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## Editors Comments:

CANS-BOTTLES-PAPER-GRASS CLIPPINGS-LEAVES-GAS-SEPTIC TANK RUN OFF- DIRTY WASH WATER- are these the things we want in our lake? I would hope not!

But even though we think it's unlikely that the people on the lake could dump these things into the water, it is happening.

I'm forever finding bottles & cans in the water. Many are broken or rusted and we've suffered knicks and cuts from someone's lazyness & carelessness. Supporting "Ban the Can" bill would help to stop this type of litter and reduce the danger of stepping on these non-returnable bottles and cans.

Mowing the lawn so that the clippings go intentionally into the water or even to dump grass clippings into the water is terrible. As these clippings decay in the water it adds to the nutrient load of the lake & thus causing excessive blumes of algae growth. The same goes for the leaves that are being raked into the water or being burned along the lakes edge. Leaves contain phosphates--phosphate pollutes the lake.

Filling gas tanks on your pier should be stopped. The little gas that runs into the water adds up and it counts.

Can you believe some people are letting their wash water run into the lake? Don't say it's not happening because it is. Sure new systems to dispose of these wastes are costly---but is it worth loosing our lake? Is it worth it to loose the beautiful lake we once had? Everything that enters our lake even in small amounts adds up day after day-week after week-year after year, till the time comes when someone wants to know just what made our lake die? It won't occur to us that it was those things we were told would kill our lake and no one will want to take the blame.

We all pollute the lake. Yes, you keep hearing over and over about the pollution and maybe your tired of it. Are you tired of the lake, I doubt it. We are living on the lake to enjoy what it has to offer---the relaxation, the entertainment, peace and quiet, and recreation. Will we be enjoying these things in the future if the water is polluted and we can no longer swim or ski in it? These are drastic statements but it can't be over emphasized how much all of these things will destroy the lake.

Let's all do a turn around and do something for our lake instead of having our lake do something for us. We expect so much from lifes pleasures but we do so little to keep things the way they were.

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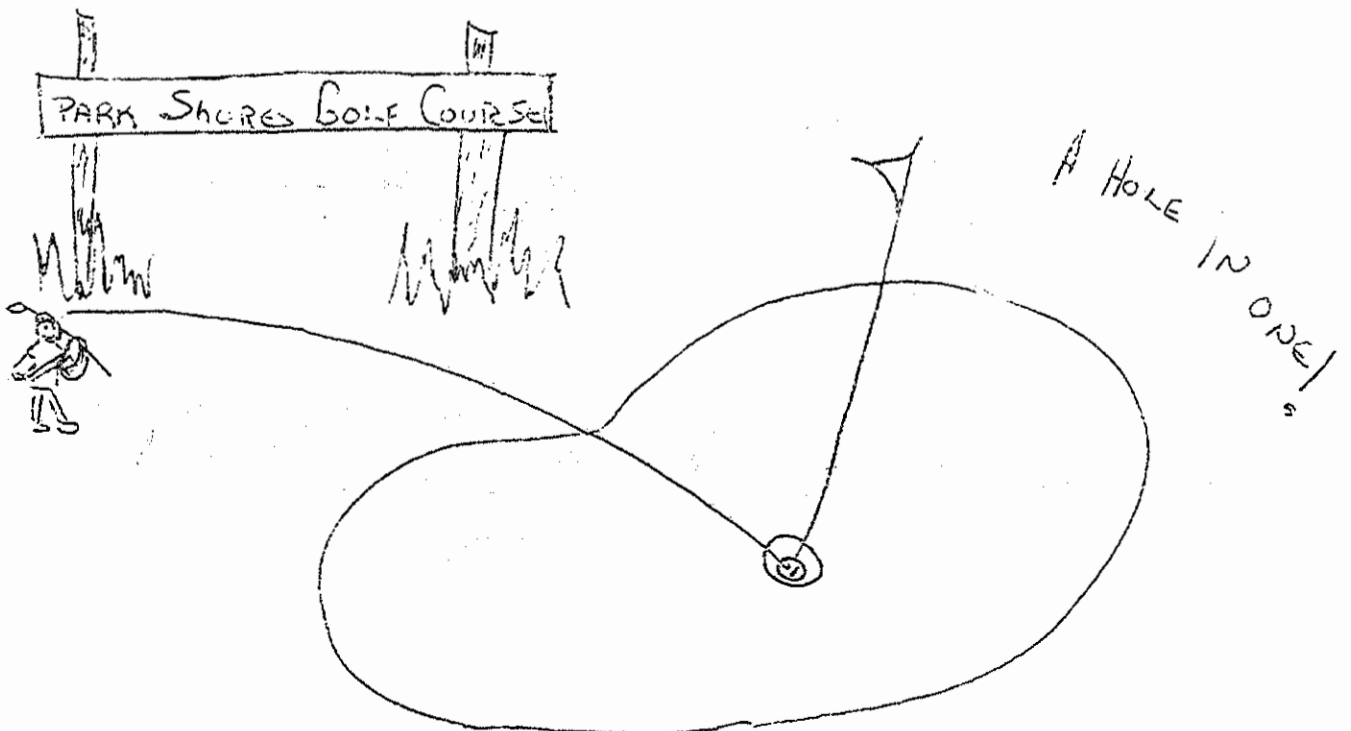
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Dave Lovejoy	4-2	15672	1425	110	1535
Dave Troeger	1-3	11421	1428	80	1508
Bill Carpenter	DNS+DNS	13519	1352	100	1452
Mike Machellack	DNS-DNS	10643	1330	80	1410
Tin Troeger	3-1	11874	1319	90	1409
Leo Zelasko	7-4	15172	1264	120	1384
Kurt Kruggel	6-5	14831	1236	120	1356
George Varga	5-7	13589	1132	120	1252
Bill Hammes	13-10	9560	938	100	1038
Clem Haines	11-8	9583	938	100	1038
Ron Whiteman	9-12	10988	916	120	1036
Bill Tunncliff	8-9	8416	935	90	1025
Joe O'Brien	12-13	8703	791	110	901
Scott Visick	10-14	8495	772	110	882
Dick Carpenter	14-11	7116	791	90	881
Dave Olson	DNS-DNS	4720	787	60	847

