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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE ANNUAL JONES DINNER WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, IN THE JONES GRANGE HALL. THOSE ATTENDING ENJOYED COLONEL SANDERS CHICKEN. AFTER THE DINNER, A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING WAS HELD.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE COMMODORE, DICK COWEN. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED THAT THE CLUB SPONSOR FIREWORKS FOR THE JULY 4, 1969 HOLIDAY. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. BILL KING REPRESENTED THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BY PRESENTING THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1969:

- commodore.....Richard Cowen
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- Sunfish Fleet Captain...Herm Kruggel
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- Carlisle Decker
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- Herm Kruggel
- William Hayden
- North Side: .....William Echols
- Hill Top: .....LaMar King

THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED AND THE SLATED NOMINEES WERE ELECTED. EARL TROEGER EXPRESSED THE GRATITUDE OF THE CLUB FOR THE MANY EFFORTS OF COMMODORE FULMER IN MAKING 1968 AN ENJOYABLE YEAR FOR ALL. JACK ASIRE SPOKE ON BEHALF OF FLOYD FULMER, WHO WAS ILL, THANKING ALL WHO HELPED FLOYD DURING THE YEAR. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

AFTER THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED, THE DOOR PRIZES WERE GIVEN OUT, AFTER WHICH ALL ENJOYED A NIGHT OF MUSIC FROM "THE GREMLINS".

## TED PEAK SAYS :

If you have been watching TV or reading the paper I'm sure you are aware that the football season is near. Indiana high schools started practice last week and Michigan schools next week. With football coming into the picture, boating moves slowly out of it.

If you watched the All Star game a couple of weeks ago, you saw the Green Bay Packers with their "patented" offense beat down the College All Stars. The Green Bay "patented" offense is nothing more than perfect execution of simple, sound, basic fundamental football. The Packers have had much success with this over the years.

You are probably wondering what the Packers and football have to do with safe boating. So was I. Since I said it, I guess I had better have an answer.

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There is also simple, sound, basic fundamental boating. Seldom does a showboat or flash-in-the-pan make it with the Packers. They usually don't last long on our lakes either. It is sound boating to be sitting in the seat while operating a boat. Water skiing is a team sport that has three members to a team: an operator, observer, and skier. Know your job and execute it perfectly. It is basic boating to all go in a counter-clockwise direction around the lake. Avoid head-on collisions.

We talked one week about recklessness. The pro quarterback who consistently plays recklessly, gets hurt. So does the boater. It is sound and cautious boating to be particularly careful when dropping a skier near a swimming area. Most ball clubs carry first aid equipment with them. The wise boater does too. You never know when you will need it. A fire extinguisher may come in handy also.

As "Wrecky the Canoe" says, "Only you can prevent boating accidents" .

# SUNFISH

# SAILING

Last Saturday's adequate winds provided good conditions for our competitive sunfish sailors. The triangular course was set from the public beach (#1) to Camp Tannadoonah (#3) to Kruggels (#2). Both races were one and one third times around and the windward leg was a real test of sailing skill as right from the start the fleet chose different sides of the lake from which to approach the 1st mark. Those skippers picking the west side of the lake seemed to gain the advantage. Tom Troeger fighting desperately to regain his number two spot in the seasons standings sailed both races to perfection finishing first each time. He was followed across the finish line in the first race by Bill Carpenter(2nd) and seasons leader Keith Claro(3rd). In the second race veteran Mike Foote placed second followed by still steady Scott Troeger who is holding on to his second place season standing.

Thirteen sunfish completed in each race marking another week of expansion of our colorful fleet. It is anticipated that about 16 boats will participate in next weeks 3-race Labor Day Regatta. Two races are scheduled with the snipe on Saturday August 31 followed by one race on Sunday September 1. Those few sailors who have not yet paid their \$5 seasons fee are reminded to do so at once to fleet captain Herm Kruggel.

