



SUMMER 1975

# BIRCH BARKER

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## BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

BIRCH LAKE, VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

Commodore Joe O'Brien 177  
 Vice-Commodore Bill Hayden 300  
 Secretary Shirley Ross 101  
 Treasurer Ginny Spratt 266  
 Fleet Captain Bill Carpenter 12

July 12, 1975

Trustees  
 Dick Cowen 308  
 Terry Montague 1  
 Bob Ross 101

Sun., July 13: Family Softball Outing 2:00 Ind.

Directors  
 SOUTH SIDE  
 Don Erhardt 27  
 Frank Horvath 34  
 Chuck Stevens 46A  
 Virginia Gard 99

Last Sunday's softball contest, a 9 inning affair, featured 20 talented players and a few attractive fans. Carl Klappauf's squad came out on top defeating Commodore Joe's team in a close hard fought game. Billy, Steve, Jane, Tim, Leslie, Kurt, Pam, Tommy, Kevin, DiDi, and Dave were just some of the stars that took to the Lazy Lodge field to bang out base hits and turn over double plays. The players are looking for a big turnout this Sunday at 2:00 Ind. time for our big game of the season.

Fans are welcome--the more the merrier.

EAST SIDE  
 Bud Lovejoy 102  
 Dave Olson 126  
 Harry Price 136  
 Bill Humphrey 146  
 Mort Hunt 200-8

NORTH SIDE  
 Bud Zesinger 268

WEST SIDE  
 Joe Caenepeet 310  
 Bob Axelberg 355  
 Herm Kruggel 388

Fri., July 18: Bingo at Yacht Club; 7:30Mi/8:30In

Fri., July 25: Men's Golf Outing 12:00 Mich. time

The men's golf outing will be at Park Shore Golf Course at noon Michigan time. Chairman Bud Reith is making all the plans for a good time. The tickets, available from Joe Myers, Bernie Weesner, Herb Howard, and Bud Reith are \$10--\$4 for golf and \$6 for dinner. Any ladies wishing to make a salad can contact Bud.

### Water Skiing Club Discussed

In discussing possible activities for Junior Yacht Clubbers, some interest in a Skiing Club was shown. There are a number of talenter water skiers on our lake. If there are skiers interested in forming such an organization, we would ask that they call Steve Cowen, 476-9965 at #354. It is hoped that interest in a skiing exhibition to be held in late August could be stimulated.

### Interest in Children's Party Sought

We have been discussing a Children's Party for 6 to 12 year olds at the Yacht Club. The party would be complete with games, prizes, and refreshments. Virginia Gard, #99 is checking Birch Lake families and would appreciate a show of interest in this project. The party could be held late this month or early in August. Could you call Virginia at 476-9356 or Joe O'Brien at 476-9374 if you would support this outing for the small fry.

### Ladies Golf Outing Date Changed

The Ladies Golf Outing has been changed from Aug. 5 to Aug. 12. Ladies, please mark your calendars; more information will appear in future Barkers.

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 HILLTOP LAUNDRY AND CARWASH  
 US 12 East of Union

Mon to Fri. 7am to 10pm  
 Saturday 7am to 6pm  
 Sunday 8am to 4pm (Mich. time)  
 --- laundry closed holidays ---



## Updating the Water Testing Program

Our private testing of the water quality of Birch Lake involved samples from ten different locations around the lake last week. We are pleased to report that all but one location proved to be fine and well within the required standards for all water activities. The location of which we were not proud actually was listed as marginal. Another sample taken from this area will be studied this week. All results will be passed along to the Cass County Dept. of Health.

## Memories, Reflections, Thoughts

Several years ago, when time was available and some other things were too, the Yacht Club Building was upgraded, re-wired, painted, cleaned up and used on a regular basis. How sad for some of us who grew up on "Birch" and would have loved a place to have the dances we planned, the picnics, the just plain fun we looked for a place to have that we did not have the building for. Now it sits. Used for Bingo--with a turnout of 14--The Champagne Bridge cancelled, no Saturday night rap sessions, no happy laughing voices. Won't someone care? Unless a little attention now starts the ball rolling, there won't be a place left when our children are old enough. Those qualities of life which seem missing in today's society may be just what the doctor ordered for our coming generation. A little time here, a little love there, when all the pieces fall into place, the puzzle makes a complete picture. Are you a piece of that puzzle? Can you give that extra piece of time or energy, or counsel or whatever? Let your kids plan a party and use the Clubhouse. Maybe someone else will, too.

An Interested Birch Laker

## FOR SALE

Anxious to sell lake property. For further information, call Mrs. Gaedtke, 318, West Side, 476-2409. Thanks to many friends here at the lake as well as residents and even renters. Keep up the good work, telling your friends and relatives about it.

Two cute, young gerbils, \$1.00 for both, must sell together. If you're interested, contact Mary Lovejoy, #102, 476-2777. Don't worry, they're both females!!

BASEBALL TOMORROW

## LOST

A white Apollo #5 ski was lost Sunday, July 6 at Birch Lake. If anyone finds this ski, please return it to the Jack Hornbeck residence, weekends only. Thank you.

## Lake News

The Leslie Jensens, #42, (Gramps and Grams) welcomed daughter Kay, her hubby Bob Greenig and last but not least, granddaughter Lesley Ann to good olde Birch Lake for the summer.

