

THE BIRCH BARKER

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YOUR COMMODORE FOR '64
I T. Bowers - Cottage # 307

says: As the 1964 season draws to a close, I can only say a BIG THANK YOU to all who have helped in the Yacht Club program.

I accepted the job of Commodore without knowing too much about what the job entailed but with the cooperation of officers, directors and committee chairmen I believe the program this season has been enjoyable to those who were interested in a social program.

I have served the Yacht Club to the best of my ability and as the new commodore takes office after Labor Day, he has my best wishes for the next season and I will be most willing to help where needed.

OUR BIG FISHING CONTEST IS OVER and the winners are:

JOE HARRIS, cottage 200-3
Largest Bass - 18"

K. WEESNER - cottage 121
Largest Bluegill - 10 5/8"

No entries were reported in the "trout" division.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the winners

and best wishes for better luck next year to all the others who participated.



OUR FLEET CAPTAIN, DAVE MILNE REPORTS THE SEASON STANDINGS FOR OUR SNIPE RACES THIS YEAR:

July 4th Regatta (3 races)	For the Season (15 races)	Aug. 30 - 11:00 A.M. Make-up race for 6/28
(1) Troeger, E - 9432	(1) Troeger, E - 9432	(1) Milne - 13835
(2) Howard - 14009	(2) Milne - 13835	(2) Troeger, E - 9432
(3) Hague - 12399	(3) Hague - 12399	(3) Howard - 14009
(4) Milne - 13835	(4) Howard - 14009	(4) Getzinger - 10360
(5) Getzinger - 10360	(5) Troeger, J - 7377	(5) Hague - 12399
(6) Troeger, J - 7377	(6) Getzinger - 10360	(6) Troeger, J - 7377
(7) Bratcher - 7309	(7) Foote - 7378	(7) Foote - 7378
(8) Weaver - 10955	(8) Weaver - 10955	(8) Bratcher - 8662
		(9) Weaver - sailed by R.Doolittle-10955

* Trophies will be awarded at the Clubhouse immediately following the Labor Day Race. Would love to see a nice crowd to witness the awarding of the trophies and to let our skippers know we have thoroughly enjoyed the races this year and are already looking forward to another Season of Sailing next year.

SEPTEMBER 5th

REMEMBER THE BAKE SALE

SEPTEMBER 5th

Sponsored by the Pine Row Home Demonstration Club - to be held in FRANT NETERER'S garage - cottage # 99 - - - from 9:00 until 12:00





BROTHER



SISTER



MOM



& DAD

REPORT THE FAMILY NEWS:

There was a fire on Nun-u-Kumok Hill recently. The George Wirick family, year-round residents, were awakened about 3:00 in the morning and were thankful to escape with their lives and some clothing. The Volunteer Fire Department from Jones, Michigan, was at the scene in 12 minutes. This Birch Lake family didn't know they had so many friends. To one and all who expressed their concern, they wish to say "thank you" from the bottom of their hearts. They are renting cottage # 266 belonging to Mr. and Mrs. W. King, until they can rebuild.

William and Dorothy Humphrey entertained Mr. and Mrs. Art Granger, C. and V. Lee, Sarge and Inez Revard on Sunday.

The Joe Myers wish to extend their farewells to all their summer-time neighbors and are planning to enjoy their first winter at Birch Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy spent Sat. at Mrs. Fred Reed's house. The occasion for the Saturday evening celebration was the 5th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Snow, who were also visiting for the weekend with Cathie and Chris. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis and son Keith and Mrs. Hasey, Mrs. Reed's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Helvey, Jr. are looking forward to completion of their cottage.

East side residents are very pleased to have a buoy and be a part of racing again. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Fabian were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris for the weekend of August 20th. From Fort Knox, Ky., Lt. and Mrs. Jos. P. Harris were guests for the past week as well as the Gustave Harrisses. Bruce Harris' guest from Pennsylvania was George Watt who enjoyed every day of his stay. Mr. and Mrs. Mc Clure and family are in the Lakeview cottage this week.

August 23rd guests at the Verlodt's cottage # 323 were John and Phyllis Feyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fulmer of Mishawaka were guests of the Floyd Fulmers.

At Cottage # 311, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Longenecker, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cranmer and Bobby and Julie were dinner guests in honor of Bobby's 6th birthday.

Last weekend guests of the Toth's were Mr. and Mrs. Bot Gregorits and children and Mr. and Mrs. George Mahoney and children.

The Walter Gaedtkes, cottage # 318, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Leon Farmer, South Bend, last Sunday.

