

# 1977 Birch Barker

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB  
VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

Issue # 10  
August 13, 1977  
Circulation 195

From the Commodore:

Weatherwise, last weekend left a little to be desired but activity-wise it was a lot of fun! The Greenigs and Jensens threw a great party; I'm glad that they invited me! Katha and Mike Machalleck conducted the Couple's Sunfish Race with professionalism--even if the participants didn't (Earl Troeger yelling "fore" caught a couple sailors by surprise). A big thank you to the chairpersons, their helpers and to the participants.

Those who were at the dance Saturday were well aware of the water that started seeping through the wall as the rain came down harder and harder. It is very frustrating to those who have spent many hours thinking worrying and working on that wall. There was no standing water all last winter so Saturday's rain was really unusual to cause this problem. It also makes us realize that the building does take constant maintenance and care to keep it in a usable condition; this also takes funds. The building fund and dues are vital in this effort--they cannot be stressed enough. Also vital is the interest, time, and energy of us all. This summer things are happening, people are meeting--this to me is the spirit of the Birch Lake community!

Judy Olson

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- AUGUST 12 BINGO NIGHT 7/8, Howards & Machallecks, Ch.
- AUGUST 13 LAST NIGHT of EUCHRUE - Let's make this our biggest and best tournament! See you at the Yacht Club 8/9
- AUGUST 20 SQUARE DANCING - Chicago Caller ART BEDNER  
Chairpersons - Kathy & Glen Jevert
- AUGUST 27 ANNUAL DINNER SERVING at 5:30/6:30  
Agnes Gregarek Memorial Building at the  
CASS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
Member Adults - \$4.00 Nonmember Adults - \$5.00  
Children 3 to 12 years - \$2.50  
TICKETS AVAILABLE from your DIRECTOR  
BINGO after DINNER

BIRCH BARKER ADS & NEWS: Turn in by Monday evening for the next paper.  
Next Weeks Typist - Sally Everett LAST ISSUE (Aug. 27th) - Rhyl Davis  
Collection Points - Davis #322, Olson #126 and Weaver #4A

LET US HEAR YOUR NEWS AND VIEWS!



C. WENT MARINE  
Mercury  Outboards

Between Long and Baldwin Lakes  
Evenings 6 to 9 pm (IN Time)  
Sat and Sun 9 to 5

BOATS IO's TRAILERS  
PONTOONS MOTORS

For Your  
AMWAY PRODUCTS

Louise Rieth  
476-2174  
Evenings

COUNTRYSIDE BEAUTY SHOP

Pat Swiatkowski, operator

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



118 EAST FIRST STREET - MISHAWAKA, INDIANA 46544  
219/255-3722

Presto Print

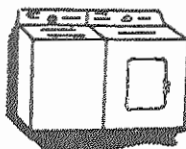
Business Forms & Systems Wedding Invitations  
Envelopes & Letterheads Road Maps to Lake

HILLTOP LAUNDRY & DRYCLEANING

Coin-op Car Wash

Located on Highway 12 - 1 1/2 mile  
east of Union.

Open 9-6 Indiana 7 days a week  
Closed on holidays



SERVICE OIL CO.  
604 Water St.  
distributor of Sunoco products for  
Cass Co.

BELTS PURSES WALL HANGINGS  
HANGING POTS OTHER NOVELTIES

MACRAMÉ

LOTS O' KNOTS

Darlene Troyer  
R-1 Birch Lake  
Vandalia, MI (616) 476-2639

WAYSIDE BEAUTY SALON

Sears Street 476-2276  
open 9 to 4  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Paula Seager, beautician

TOM'S GARAGE AND WELDING  
If you need help, call Tom at 476-2272  
open 7 days a week  
Williamsville

Vandalia  
Sportsmen's  
Center

Michigan Hunting & Fishing  
License, Fishing Tackle & Live  
Bait, Ammunition & Hunting  
Wear, Boots & Footwear.  
Tourist Information, Lake Maps &  
Fishing Tips & Information.