"Men's Golf Stag"  
 "Outing August 6<sup>th</sup>"

THE MENS GOLF OUTING WILL BE AUGUST 6th (THIS COMING FRIDAY).  
 TEE OFF TIME 12:00 NOON MICHIGAN 11:00 INDIANA TIME AT THE PARK  
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 YOUR PRIZE. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



## ARTICLES OF LAKE CONCERN

I would like to ask everyone to please try not to through trash in the lake.

I realize that some of it is from the people who just bring their boats to the landing. Why should they care? They don't live here. For some of us this is the only home we have and I want to keep it the best lake in Michigan.

Thanks  
Renc' Went

I've heard the rumors that if Careys wouldn't have closed the road it would be an open road around the west side. To inform the people, Careys didn't close the road. Tom Minglin of South Bend closed it. He bought the land in 1973. If it were up to us the road would be open, it would be closer and easier for us. Tell the story right, Careys aren't the bad guys.

To the boaters, fishers, sailers, or who ever uses our beautiful Birch Lake--keep your litter, trash, and bottles out of the lake. Kids and adults are stepping on your broken bottles, rusted cans and other litter, having to have stitches. Remind your neighbor and friends this is our lake. Help us to keep it beautiful.

The Careys 350 west

For those of us who were at Birch Lake in 1960, there was a lot of excitement about the construction of a meeting place on the lake for social and business events, as well as a gathering place for the kids. Herb Howard donated the land. We have had some sizeable contributions of both money and time to get the project under way, make plans for a basic structure that could be improved or expanded later on, and then engage the builder, plumber, electrician, order cement, sand, blocks and all of the other materials that were needed. The people who did this were not thinking of themselves, but of the children who needed a gathering place, and of the future generations who would be able to use this facility.

We have not carried out our part of the responsibility to maintain this clubhouse. We have let it run down and it now needs special love and tender care to restore it to a usefull facility.

Bill Hayden  
Commodore

## DIRECTORS MEETING

There will be a directors meeting Saturday afternoon August 7th at 2pmIN/3pmMI at the YACHT CLUB. We will do our best to hold the meeting to one hour so please everyone be on time. Don't forget to attend this meeting at the Yacht Club.

Bill Hayden

## MONTE CARLO NIGHT

The Monte Carlo night held in the past years will not be held this year. I feel that the yacht club needs the water leakage fixed before such an event could be considered.

Bill Hayden

COUPLES SUNFISH RACE

Next Sunday August 8th, 1976. Starting time will be 3pm IN 4 pm MI. The time has come once again for all couples to pair up and come out and sail the race of their life. There are many of you out there with new Sunfishes this year and we're planning to see you at the start of the race. If your one of the unfortunate (as we are) and do not have a boat to race in but would love to sail in the event never fear! Contact Ken or I at cottage # 181 phone # 476-2639 and we'll do all we can to get you fixed up with a boat.

