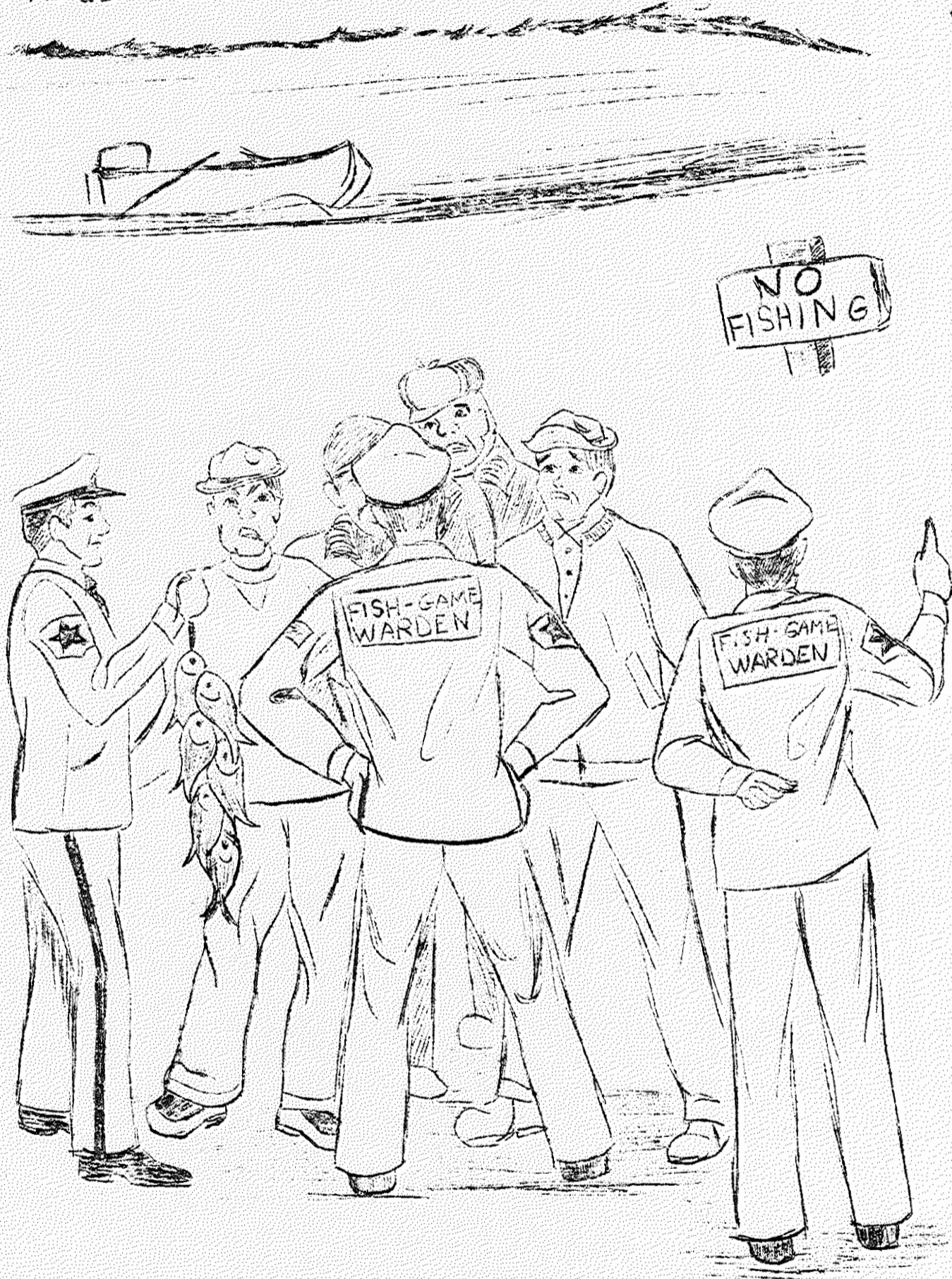


# THE BIRCH BARKER

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*Tommy Day, Hawaii  
1971*

THREE OF A KIND

TAKE TWO PAIR

Because of work on the Directory, your Barker will be smaller this week. There will be one more issue this season - so get in your final news items early.

#### BOAT PARADE RESULTS

Our thanks to all participants. Special thanks go to the Sheriff's department for leading the parade and to the band that provided the music and to Mike Scofield and his father who served as skippers on the band boat. We would also like to thank Floyd Fulmer for enlisting the band for us, and to Mr. Gollatz for providing the boat. Our thanks go also to all those behind the scenes who helped with the parade.