Welcome to:  
Sportsmen's Center  
M-60 West in City  
Vandalia, Mich. 49095  
Phone (616)476-9610



gasoline LP gas  
motor oil fuel oil  
cigarettes pop  
candy ice cream  
bread milk  
free delivery to fill 55gl. gas barrel



BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB  
1977

officers

commodore--Judy Olson  
vice-commodore--Dick Whiteman  
secretary--Shirley Ross  
treasurer--Ginny Spratt

fleet captain--George Varga  
Birch Barker--Phyl Davis  
Sue Howard  
Doris Sante  
Julie Weaver

building committee--  
Dick Whiteman  
Julie Weaver  
Bob Temple

water control-- Ken Troyer  
Joe O'Brien  
Jr. Yacht Club--Sally Everett  
Barb Zesinger  
Lynne Schaar  
Trudy Claro  
Bev Kruggel

directors

#12 Mildred Carpenter: 000-0 to 12  
#19 Bob Martin: 15 to 23  
#34 Frank Horvath: 24 to 39  
#42 Kay Greenig-Julie Weaver: 40 to 54  
#46A Chuck Stevens: 56 to 76  
#96 Roy Henderson: 84 to 102  
#120 Sue Dufour: 106 to 122  
#124 Clem Haines: 124 to 137  
#138 Leo Zelasko: 138 to 170  
#181 Darlene Troyer: 172 to 200,201  
#2-8 Sonya Wirick: 1 to 26 (hill)  
#232 Gertie Temple: 200 to 200-8, 205 to 232  
#268 Barb Zesinger: 235 to 272  
#298 Loretta Drolet: 288 to 301  
#309 Sally Everett: 302 to 313  
#322 Phyllis Davis: 314 to 329  
#350 Linda Carey: 330 to 371  
#382 Dennis Tudor: 375 to 400A

### FREE!

For some cute, free baby garbils, call 476-2777 !!

C.P.R. (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) classes will begin this coming Wednesday the 17th at 7:00 IN at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. These classes are certified Red Cross instructions and will consist of three (3) Three (3) hour sessions. A total of nine hours. We still have room for more people that would be interested. If you would like to sign up call 476-2639, Troyers. If you are not able to attend at this time, we will be offering these classes again next summer.

For those that are already signed up and will not be able to attend please call me so we will be able to take others that our interested.

### Safe Boating!

There have been many reports of misuse of our waters. Here is a list of Michigan State laws and those that do not adhere to these laws can be prosecuted.

- All motorboats and vessels when in use, are required to have aboard one Coast Guard approved flotation device for each person on board.
- Children less than 12 years may be permitted to operate motorboats on the water when accompanied by at least one person 16 years old or older. Children between 12 & 16 may operate a motorboat only when a person over 16 is present or when in possession of a boating safety certificate issued subsequent to satisfactorily completing a Department of Natural Resources approved course in boating safety. This is not applicable to motorboats powered by less than 6 horsepower motors.
- An operator of a motorboat shall not tow a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard or other contrivance during the period 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour prior to sunrise.
- A vessel shall not operate within 100 feet of a buoyed diver's flag unless it is involved in the diving operation. A person diving shall stay within a surface area of 100 feet of the diver's flag.
- Non-powered boats have the right of way.

### For Sale

Heover upright sweater: one and a half years old. Complete with attachments. \$30.00 or best offer.  
Older 3 speed bike, \$20.00 or best offer. Call 476-2639-Troyers.

Congradulations and best wishes to Jill Tuncliff and Ray Scholes who are being married today in Findlay, Ohio. A number of Birch Lake residents will be on hand to witness the big event and join in the festivities.

### STRAWBERRY SWIRL

1c. graham cracker crumbs  
1 T. sugar  
1/4 c. butter, melted  
2c. sliced fresh strawberries  
1 3-oz. pkg. strawberry jello  
1c. boiling water  
1/2 lb. marshmallows  
1/2 c. milk  
1c. whipping cream, whipped

Mix crumbs, sugar and the butter and press firmly over the bottom of a 9x9x2 inch baking dish. Chill until set. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons sugar over fresh or frozen berries, let stand 1/2 hr. Dissolve jello in water, drain strawberries, reserving juice. Add water to juice to make 1 c. and add to jello. Chill until partially firm. Meanwhile, combine marshmallows and milk; heat and stir until marshmallows melt. Cool thoroughly, then fold in whip cream. Add berries to jello, then swirl in the marshmallow mixture to marble. Pour into crust; chill until set

### PAST Editors corner!!!!!!

Well they finally gave me a stencil to work on this week. Although I know it wasn't for my great typing abilities (as you can see by the mistakes). As I was typing this page I kept trying to think of an issue that I could bring up and I decided that lake safety was something that is important to us all and has been put on the wayside this year.