Anyone who has a Sunfish to lend for those couples without a boat please contact me as soon as possible, the gesture will be greatly appreciated by those of us that want to sail.

The annual party after the race will still be held. With one change, and that is there will be a .50 charge per person that attend the party to cover the cost of food and drink. Everyone is invited to attend the after party and to see who the lucky couples are that will receive prizes. We have many prizes this year and in many different categories!!!!!!

Plan to attend and enjoy all the fun.

Ken & Darlen Troyer

CHEERY-COCONUT BARS

- 1 c. Gold Medal flour
- 1/2 c. butter or oleo
- 3 T. confectioner sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 c. gran. sugar
- 1/4 c. flour
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. salt
- 3/4 c. nuts
- 1/2 c. coconut
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1/2 c. quartered maraschino cherries

Heat oven to 350°. Measure flour & sift with hands, mix flour, butter, and XXX sugar until smooth. In 8X8X2 pan spread thin with fingers. Bake 25 min. Stir rest of ingrediants into eggs. Spread over top of baked pastry (no need to cool). Bake 25 min. Cut into bars. Makes 18 Linda Carey

WORK DAY AT YACHT CLUB PLANNED

Come out and help us clean up the yacht club. August 7th from 9am to 11am come with your chain saw, rakes, bags, brooms, nippers, clippers and what have you to clear away the brush and trees that will be in the way of the excavators. By cleaning away the debris it will save us money and help to get the club fixed up sooner. These things need to be removed before the dirt along the yacht club can be removed. Come out and clean, and have a good time with neighbors and friends in working for this good cause.

WORK! WORK!  
WORK!

Enjoy Later!

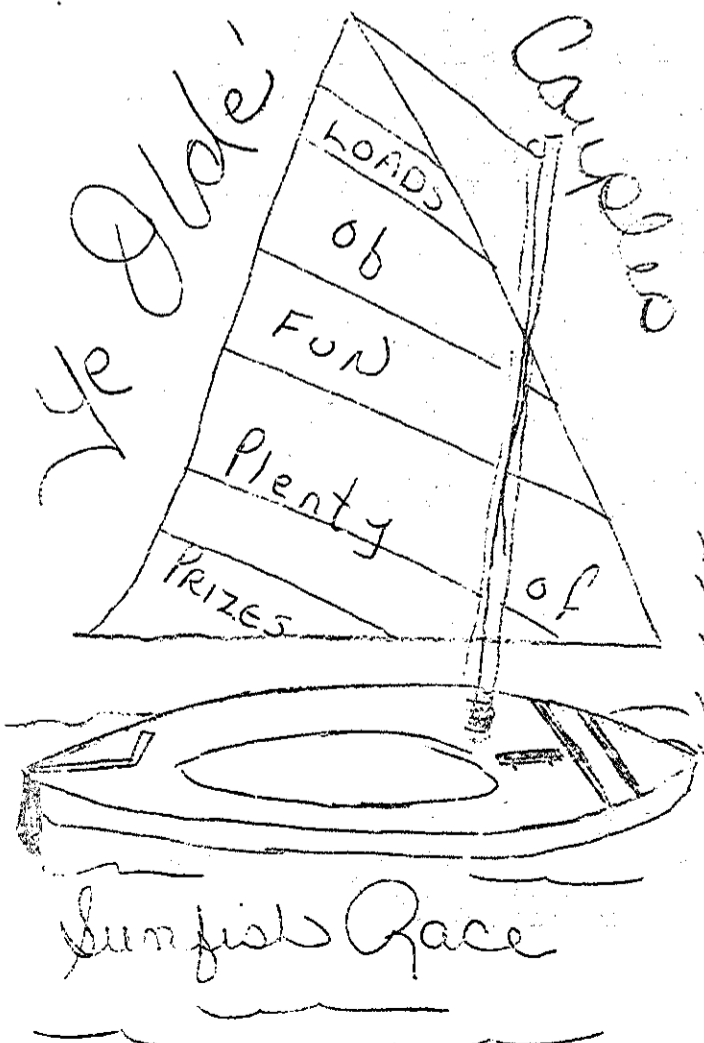
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## YACHT CLUB VS ASSOCIATION

I for one along with my family am very much in favor of retaining the name Birch Lake Yacht Club.

