dinner last Saturday evening.

The Autin Chapter of Women's Relief Corps met with Mrs. Mais at "We Luv It" on Wednesday, June 17th

Mrs. C.J.Dixon - Cottage 50 - was in Northern Wisconsin until Thursday this past week.

A Happy Father's Day was enjoyed by the I. T. Bowers' family at cottage 307. Their daughter Margie, her husband Dave, and their children Greg, Julie, Brian and Marsha.... their son Paul, his wife Betty and two kiddies Teri and Mike.... and their daughter Frances all from So. Bend had a big splash party.

Happy Birthdays to Mrs. Vernon Ball and son John who celebrated their mutual birthdays on June 13th.

The Donald L. Marvel's and Roy Peterson's are visiting at the Beyers cottage

Dean Frick, Greg Kinner and Rocky Talcott motoreycled from South Bend to the I. T. Bowers' cottage # 307 last Tuesday afternoon. They enjoyed their cook out and an afternoon of swimming.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bodza of Harvey, Ill. are enjoying themselves at the Breece's.

The Thom Hunter family from Chicago are in cottage # 132 until July 10th

Mrs. Koebernik's granddaughter, Mrs. John Jorgensen, Diane and son Les are visiting from Council Bluffs, Iowa, for ten days.

Jack and Janet Toreger and sons Scott, Tim and Stephen are renting the Haine's cottage # 124 for the season. They recently entertained the Jim Freeman's from So. Bend and the Harwood Fenner family. Everyone pitched in and helped put on a new roof.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lott and daughter Linda will spend a week beginning June 26th at the Dun Romin cottage. They are from Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kaczmarek and daughter Zita are back to their cottage for the summer. The new addition to the family is Lindie Lou, a toy poodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Messner and sons are back to the lake after a wonderful 2 week's vacation in California. They had a lot of fun but its always so good to be back home.

The Courtneys are leaving this week to take Jeanne to the Purdue campus for her Orientation Day and final scheduling of classes for the fall semester. They will be back this week end to begin a week's vacation.

The Allen Morouse family have been visiting Sidney Dixon. They are from Sunnyvale, California.

The Cealka's entertained on Saturday honoring the fathers of the family.

Anyone with extra papers and magazines can leave them at the Charles Purdy's cottage # 153. Their nephew Dennis is collecting papers.

THE JUNIOR YACHT CLUB MEMBERS wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Foote, Miss Judy Brown and Miss Marianne Machalleck for chaperoning the dance last Sat. night, So glad to have the pop machine back in working order. Remember

THERE IS NO DANCE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

As you will note in Birch Barker, plenty of fun has already been planned for that day

Sonia Wirick returned to the lake after spending a week at the World's Fair. She had a wonderful time but is glad to be back.

Tori King spent three days at 4 H camp at Christiania Lodge.

Georgeanne Wirick spent a week with the Rhyner Scholmas in Hastings.

The Grover Holderman family met at the Coans for a Father's Day picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Tunnickliffe from Ypsilanti, Michigan, spent the week end with the Bill Tunnickliffes to celebrate Father's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris are in from Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Terry and son Brett will arrive on Saturday. Guests for the week are Mr. and Mrs. Gus Harris.

Dr. and Mrs. McGann of Goshen spent Sunday with Laffertys to celebrate Mr. Lafferty's birthday.

Jim and Jean Foot visited L. Meyers on Father's day.

The Joe Meyers family have decided to stay at Birch Lake permanently. Sure hope they are pleased with the winter months at the lake.

The Bernaciak's report that Kevin has now learned to "captain" his father's boat. Ken and Mary Ellen have already started enjoying their vacation, and so far, so good. They are looking forward to a "Bang up 4th of July" week end as they will be entertaining a good many friends.

The Klappauf's have their new boat but haven't decided on a name for it as yet. Rose and children Carl and Kathleen will start their vacation June 26th...will be staying for a few months. Oh Happy Days Ahead!

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Purdy, Dennis and Jerry of Niles were Sunday dinner guests at the Charles Purdys. John Purdy of Dowagiac was an afternoon caller. E. T. Purdy has been staying with his son Charles and family.