

The Birch Barker

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
Vandalia, Mi.

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A Note from the Commodore:

Tickets for the fall dinner-dance, to be held Aug. 26 are available from your area directors. It will be necessary to purchase your tickets this weekend in order that the caterer may know how much food to prepare. This is the last social event of the summer, and I'm hoping for a fine turn-out. The following people are selling tickets and if they haven't had the opportunity to find you at home, please feel free to contact them for your tickets.

Virginia Gard- Frank Horvath- Kay Greenig- Roy Henderson- Judy Olson- Leo Kelasko- Darlene Troyer- Marilyn Viscik- Barb Zesinger- Loretta Drolet- Sally Everett- Sandy Beilke- Linda Carey- Kevin Kruggel- Dick Whiteman.

Dick Whiteman

NEWS FLASH

Judy Olson Finally won a sailboat race. She and her brother Brent Brown teamed up in the couples sunfish race to place first in a fleet of thirteen boats. "No reflection on the sailing capabilities of husband David." Second, was Mr.&Mrs. Howie Haines. "Howie complains that the occupants of the sinning boat paddled across the finish line." Due to the Blind-Drunk condition of the Judge, this complaint was disallowed. Finishing last was Ronnie Weesner and Charlie Echols. Very elegant trophies were awarded these three finishers. The top award of the day should have gone to Ron Whiteman for his heroic swims from the committee boat to the various boats in the race, serving liquid refreshments. Special thanks go to Mr.&Mrs. Clem Haines and Mr.&Mrs. Howie Haines for hosting the awards party and marking the trophies. Thanks to all for a real good time.

NEWS

Bert Desmond of Loveland, Colo. spent last weekend with the John Machallecks at #51. Unable to come with his wife Marianne and their children in July, Bert worked this weekend visit between stops of a business trip.

Rita and Cal Jordan, their children Melissa and Jim and her mother, Lucille Watkins of Niles spent a delightful Sunday as guests of the Machallecks.

A full day of water enjoyment was topped off with a weiner roast and lots of delicious sweet corn.

With the temperature up in the 90's, the only place to be is Birch Lake. Concurring withes, Mary Jo Meyer and her daughter Kathy and Susan spent Monday with the Machallecks. Although they were in the water from noon till dark, just getting out long enough to eat, Kathy and Susan stayed overnight so they could do it again Tuesday. Mom went home alone, coming back to spend the afternoon before taking them back to Niles.

In last weekend's Michiana Open Sunfish regatta, held at Diamond Lake, were two Birch Lake sailors who fared very well. Kevin Kruggel captured third place, while younger brother Kurt was right on his heels with a fourth place standing in the two day regatta. Three races were scheduled and sailed on Saturday but because of a lack of wind only one of the two scheduled races was sailed on Sunday. Congratulations, boys and keep on representing Birch Lake in this fine fashion.

Sales

Linda Carey #350 (West side) is having a yard sale AUGUST 18-19-20.

Driveway to home is off Walnut Rd.

Signs will be posted.

Rockers, youthbed, Toys, bike, clothes ect. to be offered.

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NEWS(cont.)

If you heard beautiful music from the east side last Sat. night, chances are it was from the Fortino's party entertainment "Stash & the Birch Lake Comm. Band". Thanks Chuck & Betty for such a good time, your guests.

p.s. the garbage was good!

Please turn all next week's news to Lisa Coan cottage #148, by Wed. evening, so I can type everything turned in. I can't guarantee anything turned in after.

-Attention-

Worms for sale at the Eshardts.

Cottage 4, between 9:30 - 6:00 MI. time

WANTED- Used vacuum cleaner, by college student. contact Dick Whiteman at 476-2792

WATER STUDY SUMMARY

"What you can do for Birch Lake" is the title of a pamphlet that outlines an inland watershed analysis study of the SW Michigan Regional Planning Commission. Studies are being done by grants from the E.P.A. to study and make recommendations for protecting and enhancing the water quality of the 8 lakes in the study: Birch, Eagle, and Painter-Juno Christiana Lakes in Cass County; Clear and Pipestone Lakes in Berrien Co. and Maple, Cedar, and Great Bear Lakes in Van Buren Co.

A lake receives its water from an area called a watershed. Four features of the watersheds of these lakes will be studied: land use, surface cover, drainage, and shoreline. As a watershed is developed, these four features change and affect water quality of the lake.

Phase I of the study will be April, June, and Aug. samplings of the lakes and their inflowing streams as well as a water weed survey and analysis of well water in June. Phase II consists of an analysis of a lake's watershed and a determination of potential nutrient pollution of the lake. During Phase III, alternate solutions to the lake's water quality problems will be presented to the local residents. The level of water quality can be chosen by them and then the proper steps taken can be taken to attain it.

It is hoped that all residents of Birch Lake will become interested and involved in the study of our lake. Residues of fertilizers, oil and gas from driveways, septic systems, ect. drain regularly into our lake. Wetlands and woodsey areas are cleared and developed within the watershed. All of these change our lake and its water quality. Let's be willing to help Birch Lake a little now before it becomes mandatory to have to do a lot.

Judy Olson

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