We have over the years represented Birch Lake in many ways around the country. The most outstanding way was sailing in many regattas. We have not been alone in these ventures and I know that all of us are proud to represent the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

Associations are a part of everyone's life. They are present in business, social, religious, and many other phases of our lives. They are available to anyone who wishes to avail themselves to what they have to offer. Most of us, if asked, could not name all the associations we belong to.

The basic reason we are all at Birch Lake is our love of the water and surroundings and the many different ways we can make use of these beautiful facilities. All of the other things such as ecology, safety, wildlife preservation, and many others can still be brought into the concern of the Yacht Club. It has been and is the concern of Yacht Clubs around the country.

Fishing, Power Boating, Swimming, Sailing, Skiing, and just plain enjoying the water are all Yacht Club Functions. We do not care to be members of another association. We want to be proud members of the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

Earl Troeger Jr. and family

My family would like to see the name changed to the Birch Lake Association. We feel the name is more fitting and would be to the good of the club.

Thank - you North Side Family

In years past the name of Birch Lake Yacht Club was a fitting name since we participated in many of the snipe sailing regattas around the country. We no longer have a fleet of snipes on the lake nor do we go to the regattas anymore. The definition of the word "Yacht" means to race or cruise in a yacht, the word "Yachtsman" is a person who owns or sails a yacht. Not all of us on the lake are boat owners and many of us do not enjoy this type of sport, although we do like to participate in many of the functions that our club sponsors. To us the word "Yacht" is not fitting.

We do feel that the name of Birch Lake Association or Birch Lake Community would be a much better name. Working for the good of the lake through continued water quality improvement programs (which we feel has not been continued this year as planned); social functions, Sunfish races, and good programs for the Jr. members, are some of the lake's prime concern. We need a name that reflects this concern and will include all of the lake's interests and not single out a specific item such as "Yachting".

East Side Family

Editors Comments: I'd like to thank those that took the time to write these articles. The "LAKE" is our prime concern and we should maintain it for the years to come. It would be nice to hear from others around the lake as to how they feel about the name change, I'm looking to see more articles in next weeks news.

## SMALL-FRY WISDOM

A four-year-old daughter came in one noon complaining of a sore stomach.

"That's because it's empty. It'll feel better when you have something in it." I soothed her.

That afternoon our minister came for some material for Sunday School. He complained of a severe headache.

"That's because it's empty," the little girl told him. "It will feel better when you get something in it!"

(from G.H.)

## MICHIGAN THE WATER WONDERLAND

Size of State: 57,022 square miles of land, 1,194 square miles of inland water, and 38,075 sq. miles of Great Lakes water area.

Great Lakes shoreline: 3,121 miles

Inland Lakes: 11,037

Rivers and Streams: 36,350 miles

Fishing: Literally thousands of locations including 725 publicly maintained sites.

Bridges linking Michigan and Canada: Ambassador at Detroit; Blue Water at Port Huron and International at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mackinac Bridge: Five-mile bridge between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas opened in 1957; world's longest suspension span, 8,614 ft.

Soo Locks: Located at Saute Ste. Marie; 22,000 vessels pass through the locks each year.

St. Lawrence Seaway: Link between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes opened in 1959

Detroit River: Busiest waterway in the world in respect to tonnage.

Marinas: Michigan has hundreds of marinas for boating enthusiasts.

## SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

(From Leadership Dynamics  
United States Jaccos)

The 6 most Important words:  
"I admit I made a mistake"

The 5 most important words:  
"You did a good job"

The 4 most important words:  
"What is your opinion"

The 3 most important words:  
"If you, please"

The 2 most important words:  
"Thank you"

The 1 most important word:  
"We"

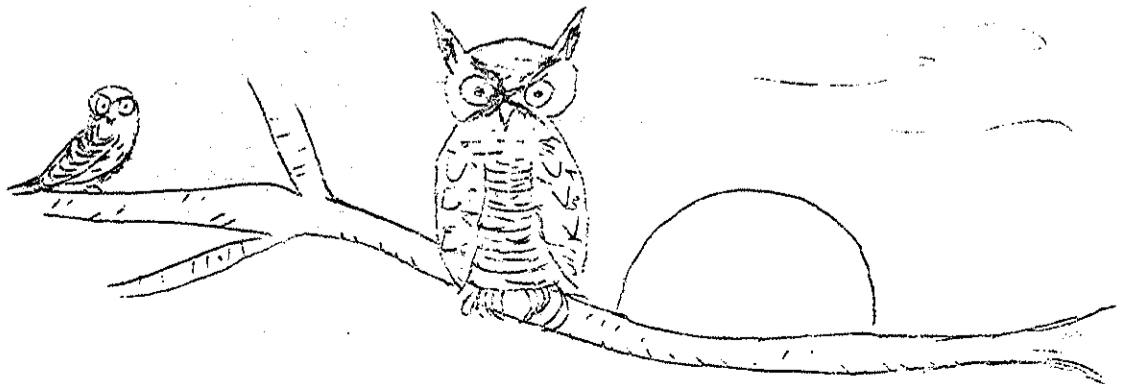
The least important Word:  
"I"

