

THE BIRCH BARKER

from Beautiful Birch Lake
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CONCERNING YOUR LAKE DIRECTORY:



With a lot of work, and a little luck, we hope to get your Directory delivered to you this week. Charlie Purdy has put in a lot of time and made a lot of calls endeavoring to bring this right up-to-date..however, you know changes are made quickly.... therefore, if a mistake has been made and you wish to see it corrected, please get the news to me immediately so as to have it printed in next week's Barker (which, by the way, will be the last issue for this season.

BIRCH LAKE RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION THIS PAST WEEK.....

when it was announced that Earl Troeger Jr. had won the International High Point Score Championship in the Snipe Class International Racing Association. Earl and Jeff will receive two trophies. the Reichner Trophy symbolizing the high point championship of the world, and the Miniford Trophy for the United States Championship. There are over 16,000 numbered Snipes from over 600 active Snipe Fleets throughout the world competing for this award. The Snipe Class is the largest sailing class in the world and we of Birch Lake are proud to be a part of this fine organization.

We hope that soon others from Birch will get a Snipe and give our sailors some good stiff competition. This year the competition has been so keen that anyone of 5 skippers still has a chance at the top place as we go into our final two season races this Sunday.



MEETING
OF
OFFICERS



and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

at Clubhouse - Saturday afternoon

August 27th

at 3:30

Please make
Every Effort

To Be Present !



CLUB HOUSE



THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL WAS A DELICIOUS SUCCESS.....(in spite of the weather) and thanks to all those who worked so hard. Over 250 people were there to take care of the good pies and cakes which were baked by our Birch Lakers. This event was sponsored by the Juniors. Profits were over \$50.00. Special thanks to Julie Weaver for her fine help and direction. Thanks again to all those who baked the goodies

LOST: One Oar - unpainted with small oar lock.
Please notify A. Wirick, #8 on the Hill

FOUND: A life jacket with the name Mike Shearman. At the Coan's #148-East Side

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News from along the Shoreline



Gordon and Martha Norquist and their two children, Margaret and Gordy, reluctantly left Birch Lake for a trip to Niagara Falls.

Miss Evelyn Fasquel from Sevrans, France was a guest of Joe Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sowers and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darr and children Roger, Bruce and Sandy from South Bend and Harold and Reba Sowers from Misa, Arizona spent Sunday with the Shewmans at cottage #303.

Winners of 2nd place in the Birch Lake Boat Parade was the Rieth family with their float "The Cove Dwellers", and to top it all off...on Sunday they won 1st prize in the 6th Annual Heart City Festival Parade in Elkhart for the most original float, theirs being one of 62 floats. Congratulations!

Visiting Jeff Asire was John Yonker from Pacific Palisades, California. Jess and John were classmates in school in Kansas. Swimming and skiing were the agenda for John, who on his second time around the lake on skis, did not fall once and even went outside of the wake.

Jeff Asire is back in a cast again, having injured his knee on Thurs. night.

Jeff and Nancy Asire are both going to college in the Midwest this fall. Jeff is going to Parks Air College (part of the University of St. Louis) and majoring in Airline Administration. His sister Nancy is going to the Conservatory of Music at Kansas City (part of the University of Missouri) and majoring in Music Composition.

The Thomas Peters family spent last weekend at the Verlodt's cottage and had a wet weekend.

Visiting Helen Toth last weekend was Mary Ruth Custer of South Bend, Indiana. Both girls graduated from Saint Mary's Academy this year. A weekend of fun was had by all on the west side.

Dick, Peggy, Steve, Stacey and Bradley Cowen spent Sunday with the Cowens at 308.

Mary and Leo Kerker from Lafayette, the niece and nephew of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Lahr, visited with them from Sunday till Tuesday.

A bit of belated news found in the bottom of the Birch Barker reporter's envelope:

The Lahr family celebrated their 47th Annual Reunion at Huntington (Union Twp) Indiana on Sunday, August 14th.

Visiting at the Lahrs for several days were Dr. and Mrs. E. Scott Lahr of Tampa, Florida...also sister-in-law Mrs. E. Glen Lahr and son Glen from Lake Zurich, Ill.

