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American Bicentennial



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Declaration of Independence

Long before 1776 officials in the colonies reported that the Americans wanted independence.

During and after the First Continental Congress those who wanted to reach an understanding with Great Britain charged that those who wanted to fight her had independence as their aim. This charge was always denied, but in January, 1776, the more radical members of Congress were demanding a Declaration of Independence. They were blocked by instructions to some of the delegations in Congress - instructions which forbade them to vote for independence if the question should come up.

But as Great Britain took steps which showed that she intended to govern the Colonies by force, the more radical elements argued more and more openly for a Declaration of Independence as the only solution. They were much aided by the frank plea for independence in Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, published in January 1776, and by many anonymous newspaper articles urging the same idea.

The balance of power in many of the Colonies has shifted to the radical side by the summer of 1776, and on June 7, Richard Henry Lee proposed both independence and Articles of Confederation. After three days' debate the matter was postponed for three weeks to

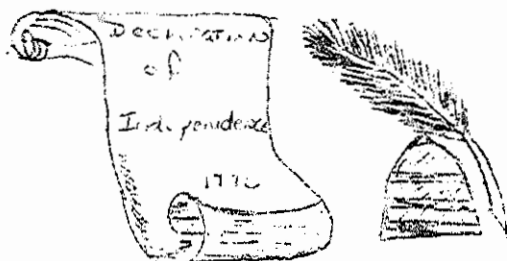
permit some delegations to receive new instructions.

On July 1 the matter was again debated, and on July 2 Lee's motion was passed by Congress. The notion that July 4th was the date arose from a mistake in the first printed version of the journals of the Congress. All that Congress did on July 4th was to order the Declaration printed so members could have copies. Congress did not order the document written up in the form we see it today until July 19, and it was not until August 2 that it was ready for signing by the members of Congress.

The Declaration of Independence was the work of a committee which had been appointed in June after the first debates. Thomas Jefferson was the leading draftsman, assisted by John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. The other committee members, Robert R. Livingston and Roger Sherman, seem to have contributed little.

The document did two things: it provided a theory which justified political revolution, and it listed the reasons why the colonists were driven to revolution.

The fundamental idea was that government exists for the "Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness," of the people and that this precept is the basic foundation of a democratic government.



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SUNFISH RACE RESULTS 1st RACE 6-20

	PLACE	TOTAL POINTS	AVERAGE	BONUS	AVER.&BONUS
Kevin Kruggel	1	1600	1600	10	1610
Leo Zelasko	2	1521	1521	10	1531
Kurt Kruggel	3	1444	1444	10	1454
Dave Troeger	4	1369	1369	10	1379
Bill Hammes	5	1296	1296	10	1306
Dave Lovejoy	6	1225	1225	10	1235
Bill Carpenter	7	1156	1156	10	1166
Ron Whiteman	8	1089	1089	10	1099
Tim Troeger	9	1024	1024	10	1034
Mike Machellack	10	961	961	10	971
Dave Olson	11	900	900	10	910
George Varga	12	841	841	10	851
Scott Visick	13	784	784	10	794
Joe O'Brien	14	729	729	10	739
Clem Haines	15	676	676	10	686

The first race of the year had practically no wind at all, which made it a very slow one. Kevin Kruggel took first place, Leo Zelasko second, and Kurt Kruggel third. Due to the lousy weather conditions, the sailors called off the second race and hoped for better wind next week.