## WILLIFE NOTES

There are 132 species of OWLS. They range in size from the Great Gray Owl of the Canadian wilderness, with a wingspread of five feet, to the sparrow sized Elf Owl of the southwestern United States.

Not all owls are hooters. The Barred Owl is called the "hoot" owl because of its mournful hooting, but it also has an idiotic laugh. The Barn Owls repertoire includes a snoring sound, a chuckling and a long drawn scream. Soft doleful trilling identifies the misnamed Screech Owl. The Elf Owl and his mate often sing duets on bright moonlit nights and the Long-Eared Owl barks like a small dog, and mews like a kitten.

The Owl's amazing hearing comes from the design of the ears. The ear openings of some species are so large that they cover the sides of the head. The owl's face is ringed by stiff, curved feathers which collect and bounce sound waves into the eardrums, which are the largest in the bird world.



# Lake News

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Happy Birthday Chuck! C.L.G.

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Congratulations Steve on making it up on slalom skiing.

The Wents John & Roma  
Butch & Rene'

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Sue and Wade Jensen with children Glenna, and Jo Ellen from Downers Grove, Ill. spent the weekend with Jensens and Greenigs cottage # 42.

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John Erhardt celebrated his 14th birthday Saturday with a cookout at #4 Birch Lake. Friends from near and far helped John celebrate. Those present were Ken & Kathy Sante of cottage # 3, John Went and Steve Curtis from Birch Lake, Dewayne Warren from Elbow Lake, Chris, Pat, and Diane Woodlies from Arlington Hts, Ill. who are visiting their grandparents the Gotsteins cottage #5, Lisa Getzinger of New Mexico, and Shannon Bradley of South Bend, who are visiting their grandparents the Getzingers #2, Lee and Martha (Badger) Pensler and Chris of Sylvania Ohio and Cheryl and Tom Milcox and daughters Tracy & Kim soon to move to Louisville, Tx.

John first visited Birch Lake at the age of 4 days and has celebrated all 14 birthdays home at the lake.

(Sorry this news was late)

The John Ball cottage was hopping this weekend with Cindy, Brian, and Matthew Hague as guests for 3 days. George and Joan Chapman were Sunday guests with good food and booze as we all celebrated Carol Chapman's 20th birthday. Also, Carol's fiancée's birthday (which was Monday) was celebrated. The fish under our pier are on diets this week to recover from the overfeeding that Matthew gave them all weekend. Every 2 hours is a bit much, Matthew! But his Aunt Julie & him enjoyed every minute of it!

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Polka Party, Hey everybody---- tonights the night!!! Dance, barefoot-on-the-grass at cot. 200-7. There's live music, Tony and his accordian for dancing, singing and what have you. Bring yourself, your friends & your favorite liquid refreshments (wait til you see our giant punch bowl)! Starts a 7 pm Michigan time til ?

Mac & Joyce Klimek

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The Blilers had a busy weekend. Beth arrived the weekend of July 16th. She is living in Williamsburg, Virginia where she is on the faculty of the College of William and Mary. The first weekend was a get-together of the Wood family. Guests were Don Wood of Altadena, CA. Mr. & Mrs. Everett Wood and Chuck, Hoopston IL. Bill Wood and family Gibson City, IL. Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hill, Aurora, IL. Ronald Wood & family Elkhart, IN. Mr. & Mrs. James Wood, Tom Bloom and family, South Bend, IN. Jim Wood & family, Granger. Mrs. Charles Tudgate and Paul Swanson & family, Mishawaka, Cary Frederick of Tuscaloosa, Alabama visited the weekend of July 23.

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## TACO SALAD

1# hamburger- brown & add  
1 can red, drained beans.  
Simmer for 10 minutes-drain off grease.

In large bowl, mix 1 head of lettuce, 1 small onion, 4 tomatoes, 8 oz. cheddar cheese, 1 oz. bottle of Western dressing along with the hamburger mixture. Just before serving, add 1 package of taco chips! M-M Good!

Julie Ball

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