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COMMODORE'S LAST WORDS

It always seems rather sad to see the summer come to a close, especially to those of us who enjoy Birch Lake. And it is doubly sad for me at the term of office as Commodore comes to a close. Although the duties of a Commodore are extremely time consuming I will admit to enjoying every minute of it. The most rewarding aspect of the office was the contact with the many wonderful people on the lake. At times I must admit it was like hearing confessions, but I think a few of the major and minor problems were duly solved to the benefit of all. I am sure there are still unresolved problems like low flying aircraft, fish that don't bite, and rain on the 4th of July fireworks, but if everything was resolved, what would be left for incoming Commodore Jay Beehler?

And speaking of the Incoming Commodore, I feel very secure in leaving the office in the very capable hands of Commodore Beehler. Many times my profession called me away from the lake and I had to call on Jay to fill in in my absence. He was always ready, willing and proved very able. You, the Yacht Club Membership, have made a wise choice in your new officers.

Peggy Cowen, as Secretary, suffered many reversals at my hands, like cancelled directors meetings and quick phone calls to re-schedule them in light of fallen trees and broken power lines, the proof reading of the directory and other duties too numerous to mention. Thanks, Peggy, for your help, patience, and understanding.

Our Yacht Club Treasury, under the financial wizardry of Virginia Spratt, has maintained a very even keel. Thanks to Ginny and her prompt payment of necessary bills, we enjoy a top financial priority with our suppliers, and a very respectable year end balance. We couldn't have done it without you Ginny!

I was quite pleased that both Peggy and Ginny agreed to continue serving as Yacht Club officers for the coming year, and I know that Terry Montague will be a great asset in his capacity as Vice Commodore.

The Co-Editors of the Birch Barker, Dorothea and Don Coleman, paid me a very delightful compliment in a recent Barker when they expressed their feeling that I might be qualified to take over the Barker for the coming season. I thank them for their confidence and I would be more than willing to give it a try if business commitments did not warrent sudden and unscheduled departures for undetermined periods of time which would play havoc with deadlines. I will assure you that this problem has been solved and I guarantee that the Birch Barker will find its way to your doorstep each week next summer. A complete summary of the new editorial staff and management will be included in the first issue of next seasons Birch Barker.

My thanks once again to all of the people who this year brought us the lake news via the Birch Barker. To Don and Dorothea, Floyd, the artists and copy writers, the newshounds and delivery personnel, and to John Scofield for some very special help in the transportation field to keep the Barker running smoothly, I think I speak for all the lake residents - - - Thank you all!!

Any group of officers is only as good as the people who are behind the scenes to help them. My directors around the lake are the real workers of the organization. Without them, the wheels of progress just could not turn. They were a great bunch and performed a myriad of tasks in favor of the Yacht Club. Thanks fellows, and also thank your wives for me!

I feel very privileged to have been elected to serve as your Commodore, and I feel my association with my old friends, and the many new acquaintances I have made, made me the overall benefactor. Thank you all and I, as you, will be looking forward to next season.

Bruce Harlan
Commodore BLYC

INCREASE OF DUES

It was proposed at the annual dinner that dues be increased to \$10.00 next year. This would include \$3.50 for Yacht Club dues, \$3.00 for fireworks, \$1.50 for the Birch Barker and \$2.00 to be deposited separately for a Yacht Club Building Fund. This fund would be used for repairs, refurnish and other building expenses. The consolidating of all fees will be a great savings of time for the directors. This will be voted on at the spring dinner meeting.

BOAT STORAGE

Anyone interested in storing their boat in the Yacht Club for the winter should contact Jay Beehler, Bruce Harlan or Herb Howard. The fee is \$25.00 payable upon entry, and you are responsible for getting your own boat into the Yacht Club. All boats are to be removed from the Yacht Club no later than June 15, 1972, as a penalty of \$1.00 per day will be invoked after that date. Make checks payable to Birch Lake Yacht Club.

