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BLYC JULY FOURTH FIREWORKS

Friday, July 4th Dusk
(July 5th in case of rain)

Don't forget to watch the beautiful fireworks display shot this year under the direction of Lester Westphal, Chief of the Porter Township Fire Department.

Invite your family and friends to share the fun. Have you given your fireworks contribution to your director? If not, please do so this weekend.

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Your area director will be around to collect the BLYC membership dues and contributions. Birch Lake can be proud of its past record of nearly total participation. Let's make this an even better year. Membership is \$3.00; and \$3.00 (or more) for the fireworks.

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The "Get Acquainted Square Dance" held last week was a rousing success if you can believe the 57 people who attended. Everyone seemed surprised at how quickly the "allemande lefts" and the "Dose-dos" could be learned. Of course excellent instructions helped. Any suggestions for another adult night activity would be appreciated. Just call Cowens. 476-9965

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Want to sell some "no-longer-needed" items? Use the Birch Barker. Only 25¢ per ad. Write up your ad and pay your newshound when they come around.

BABYSITTERS

For the next issue, we will run the names, ages, and cottage numbers, and telephone numbers if possible, of all the available and willing babysitters on the lake. So, if you are one who is willing and available, give the needed information your newshound this weekend.

RUMMAGE SALE PLANNED

Your help is needed. Begin rounding up miscellaneous items you would like to donate for the rummage sale to be held later in the season. Last year the sale was our biggest financial success. If we begin gathering our items now, the sale should be bigger than last year's. Remember, your unneeded trivia may be just what someone else wants. Start accumulating now and the details of the sale will be coming soon. Thanks.

A T T E N T I O N A L L B E R O N L A K E T O U R I S T S

All those from 8 to 18 who are interested in meeting with others and planning summer activities are invited to the first organizational meeting to be held Saturday, June 28, at 5:30 Michigan time, 4:30 Indiana time, at the Yacht Club. If there are enough members, the group will be divided by age brackets. Parents will be needed to help out too. Let's see you there!

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Sympathy is extended to the families of--

Mr. Lester Decker
Mr. Gregory Cox
Mr. Otto J. Mais
Mr. Ward Scofield
Mrs. Wilma Holderman

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FOR SALE

Sailboat "Scamperr": styrofoam with fiberglass deck, dacron sail.
See Tunnecliffe's Cottage 130

Duo-therm oil space-heater and tank; also, Propane-Hardwick 4 burner gas stove. Very reasonable, can be seen at cottage 323.

6 aluminum windows with screens: 2 windows 28" x 58"; 4 windows 32" x 50" \$5.00 a window.

Cottage #266 North side, Phone: 476-2113, Archie Spratt

Get your redworms! Steve Cowen, cottage #354

Riveria Cruiser, 16 ft. pontoon boat; excellent condition, but needs paint. Bruce Harlan, cottage 50.

Westinghouse Range 42", 4 burner; also Kenmore Pot-type oil heater; also, 4 42" x 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " plate glass. Contact B. Harlan #50.

SERVICES

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Major O'Brien on the North Shore, Phone: 476-2126, cottage #250, will mow lawns for \$1.50 an hour. Please call if possible.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

REMEMBER to have your news ready for the carriers when they call. Our deadline is on noon Mondays, but the carriers will probably collect it on the weekend.

Camp Tannadocnah opened the gate for the season to the first group of campers on Sunday, June 22. The spirit of the campers has not been dampened by the cold and rainy weather so activities are in full swing.

Many camp activities are being planned this summer so campers will be seen on and around the lake until August 9.

The new camp director for this season is Miss Joan Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery A. Davis of Culver, Indiana were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cowen, 308.

We are happy to have the Partridges back at Wee Wood again after a year's absence due to illness.

Dee and Frances Shewman have sold their insurance and real estate business and retired as of June 1st.

We are happy to have a grocery store in Williamsville again with a stock of staple groceries, hamburger, cold meats, chicken, dairy products, fishing tackle, bait and plenty of penny candy. We wish you success, Mrs. Sutterby.

Bud and Louise Roith have sold their home in Elkhart and after extensive remodeling at 301 are permanently located on Birch Lake.

Last winter Joe Toth at #320 had some trees cut down. The tree cutters made a mistake and cut down Joe's butternut tree. It seems that was about the last one on the lake. Sorry, Joe!

Jeff Miller comes back with the Haydens for 3 or 4 weeks. Jeff is Sally's cousin from Kansas City. His father is the doctor for a professional football team, the Kansas City Chiefs. (This is Jeff's 2nd favorite home!)

Tom Hayden has a job in Elkhart working at the A&P from 4 to 9 and tries to spend a lot of time at the lake and do a lot of sports.

Haydens have a new boat and Tom spends 90% of his time in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Crowel entertained their yucre club on Saturday evening June 21 in their home. Guests included: Mr. & Mrs. James Bratina, Mr. & Mrs. Emery Benko, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Casmier Janowiak, Mrs. Merrie Crowel and Mr. & Mrs. James Crowel. Later arrivals for the evening were Mr. & Mrs. Millard Battles Jr. from Boston en route to Seattle, Wash., where they make their home. Mr. Battles is Mrs. Crowel's brother.

