

The Birch Barker

Birch Lake Yacht Club
Vandalia Michigan

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Issue #8

FROM THE COMMODORE:

It has been brought to my attention that there have been incidents of "near Misses" involving boats on the lake. Birch Lake has not witnessed a tragedy for many years, and I pray that one does not occur. We all must make a concerted effort to operate our water craft in a safe manner, being especially careful in respect to the safety of others as well. Memories of the summer of '78 must be of happiness and joy -- not pain and sorrow.

Dick Whiteman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sundays	Sunfish Races
Thursday, Aug 3	Turtle Race (see article)
Saturday, Aug 5	Monte Carlo Nite (see notice)
Tuesday, August 8	Ladies Golf Outing (see reminder)
Friday, August 11	Teen Hay Ride
Sunday, Aug. 13	Couples Sunfish Race
Saturday, Aug 19	BLYC Dinner

NOTICE:

Monte Carlo Night, Sat, Aug. 5 9:30 MI time (8:30) IN
Yacht Club will provide Draft Beer

In order to defray expenses a donation of \$1.00 per person will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU? THANK YOU!

The Men's Golf Stag was a smashing success! A hearty "Thank you" to Joe Harris, Chairman, and his wife Helen for their fine efforts in making this years outing one of the best for the Birch Lakers. Joe was assisted by Bob Vicsik, Herb Howard, Frank Horvath, John Brown, Phil Carey and Many others. Thank you all.

A special thanks goto the following ladies for their hard work and donations of food. Salads: Mrs. Vicsik, Mrs. Nagy, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Tam, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Gard, Mrs. Hafner, Mrs. Sanders, and Mrs. Davis. Cocktail table: Mrs. Harris, Hot Food: Mrs. Horvath and Mrs. Harris. Sweet Table: Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Nagy, Mrs. Bieleke & Mrs. Harris. Ladies, the food was buperb. Thank you ever so much.

Dick Whiteman Commodore.

REMINDER!!

If anyone has not paid this year's dues to the Birch Lake Yacht Club please contact your director this weekend, or give your check to Dick Whiteman, Commodore or to the tressurer, Phyllis Davis #322. *****

Ladies, remember to get your reservation in for the Ladies Golf Outing by Sunday, Aug 6. Reservations go to Lynne Schear #141..Shirley Ross #101..Nadine Borwn #127..Eileen Price #136. Any Prize Donations to Lynne or Shirley. Cost is \$3.00 Golf, \$4.00 Lunch or \$7.00 for all.

We have been requested to list times of Church services around the area for visitors. If anyone wishes theirs listed please turn in this week.

TO ALL....A THANK YOU.

To all who helped to make the Birch Lake Golf Outing a success I extend my heartiest "Thanks", especially to the women who worked so hard on a sweltering day making the delicious salads, hot foods and desserts. Also want to thank the men who worked diligently on the ticket sales, the men who donated the prizes. My special thanks to Bob Vicsik, our Commodore, and Dean Davis for all their efforts.

Joe Harris

HEY-HEY-HEY !!

14 kids participated in the first Craft Day. After a Laurel & Hardy movie, they created necklace, Christmas tree ornaments, and wall plaques from dough-art. popcorn and lemonade completed the session. Thanks to Marty Athanas, Bette Fortino, Ginger Luxenberger and Judy Olson for their help.

Phyllis Davis

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

Bring your turtles---any size, any kind--to the yacht Club on Thursday, August 3rd, 1:00 IN. There will be prizes and refreshments!!!!

SKIPPER

July 23 placings

Season Ave.

Howie Haines	1	2	1656
Kevin Kruggel	3	1	1584
Dave Troeger	4	3	1545
Kurt Kruggel	2	DNS	1500
Dave Lovejoy	5	4	1492
Ron Whiteman	9	5	1261
Bud Lovejoy	8	6	1203
Bill Hammes	6	7	1146
Scott Vicsik	10	8	1109
Clem Haines	7	9	1108
Dave Olson	11	11	1064
Joe O'Brien	DNS	DNS	1031
Tim Blackwood	DNS	DNS	1030
Dave Anthony	DNS	DNS	991
Don Harmon	12	10	934
Chuck Fortino	DNS	DNS	779
Jay Huckins	13	12	711

THE NEXT TWO ISSUES OF THE BARKER WILL BE TYPED BY ARLINE MACHALLECK. NEWS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO HER BY MONDAY NIGHT. OTHER NEWS COLLECTORS ARE: Zesingers N268, Everett W309, Davis W322, Weaver S 1/4, Whiteman S41, Harris E200-2. If anyone would like to volunteer to type issues 11 & 12, please contact Arline Machalleck, or Julie Weaver.

