



SUMMER 1975

BIRCH BARKER

CIRCULATION MANAGER, JUDY CURTIS 182

EDITOR, JUDY OLSON 126

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

BIRCH LAKE, VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

Commodore Joe O'Brien 177
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August 16, 1975

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 Bud Zesinger 268

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 Joe Caenepeel 310
 Bob Axelberg 355
 Herm Kruggel 388

Saturday, August 16: Monte Carlo Night at the Yacht Club TONIGHT!!

Green eye-shades, lots of dice, decks of cards, shifty eyes--all these are needed and will be on hand at the Yacht Club Sat. Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Big Six, Chuck-o-Luck, Bean Bag, Poker, etc. will be the items from the world of chance when Commodore Joe and crew stage another Monte Carlo night. Everyone feels daring when the money they are gambling with is not real so lets see lots there and try to break the house!!

Saturday, August 23: Annual Dinner

All Birch Lake residents and guests are invited to the Annual Dinner next Saturday at Camp Tannadoonah. Tickets are \$3.00 each for adults and \$2.00 each for children under 16. Plan to attend and bring guests if you like. We will have $\frac{1}{2}$ spring chicken barbecued with lots of other good things to eat. Time is 6 pm until 8pm Michigan time. You can get tickets from your director or officers. We will have a short program at the end of the dinner that will be interesting to all Birch Lake residents. Please plan to attend.

Bill Hayden, chrm.

Results of Couple's Sunfish Race

place
 Troegers
 Troyers
 Vargas
 Harlans
 Tunnickliffes
 Lovejoys
 Burchelles
 Spratts
 Greens
 Osborns
 Courtneys
 Olsons
 Zelaskos

This race, being unique because the skipper changes at each buoy, proved to be fun, frustrating, and predictable--Jack and Janet Troeger were again the winners. Ginny Spratt won the Most Scared award, Angie Lovejoy won the In Memoriam--Herman K. Kruggel Award for "Outstanding Profanity", Carol Tunnicliffe took honors for the Prettiest Crew, and Leo and Millie Zelasko got the award for 13th place.

A big thank you goes to the Troegers for hosting the after-race party; the popcorn was delicious!

Birch Lakers at Diamond Lake Sunfish Regatta.

Last Saturday, four Birch Lake Sailors went to Diamond Lake for the Michiana Sunfish Regatta. In the first race, 3 of the sailors finished in the top 4. In the second race, the sailors finished in a row, and the third race they finished 2 thru 8. Kevin Kruggel had 1-8-2 for a second overall finish. Tim Troeger had a 2-7-5 for a 4th overall. Dave Troeger had a 4-5-6 for a 6th overall and Bill Carpenter had a 9-6-8 for an 8th place overall.

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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
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E. State Street
Cassopolis 445-2664

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South Rowland
Cassopolis 445-3107

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R. F. D. 2
Cassopolis 445-2066

August 10 Sailing Results

Sundays results at Birch saw Dave Lovejoy win the first race at the finish line from Bill Carpenter. The second race saw Kevin Kruggel recover from a slump to win the race.

<u>boat</u>	<u>skipper</u>	<u>total pts.</u>	<u>average</u>	<u>bonus</u>	<u>av. plus bonus</u>
21923	Bill Carpenter	25575	1504	170	1674
14580	Tim Troeger	21915	1561	150	1611
24252	Kevin Kruggel	24236	1425	170	1596
34152	Dave Lovejoy	19347	1289	150	1439
38228	Tim Burchell	18092	1292	140	1432
14766	Kurt Kruggel	19969	1174	170	1344
	George Varga	19556	1150	170	1320
39996	Leo Zelasko	18378	1081	170	1251
29079	Al Courtney	16237	1082	150	1232
7377	Clen Haines	12377	1031	120	1151

Ladies Golf Outing a Success

At the sound of the shot, 24 golfers teed off to begin a day of fun, good food, and enjoyable company. The shotgun start was quite successful as everyone finished at the same time to go to the luncheon at K-Tap in Vandalia. Low score honors went to Jean Axelberg and the longest drive on hole 3 was accomplished by Barb Zesinger. Low putts went to Edith Duthie. The low team score went to the team of Jean Axelberg, Jane Nagy, Janet Troeger, and Mel Freeman. There were also awards for best effort, score most close to age, etc.

Special thanks need to be given to Lynne Schaar, decorations, Jane Nagy, arrangements, Jean Axelberg and Bert Myers, prizes, and Doris Howard, coffee and donuts.

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LOST: 2 little kittens--1 calico and 1 grey and white. Please call Linda Carrie, #355 (on hill) at 476-9619 if found. Two girls are very heartbroken.

Lake News

I, Mrs. Gaedtke, #318 wish to express my thanks to all of you wonderful people, friends, and residents, who have sent their friends and relatives to see if my place might be what they had in mind.

Hopefully your new Birch Lake neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. James Rans (Jim and Julia) will have possession before the Labor Day weekend. Julia is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. I.T. Bowers, #307 and they are tickled pink about it.

Many, matter of fact all, who saw my place commented on the beautiful fireplace, which was built by a specialist in this field Mr. Ludwig Hain (as whose farm many of you have been getting your fresh vegetables from). They also oh'ed and ah'ed at the workmanship in my garage, also built by Mr. Hain.

I hope to drop in to visit if and when I come back to visit some of these summerers.

James and Julia Rans live at 2514 Erskine Blvd, South Bend, In, 46614, 219-287-4751. You might want to substitute their name for mine in your directory.

Again thanks and may God bless you all.

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At school you merely learn what everyone has to know--education comes after graduation.

MOMTE CARLO NIGHT TONIGHT

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EDITOR'S CORNER

A big thank you to Mrs. Gaedtke for loaning some back copies of the Barker to be re-read and get the historical articles. It was a treat to remember efforts of an 18-20 year old day, pinpoint the "Moonlight Sail" when I met my husband and laugh at the many mistakes in spelling, typing, and catch up on friends doings in past years.

Thank you,
Julie Weaver

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"Life" under, on, over, out

Lord, You are limitless.
The fish swims
We eat him.
We fly--competing with the birds
Man hates man. Where are You?

You are here in the peaceful
setting of the lake.
The still growth of beautiful
plants.
The steady trees--always there.

There is work to be done, but
Man must eat.
So we give up what we like for
what we must.

Why?
Why can't doing what we like buy
what we need?
Don't question--just do.

I gave my life to You, Lord. I
guess you know that you are
doing with me.

J.A.W.

Well, I did it again--three years in a row for the high score award at the Golf Outing. This year there was a score within one stroke of mine so I came close to not getting it. Soon it'll be the Judy Olson Memorial Award! The Outing was lots of fun and those who didn't go sure missed out on the fun--and the neat table favors.

Your directors or officers will be around in the next week with the red dye to check on septic systems. A bad septic system affects us all; your land may be private but the water spreads to everyone. Reread the letter on the yellow paper that was stapled to last week's Barker. Let's have 100% cooperation for this project.

The Labor Day Barker will be my last one as editor since I am resigning--not because of the work but because of lack of time and a toddler. Anyone who might be interested or know of anyone interested in the job, please contact me for more information.

Remember to attend the Monte Carlo night tonight for lots of laughs and also the Annual Dinner next Saturday.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT
TONIGHT at 7:30/8:30