We wish to express our love and sympathy to the Ivan Crull family who were called back from their summer cabin in the woods up at Kenton, Michigan to be with his mother during her last illness. Mr. Crull's mother, Mrs. Clyde Doolittle of Osceola, passed away last Thurs. morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaw from St. Petersburg, Florida were Monday guests of the Charley Partridges at Weewood. They had intended to stay for one day only but that delicious apple pie and the promise of sunshine helped to change their minds as they are looking forward to staying several more days now.

Charley Partridge's brother Bob and his wife Bess from South Bend visited with the Partridges last Thurs. evening. The Partridges took their neighbors, the Bowers, the Wentworths and the Cowens and his brother and his wife on an armchair trip through the west as they showed their beautiful colored slides of their 10,000 mile trip.

Mrs. Michael Mullane (formerly Kathy O'Brien) and her husband will be spending the next week at Birch Lake. Mike has just finished his jet flight training at the U. S. Navy Base, Chase Field, Beeville, Texas. They are stopping here on the way to California where Mike will undergo additional training.

Patty and Anne O'Brien will be returning from a summer of work at Camp Eberhart on Corey Lake. Anne leaves for Western Michigan on Aug. 29th. She will be a Freshman.

***Mother Nature wasn't so dumb. In designing the hinges for the human framework, she knew that man would have little occasion to reach around and pat himself on the back.

Guests last week of the Gaston DeWulfs were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rossel of Bloomington, Indiana, Miss Sue Emanuel of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Natalie DeWulf of Mishawaka and Mr. and Mrs. William Moyer also of Mishawaka.

Mr. DeWulf will return to work this week after a six week vacation which included surgery. Cathryn DeWulf is working and making preparation to enter training at Elkhart General Hospital as an X-ray technician.

Sunday guests of the Forbes were Mr. and Mrs. George Culner and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Platt of Elkhart.

The Jensens at cottage # 42 entertained Ruth and Irwin Finch last Sunday. A cookout was in order.

Bill and Linda (Ebeling) Hammes are proud parents of a 7 lb. 2 oz. son, Anthony James. He came to live with them on August 18th at 8:30 A. M. Grandma and Grandpa Ebeling promptly left for Dayton to see little Tony and of course the proud parents, Linda and Bill, too.

Engagement announced on August 6, 1966. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klappauf announced the engagement of their son Carl to Sandra Mazur. Sandra attended Illinois State Teachers College and is now employed as an administrator for the Mica Company in Chicago. Carl is attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois.

Mrs. Robert Bidlack, Mrs. Frank Harper and Mrs. C. A. Paull, all from Indianapolis, will arrive at the Bob Carpenter cottage # 112 on Wednesday to make up a bridge foursome and enjoy Beautiful Birch Lake. The men will all arrive on Friday evening to join their wives for another enjoyable weekend.

Charlie and Dorie Purdy received a radiogram from their son Jim saying he has arrived in Viet Nam. His new address is Pfc James A. Purdy
2245537 - First Marine Division,
c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Dixon, Susan and Richard of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, are visiting their parents, the Sidney Dixons on East Hill.

Mrs. Larry Abel and children who have been spending some time with Mrs. Abel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dixon, will leave on Monday for their new home in CrestView, Florida.

Cindy, Sandy and Randy Barter of Cassopolis are spending the weekend with their grandparents, the Purdys. Mike and Mary Ann Vylonis of Indian Lake, Dowagiac, will spend Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. A. M. Fraser (Jessie), Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Meyer's daughter, from Washington, D.C. is here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowers and children Teri and Mike entertained their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Long and children from South Bend, at cottage # 307 last weekend. Other Sunday guests at the I. T. Bowers' cottage were grandchildren Greg and Julie Kinner from South Bend, their friend Holly Heemstra, Mrs. Teresa McCombs and Fran's guest, Jim Hile. Skiing between raindrops provided most of the entertainment.

Grandaughter Marsha Beth Kinner and her kitten "Sweetie" also enjoyed several days with her grandparents at the lake last week.

Our thanks to Mrs. Andersen and her committee for the floating success of the Annual Boat Parade. Eleven boats were entered. There would have been more boats entered, but of course you just can't set a day and hour to fit everyone's busy schedule. The prizes were won by

Tunnickliffes	1st
Rieths	2nd
Burchells	3rd

Receiving Honorable Mention were:

Monroes	1st
DeWulfs	2nd

Did you hear that swinging band on the West side of the Lake last Friday, August 19th. Cathy Troyer, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Osborne, cottage 365, gave a wing-ding for about 35 friends from Elkhart, Portland and Birch Lake. Live music was provided by the swinging "all gal" band, the Boy Watchers. Thanks to the understanding neighbors, all had a rootin-tootin good time.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Leach and sons Tom and Greg arrived last Saturday to spend 10 days with his father, Floyd Leach.