The winners were:

Best over-all design	Cottage 300	Hayden
Best in color and decoration	Cottage 13	Schmitt
Best in creative idea	Cottage 84	Milne
Best representative of Birch Lake activities	Cottage C290	Coleman
Best in theme idea	Cottage 302 R	Blackwood
Best sounding	Band Boat	

By now, the winners should all have their trophies

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#### FISHING CLUB MEETING

The Fishing Club meeting was held at B.L.Y.C. August 21, 1971. Those attending were Pat Forbes, Cottage #26, Walter Gardner, #30, J. Former #172, James H. West #3, R. H. Carpenter #112, Hubert Getzinger #2, Donald Erhardt #4, John Machalleck #51, Al Williams #001, Robert L. Ross, #101, C. H. Gableman #122, W. J. Humphrey #146, C. Decker #145, C. E. Coan #148, M. G. Eberhart #28, and Russ Weaver #16.

Mr. Mike Rickson, Cass County Conservation Officer, was present to give laws on Cisco netting. The Cisco netting season is November 15 to December 10. One net per person is allowed and the person using it must have a Michigan fishing license. It must not be over 165' in length and the extended net or mesh is to be not over 2"x4". The name and address must be attached to the net. Any size or limit Cisco may be taken. The net must be put in the lake after sundown and removed by sunup. Mr. Rickson advised us to report violations to him and he would investigate. He also said he would try to supervise Birch Lake more this season.

To Bass Fishermen: Mr. Walter Gardner reported that Mr. Schrock, who maintains fish ponds on Birch Road, does not raise fish for sale. In the previous meeting it was decided to investigate the cost of smallmouth bass with the idea of stocking Birch Lake. No action was taken on this report pending a conservation report later. Bass could be bought at a cost of 50¢ a pound "two years ago" from a hatchery in Ohio. No cost estimate was available at the present time.

A motion was carried to appoint three members as a committee to contact the State Fish Biologist at Plainwell to find out what they may do to help improve fishing on Birch Lake. This committee is made up of J. D. Coan, Robert Ross and C. H. Gableman.

What do you have to say about fishing on Birch Lake? Your comments will be welcomed at the next Fishing Club meeting.

To All Fishermen: Russ Weaver wants to thank each of you who have attended these meetings and it is only you who may make this club a success. NEXT MEETING DATE NOT DECIDED. YOU WILL BE ADVISED LATER.

M. G. Eberhart, Rec. Russ Weaver, President

OLD TIMER'S SUNFISH SERIES

One of the sternest tests of a marriage is the ability to withstand the strains of a Couples Sunfish race. At the conclusion of Sunday's race, all participants were still speaking. Results of the Old Timer's final race are as follows:

- #1 Doolittle, Rick and Harlan, Linda
- #2 Cower, Dick and Peg
- #3 Kruggel, Herm and Bev
- #4 The Odd Couple
- #5 Harlan, Bruce and Jasnita
- #6 Courtney's Guests
- #7 Troeger, Jack and Janet - who attempted an underwater start - not recommended

This race concluded the Old Timer's Sunfish Series. A total of 13 boats sailed in 5 races, and a good time was had by all. We hope this series will be continued next year and more of you will join in the fun. Thanks to Rick Doolittle, Reg Carpenter, Don Erhardt, Tim and Steve Troeger who manned the committee boat.

LAKE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Greensides plan on moving to their winter home in Laporte, Indiana the last of September.

The Gohn cottage will be hopping on Sunday with a family-reunion of the Russey clan - Mrs. Gohn's family. Guests from out-of-town will be Mr. and Mrs. Mark Russey, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Griebler and Denise, David and Lynne, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Meyer, all from Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Russey and Jim, Mark and Tommy of Kalamazoo; and Mrs. Lena Born from St. Joseph, Michigan.

Mrs. Vance Downer, mother of Mrs. Ernest Nagy, could not stay away from beautiful Birch Lake. After visiting the Nagys for two weeks she returned home only to reappear one week later to Birch Lake to celebrate Tom Nagy's 13th birthday. She thinks Birch Lake and its residents are "delicious!"

The Cranmer family held a reunion at Joe and Dortha Cranmer's cottage at Birch Lake Sunday, August 15. Seventeen members were present. One family from South Bend, the others from Elkhart.