BOAT	SKIPPER	1ST RACE	2ND RACE	AVE. POINTS	AND BONUS	STAN- DINGS
14766	KEITH CLARO	3	5	1617		1
14580	SCOTT TROEGER	7	3	1548		2
14310	TOM TROEGER	1	1	1532		3
21923	BILL CARPENTER	2	6	1448		4
21351	BOB KING	4	4	1438		5
14962	KEVIN KRUGGEL	8	9	1348		6
20909	DICK&STEVE COWEN	9	12	1332		7
17992	BOB HARLAN	10	7	1179		8
Blue &	DAVE & JOHN HAY	DNS	DNS	1172		9
White						
22429	GREENS	12	10	*		*
130	MIKE MACHALLECK	5	11	*		*
Green &	MIKE FOOTE	6	2	*		*
White						
White	JOHN AND MAJOR O'BRIEN	DNF	13	*		*
White	KEN KOSTANSKY	11	8	*		*
White	JIM HIBSCHMAN	DNS	DNS	*		*

\* WILL NOT HAVE HAD SAILED ENOUGH RACES TO QUALIFY FOR SEASON TROPHY

# SNIFE SAILING

Sunday left little doubt as to why Birch Lake is a tough lake to sail on. Light shifty winds let you feel you were doing well until someone else came flying by you.

Brian Hague took command of the 1st race and finished far ahead of Wayne Milne and Tom Athanas in 2nd and 3rd.

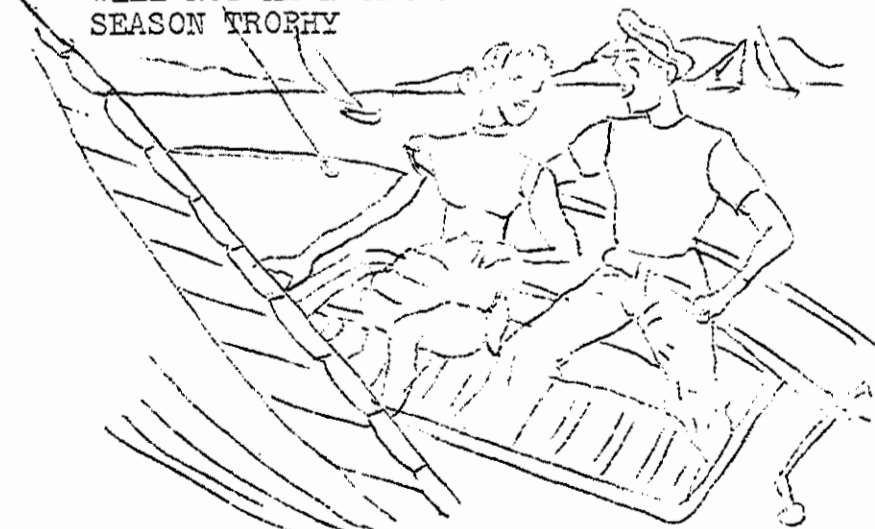
In the 2nd race, Jeff Troeger did about the same followed by Wayne Milne and Brian Hague.

The 3rd race was sailed in even light air. Bob Cranmer took an early lead only to see Jeff Troeger move away at the last mark to win a close one over Wayne Milne. Cranmer held on for 3rd place.

This week's races are the seasons final races. Many of the positions are very close and may be decided in the last race.

NAME	SUNDAY RACES	AVERAGES	SEASON	STANDINGS
JEFF TROEGER	6-1-1	1649.58	1	
EARL TROEGER	8-8-7	1520.33	2	
WAYNE MILNE	2-2-2	1506.46	3	
TOM ATHANAS	3-5-5	1503.26	4	
BRIAN HAGUE	1-3-4	1453.06	5	
DON MCLEZ	4-4-10	1423.30	6	
BOB HAGUE	5-9-8	1405.64	7	
JIM HOWARD	7-7-6	1381.73	8	
CRAIG SPECK	10-10-9	1288.06	9	
MIKE VERLODT	DNS-DNS-DNS	1153.18	10	
CRANMER	9-6-3	*	*	
TOM HOWARD	DNS-DNS-DNS	*	*	
DON OLSON	DNS-DNS-DNS	*	*	
SCOUTS	DNS-DNS-DNS	*	*	

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# PERSONALS

TO FLOYD FULMER:

We, the members of the Birch Lake Yacht Club wish to extend a big THANK YOU for a fine job in your year as Commodore of the Yacht Club. Words are little enough to give a job as big and tough as this. It has grown many fold in the last few years. Thank you, Floyd, and may your successor, Dick Cowan, get the help and cooperation this job now requires.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Rigsby and Shirley were guests of the Asire's Monday. Dr. Rigsby is Medical Director of the Filowaha Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They are attending a summer session at Andrews University in Berrien Springs. They will be returning to Addis Ababa on September 8 for 2 years.