Lori Claro celebrates her 2nd birthday. There was a big family party with all the trimmings. Helping celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. John Magera and Mary Walbert of South Bend and Grandmother Claro.

A BIG STEP FORWARD has been proven by the success of our Ice Cream Social.

Improved Kitchen Facilities and a MUCH IMPROVED Parking Area, thanks to our Commodore, his Board of Directors

AND

YOU ALL !!



The following was published in the South Bend Tribune on July 17, 1966. It was written by Pfc Melven (Buddy) Whitmyer, 18 years old, of our neighboring town Cassopolis. He is now serving with the 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Corps. He is a 1965 graduate of Cassopolis High School and has spent one year in the Marines and is now stationed in Da-Nang, South Viet Nam. He was wounded in action last month. He also has a brother in the service.

W H O I S H E ? ? ?

You sit home and watch TV...you're sipping a refreshing iced tea.
The news comes on and then you hear the All-Star game is drawing near.
Then you see a far-off land where men are dying in the sand.
A frown appears across your face...you're tired of hearing about that place.
Who cares about Viet Nam across the sea - it's far away and doesn't concern me.
You'd rather hear the Beatles play than learn about the world today.
Now stop and think for a moment or two and ask yourself, "Does this concern you?"
It's great to be alive and free but what about that guy across the sea?
He's giving up his life for me so that I can live in liberty!
He's far away to fight a war instead of fighting it at my front door!
This guy who lives in filth and slime...how can he do it all the time?
He's about my age so why should he care about a war someone else should share.
You call him names and make fun of his cause, yet he's first to go to win wars
But this brave man faces death every day, yet he's always got something fun to say
No mail again, a twinge of sorrow...Oh, what the hell! there's always tomorrow.
The morale is low and the tension is high; some men even break down and cry.
He wants to go home and see a loved one but he won't go until he gets the job done.
He works all day and stands guard all night; he's tired and sick but he continues to fight.
The college crowd thinks he's a fool but that's what makes him so hard & cruel.
You don't appreciate the things he will do, like giving up his life for you.
He sacrifices so much, but asks no return..just so you stay in school & learn.
No parties or dances for this brave man until he comes home again.
The days are hot and the nights are too...what wonders a cold beer would do.
He dreams of cold beer and a thick juicy steak; Then someone shouts "We've a hill to take."
Some will be heroes because they are brave, others will have a wreath on their grave.
You'll recognize him when he walks by; there's a saddened look in his eye.
He walks so proud, yet he looks so mean; he's called the World's Greatest Fighting Machine.
No wonder he's proud...he's a UNITED STATES MARINE.

REMEMBER IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A CORRECTION MADE IN THE BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY, Be sure to get it to me, Mrs. I.T.Bowers, Cottage 307 before next Monday. Thanks

Sailing News - Aug 20 and 21st

JUNIOR SNIPE RESULTS

- (1) Jeff Troeger - 9432
- (2) Don Holtz - 13836
- (3) Gerry DeWulf - 14009
- (4) James Milne - 13835

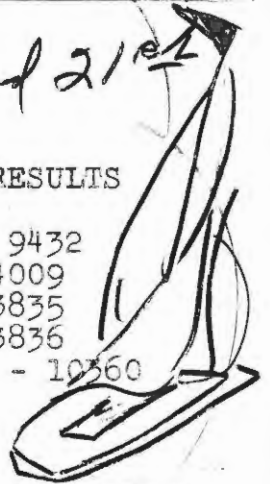
SUNFISH - SAILFISH and DOLPHIN RESULTS

- * (1) Keith Clark - 14765
- * (2) Herman Kruggel - 14962
- * (3) Tom Troeger - 14310
- * (4) Scott Troeger - 14580
- (5) Martha Asire
- (6) Greens

*The sailors with the numbered boats are sailing Sunfish

SENIOR SNIPE RESULTS

- (1) Troeger - 9432
- (2) Howard - 14009
- (3) Milne - 13835
- (4) Holtz - 13836
- (5) Getzinger - 10360
- (6) Speck



B. J., Brian and Barry Hague and Don Olson returned Sunday night from Peoria, Illinois much richer in experience and far wiser to the thrills of Snipe Racing. B. J. and his crew Don Olson placed 8th and Brian and Barry placed 21st out of a fleet of 28 boats from District III which represents 7 states. Brian says he is going back next year and redeem himself.

