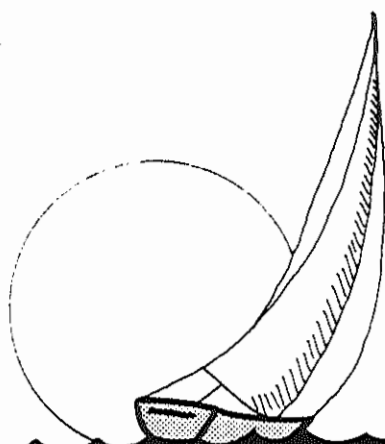


SUMMER 1975



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Friday, July 25: Men's Golf Outing

Men, be sure to get your tickets from either chairman Bud Reith or Bernie Weesner, Joe Myers, or Herb Howard--they're going fast, so be sure to get yours today! Lots of prizes and lots of fun--not to mention all the good food!!

Saturday, July 26: Responses due for the pot-luck dinner dance to be held in August; see article.

Saturday, August 2: Junior Yacht Club Night

Sunday, August 10: Couples Sailboat Race

Tuesday, August 12: Ladies Golf Outing--specific details on this next week

Friday, August 15: Bingo at the Yacht Club

Saturday, August 16: Monte Carlo Night (note on your calendar that this date was changed from Aug. 9)

Saturday, August 23: Fall Dinner

Sailing Results for the Fourth of July Regatta

The 4th of July Regatta saw only its second winner in seven years. Before this year Tom Troeger had six consecutive victories. With Tom sailing Snipes at Diamond Lake this year, a new winner had to come out of the fleet. The challenge was met by Kevin Kruggel with finishes of 1-1-2. Bill Carpenter was second with finishes of 2-2-1. Third was Tim Troeger with a 4-3-3 finish. Kevin came from behind the first two races to catch and pass Bill at the finish line. Bill was able to hold on to the third race to win it.

Boat	Skipper	Results	Points	Total	Place
24252	Kevin Kruggel	1-1-2	0-0-3	3	1
21923	Bill Carpenter	2-2-1	3-3-0	6	2
14580	Tim Troeger	4-3-3	8-5.7-5.7	19.4	3
	George Varca	5-6-4	10-11.7-8	29.7	4
14766	Kurt Kruggel	3-10-9	5.7-16-15	36.7	5
34152	Dave Lovejoy	6-11-5	11.7-17-10	38.7	6
38228	Tim Burchell	8-5-10	14-10-16	40	7
	7377 Clem Haines	7-7-8	13-13-14	40	7
29079	Al Courtney	9-9-6	15-15-11.7	41.7	9
39996	Leo Zelasko	10-8-7	16-14-13	43	10
	130 Mike Machellack	DNS-4-DNS	DNS-8-DNS	8	-

MEN'S GOLF OUTING THIS FRIDAY

SERVICE OIL CO.

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Service is our Business
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Sears Street 476-2276
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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
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Vandalia, Michigan

open seven days a week
5 pm to 11 pm



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SPORTSMEN'S CENTER OF VANDALIA
Virginia & Richard DeLong 476-9610

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Mon thru Thurs - - - 5am to 8pm
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Sunday - - - 4am to 6pm



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Cassopolis, Michigan 49031

COUNTRYSIDE BEAUTY SHOP

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Bair Lake on old M-60
9am to 5pm closed Monday
244-5186

RESIDENTIAL SPEED LIMIT IS 25 mph

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Cass County Sheriff - - - 445-2481
Fire & Ambulance
Newberg-Porter - - - 244-5235
Fire (Vandalia) - - - 476-2440
Hospital (Three Rivers) - - - 287-1145
Mich. State Police - - -120-483-7611

LOCAL CHURCHES

Diamond Lake Baptist Church
Decatur Road
Cassopolis 445-2591

St. Ann's Social Hall
421 N. Broadway 445-2248
Cassopolis Rectory 445-3140

First Church of God
Spencer Road
Cassopolis 445-8500

Porter Baptist Church
5 mi. So. of Jones on Rte. 40
Constantine 435-7493

St. Paul Lutheran Church
W. State Street
Cassopolis 445-3950

United Presbyterian Church of Cass.
E. State Street
Cassopolis 445-2664

Cassopolis United Methodist Church
South Rowland
Cassopolis 445-3107

Union Protestant Church
R. F. D. 2
Cassopolis 445-2066

Rain Checks Needed for Softball

The cold weather, wet grounds and rain forced the cancellation of the planned Softball Game last Sunday. We'll try again when the weatherman cooperates. The lemonade will keep and we're sure the spirits of our players won't dampen.

Our little samples have been sent to Grand Rapids for bacteriological analysis. The results will be sent back to the Cass Co. Dept. of Health. Lastly, leak tracer dye has been ordered and this testing program is being formulated.

Commodore Meets with Department of Health

On Tues., July 15 we had the opportunity to meet with the Cass County Dept. of Health and express the concern of Birch Lakers over the quality of our water. At that meeting, we shared the results of our private water sampling surveys with Environmentalist, Keith Harrison. The Department was urged to start its sanitary survey immediately. Further, we asked what property owners could do to help in that study.

Ecology Lecture Termed a Success

Those 50 concerned Birch Lake residents, who made the effort, certainly profited greatly by their attendance at the Lake Ecology lecture conducted at the Yacht Club Friday night, July 11. Drs. Richard Green and Quentin Ross, both of the Biology Dept. of Notre Dame were the guest speakers.

