



SUMMER 1975

BIRCH BARKER

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BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

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Saturday, August 23: TONIGHT Annual Dinner 5/6 to 7/8pm at Camp Tannadoonah. Get tickets from your local directors or from the Yacht Club Officers, or pay at the door if you haven't purchased tickets ahead of time. Dinner is \$3.00 each for adults and \$2.00 for children under 16. This will be the last chance to get all Birch Lakers together for this season and we will have a short program for the adults on the events of the summer with a report on the quality of our beautiful lake. Plans for next year will also be given. There will be a short movie for the kids to enjoy. Hope to see you all there Saturday for dinner; bring your guests--they are most welcome.

Monday, September 1: Labor Day and home to town for some of us--sob, sob!

Sailing Results for August 17, 1975

Bill Carpenter strengthened his season lead with a 2-1 finish. Kevin Kruggel moved into second overtaking Tim Troeger, while Tim Burchell moved into fourth over Dave Lovejoy. Tomorrow will be the last two races for the season with the Labor Day Regatta coming up next week. The trophy presentation will be at the Yacht Club after the Labor Day Regatta third race on Sunday. We encourage all sailors and friends to be there.

boat	skipper	8/17	total pts.	av.	bonus	av. plus bonus
21923	Bill Carpenter	2--1	28696	1510	190	1700
24252	Kevin Kruggel	3--3	27124	1427	190	1617
14580	Tim Troeger	4--6	24509	1441	170	1611
38228	Tim Burchell	1--4	21061	1316	160	1476
34152	Dave Lovejoy	6--2	22093	1299	170	1469
14766	Kurt Kruggel	9--5	22289	1173	190	1363
	George Varga	8--9	21669	1140	190	1330
39996	Leo Zelasko	10--7	20495	1078	190	1268
29079	Al Courtney	DNS	16237	1082	150	1232
7377	Clen Haines	7-10	14494	1035	140	1175
	Howie Haines	5--8	9177	1311	70	1381
29382	Rick Doolittle	DNS	2013	1406	20	1426
130	Mike Machalleck	DNS	1369	1369	10	1379

Dye Testing Project Progressing

We have been very pleased with the reports that are filtering back concerning the reception our volunteers are receiving as they conduct individual dye testing surveys. First reports indicate that residents have been welcoming the testers with enthusiasm and a spirit of complete cooperation.

This type of response is particularly heartwarming to those who are working on the project and shows that Birch Lakers are concerned with their own welfare as well as the welfare of their neighbors. It is estimated that about half of the cottages have been contacted. By

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the annual dinner time tonight, it is hoped that a more comprehensive report on the project will be available.

Monte Carlo Night, a Gamblers Delight

The thrill of gambling brought out 70 noisy, enthusiastic Birch Lakers for the annual Monte Carlo Night. The Club, though damp, was turned into a casino of craps and black jack tables along with assorted wheels and other games of chance. The spirited play was followed by a lively auctioneering session. The prizes with some surprises were enjoyed by the big money winners.

Chairpersons, Betty and Joe OBrien had plenty of praise and thanks for all who helped out on the affair. Joanne and Bill Tunnicliffe, Tish and Bill Hayden, Darleen and Ken Troyer, Nancy Nagy, Margaret Blackwood and Sally Hayden deserve the thanks of all for their efforts. Those who came out attested to a night of fun and entertainment at this popular event.

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Sunday 8am to 4pm (Mich. time)
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ANNUAL DINNER TONIGHT!!

LOST: light colored slalom "Ski-Craft" ski with black bindings on East side. Please return to Coan, #148 or call 476-2141.

DIRECTORY CHANGE: #12 and #112 are listed as having the same phone number. 476-2195 is the number of Mrs. Neva Carpenter, #112. The Reginald Carpenters if #12 do not have a phone.

Lake News

To all our dear neighbors and friends at Birch Lake:
We want to thank all of you for the clothing, money, and all the beautiful thoughts and best wishes to get us started again at beautiful Birch Lake. Thank you and God bless you all.