SUNFISH RACE RESULTS FROM 6-27

SKIPPER	PLACE	TOTAL POINTS	AVERAGE	BONUS	AVER.&BONUS
Kevin Kruggel	1/2	4721	1574	30	1604
Dave Lovejoy	3/1	4269	1423	30	1453
Dave Troeger	2/5	4186	1395	30	1425
Bill Carpenter	5/3	3896	1299	30	1329
Kurt Kruggel	9/4	3837	1279	30	1309
Leo Zelasko	6/8	3835	1278	30	1308
Tim Troeger	4/7	3549	1183	30	1213
George Varga	7/6	3222	1074	30	1104
Al Courtney	8/9	2050	1025	20	1045
Bill Hammes	11/13	2980	993	30	1023
Bill Tunncliff	10/9	1985	993	20	1013
Mike Machallack	DNS/DNS	961	961	10	971
Ron Whiteman	13/11	2773	924	30	954
Dave Olson	12/12	2582	961	30	891
Dick Carpenter	14/14	1458	729	20	749
Scott Visick	16/DNS	1409	705	20	725
Joe O'Brien	15/15	2081	694	30	724
Clem Haines	DNS/DNS	676	676	10	686

After 2 weeks and 3 races Kevin Kruggel is the leader in the current standings. Dave Lovejoy coming in second and Dave Troeger with a close third. Majority of the scores are close. The races this week went really quick (not like last week!). We welcome any new racers and don't forget that dues of \$8.00 are to be paid by the 4th of July.

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NEWS

Birch Lake has a new family in Cottage #322! Dean and Phyllis Davis, Kelly age 13, Doug 8 going on 9, and Beth age 4. Went over there the other night and spotted Dean swimming with his hat on! It seems that Doug nudged him off the pier, accidentally of course! Welcome to Birch Lake all you Davis' !

The July 4th weekend at the O'Briens (John, not Joe our glorious ex-commandore) portends to be a Big Zoo. Daughter Kathy Mullane will be here from Phoenix with her son Toby and will be joined by her daughter Kelly who is returning from two weeks at Camp Eberhart. This her third season there, carrying on the O'Brien tradition at old EB. Also gathering for the weekend of fireworks (and firewater) will be Anne and Carter Wolf and new daughter Sarah, who will be 9 weeks old on the 4th. Of course the regulars will be on hand, including Patty our 3rd year law student at Notre Dame and friend Mike Cotter; John and Nancy (Jr.) who were married in December; Major, the Keystone Cop and bartender de luxe at Jones, MI. And last, but certainly not least Great Grandmother Ginny Gorall, one of the prime causes of the O'Brien clan. Nancy (Sr.) doesn't know where everyone will sleep and theres been talk of pitching a tent in the front yard for the overflow. And Bob and Helen Mae Doolittle think they've got problems??? P.S. George may be here too!

Debra Kay Gard & Dave Williams of Lowell Indiana, were united in marriage on Saturday June 19th. Debbie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Gard of cottage #32. After a honeymoon trip to Colorado and Mexico, they will stop at Birch Lake before returning to Lowell.

Betty Carey came up to spend Monday and Tuesday with the Philip Careys before going back to Florida.

One fishing boat found on Careys beach. Call 476-2821 at cottage # 350 to claim your boat.

The Doug Weavers wish to welcome Ruth Ann Frazer of Kemper, Texas to Birch Lake. Ruth Ann flew from Dallas to Chicago in order to attend Super Week Horsemanship Camp at Camp Tannadoonah with Jeanne. We not only will be enjoying 4th of July, but while at camp July 7th Ruth Ann will celebrate her 11th birthday.

Kay, Bob and Lesley Ann Greenig arrived Friday evening from their home in Upland, California to spend the summer at good old Birch. The Jensens say---OH Happy Day!

The seams were bulging at cottage 200-7 the past week with Mac and Joyce Klimck's family from Illinois. Fred & Pat Raddatz and their younguns Lisa and Michelle came with Bill Ainsworth (forgot - Lisa was already here with Todd Thompson!) Sharon Thompson pulled in Friday with Shawn and Taffi and a tent that sleeps seven, thank goodness! Saturday AM George and Barb Mejnek from Oswego chugged in with Melody (oops-forgot! she came with Sharon) Julie & Barbie Jo, Saturday afternoon Fred, Pat & Bill & Lisa & Shelley pulled out reluctantly. Saturday nite those who were able went to the Five Points Auction. For fun and bargains you can't beat it! Late Sunday after swimming, canoing and some just plain horsing around, they left, camper, tent and Station wagon - but not quite all - they left Taffi and Melody til next week when Sharon returns and Joshua, #9 grandson comes with his Mom & Dad to dip his feet in Birch Lake for the first time !