DIRECTORY

As stated at the Annual Dinner Meeting, all paid members of the Birch Lake Yacht Club will receive one free copy of the new lake directory. Additional copies to members are \$1.00 each. Cost to non-members is \$2.00 per copy. Your director will distribute copies to members soon. As always, free directories will be given to Sheriff's Department, Marine Deputies, Local Fire Officials, Mailmen, etc.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bruce Harlan. Appreciation was extended to the Beehlers and Camp Tannadoonah for the success of the dinner.

Commodore Harlan thanked the many people who helped with the Birch Lake Yacht Club activities this year. A special thanks and a gift of a camera was given to the Colemans for their work on the Birch Barker.

Results of the boat parade were announced. Sunfish sailing awards were presented by Dick Cowen, Fleet Captain, as follows:

July 4th Regatta

Flacks	1st	Tom Troeger
	2nd	Mike Foote
	3rd	Bill Carpenter

Season Awards

Silver Bowls	1st	Tom Troeger
	2nd	Bill Carpenter
	3rd	Kevin Kruggel
	4th	Steve Cowen
	5th	Steve Tunnicliff

Labor Day Series (4 races)

3 mugs will be presented

All sailors not receiving a trophy will receive a wall plack.

Dick Cowen thanked Seldon Foote and Reg Carpenter for starting the races. Mike Machaliek will be the new Fleet Captain for the Sunfish Fleet.

The following slate was nominated as officers and directors of The Birch Lake Yacht Club for 1972:

Commodore	Jay Beehler
Vice Commodore	Terry Matagu
Secretary	Peggy Cowen
Treasurer	Virginia Spratt

Directors	Dominic Dirutigliano
	Les Jensen
	Herb Howard
	Bernie Weesner
	Bill King
	John Scofield
	Rick Doolittle
	Barry Scharr
	Mort Hunt
	Bob Ross

The slate was accepted.

Jay Beehler made a proposal that dues be raised to \$10.00. This would include: dues \$3.50; fireworks \$3.00; Birch Barker \$1.50; Yacht Club maintainance and building fund \$2.00. The motion was moved and seconded, then tabled to be voted on at the Annual Spring Dinner.

Jay Beehler brought up the possibility of having a periodic winter check on the cottages. Such a service will be investigated.

New cottage members were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Peggy Cowen, Secretary

SUNFISH LABOR DAY REGATTA RESULTS (first race)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Boat No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	20909	Cowen
2	21252	Kruggel
3	21923	Carpenter
4	130	Machalleck
5	29079	Courtney
6	11580	Troeger
7	29392	Doolittle
8		Harlan
9	25075	Tunnicliff
10		King
11	11766	Kruggel
12	28880	Burchell

Due to poor winds, the second race was cancelled. The 2 races scheduled for Sunday, September 5th will conclude the regatta.

SNIFE RESULTS - August 29th

<u>Place</u>	<u>Boat No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	16953	Troeger
2	13835	Milne
3	17605	Speck
4	18399	Varga

LAKE NEWS

The Shavehead Lake Peninsula Association held a raffle last Sunday to raise money and to promote their association. One of the more unexpected results turned out to be five happy Blackwood children, the winners of the second prize - the Ski Boggan. By the way, the representative from the Association had great things to say about our Birch Barker and the part it played in the support of activities on Birch Lake.

Mrs. Leo Matz of the new Shavehead Association would like to express her appreciation to the many folks on Birch who participated in this raffle. Someday soon they hope to have the kind of association of which Birch Lake is so proud.

Thanks to Mr. James West, Cottage #3, for donating stationary and envelopes to the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Correspondence will look so much more official now. It is a fine thing to have.

The Woodland Cove Association met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rieth on Saturday and the following officers were elected for 1972:

A. R. Rieth	President
Floyd Fulmer	Vice President
Mrs. C. Cowen	Secretary-Treasurer

A social hour was enjoyed following the business meeting.

Another summer has literally flown by. The Blilers had a busy season. Don Rawson, Jr., South End was Beth's guest for three weekends. He is now stationed at Camp Casey, Korea, where he is serving in the Army. Mrs. John Bradford, Phoenix, Arizona and David Palmer, who attends the Wharton Business School, Philadelphia, spent two weeks with the Blilers and Goddards. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hill, Aurora, Illinois and Mrs. Charles Ludgate, Mishawaka, spent a week with the Blilers. Reggie Bidall, Richmond, Virginia, and Perry Pilgrim, Newport News, Virginia, were guests of Beth this week. The three are students at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and are anxious to return this weekend.