Martha Asire and Peggy Caenepeel swam from Wee-Wood to the Public Beach in 75 minutes. Pretty good for 11 year olds.

The Niles family from Pennsylvania spent a few days with the Heckbers in the Cove. Mrs. Niles is Galen's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cowen, Steve and Stacia and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Helms and son Jeff of Muncie, Indiana, enjoyed the week with the Cowens at # 308.

Did you smell that delicious aroma last Sunday morning? A beach-side breakfast was enjoyed on Sunday morning by a group of cottagers on the west side, including Dr. Clevelands, France's, Weavers, Habichs, Gillis' and Krols. The menu...pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee. M-m-m- sure sounds good says the editor.

Mr. Fred Shewman, nephew of A. D. Shewman, and his bride are enjoying their honeymoon at cottage 303.

Miss Frances Bowers, cottage # 307, entertained Miss Susan Vyverberg and Miss Karen Arick from South Bend last weekend.

The I. T. Bowers' from the cottage "Happy Ours" # 307, are looking forward to having a family party on September 16th to celebrate their birthdays and their 37th wedding anniversary. They, along with their son Paul and family and daughter Margie and family and of course Frances too will enjoy seeing the pictures of the 4000 mile camping trip out west taken by

their daughter Margie, husband Dave and four children, Greg, Julie, Brian and Marsha. Incidentally, the Bowers' are looking forward to spending all of September and part of October at the lake this year. They hope to find time now to enjoy some fishing during the last two weeks of I. T's vacation. Miss Frances will be attending Indiana University Extension.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, were surprise visitors at Mahlon and Grace Eberharts on Monday through Wednesday. They loved Birch Lake and Eberharts enjoyed hearing all the news from their old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Varga and son from South Bend, Indiana, are the new owners of cottage # 54. We welcome you.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fergus, cottage # 53, entertained his business associates last Sunday. A big steak cookout, pontoon rides and just Birch Lake in general made the day a big success.

Leslie Hiatt was a Tuesday guest of Kathy Machalleck.

We've finally heard from Mike Machalleck. He is in the South China Sea area. His ship, U S S Ozbourn, is patrolling the area for submarines. The situation is somewhat relaxed and he is looking forward to a leave in the Phillipines soon. The editor has read two of his very interesting letters and would sure like to reprint them but don't have the space. Why don't you drop over to Machalleck's and ask to see them. I know they would not mind and it would be time well spent.

Visiting with the John Balls Sunday afternoon and evening, August 23rd, from Elkhart were Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Speth, David and Peter, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Layer, Valerie and Curt. Ed gave the slalom a try and made it on the second attempt.

Cindy, John Jr. and Julie Ball, along with Mom and Dad, enjoyed that 12 inning victory for the White Sox over Minnesota last Wednesday night, August 26th, in Chicago.

The Ball family have enjoyed having the Ray Hendersons of South Bend as neighbors for three weeks. They are renting # 96.

Afternoon guests of Marianne Machalleck last Tuesday were Elizabeth Thorpe and Marcia Gondeck of Niles.

Kathy Machalleck celebrated her 16th birthday on the 26th. Even Willy enjoyed it...eating up half an angel food cake. This was after everyone had retired.

Cheryl Love will be the guest of Debbie Bratcher, cottage # 00, for the Labor Day weekend.

Debbie Bratcher, Jr. Yacht Club Social Chairman, wishes to thank all who have helped during the summer on all the Social activities. We hope we can have more such fun next season.

Those wishing to store boats in the Clubhouse, please contact Frank Neterer, cottage # 99, or Charlie Purdy, cottage # 153. If you wish to take care of storing your boat yourself, the charge is \$20.00. If you wish pick-up and delivery service, the charge is \$25.00. Don't wait too long... it is "first come - first served".

NOVICE RACE

A new interest in sailing is the race held for the young sailors who have never skippered or crewed before in a race. This, we hope, will create a larger fleet for Birch Lake.

The winners for the first race held last Sunday afternoon, August 30th are:

- (1) B.J.Hague
Crew, Jim Luxenberger-14009
- (2) Rick Doolittle
Crew, Friend - 10955
- (3) Brian Hague,
Crew, Don Olson - 12399
- (4) Jeff Troeger,
Crew, Steve King - 9432
- (5) Bill Bradley,
Crew, Dave Getzinger - 10360
- (6) Scotty Troeger,
Crew, Jack Troeger - 7377
- (7) Pam Foote,
Crew, Cindy Ball - 7378

The president of the Jr. Yacht Club wishes to thank all his "snoopy sniffers" for having done such a fine job collecting the news and distributing the Birch Barkers. The Commodore wants to say CONGRATULATIONS too, and feels sure this is something to "bark" about.