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Kathy and husband Denny of Midland Michigan arrived at Machallecks, her parents home, Thursday evening to spend a week's vacation. Of course they brought Freckles, their German shorthaired pointer.

Denny was fishing the minute he arrived and it wasn't 5 minutes until he caught his first big one from under the pier.

Friday was a day filled with many unexpected pleasures. 1st- a visit from a beautiful black Labrador who loved to play and fetch' untiringly. We found out he was 'Sundance' and we had his owners pick him up late afternoon before he collapsed completely exhausted. 2nd- Amy Ross came down to play with Brian and Lori. 3rd- Beth Kendall Hadas and Shaun and Jennifer of Miami, Fla. came to visit our neighbors, the Hammes, whose children were ill. (probably the mumps) The children joined us in play, had a patio lunch and had a great time swimming and fishing.

Dewayne Weaver (over the Mumps-- the first one to get them) joined the boys fishing so #51 was really jumping.

DON'T BE A PAINT BRUSCH VACATIONER

Plan your vacation in the United States or Canada this year. Don't wait until your limbs go numb and your eyes go dim to plan your vacation. See your country as it is today, or as it was in your grandfathers days. You cannot climb a mountain on crutches nor can you see the beauty of this land with old tired eyes.

Plan your vacation or tour carefully. In this way, you will enjoy it more. Check all special events of the same in the state you intend to spend most of your vacation. There are three reasons why a traveling vacation is so important to you and your family.

1. Doing something different relaxes your mind and enlivens your spirits.
2. It gives your spouse a chance, to get away from her every-day routine. Nothing gives a housewife more pleasure than sitting and enjoying a good meal in a restaurant, with no thought of having to wash the dishes.
3. It broadens your family's educational background. Geography and history becomes a reality, and we get a first hand realization of the great and wonderful country in which we live.

Vacation time means travel time. Leave your worries behind you, as you close your door and pack your car. Don't be a paint brush vacationer, or relative visitor. There are always questions; Where can we go? (continued next page)

Life Is But A Journey By Matthew Klimek

Life is but a journey
From beginning till the end,
And whatever we possess upon
this earth
It's what the Lord did send.

We question not His wisdom
But grant His least request,
And hoping deep within our hearts
He'll take it for the best.

We ask for His forgiveness
And thank for Grace He sends,
Then Hope and Pray He will
receive us
When our journey ends.

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nite crawlers -- See Brain.
Cultured mushrooms-- \$1.00 lb.
(Must be ordered by Thursday for
weekend delivery.)

Sarah Patterson and her children
Beth, Nick and Jennifer and her
niece Susan Meyer came from
Niles to escape the heat and
had fun in the water at Machallecks
Sunday afternoon.

Laurie Scofield is up to spend
another week at Birch Lake. Seems
that every time Laurie comes to
the lake the weather turns cold
and rainy. Better luck next time
Laurie.

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Where can we get best information on routes and road conditions? Where are the places to stay? Where are the best tourist attractions? All this can be obtained by asking a reputable information establishment. Don't ask the guy that was there, He probably spent most of his time in some night club.

A word of advise; Use good judgement while traveling or vacationing. Remember also when you travel drive carefully. Your vacation trip is based on reaching your destination in one piece.

By Matthew Klimck Cottage #200-7

Good Snack Recipe from Judy Olson

Mix equal parts of chopped walnuts with whole raisins for the kids to snack on. This is much better than the food snacks from the store that we give to our families.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6/26

The BLYC directors met on last Saturday to turn in dues that have been collected and to discuss several pertinent items.

The fireworks will be great this year but this may be the last display due to federal regulations and the rising costs of insurance (the money could best be spent elsewhere).