THE WINNER OF THE BEAUTIFUL RED CANOE

is Sherman Eichorst from Cottage # 76, right here on our Beautiful Birch Lake. We wish him many happy hours of paddling.

Fleet Captain Bob Hague would like to thank all the people for making the raffle on the canoe such a big success. There will be plenty of money for the trophies for the sailing season and the balance will be turned over to the Yacht Club. The exact amount will be announced later. The young people who worked so hard at selling tickets are Chris Holtz, Tim Burshell, Scotty Troeger and Barry Hague. A special "thank you" goes to them.



HANG ON TO I FLOAT

"Hang On, I Float" is good advice for boating and canoe enthusiasts. Don't swim away from your boat or canoe if it capsizes--it will support you until help comes.

REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR DAIRY SUPPLIES FROM THE PRODUCERS CREAMERY
He travels the lake year 'round
Blowing his horn
Every other morn.

For many years one of our local post offices regularly received letters addressed to the Almighty. Of all the impersonal government-issue rubber stamps that might have been chosen to return this mail by the busy, overworked clerks, only one was ever used: "Insufficient Postage."

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

HAVE YOU THOUGHT WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR BOAT??

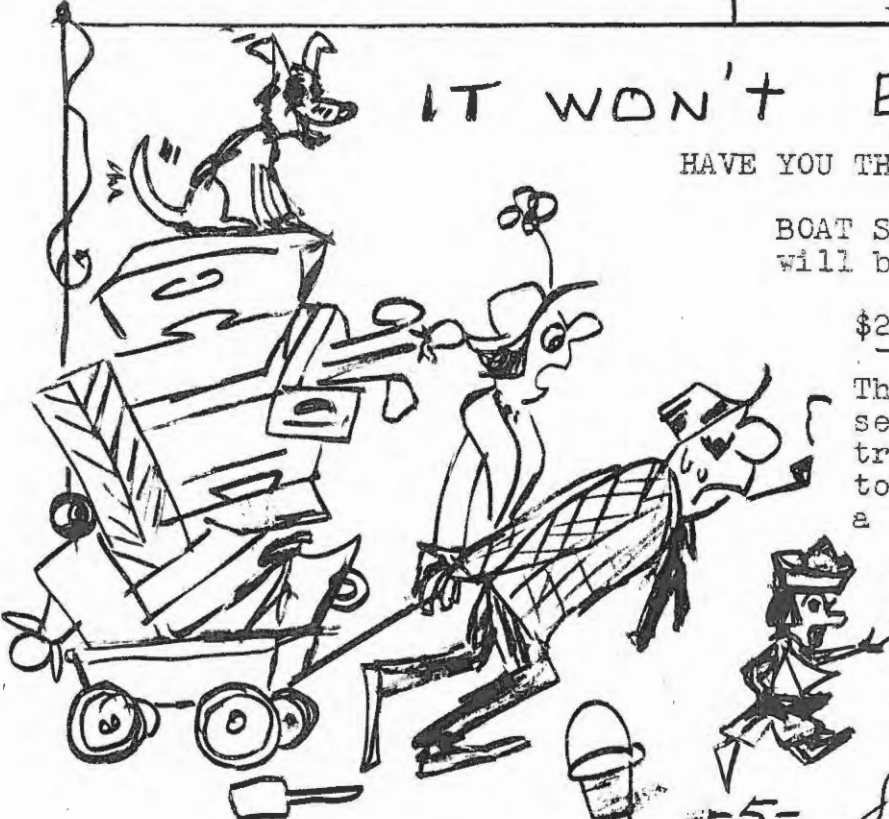
BOAT STORAGE AT THE YACHT CLUB will be offered again this year.

\$20.00 is the charge

This year it will be on a self-service basis. We do not have a trailer or a hitch. If you wish to store your boat, please contact a neighbors or friend to help you.

Clubhouse will be open on Labor Day to accept your boat.

Boats are expected to be out of storage on Memorial Day weekend of 1967.



-5- See you next week!