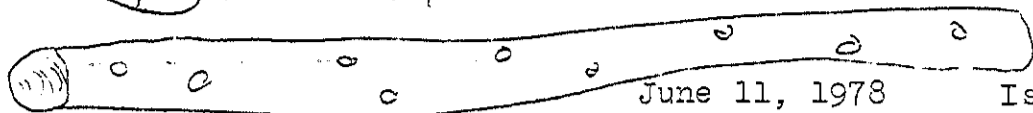


The Birch Barker



June 11, 1978

Issue #1

From the Commodore:

How marvelous it is to see everyone back at Birch Lake. The tenacious winter we had is now a memory and the warm spring we've been blessed with is certainly a welcome delightful experience. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a hardy "WELCOME BACK" and with it my wishes to all for a happy and safe summer.

It is my hope that the functions of the Yacht Club will be a total success. This goal cannot be achieved without the participation and support of all the Lake residents. We need people to assist in the publication of the Barker and make available their talents and energies to ensure a happy and productive season. Please contact me at 476-2792 if you would like to assist in any of the various programs for the season.

Dick Whiteman

TENTATIVE LIST OF EVENTS:

- June 11: Rules clinic and practice race
- June 17: Directors meeting
- June 18: Sailing Season begins
- June 24: Yacht Club Open House Dance
- July 2: Boat Parade and Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
- July 21: Men's Golf Outing
- Aug. 2: Ladies Golf Outing
- Aug. 5: Monte Carlo Nite
- Aug. 11: Teen Nite - Hay Ride
- Aug. 13: Couples Sunfish Race
- Aug. 19: Fall Dinner Dance at the Yacht Club

We are planning Euchre parties and a couple of Bingo Nights. These parties will be announced in forthcoming issues of the Barker. Other suggestions have been made for square dancing and adult craft workshops as well as a party for retirees. For the pre-teens set we hope to present craft days and an exciting turtle race.

The Birch Barker welcomes your news and comments. Please turn either your news or comments by Monday evening for the next issue to the following persons: Dick Whiteman -S41, Darlene Troyer -E181, Julie Weaver -S4 -A, Barb Zesinger -N268, Sally Everett -W309, Helen Harris -E201.

BULLETIN - June 12, 8p.m. Mt. time at the Yacht Club. Continued on page 2.

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The Southwestern Regional Planning Commission is conducting a federally funded project in this area to study and make recommendations for protecting and improving the water quality of Birch Lake among others. Mr. Peter D. Elliot of that organization has requested that we have a meeting to explain their plans and goals. We are hoping for a large turn out. In the past our club has done water testing and surveillance at our own expense to avoid ecological problems on our lake. It is gratifying that some of our tax dollars are to be utilized for this purpose. All Lake residents are urged to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1977

RECEIPTS:

Membership	\$ 1,243.00
Barker Subscriptions	525.00
Barker Advertising	75.00
Boat Storage	372.00
Bldg. Fund (Special)	1,104.00
Sailing	144.00
Spring Dinner	825.00
Season Opener	46.00
Ice Cream Social	85.00
Monte Carlo	244.75
Bingo	116.45
YC Dance	249.00
Square Dance	59.05
Ladies Golf	302.50
Men's Golf	713.35
Jr. YC	22.05
Fall Dinner	157.00
Euchre	3.05
Miscellaneous	81.16

EXPENSES:

Fruit Belt Electria	\$ 239.93
Barker	176.11
Taxes	232.25
Insurance	211.00
Building Expense	1,529.12
Sailing	183.39
Spring Dinner	854.18
Season Opener	187.52
Ice Cream Social	25.00
Monte Carlo	182.68
Bingo	63.15
YC Dance	183.80
Square Dance	39.90
Ladies Golf	312.50
*Men's Golf	626.50
Jr. YC	25.00
Fall Dinner	249.50
Memorials	15.00
Miscellaneous	118.22
Lake & Stream Assoc.	213.93

Total	\$ 6,367.36	Total	\$ 5,668.68
BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1977		\$ 735.99	
INCOME 1977		\$6,367.36	
	Total	\$7,103.35	
LESS EXPENSES		\$5668.68	
BALANCE JAN. 1, 1978		\$1,434.67	

* Includes \$80.00 donated for beer cooler.

Virginia Spratt
Treasurer

* In Memoriam *

Bill Olson Cottage S047
Inez Fergus " S053
Ross Bryan " S017

From Jessie Huston, Meredith and Betty Huston and members of the family this message. "We wish to thank our friends and good neighbors for flowers, generous contributions and thoughtful kindnesses during the loss of our sister and aunt, Inez Fergus. All was greatly appreciated at a time of deep personal sorrow.