The two speakers were well versed in their field having participated in the restoration projects of Stone Lake in Cass as well as the current lake recovery project of Lake Charles in Angola.

Harrison repeated his former statements that in May both sanitary and detergent surveys showed the Birch Lake water quality to be fine. He admitted, though, with 2 lakes to study, he could not set dates when Birch Lake would be restudied.

The meeting proved to be both informative and somewhat alarming and produced a lively question and answer session. That any part of Birch Lake water could be of suspicious quality is not what we want to hear. Quality problems just can't happen here, many are heard to say. Our great body of deep, spring-fed water just can't get to a dangerous level of harmful bacteria.

The Lake Self-Help program was explained and our Association was authorized to conduct such a program that will augment the survey the department will undertake. The Self-Help program will consist of two phases: one, another bottle sample analysis; the other, voluntary dye-testing of septic systems. The water samples have been taken and forwarded to Grand Rapids for analysis. Information on dye-testing will be forthcoming. If suspicious sources of bacteria are located, the Department of Health will take effective action to remedy these situations.

That may be true; well, many well intentioned people said the same things about a deeper, larger, and sparkling Lake Tahoe and it did happen there. We have been served with some warnings. It's going to be up to us to see that Birch Lake water quality is kept at the highest level possible as we cooperate with the Cass County Dept. of Health survey,

Further, the suspicious water quality readings at the public beach were discussed. It was made abundantly clear that we desired attention at this area with at least the installation of rest room facilities. Harrison advised that this was not a County issue but that it should be directed to the Dept. of Natural Resources. Our strong recommendations on this issue will be sent to the DNR at once.

Even given the bad weather of Friday evening, the turnout was discouraging considering the importance of the subject. We know the concern the officers and residents have for our lake and yet it's unfortunate that not many took the trouble to avail themselves of the excellent opportunity to get the proper guidance needed.

In summary, then we can report that the Dept. will make five consecutive water sampline surveys soon.
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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

Sailing Results for July 13, 1975

With light winds Sunday, the sailors saw only one race. It was the type of race sailors don't like going out in but because of their love of it, they're out there. Kevin Kruggel won the race to take over the season lead by 1/2 of a point. We hope to make up the race latter in the season. Sailors, let's get all the fees in.

Skipper	7/13	total points	average	# of races	bonus	total
Kevin Kruggel	1	12255	1531.87	8	80	1611.87
Bill Carpenter	3	12251	1531.37	8	80	1611.37
Tim Troeger	2	8822	1470.3	6	60	1530.3
Kurt Kruggel	6	9994	1249.2	8	80	1329.2
George Varga	7	9534	1191.7	8	80	1271.7
Tim Burchell	5	7264	1210.6	6	60	1270.6
Dave Lovejoy	4	6840	1140.0	6	60	1200.0
Leo Zelasko	9	8468	1058.5	8	80	1138.5
Al Courtney	DNS	5256	1051.2	5	50	1101.2
Clem Haines	8	6148	1024.6	6	60	1084.6
Rick Doolittle	DNS	2813	1406.5	2	20	1426.5
Mike Machellack	DNS	1369	1369.0	1	10	1379.0

LOST

Formica bottom, inlaid wood top barefoot ski--has no bindings; please contact cottage #301 at 476-2174 if found. Thank you.

FOR SALE: fresh vegetables at the Hain farm in Williamsville--stay on Walnut, continue on gravel road, right & first house on right. 476-2443

FOUND

Small paddle with #7378 carved in it. Cottage 127.

Potluck Planned for August

FOR SALE

2 piece, 5 1/2 foot long sectional with foam-rubber backed covers, washable; multi-colored. Best offer at cottage 298, 476-2706.

OK, "Interested Birch Lakers", here's your opportunity to support a Pot Luck dinner-dance at the Yacht Club. The plan is for each to bring their own meat fixins plus one covered dish. Liquid refreshments will be furnished by the club. Charcoal grills will be hot and ready if needed.

Hoover spin dry portable washer, avocado, like new, \$50. Original antique 16 in round oak stove in very good condition, best offer. Front and rear axle and suspension with engine and steering control off a 1964 V.W., ideal setup for rail dune buggy, \$25. McCulloch 18 in. chain saw, needs tune-up, \$50. Call after 6:00pm Mon - Friday at 476-2760.

We'll charge \$1.00 per adult and \$.50 for children. The money raised will go into our fireworks fund for next season. This get together will be open to Birch Lake residents and their guests only.

Lake News

Week end guests of the John Went family were Mr. & Mrs. Keith Ramsden of Wigan, England. Good times were had by all despite nature's ill-tempered weather.

We'll need to have some show of interest by Saturday, July 26. Please tear off the lower portion or this page and forward it to Rose Klappauf, #197.

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Carla Jean and her brother Brian want to thank their Grandma Rosemary Klappauf for letting them spend a wonderful vacation with her, and of course, Grandpa, too! And an extra special thank you from Daddy and Mommy, too.

Yes, I'll attend the Birch Lake Pot Luck; the number in my party will be _____.

I prefer the night of--
August 2 _____ August 9 _____

I'll bring--
salad _____ dessert _____
vegetable _____ other _____

MEN'S GOLF OUTING FRIDAY

signed _____