The Pine Row Home Extension Group held their meeting Tuesday, August 17, at the home of Mrs. George Smith at Shavehead Lake. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Paul Sheteron on September 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hibschan have just returned from a trip to Arizona and Colorado and are leaving this week for New York.

Father Harold Riley, C.S.C., was a visitor at the John O'Brien's last week. Father Riley is Chaplain at St. Marys College, Notre Dame. Fortunately, he brought part of last Sunday's collection with him because he got clobbered in several evenings of cribbage on the O'Brien porch. Friday night, Bill and Peg Kluessner visited the O'Brien's; Saturday, the Alka Seltzer was all gone and so were the Kluessner's! Then came the Mullanes - 4 strong with guests Steve and Cheryl Stegich. Steve is starting his third year law school along with Mike Mullane.

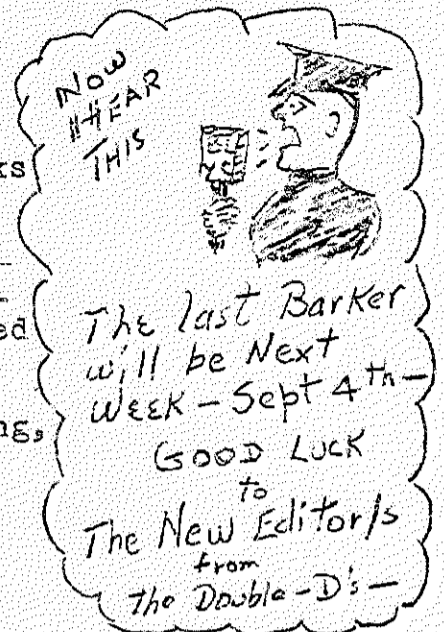
The O'Brien's did not finish last in the Ma and Pa Race Sunday - Grandma O'Brien backed out and both watched from the pier.

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FOR SALE: - Snipe #10529 Fiberglass hull - good condition. - Also 2 year Snipe trailer, Snipe cover, 2 main sails, 1 jib sail - \$1000.00 complete. See at Cottage #323 or call Mishawaka 259-1787.

EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF

Well now, first, we want to thank all the folks of Birch Lake residency, for their kindness and cooperation and for helping us by their support with the job of getting the news and getting out the Birch Barker (and with a minimum of criticism too!!). We have really enjoyed the work (and we do mean work) and I want 90% of the credit to be given my wife, Dorothea, for her courage, after 30 or so years of typing, to have been willing to add 2 more years of the same (after retirement). And both of us sincerely appreciate the gift (camera) from the Yacht Club - thank you very much, good friends - it will be put to good use.



It would not be equitable if we omitted some special thanks to some folks giving extra help to the Barker:

First: Special thanks to Commodore Harlan and the B.L.Y.C. officers, Beehler, the Cowans, and to Floyd Fulmer who always found time to "roll the press" for weekly papers (an "inky" job, too).

Second: Special thanks to Nina Scofield - the young lady who never failed to appear, when at the lake, and to supervise and work in assembling and packaging the Barker for deliveries. And to her sister, Dawn, who was always the "early bird" delivering the Cove Barkers and Special thanks to Artists, Terry DiRutigliano and Mrs. Jennie Kay Hunn (South Bend) for our many superb cover pages and commercial drawings for the Barker.

Third: Special thanks to the youngsters who helped us (and Nina) from time to time, in assembling the pages of the Barker. Also to those who so efficiently delivered the Barker: Julie Ball, Jennifer Staton, Ronda Weaver, Steve Troeger, Leslie Kruggel, Pam Schaar, Vicki Schaar, Phil Beehler, Dawn Scofield and Cindy Spratt.

Fourth: Special thanks to the Sheriff's Marine Deputy and the Department for their articles for the Barker and all their cooperation.

Fifth: Special thanks to the Blackwoods for their work on the Boat Parade Program. (And, after all that work wouldn't you know, what with wind and threats of rain, their motor WOULD get balky during the parade!!) Sometimes a fellow can't win for losing!

Sixth: Thanks to our guests (on the pontoon) the "Hula" girls, Lisa and Down Blue (Wentworth grandchildren) who, with Hula gals, Nina and Dawn Scofield, gave the old Double-D a "shimmy" at intervals, - and to Mrs. Scofield, Floyd Fulmer and straw-hat Terry, our passengers.

Seventh: And thanks to you all for just being our friends.

The Double Ds