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This issue of the Barker includes the official publication of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association of which our Yacht Club is a participating member. In the past we have been active in this organization but have not subscribed to their magazine "The Raptarian". At the spring dinner the membership voted to take this magazine on a trial basis for one year. It is a most enlightening publication concerning water related problems confronted by Lake property owners. The cost of this magazine is \$1.00 per year and this year the cost will be included in the annual dues, with no increase in membership dues.

Sunday June 11 is the start of the sailing season. There are a number of new Sunfish sailors on board and Fleet Captain Bob Vicsik

welcomes all to join the group. Register with Bob, phone is 476 - 2242. There will be a practice race and a meeting and rules clinic which will follow immediately the race in the Yacht Club. The seasons first race for points will be Sunday, June 18th. Races start at 10a.m. Indiana Time - 11a.m. Michigan time.

June 17 - Directors and Officers of BLYC meeting at the Yacht Club. 2pm In. Time, 3pm Mi. Time. Meeting is open to all interested club members.

Ah! Men!

Now is the time to plan in joining our Birch Lake Yacht Clubs annual golf stag July 21st for fun, good eating and great camaraderie! Tickets are available from Dick Whiteman - S41, Bob Ross - E101, Earl Troeger - S22, Dean Davis - W322, John Brown - E127, Bill King - N203, Bob Vicsik - N230 and your Chairman, Joe Harris - E2001.

June 24 - Open House Dance. Our season opener at the Yacht Club, dance to the "Great Dick Whiteman Trio". 9:30pm. Michigan time. Club will provide draft beer and mix. Bring your own munchies and booze.

Wanted - Needed -- A good used electric Range and a refrigerator for use in the Yacht Club. If anyone has such items at a "Right" price, please contact Dick Whiteman. Phone 476-2792.

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Congratulations to Lisa Coan, Rick Whiteman and Buddy Wirick recent graduates of Constantine High School.

The Douglas Weavers were in joyous attendance at the wedding of Laura Milne and Rex Whiteleather on Saturday, June third in Hammond Indiana. Laura was flower girl for Doug and Juli's wedding. The Milnes will be missed at Birch Lake, but will be closer to their families on Lake of the Four Seasons.

Ken and Sally Everett announce their new addition! They now have a phone at the lake! Number is: 476-2760.

What's new with Joyce Klimek in real estate around the lake? Sold both of Wayne & Nancy Milne's cottages - Wee Bit o' Erin to Dale & Phyllis Leatherman of Elkhart and Hilltop to John & Lois Groszek of Chicago. Wayne & Nancy are building on a lake in Indiana so they will be closer to their family. Still keeping a card file for prospective buyers so if you have friends looking - see that I get their name and I will contact them first. Both of our new neighbors were referred to me by friends around the lake! Passed the brokers test in April having completed 90 class hours and more than the required 3 years in sales. WHEW!! Am now keeping office hours at State & O'Keefe in Cass 445-2100 during the week and available evenings and weekends at the lake. Cottage-7, Phone 476-2570.

Bob)'Brien's cottage is for sale. Contact me for details. Thanks.
Joyce

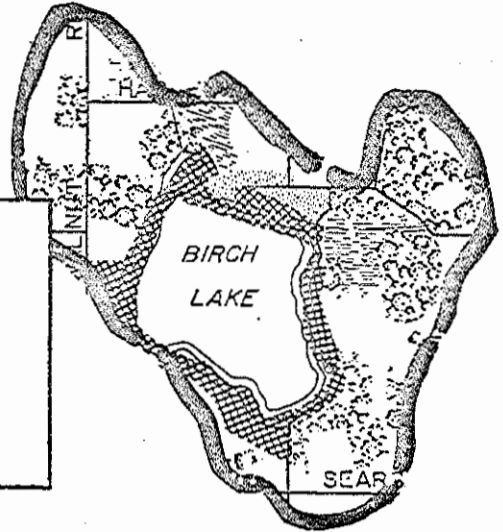
Walked by Chuck & Betty Fortino's Sunday night and noticed the Marines had landed and the beach head was very well established!

A list of your officers and directors will be published in the next issue.

Fun and fun everyone!

what YOU can do for:

Birch
Lake



THE SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, WHICH IS A GOVERNMENTAL PLANNING AGENCY SERVING BERRIEN, CASS, AND VAN BUREN COUNTIES HAS RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE WATER QUALITY OF EIGHT LAKES, INCLUDING BIRCH LAKE.

THE STUDY WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE LAKE UNLESS YOU BECOME INVOLVED, LEARN ABOUT THE PROBLEMS, AND WORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLUTIONS. PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL BEGIN AT OUR FIRST MEETING:

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 8:00 P.M. —

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