Paula Kruggel will have a big change in scene this week, from the west side of the lake to the north side at Camp Tannadocnah. Cousin Eddie Henselin from South Bend will take her place at the Kruggel cottage for the week.

Craig Speck will be a week-end visitor at Birch Lake this summer. He graduated June 14 from Mich. Tech. Univ. and has accepted a position with Uniroyal in Detroit.

We are all saddened by the death of Ward B. Scofield, June 9, 1969 in South Bend, Indiana. Ward, his wife Madeline, and 2 daughters, Darlene and Laurie reside at cottage 185. Ward passed away age 47 after a 3 month illness.

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Cindy Ball finished her freshman year at I.U. and is working at Owners Discount Corp. this summer. John is working at Concord Mobile Homes again. Genivieve Ball spent Sunday the 15th with her family for a birthday dinner. She and son, John, share June 13th as birthdays. John was surprised on Friday the 13th with a dinner party in his honor. The George Chapmans joined the Balls for another rainy Sunday, June 22. Rita Taylor of Elkhart also visited John Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Butler announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy to Michael Machalleck. The wedding is planned for late summer. Marianne Desmond, and daughter Buffy are visiting her parents Arlene & John Machalleck. Buffy is just 7 months, but already a Birch Lake swimmer. They flew in from Palo Alto, Calif. Marianne's husband, Bert, is doing graduate work at Stanford Univ., but is now working for IBM for the summer months. He said he wouldn't miss Birch Lake.

Tom Budzinski is a member of the Honors Band meeting each day at the Indiana Univ., South Bend campus. The band is composed of 50 high school students from South Bend. They play under a new director each week and present a concert each Friday evening at 7:30 in a different location in the South Bend area.

During the past week, the Myers as cottage 159 entertained: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Eber (moving from Palo Alto, Calif., to Washington, D.C.); Mr. & Mrs. John Yori from Detroit; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eber from Elkhart; and Mr. & Mrs. Don Myers and Mrs. Hugh Collmer and daughter Susie from Niles; Mrs. Jack Bill and son Keith and Mrs. Joanne Myers and Mr. & Mrs. Cash Siatkowski; Mrs. Vern Myers, Miss Ruth Metcalf from South Bend.

MICHIANA RESULTS

Tom Troeger and Bill Carpenter, two 12 year old Birch Lake sailors finished in a 1st place tie at the 31st Michiana Regatta held June 7th and 8th at Eagle Lake. Both Tom and Bernie Rowc of Diamond Lake had two 1sts and one 2nd each in the four race regatta wwith one throw out race. Earl and Dave Troeger finished 3rd, Bryan Hague and Cindy Ball 4th, and Barry Hague 5th.

Bob Hague crewing fro John Hans helped win the National Regatta. Many of our Birch Lakers have been doing well sailing since our season ended last year.

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SAILORS: Sunfish and snipe, remember that your sailing fees are payable now (prior to July 4th) to the Fleet Captains. Sunfish fee is \$5 and the Snipe fee is \$10. Please get these paid as soon as possible.

RACE RESULTS

BOAT	SKIPPER--CREW	POSITION	SEASON STANDING	
			AVERAGE	
16953	Jeff Troeger, Keith Claro	7	1482	1
15500	Rob Hague, Barry Hague	5	1476	2
15218	Bryan Hague, Cindy Ball	3	1474	3
15836	Don Holtz, Don Holtz	1	1423	4
9432	Earl Troeger, Tom Troeger	2	1425	5
15835	Mary Milne, Wayne Milne	4	1379	6
14375	Tom Athenas, Martha Athanas	6	1279	7

Race 3 was sailed in strong winds and Don Holtz sailed a steady race to win his 1st of the year. Jeff Troeger and Keith Claro entertained everyone when their tiller broke. They were in first place and went on to finish after tipping over once and falling in several times. If you have ever tried to sail in a heavy wind with no way to steer, you will know that their finishing was quite a feat

BOAT NUMBER		FINISH
24252	Kevin Kruggel, Rick Doolittle	1
14766	Keith Claro	2
14580	Scott Troeger	4
20909	Steve Cowen, Dick Cowen	6
14962	Horn Kruggel, Paula Kruggel	7
	Charlie Echols	3
	Stewart Spratt	5
	Bob Axelberg	DNF
	Jill Tunnecliffe	DNF

On Saturday and Sunday of the Memorial weekend, Birch Lake hosted the 4th annual Champagne Regatta, 19 snipes from 4 lakes participated.

Many thanks go out to Tom Howard, Don Holtz, Esther Troeger, Jim Luxenbergerr, Barbara Howard, Martha Athatas, Pam Boote, Jack-fo Luxenberger, Sue King, Trudy Claro, Tori King, Herm Kruggel, Dan Claro, Dick Cowen and Mike Machalleck.