"BINGO...BINGO...BINGO" Those were the sounds that rang out last Tuesday night at the clubhouse when the juniors met. Jack and Evelyn Asire were the chaperones.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bland of Kissimmee, Florida were the guests of the Fulmers on Friday.

Carole Myers spent the weekend at Good Old Birch Lake. She will be returning to Indiana Univ. for her graduate work towards her Masters this fall.

The Richard Oswalds are spending their 15th summer at Birch Haven. They have had Marty Lewis and Steve Fairchild as houseguests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gohn entertained the employees of the Gohn Drug Store of Cassopolis and their families at the Gohn cottage, #142. There were 24 present. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Miss Dorothy Gohn of Chicago spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gohn.

Mrs. Carpenter's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Geisel from Lake Worth, Florida, are visiting at the Bob Carpenter cottage until after Labor Day.

Cindy Ball will begin her first big step into the world in September by going to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She will be in Forest Hall.

As the summer rushes to an end, the Seldon Foote family takes a minute to look back over the last few months and toward the future. As the summer began, Dorothy was beginning a recuperation period from major surgery. She is doing quite well and is back cooking and baking all of the goodies the family loves so much. She and Seldon also had many projects planned, one of which was giving the cottage a new face lift. Pam Foote has been busy helping her mother, through her early stages of recuperation, babysitting her nieces and enjoying all facilities of the cottage. One of her frequent guests has been Bill Gates from South Bend. The Fourth of July weekend found the family centered around Cheri who had so many things to tell us about her visit with Ted in Hawaii for his rest from VietNam duties. Later in July sailing fever ran rampant in the household and Mike was out in the Sunfish every possible moment. He did, however, let dad have the first ride in the boat. The little Mike Footes, Debbie and Susie, have been busy visiting their friends and going on the flex-i-board for the first time. Grnadma survived and the kids had a ball. Mother (Shirley) then decided that she had better learn to ski before her girls did. She succeeded in finding quite a few sore muscles and some stiff competition from grandpa. The family is now looking forward to Labor Day and most of all the return of Ted to make our family complete again.

Brian Hague is returning to Ball State University in September, where he will be a third quarter Freshman majoring in Business Administration.

# PERSONALS

## CONTINUED

The Cassopolis Vigilant is now publishing Birch Lake News and will continue to. There is only one more issue of the Birch Barker this season. Perhaps you would like to subscribe to the Vigilant. You can do so by calling them at 445-2581 and they will bill you. Subscription rate is \$3.50 per year.

The Cranmers family had a picnic Sunday at Joe Cranmers with 22 in attendance, including: Mr. and Mrs. Clare Cranmer, Mrs. and Mr. Harold Cranmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Cranmer and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Binkley and family from Elkhart, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bower from St. Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Toth and family from Michigan City. All enjoyed visiting, boat riding, and picnicking.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Decker of #355 entertained their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinner and family of Niles and Mr. Decker's brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Decker and family of Dorr, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Howe of Winamac, Indiana, spent the weekend with the Cowens, #308. The McCoys, John Caroly (Cowen), Matthew, Johnny, and Timothy of Hamburg, New York, are spending a few days with the C.R. and R.L. Cowens.

Nancy Asire of Kansas City spent the weekend at "Bottom Dollar" with her family.

Tom, Jan, Chris, and Danny Ball will be in the Kensill rental #132 for the next two weeks. Jan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Eberhart of cottage #27.

Pam Schear entertained 16 of her friends and classmates last Tues. for a birthday-swim party. It turned out to be another lovely day and all the girls had a ball not wanting to leave. Friends, from the lake included: Sharon VanBuren and Paula and Leslie Kruggle.

B.J. Hague sends a THANK YOU to the people of Birch Lake for sending the Barker to him. He says sailing and swimming in the ocean is fun but there is no place like Good Ole Birch. B.J. has been sailing a snipe that belongs to a missionary, so he is keeping in practice for his return home next summer.

Kay Jensen is home for a beautiful 3-week vacation via Hawaii.

Robert P. Doolittle, Jr. and family from Vincennes visited the Dootlittles for the weekend as well as attending his Mishawaka High School class reunion.

A blue ski jacket floated in at Asire's after the sailboat races on August 17. Come claim it!

Thanks to Kim Price, we have a Birch Lake sign at the Public Beach. Thanks Kim.

# BLYC MEETING FRI. AUG. - 23

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