The cost of a Birch Barker subscription was discussed and the fee will be \$4.00 which will include a directory during the years one is printed. This price is more than if the subscription is included in the \$12.00 yacht club dues.

The name "Birch Lake Yacht Club" seems to be a misnomer since we are no longer a yachting lake (as in years past) but are more interested in conservation and pollution issues. The Birch Lake Association was suggested as a more suitable name. It was agreed that the new name will be used now and either be made official or be dropped after a vote of members at the fall dinner.

The back wall of the club house seeps water and several directors are going to investigate the problem to correct it; money is available for repairs. It was felt by those present that the building could become a meeting and game room again for both the senior and junior association members. After the water problem is solved, cleaning and maintenance of the building would be easier.

It's not too late to decorate your boat for the big BOAT PARADE tomorrow at 5IN/6MI. Fun for all; prizes for all.

POT DE CHOCOLAT

6-7 servings

(Into a blender bowl put)

1 c. semisweet chocolate chips

1 1/4 c. scalded light cream

2 egg yolks

3 T. rum

Turn the switch to high speed and blen it till the racket stops. Pour it into any small cup, something small, because it's rich. Chill them three hours.

(This recipe can be made a day or so ahead as it gets better as it sets.)

EDITORS COMMENTS

This is the weekend most of us have been waiting for; the celebration of Americas 200th birthday. As we enjoy the holiday with family, friends and guests I hope we will not put aside the real reason for our celebration, our countrys INDEPENDENCE.

This weekend let's all participate in the Bicentennial events here at the lake. The Birch Lake Association works for you and these activities were planned with YOU in mind. Do PARTICIPATE!

The ski show planned for July 3rd has been cancelled due to lack of time for preparation and the new forming of the Jr. Birch Lake Association.

Dates for the Mens Golf Outing will be set soon, chairman Phil Carey is working hard to get things prepared.

More information on the couples Sunfish race will be in next weeks issue. My husband and I will be chairmen for this event since we came in second last year and feel that Jack & Janet Troeger needed a rest!

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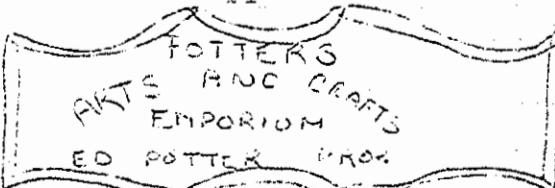
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Beep! Beep!



Honk! Honk!

BOAT PARADE

Bicentennial theme. Decorate your boat or anything that floats. A patriotic theme is all that is need and a little imagination. Prizes to be awarded are worth the effort you will put into your decorations. Ski ropes, Sleeping bag, vinyl life raft, lawn jarts and other prizes. Don't forget that every entry gets a prize. Time for the parade will be 5IN/6MI so that there will be less problem with the wind.

Place for the start and end of the parade will be at the public beach. Numbers will be issued by the committee at the beach.

After the parade stay in your boat and congregate near the beach and the judges will announce the winners and prizes will be awarded immediately.

If you haven't turned in an entry form yet do so soon. If you decide to join the parade at the last minute there will be a place for you and prize also. So do join.

George Washington 1st
 2nd
 3rd
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and more

Paul Revere
 Henry 8th
 The Mayflowers
 King George
 Minute Men

FIREWORKS

Fireworks will be shot off on the east side this year after dark. Plan to watch this special bicentennial display; the lake Association has spent alot of money and time to present this event for your enjoyment.

If it rains the fireworks will most likely be shot off the following day if the weather permits. (Let's pray for sunshine)

BOOM
 ooh!

BANG

RUGH!

LIGHT UP AMERICA

After the fireworks everyone on the lake is invited to LIGHT UP Wherever you are, be it on land or water, turn on your lights. Use a flashlight, light up a candle, turn on your flood lights, light a match or flick your BIC! Flash those lights for all to see and show you care. Put those sparklers to good use.