Saturday guests of the C. R. Cowens, #308, were Frank, Helen and Dean Duncan of Mishawaka. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis of Argos, Indiana.

There will be the usual family gathering at the Bob Carpenter cottage, #112, over Labor Day: the Taylors from Fort Wayne and the E. R. Carpenters from Marion. We want to say our appreciation to the Colemans for editing such a fine Birch Barker this year and our thanks to our dependable delivery girl, Vicki Schaar!

A two week guest of the Urruti family was José Luis Rangel, from Monterrey, Mexico. It was Jose's first time on a lake and he tackled the feat of skiing. He enjoyed the lake very much and hopes to come back some day.

Guests at the Scofield residence at Birch Lake on August 22 were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ringle and daughter from Mishawaka, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Nash and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holdeman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Weidner and son, Mr. and Mrs. Kris Morcombe, Mr. and Mrs. DeVor Johnston and Gary and Terri, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leeney and family and Miss Melea Smith, all of Plymouth, Indiana.

Our telephone is working again. Proof of this came at 4:00 a.m. Thursday, August 26th when we received a call that Hilary Graves Desmond arrived at the El Camino Hospital in Mt. View, California. Her parents are Bert and Marianne Desmond, 1355 San Domar #3, Mt. View, California and Marianne is the daughter of John and Arline Machalleck at #51.

Wednesday dinner guests of the Machallecks were George and Edna Royal of Niles and their guests, Dr. Frank Pottinger, Valda and their daughters, Janet, Joy Ann and Judy from Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies. A typical American meal of hamburgers or hot dogs, corn and apple pie ala mode was thoroughly enjoyed.

A tool chest with tools collected over 20 years was taken from Clarence Speck's cottage either August 18 or 19. It will be greatly appreciated if anyone knowing the whereabouts of this tool chest would contact Mr. Speck at Cottage #400

Cottage #357 has accounted for 155 trout this summer. The fish have all been between 10 and 13 inches long, just a nice size -- for fine eating. Just a word to the Fishing Club - If the meetings were more widely advertised, more people would take an interest in its activities and attend its meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kowalik and Family of Harvey, Illinois came back again to Birch Lake to stay in Cottage #137, belonging to Steve and Virginia Bodza of Harvey, Illinois. They have been coming to Birch Lake for their vacations for over 10 years and love to keep coming back. Some of them attended the Yacht Club Dinner and Square Dance on August 21 and had a grand time.

Keith Claro will leave August 28 for the University of Kentucky. Lori Claro took nine young ladies to Diamond Harbor Inn for her 7th birthday on August 21.

Mrs. Carl Hillring returned from the hospital Thursday, August 26 and wants to thank all her friends and neighbors for their prayers and cards and flowers - also food for Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Greensides would like to announce the engagement of their oldest daughter, Pamela Gene, from Altin, New York, to Richard Lester, Wakarusa. The wedding is scheduled for October 12 with the reception at Birch Lake.

To Whom This May Concern: the children who have been playing in the Greenside's garage - please keep out as there are things in the garage that could hurt them and we will not be responsible. Mr. Howard Greensides.

F L A S H ! ! !

Commodore Harlan's flashy sports car is for sale. The sleek 1969 Triumph TR-6 convertible with Michelin-X tires, radio, and tonneau cover has only 23,000 actual miles and is in super condition. Reputed to be the fastest "6" in the area, the dark blue beauty delivers a whopping 25 miles per gallon. The only complaint of the Commodore...it won't hold all of the equipment indigenous to a professional photographer. Therefore, it must be replaced by a larger conveyance, which saddens the Commodore greatly, but facts are facts.

If you're interested, give him a call; on the lake at 476-9714, or in South Bend at his home 272-2904, or his office 283-7350. Or better yet, come over to cottage 50 and have a look. You'll be impressed. Make him an offer. A paid advertisement.

EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF



Amigos - Hasta Luego!
(Goodbye Friends - until we meet again)

Don
Dorothea Coleman

(The shortest editorial on record!)