Dale, Georganne, Shawn, and Dale R. Kline

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Back to dogs again--people who can't keep their dogs tied or on their own property should now own any. Michigan law is the same as Elkhart and South Bend. So why not try to abide by it?

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August has been the month for good food, good friends, and a lot of good hard work. The John Ball's entertained the Elkhart Credit Bureau's Board of Directors and their wives Wednesday night, and all 20 people devoured John's sirloin steaks, and Marty's delicious potato salad. (only part of the main course). The same menu was served Sat. night to 25 good friends, and everyone had a great time catching up on one another's summer activities.

John Sr. is now on vacation these last 2 weeks, so have your long underwear close at hand!

Weekend guests have been the Brian Hague's and the John Ball, Mrs. Matthew Hague, at 2 1/2, is quite a waterdog and his swimming is rapidly improving.

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A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Bud Zesinger for winning the Morris Park Invitational last week end. You are the greatest!

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Your hair looks good, Chuck. C.L.G.

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Happy Anniversary August 22 to my loved family --John and Marty Ball.

Brian and Cindy Hague

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Karen Curtis is leaving Birch Lake for a week's vacation in Chicago. She will be staying at Carl and Sandie Klappauf's home.

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Sandie Beilhe and Kathy Stritch are spending their vacation at Eunice Kelly's and enjoying every minute of it. Sandie and Kathy are from Highland Park, Ill.

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Bill and Maxine Curtis will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24. Gosh, is it that long? Congratulations to you both and good health.

Your friends & neighbors,
Ray & Rose Klappauf
Ed & Kathleen Fenrich & daughters
Carl & Sandie Klappauf & family
Mae Bernacick
Ken & Darlene Troyer & family
Eunice Kelly
Joe & Helen Harris
Ray & Sonja Sanders & girls
Jack & Mary Ann Hornbeck
Mort & Jenny Hunt
Wanda Winarski

Oh yes, also their son Terry & daughter-in-law Judy and grandchildren Steve & Karen Curtis want to say--Congratulations and hope to see their parents 50th!

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-- We have a Birthday boy, Scott Troyer, who will be 4 years old on Aug. 20. The Gang wants to wish him a Very Happy Birthday. Don't eat too many goodies. Scottie or you'll get a tummy ache.

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Anyone driving on the northeast end of the lake can't help but notice the decorated mailboxes of the Laffertys, O'Briens, T. Curtises, Wm. Curtises, Troyers, and the Harrises. They really look nice.

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ATTEND THE DINNER TONIGHT!!

EDITOR'S CORNER

Next week is the last issue of the 1975 Barker so lets get all the summer news in to me by Weds. noon.

Georganne and Dale Kline's home, #201, burned to the ground last Friday evening. Those of us who saw it felt sad and helpless as the flames consumed their family possessions. We wish them the best as they get started again.

Beautiful Birch Lake lies at the head of the Matador Valley. The valley can best be enjoyed by a drive down Pine Tree Road. This is one of the many scenic drives around here. If you have not taken it you have missed one of the most beautiful sections of Southern Michigan. This road runs along the stately pines, through wooded sections to the hill overlooking Snake Creek. Stop at the top of the hill and enjoy this enchanting view. The willow and chestnut trees are a vivid contrast to the maples and beeches high in the hills.

Down the hill past the cross-roads the roadway enters the narrows, a section of heavy timbers with the hills high on each side. You will have the impression of driving through a wooded fairyland. Notice the miniature water wheel and rock garden in the farm home yard on the right as you emerge from the narrows. One mile west is the sight of an early Michigan school which at one time was taught by Will Carlton, one of Michigan's famous poets. The road passes over a mill race on through sections of virgin timber to connect with U.S. 112 east of Union.

1975 footnote--The waterwheel is gone but the wooded beauty is still there for all to enjoy.

An interested Birch Laker