BIRCH LAKE NEWS:

Fran & Henry Roddiger, Eric & Brian of Lake St. Louis, MO will be at Birch Lake for a while visiting Mom (Mary Olson #47). They arrive Saturday and hope to visit with all their Birch Lake Friends.****

UNCLASSIFIED ADS:

WANTED:

A raft.....

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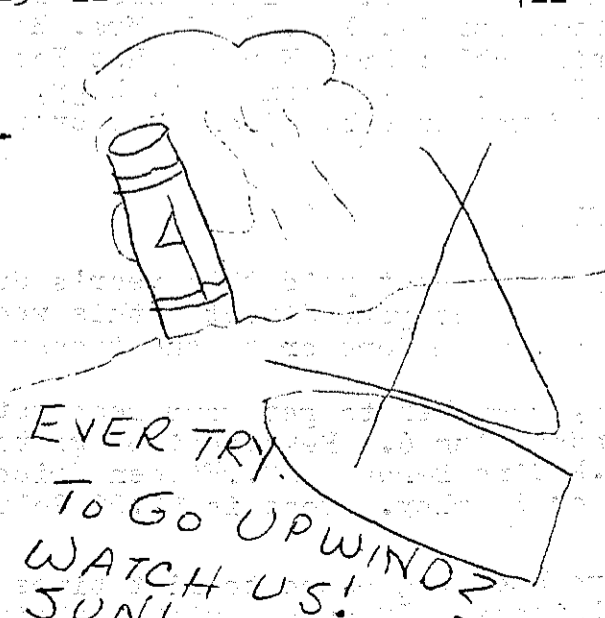
YUMMY, YUMMY, YUMMY!

Tom's now has Stewart Sandwiches: Steak, Ham & Cheese, Chili Dogs, Burritos, Cheesburgers &

SUN 10:30/11:30 RACES

A HAZY DAY IN JULY.....

It was a change for the sailors last Sunday compared to the Sunday before. The weather was quite cool and there was also less wind. It was the kind of race where you had to be in the right place at the right time to catch the wind. And for many sailors, this time was at the finish line. the results are:



TOM'S GARAGE

In the small country village of Williamsville thrives a small family operated enterprise known simply as Tom's Garage. If one could go back in time to the days of the village blacksmith, one would encounter an individual such as Tom working at the anvil and forge, shoeing the horses and repairing the wagons and machinery for the townfolk and farmers of the locale.

Although the times are modern, Tom's function is basically the same as the old time "Village Smithy". The maintaining and repair of vehicles used for transportation and farm production are the prime concern of his business.

The anvil and forge are tools of the past. They have been replaced by sophisticated electric and gas welding equipment. Electric and air powered tools and other work saving devices typical of our modern times are utilized in Tom's normal work day.

Tom's shop is located behind his home, making it convenient for lunch time and afternoon naps when business is slow. Surrounding the shop are numerous vehicles in various stages of repair or disrepair, if you vision them in that respect. Various projects lie clustered, in unorganized heaps by the door awaiting their turn to be operated on... by Mr. Fix-It. Somehow the pile never seems to diminish.

Adjacent to Tom's house located on the main arterial street of Williamsville, is his filling station, a quanset hut type chicken coop, converted into a store. Two gas pumps stand at rigid attention out on the drive awaiting their opportunity to be of service.

Various necessities for the automobile can be purchased from the store. Small children are attracted to the well-stocked candy counter. Bread, milk, ice cream, pizza, and other emergency items are also available.

Normally Mrs. Tom (Betty) and the youngest of her six daughters, (two of the five that are now married served their family in the business), operate the store and pump gas. A sounding device extends across the drive, activating a buzzer in the house, telling Mrs. Tom when she must drop her household chore of the moment to offer her courteurs service as a station attendant. Sometimes the customer's waiting time may be lengthened a little due to the dilemas involved in running a household and pumping gas.

Judging from the outward appearance of this enterprize one might think it rather quaint or country-fied. However, a very definite need of the people of the area is fulfilled. People appreciate the fact that someone is available to assist them when their means of transportation is jeopardized. The little store certainly doesn't compare with the modern super market, but to be able to purchase items of necessity and pleasure without having to travel a considerable distance is greatly appreciated.

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Authors comment:
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Griffith on the completion of their new modern garage. The nostalgia of their original place of business will not soon be forgotten.

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