Many fisherman are complaining about the waterskiers that ski to close and those that ski after dark with their boating lights on.

The skiers are complaining that the fisherman gather in front of their drop offplace and therefore must come closer than necessary.

And the sailors are having problems with not being given right of way. Some would like to impose restrictions on skiers and sailors and other problems. Let's all do our part & be more courteous & prevent rules restricting us. Darlene

WATSON'S TREE SERVICE

Trimming and Removal  
Stump Grinding

INSURED for your PROTECTION

Call 6835305

The DICK WHITEMAN COMBO

CREATORS of  
Fine DANCEABLE Music

R.R. 1, Box 186-A1  
Birch Lake

476-2792 Vandalia, Michigan

JOHN'S BAR AND RESTAURANT

Downtown Cassopolis

SERVING - Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner

Specialties: CHICKEN & WALLEYE

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

#24A HOWARD, Jim & Susan  
55714 Co. Rd. 131  
Bristol, Indiana 46507  
219-825-9313  
Children: Todd Terri & Tom

#94 Dorothy Foote  
1623 N. Riverside Dr. Apt. B  
South Bend, Indiana 46616  
219-288-0386

ELYC SQUARE DANCE

Come One! Come All! To the ELYC Square Dance, Saturday August 20th, 7:30 IN - 8:30 MI time. If you don't know how you soon will, as our caller, Art Bedner, is a good teacher. This is fun for young and old--even for those who would just like to watch square dancers. Wear your square dance clothes, if possible!

The counter Hors d'oeuvres have been delicious and we hope everyone will bring some more.

There will be tickets for Beverages. If you prefer Liquor bring your own bottle.

Please come out, bring your friends--the more the merrier.

ADMISSION will be \$1.00. This will help our Club.

EUCHRUE

We need you good euchrue players tonight for our last tournament! See you at the Yacht Club 8/9 time.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

At the director's meeting last Monday evening tickets were passed out for the fall dinner. Reservations must be made by the 20th. Several ideas were discussed for next year's yacht club activities; anyone with ideas or suggestions should contact Dick Whiteman.

The directors voted to subscribe to the Riparian magazine for one year. This is the magazine of the Michigan Lakes & Streams Assoc. of which we are a member; this would be given to all Yacht Club members effective next summer.

Boat storage for the winter in the Yacht Club building was discussed. It was voted to charge \$2 per linear foot of the boat to be stored. This is different than in previous years.

Mention was made of the odor this summer from adjacent pig farms. The public office in charge of this is the Board of Drainage for Cass County. Monthly tests are made of the lake quality and so far there has been no pollution from the farms.

The eye of an eagle...the strength of a bear...and the speed of a deer  
PLAY Loco Ball...an old Indian game newly discovered. FREE Demonstration. see HOWARD HAINES #124

COUPLES SUNFISH RACE

The annual couples sunfish race was won by Howie & Kathy Haines. Bill Carpenter & Kathy were second followed by Jack & Janet Troeger. 17 sunfish completed the course with Bill & Gussie Echols bringing up the rear. A special "windy" award was presented to Bob Vicsek. We would like to thank our starters Kevin Kruggel and Tim Troeger and all the other sailors who helped to make it a fun event.

Mike & Katha Machalleck

ELYC DANCE

The ELYC Dance was a roaring success, thanks to the many participating members. The music was great as usual. The dance proceeds covered its own expenses and plus--thanks to everyone! Thanks Julie & Doug for helping us. A thank you also goes to Lottie Weaver Bob Vicsek & Dick Whiteman for donations of prizes. Thanks to those who helped clean up next morning & a special thank you Oleta & Geo Toms. The deluge of rain during the dance complicated the "Clean Up". the Jensens & Greenigs

WANTED cottage painting jobs. Estimates given...Reasonable. Phone 476-2874

FOR SALE Car Top Carrier...complete used once...like new - \$35.00

Women's summer & winter clothing Mostly Size 14 HOWARDS #24 South Side

LAKE NEWS

At age 16 Buddy Zesinger #268 has accomplished what all golfers dream of...A Hole in One! It was on #4 at Park Shores. CONGRATULATIONS!

In case you hadn't noticed, the GREEN MACHINE has finally found a permanent mooring at cottage #18. After 12 years of vagrancy, the Greens are happy to have a home on Birch Lake--come see us!