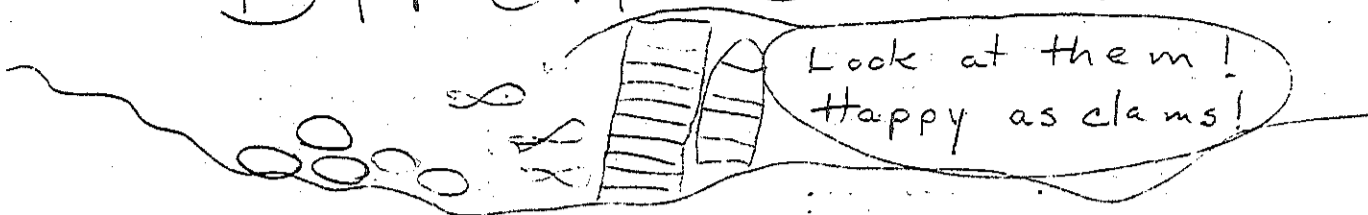


The Birch Barker



Birch Lake Yacht Club
Vandalia, Michigan

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FROM THE COMMODORE:

Friday Night July 7 TEEN PARTY AT THE YACHT CLUB 8:00 PM MI time

July 21 - Mens Golf Outing at Park Shores - Dinner at the Yacht Club.
Tickets are available from Dick Whiteman, Joe Harris, Bob Ross, Bob Vicsik.
Joe Harris has worked very hard to make this years golf stag the best ever.
Dick Whiteman, Commodore

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

August 8 firm date for Lake Ladies Golf Outing. Plan to join in the fun. If you don't golf at all at least join us for lunch. Golf will be at Pprk Shores. Details on luncheon will be announced soon.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.... KIDS FUN BEING PLANNED.....

The Birch Lake Yacht Club teenagers wish to thank the exceptional pastry chefs from the area for their tasty donations to our ide cream social.

COMING SOON: Arts and Crafts for the kids. Details will be in next week.

Also we are planning a turtle race, so get out and find the fastest? one you can, get it trained? and be ready.....

Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Luxenberger, Mrs. Harris, Becky Griffith, Mrs. Tam, Mrs. Shay, Mrs. Bielke, Mrs. Lagoni, Mrs. Judy Olson, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. DeWulf, and Mrs. Whiteman were among the generous ladies. Doug Weaver showed his superb ability at the oven with a fresh, hot, and quickly consumed rhubarb pie.

MEMORIAL DONATION

The Yacht Club gratefully acknowledges donation to the Memorial Fund by Mary Olson in memory of her husband Bill.

We also want to thank all the brave people who defied the inclement weather and came to help make the event a success. It was a pleasure to serve you.

To Face Death My Way:

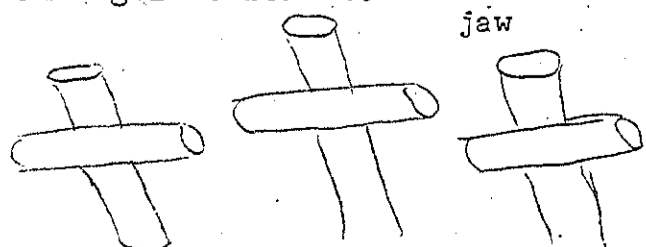
Death has come! Oh Blessed Death .
Thank you Dear Lord.
I always thought of Death as final,
a release from Life's trials.
Than, suddenly, Life looked beautiful.
But, I was tired, my body worn.
"Can't go on Lord," I said.
Instead of offering release,
He said,
"Come to me, I am Life, I am Love,
I Am and you can be with me,"
So I went.
Don't grieve for me.

Last, but not least, THANK YOU to those who made extra donations of cash.

Lori Shay, Cathy Shay, Ilona Whiteman, Sandy Henderson, & Ron Whiteman.

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STOLEN: White Rope Hamm ock -
Last seen hanging between 2 trees at Anthony's #00. Taken Wednesday night.



C O M M E N T S

Someone cleaned out their weeds by throwing them into thw lake. They floated around, giving the lake a messy look, until they settled on the west side for US to clean up. PLEASE put your refuse in cans to be hauled away.
Phyllis Davis #322

THANKS...THANKS...THANKS.....
to SALLY EVERETT for providing the west side flares on the 4th.

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Birch Lake NEWS..NEWS..NEWS..NEWS..

Ruth Lahr, W313, has been a busy lady. She left her Danedin, FL, winter home may 17th with son, Richard, and drove to his West Lafayette, IN, home. Ruth, Richard, and his wife Marilyn, came to Birch Lake May 27th, and Ruth stayed until June 16 when she drove to the White Bear Lake, MN. home of daughter Barbara accompanied by son Philip, Palo Alto, CA, Richard, Marilyn. In Minnesota, Ruth was joined by grandson, Stephen Bancroft, New York City and his wife Linda and granddaughter Beverly Kronstedt, Minneapolis, as the families celebrated Ruth's 80th and Stephen's 32 birthdays on June 18th. Another West Lafayette visit concluded July 2nd when Ruth returned to Birch Lake accompanied by sister-in-law Mary Burkle, West Lafayette, Richard and Marilyn. Ruth says she is finally ready to spend the rest of the summer at Birch Lake. *****