Lesley took to good olde Birch Lake like a little homing pigeon. She l-o-v-e-s it! This is a great experience--having a grandchild!

Arlene Weise, school girl friend of Margaret's, flew home with the Greenigs from California to spend two months with relatives and friends.

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A little peace and quiet, say from midnight until six o'clock in the morning, is delightful, but 24 hours a day of the stuff, seven days a week, is too much of a good thing. Just ask Bill and Mary Olson at #47--on second thought, don't ask them.

Frannie and Henry Roddiger of Lake St. Louis, Mo., arrived the 28th of June with Eric and Brian for part of Henry's vacation from McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Corp. Eric was seven July 2 so 15 lake neighbors--including cousins Jeff and Todd Olson--gathered around Grandpa Olson's picnic table for birthday cake and ice cream.

Margi and Gary Snyder, Kokomo, came Friday morning with Debbie and Brent; and Mary Ward, Henry's mother, Gary, Ind., arrived late that afternoon. The Snyders left Saturday evening; Mary, Sunday afternoon; the Roddigers, Monday noon.

#47 is back to Dullsville until the end of this month when Margi, Gary, Debbie, and Brent return for a few days at beautiful Birch Lake.

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If you were wondering why your lights went out at 11:20pm July 3rd, it was caused by a big tree which fell across the electric wires and county road in the back of the Fergus cottage #53. This was reported by Inez Fergus and contd.

also our good neighbors, and thanks to the excellent service of Fruit Belt Electric, our lights were restored within a couple hours.

Due to 4th of July week-end, the Co. Commissioners office was closed, therefore the Co. Road leading to several cottages on the hill, was closed to traffic. Luckily, however, there is another road open and traffic could detour temporarily.

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Meredith Huston, his wife Betty, son and daughter, Steve and Susan of South Bend, and daughter Sharon Huston Dimick and husband Mike from Bowling Green, Ohio were 4th of July weekend guests at Huston's Cottage #60 and Inez Fergus Cottage #53. Everyone enjoyed boating, skiing, fishing and swimming.

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One of the highlights of the winter season was a "1974 Citizen of the Year" Banquet initiated by the Three Rivers Lions Club, honoring Marinus (Reen) Heringa, Sr.-- an owner and resident of Birch Lake during the summer months, #54.

Mr & Mrs John Kachalleck and Jessie Huston, neighbors and friends, surprised Reen and Millie by attending the banquet on Feb. 18 at Armstrong Hall in Three Rivers.

Reen has been a resident of Three Rivers since 1941 and owner of Reen's Supermarket on So. Main. He has given his time and efforts to serve the community on the Salvation Army, Community Chest Board, Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind Committee, the Three Rivers Lions Club, and an active member of the St. John's Lutheran Church. He has worked extensively on the Lions Christmas Food Basket program, packaging and delivering Yule baskets to needy families.

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Dana Monroe, of Elkhart, was a 3 day guest of Julie Ball's. Dana and Julie work together at CP Products in Elkhart, and she is eager to return to beautiful Birch.

Fourth of July guests of the John Ball's were Cindy, Brian, and Matthew Hague. Joe, Janie, Greg, and Mindy Ball joined later for supper, and it was a great day for a family gathering. Grandma Ball dropped in Saturday for a visit, and returned to her air-conditioned apartment after a few hours at hot ol' Birch.

Sunday guests of the Ball's were John and Sue Ball with friends Terry Yeager and Deb Hartman. They contd.

enjoyed a rough game of water basketball, and I think the women beat the boys! Yea, Sue and Deb!

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Kelly Lynn Troyer, new daughter of Ken and Darlene Troyer was born on June 24th which happens to be Grandpa Kenny's birthday.

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Carla Jean and her new baby brother are spending their first vacation together with Grandma Klappauf. They are going to help Grandma celebrate her birthday on July 14th. Happy Birthday Grandma from Carla Jean, Brian, Mommy, and Daddy.

Looks like a budding romance is going on between Carla Jean Klappauf and Scotty Troyer. Seeing the two of them pretend fishing together is just darling! Next year, maybe brother Brian and sister Kelly will follow in their footsteps.

Pam Mozier, from Chicago, spent the 4th of July weekend at Birch Lake with her sister Sandee and brother-in-law Carl Klappauf and her niece and nephew, Carla and Brian. Fun and a beautiful week-end was had by all.

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Congratulations to Terry and Judy Curtis who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 15th.

The Roy Klappauf's  
The Carl Klappauf's  
The Ed Henrich's

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Mrs. Gaedtke, 318, enjoyed the visit Sunday, June 29 after son, Walter, and wife Patricia attended the 20 year reunion of Washington Clay H.S. on Sat., June 28. Grandsons Don, 14, and Dan, 10 and John, 5 (on Oct. 3) will sure miss the fun in the Lake after the cottage is sold. They live in St. Charles, Illinois. July 4, 5, and 6, daughter Gertrude, Ed and children Cathy and 1 yr. old Tony, Michael, and Larry of the Hoel family of Yokomo were here. Mike and Larry helped Grandma get many things lined up which were stored in the garage and are doomed to be moved to Florida.

FOR SALE: fresh vegetables at the Hain Farm in Williamsville-- stay on Walnut, continue on gravel rd, right & first house on right. 476-2443 for green or wax beans for canning, etc.

BINGO FRIDAY!!