Thanks to Arline Machalleck and her Social Committee...our fund for the kitchen has now reached \$ 266.92.

The Senior Commodore for next year, Charles Purdy, and Junior Commodore, Jim Purdy, will be happy to have any suggestions for planning activities for next year and will appreciate your help in serving on various projects. A united group working together for the benefit of all Birch Lake Yacht Club members makes the load easier.

We would especially like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bowers for the wonderful job they did this season, Ken Ratajczak too. Its been great working with all of you.

The B L Y C has purchased four new buoys for the sailing course.

Already there have been people marking and damaging the buoys.

Bills will be submitted to the parents of the following people. We will verify these initials as soon as possible.

K.P. C.H. C.O. B.H. D.K.

JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

THE LAST

Sunday Evening

8:30...to 12:00

SPONSORS

BIG DANCE

September 6th

"THE SUMMER PLACE"



*The VIKINGS from South Bend will be playing for the dance to be held at the Clubhouse...Donations 75¢ per.

I find myself with some extra space and would therefore like to share with you a poem written by my sister, Mary Jane (McCombs) Nassar, of Clarksdale, Miss. She was attending a Sunday School Teacher's Retreat held at Vesper Hill, Lake Stephens.

Come Ye Apart

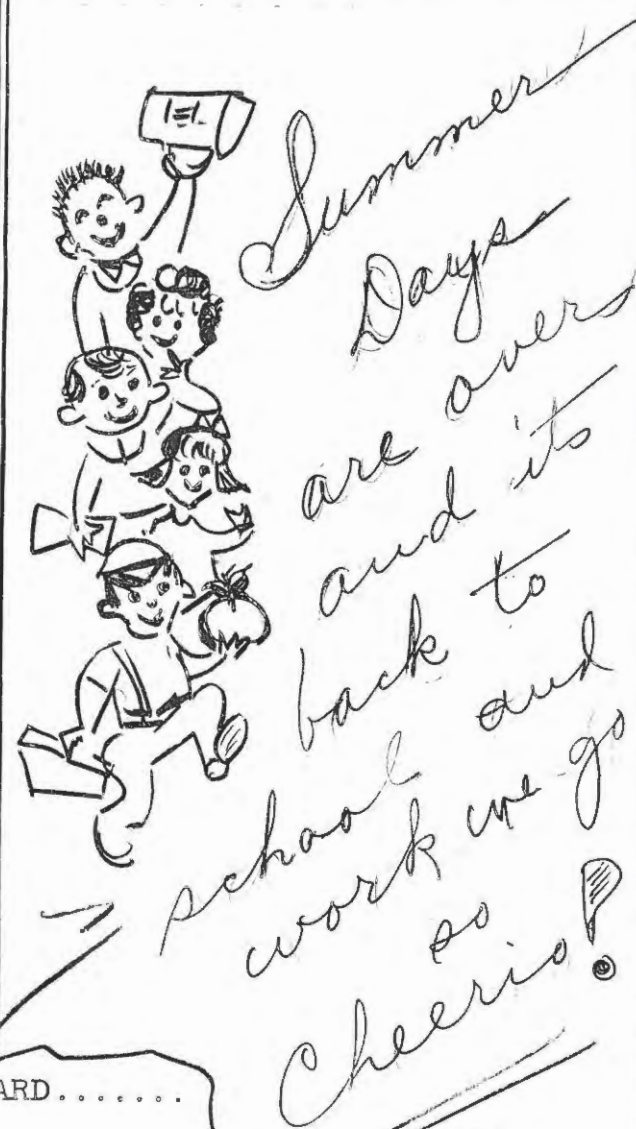
Come ye apart, weary follower
and rest for a little while.
Lay down your cross, renew yourself
Rise refreshed -- go another mile.

The world crowds in, in many ways
but God's creatures great and small
Must come apart and kneel and pray
to the Father of us all.

"Be still and know that I am God"
and trust me when I say
Underneath are the everlasting arms
and I will point the way.

Oh little one, just listen --
I speak so loud to you.
The silent, foggy distant hill
will resound with echoes true.

The peace I give will come to you
if you but watch and pray
The eternal light shall light your path--
I am the Truth, the Way."



BURNING LEAVES CAN BE A HAZARD.....