We also want to give Herb and Doris Howard a special vote of thanks for without their valuable help the regatta would never have been a success.

Next year the regatta moves to Diamond Lake. Birch Lake skip-pers have placed in all four regattas. Maybe next year one of our sailors can win.

The following is the final result and many thanks again to all who helped make the regatta a success.

Ear Troeger, Jr., Chariman

CHAMPAGNE REGATTA

BOAT NO.		POSITIONS	PLACE	LAKE
17163	Frank Pontious, Tom Pontious	1-4-1	1	Diamond
16799	Bud Leonard, Jon Doltz	2-1-7	2	Diamond
16953	Jeff Troeger, Kevin Conran	3-2-4	3	Birch
13837	Tom Wurster, Susan Wurster	6-3-8	4	Diamond
7116	Bernie Rowe, Jim Wolf	8-11-2	5	Diamond
15500	Bob Haguo, Mike Foote	5-7-6	6	Birch
9432	Tom Troeger, Bill Carpenter	14-5-3	7	Birch
13836	Don Holtz, Don Holtz	4-9-10	8	Birch
9525	Stan Hess, John Bullen	11-6-9	9	Eagle
16600	John Gore, Marilyn Gore	9-14-5	10	Diamond
14734	Wayne Woodworth, Marilyn Woodworth	7-8-13	11	Cory
17700	Tom Howard, Jim Holtz	10-13-10	12	Birch
14375	Tom Athanas, Martha Athanas	13-10-11	13	Birch
13835	Wayne Milne, Mary Milne	12-12-12	14	Birch
9432 (G)	Gene Hains, Keith Claro	15-16-DNF	15	Diamond
15221	Herb Wurster, Scott Wurster	DNF-15-15	16	Diamond
15221	Scott Maddox, Doug Hayden	17-17-16	17	Diamond
18245	Dave Kerper, Doris Kerper	DNS-18-14	18	Diamond
11313	Jill Gore, Janceen Gore	16-DNS-DNS	19	Diamond

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Collision with piers and floating debris accounts for most of the injuries suffered by skiers. Misjudging distance and speed, and colliding with a pier, is a frequent mishap. The error may be the skier's, the boat driver's, or a combination of both. The most common driving error is to approach too close to the pier or landing area. A minimum for all but beginners should be 50' out. The skier has 75' of line to play with, and the 50' distance permits him room to maneuver, gives more decision time, and insures that the boat's wake doesn't reach the shore at the same time as the skier. Boat speed should remain constant through the landing approach. Only with beginners is it wise to reduce speed and approach close to the landing area, dragging the skier in for an inglorious but safe landing. The skier may slow his speed after letting go of the line by crouching and placing both hands in the water palms forward. To reduce speed on a slalom ski shift weight to the back of the ski. To cover more distance, keep the weight forward. Always approach the landing area at a slight angle or parallel, never at a sharp or right angle.

It helps if you let your driver know what you want him to do. Hand signals developed by the Amer. Water Ski Assoc. provide a reliable means of communication between the skier and the driver. 1) Speed up: open palm up, sweeping arm upwards. 2) Slow down: open palm down, arm extending downwards. 3) Turning: with open palm describe curve with hand in direction desired. 4) Whip off: point to direction, give quick circular motion with forefinger. 5) Jump: signify soaring motion by sweeping hand forward and up. 6) Back to dock: with arm straight, bring extended forefinger downward sharply. 7) Cut motor: move extended finger across throat with cutting motion. 8) Stop: raise hand with fingers outstretched. 9) Okay: the traditional "O".

To reduce injuries from striking a discarded ski, make sure that your skis have no sharp protruding metal parts or splinters. Vigilance is the only safeguard against a collision with floating debris. You should, of course, avoid skiing in waters where debris is common, but you should keep an eye open for it even in waters which appear to be smooth and clean. Falls into the water without contact with a solid object tend to produce two types of injuries: Dislocations from water force, and soft tissue damage from water forced into body orifices. No matter how skilled, falls can happen. If it is possible, the skier should avoid falling forward. If this is possible, a "tuck" position will reduce the body area and the total force acting against the body. Never attempt to dive from a fall. This accounts for many back injuries. Falls into the water at high speeds may force water into body orifices. It is therefore wise for men as well as women to wear a swim cap. The protection afforded to the eardrums against injury is well worth the extra bother. Earplugs should never be worn; water force may force them deeper into the ears.

Getting snarled in the towline is another source of injury. It is possible to get the equivalent of 1st degree burns. Lines should never be dumped overboard in a heap. When skiing two or more behind a boat, always use lines of the same length. If they are of unequal length and the skier holding the long line falls, the loose line could flip around the ankles of the other skier. If a skier falls and is injured, it is wise to proceed with caution since an injury often can be aggravated seriously by pulling him into the boat. It is best to jump into the water and help support the injured skier until the nature of the problem is known.

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