The Cowens #308, 4th of July guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cowen, Steve, Stacey, Bradley, and Toby Rougusta Of Osceola; Miss Janet Guyer, Jeff Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cleland of Mishawaka. *****

On June 30th Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gard of cottage #32, their son Michael and son-in-law and daughter Dave and Debbie Williams of Lowell Indiana travelled to Ashland, KY for a family reunion of Mrs. Gard's family on July 1st at Armes Park in Ashland. The reunion was enjoyed by all and they were sorry to leave. On the return trip back to Birch, Julie Sargent of Crown Point, Indiana, Mrs. Gard's niece, came back with the family to spend a week of sailing and swimming at #32. *****

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME.....
Bob, Kay and (best of all) little bitty Leslie Greenig of California arrive this weekend to spend the WHOLE REST OF THE SUMMER with Grandma and Grandpa, Les and Margaret Jensen #42. A good time will be had by all (You can bet!)

INFO..FOR ALL GOLFERS

To all golfers that are participating in the Golf Outing. Your chairman has talked to Walt Barko, owner of the Park Shore Golf Course. He has only a limited number of golf carts, a total of 8 of these are already reserved. M. Barko said that there is a possibility of his getting more carts in, if there are enough golfers interested. He would have to know about 10 days in advance of the outing in order to bring in the extra carts. A minimum of 12 carts is required to bring in more carts for the day. Pull carts are available. Those who are interested in golf carts please call me at 476-9383, no later than July 12.

Joe Harris

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News...continues

The Machallecks had a surprise visit July 4th from Arline's Uncle and cousin, Emil & Howard Holmquist, of Wilmington, Del. They were enroute to a vacation in Wisc. and stopped to tell us they would stop for a longer stay on their way back.

Those of you who know Grammie McDowell, Arline Machalleck's ageless Mother will be as sorry as we are that she has decided to stay & swim in their pool in Canoga Park, CA with another daughter this summer. She's kept her hands busy all winter and has sent some of her handicraft here. Anyone interested in crocheted items we have a Baby Rattle and a cute chicken made over Legg eggs or a Doll that covers that extra toilet paper roll and some cute towels with crocheted band for fastening on stove or any handle in the kitchen. These can be seen at #51.

June 23rd started the season rolling full swing at #51, Kathy, husband Denny Wolfand 20 month old daughter Sarah arrived in a full station wagon carrying Cinder, an English setter that completes their family, and all the necessary fishing & lake gear to spend a week. Despite some rain, the weather was ideal for all the lake activities.

Denny's brither Scott and his friend Sharry of Niles came for dinner on Monday. George Wolf, Denny's father, and fiancée Pat visited Friday evening.

Dathy had a chance to visit with a childhood friend Leslie, visiting her parents the Weesners, and the girl's daughters Sarah and 13 month old Jaimie played in the water and got acquainted.

HIGHLIGHT OF DENNY'S VACATION!
20" - 5 to 6 lb BASS, the biggest he's caught in all his years of fishing here. He let it go after he had his picture taken with it
cont.....

News continues.....

(4 times in case I didn't get one)
So all of you fishermen, there is a good sized fish waiting for you to try your luck.

Otherwise Denny will be back for his father's wedding the weekend of July 29th and you can be sure he'll head for the lake, line in hand, to try to catch that BIG ONE again.

We just had time to restock the la rder before we picked up Marianne the eldest daughter with her 2 girls Buffy and Hilary Thurs. July 6th for a 2 week vacation here. Husband Bert Desmond will be in Europe during that time and will miss the swimming and sailing he has looked forward to for the past 2 years. *****

"SAILING BLUES"

The wet and rainy weather that had a hold of Birch Lake last Saturday and Sunday ruined many holiday activities, But fortunately it didn't ruin the sailing for the sailors. Though dreary, the true blue sailors were out there ready to win. The results of the Fourth of July Regatta are as follows: (races went toward season standings)



Final Place		Race Placings	Regatta Points	Season Points
1	Kevin Kruggel	1 4 1	1523.0	1511.8
2	Dave Troeger	3 2 3	1469.7	1509.8
3	Howie Haines	2 1 6	1448.7	1559.2
4	Kurt Kurggel	4 5 2	1395.3	1435.2
5	Dave Lovejoy	5 3 7	1298.7	1407.2
6	Scott Vicsik	6 7 5	1225.7	1182.4
7	Ron Whiteman	dns dns 4	1139.0	1257.7
8	Clem Haines	7 6 dns	1135.0	1210.5
9	Dave Olson	8 8 dns	1067.3	1109.0
10	Tim Blackwood	dns dns 8	1045.7	934.7
	Joe O'brien	dns dns dns	-----	1048.0
	Rick Whiteman	dns dns dns	-----	1048.0
	Don Harmon	dns dns dns	-----	1012.5
	Dave Anthony	dns dns dns	-----	832.5

As a reminder, once again, the first gun will go off at 10:20/11:20 signaling the 10 minute warning. It will be followed by a five minute and then the starting gun at 10:30/11:30. All sailors should be out and ready to sail at 10:20/11:20.

"Unclassified ADS.....

THE BARKER WELCOMES YOUR NEWS AND COMMENTS. PLEASE SIGN THEM AND TURN THEM IN TO: Dick Whiteman S 41, Julie Weaver S 4A, Barb Zesinger N 268, Sally Everett W309, Helen Harris E 201.

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