

Birch Barker

JULY ISSUE

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
VANDALIA, MICHIGAN



Several years ago a memorial fund of the Birch Lake Yacht Club was started. This fund is actually a vehicle to remember those residents who have passed away by making a donation to the Yacht Club in their name.

A donation has been made in memorium to George Varga.

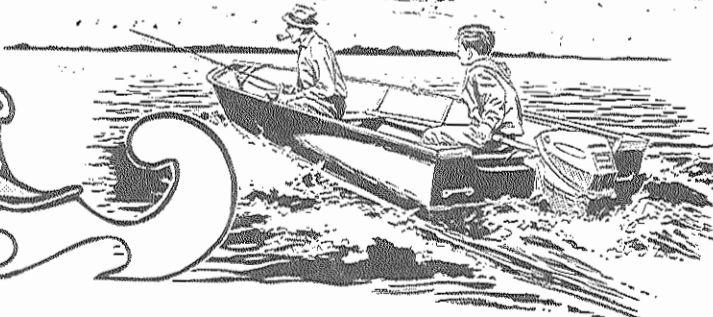
COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

A BIG thanks to Arline and Catha Machalleck and my wife, Kate for the clean up job at the Yacht Club after the rain Friday Without it, we would have needed boots and water skis to attend the Bingo Saturday evening. Arline called the numbers. Catha and Doug Weaver sold cards and collected money.

THANKS to all of you.

All of us in attendance had a good time.

Roy Henderson



1979

expressions

From a Different View

BIRCH LAKE'S SONGS OF THE SEASONS
By Gertie Temple
Editor, Birch Barker

IN 1975 MY WATER QUALITY WAS RATED #1 - THE BEST
I was so clear that you could see 15 feet or more into my depths.
My shoreline was not smothered or darkened by "slimy" algal mats.

IN 1978 MY WATER QUALITY WAS RATED #3 - THE MIDDLE
You can see only 9 to 10 feet into my depths now. Blighted shore.

..... #5 - THE WORST
Some lakes have experienced the nightmare of Eutrophication: Clarity
of 6 1/2 feet or less. Infested with algae. Restricted from human
use. Frustrated lake property owners using chemical treatments on
weeds which caused decay that fertilized the next year's growth,
killed the fish instead and made swimming hazardous. Complications
of a problem which could have been prevented simply by REDUCING
RESIDENTIAL PHOSPHORUS RUNOFF and REDUCING SEPTIC TANK SEEPAGE.

I AM FED BY CLEAN SPRING WATER.
There is no lake, river or pond, you see,
Only the springs and what YOU feed to me.

My phosphorus is showing.
It has increased with every year.
It is something to be concerned about.
It is something to fear.
Smelly FERTILIZERS, brown DECAYING LEAVES
Are they ever present here?

My bacteria and detergents are showing
Is your SEPTIC TANK overflowing?
Do you have it pumped every 3 years or less?
Is your SEPTIC SYSTEM FAULTY?
Is it SEEPING SEWAGE, SLITHERY SLUDGE,
SLOOPING SUDS upon my shore?

Please don't take me away from you.
You love my lovely blue.....
My potential is #1 - The Best
Only YOU and all the rest
Understand my plea - Please accept your share
Of your responsibility to me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NOTHING here would be quite the same
If the magic of my Birch Lake name
Becomes a pathetic crying shame.....

BIRCH LAKE

MAGICAL MOMENTS AT BIRCH LAKE

The West Shore is announcing the birth of 14 "pretty little things." The proud parents are a pair of Mallards.

A SANCTUARY FOR 138 CANADIAN GEESE last winter was a sight and sound West Shore residents will always remember.

BIRCH LAKE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 14 Hay Ride followed by a Hot Dog Roast
R.S.V.P. Bev Kruggel 476-2169 or Julie Weaver 476-2869

..... 7th Grade thru 12th grade

TENTATIVE EVENTS

JULY Pizza Party
R.S.V.P. Betty Fortino 476-2218 or Judy Huckins 476-2102

AUGUST..... Scavenger Hunt
R.S.V.P. Angie Lovejoy 476-2777

AUGUST..... Home Made Ice Cream - Construct Own Sundae

BIRCH LAKE CHILDREN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday July 11 at 1 p.m. IN time.....Scavenger Hunt
R,S.V.P. Ginger Luxenberger 476-2529

TENTATIVE EVENTS

JULY Bicycle Tour with Picnic following
R.S.V.P. Shirley Ross 476-2196 or Lynne Schaar 476-2302

AUGUST FUN - GAMES - CONTESTS - TURTLE RACE

AUGUST Swimming Party followed by Hot Dog roast.

ANNOUNCING..... Project - Ribbon Flowers
Planning to meet at the Yacht Club Monday, July 9 at 1 p.m. IN
time for approximately 1 1/2 hours. The fee will be approximately
2 - 3 dollars for material and instruction. For more information
please contact Ginger Luxenberger 476-2529.

ANNOUNCING..... GAS is available at Tom's Garage
NO LIMIT

SUNFISH RACE RESULTS FROM JUNE 30/JULY 1 & STANDINGS

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Average & Bonus</u>	<u>Number of races sailed</u>
H. HAINES	1/1/1	1588	70	1658	7
K. KRUGGEL	2/2/3	1466	70	1536	7
D. LOVEJOY	4/3/4	1412	70	1482	7
T. BURCHELL	3/4/2	1395	70	1465	7
T. HOWARD	5/5/6	1246	70	1316	7
C. HAINES	7/DNS/DNS	1202	30	1232	3
S. VICSIK	DNS	1192	20	1212	2
M. MACHALLEK	DNS/6/5	1160	30	1190	3
W. HAMMES	6/10/DNS	1101	60	1161	6
D. HARMAN	DNS/DNS/DMF	1094	50	1144	5
B. LOVEJOY	DNS	1032	40	1072	4
D. ANTHONY	8/8/8	983	70	1053	7
B. APPLEBY	DNS/7/7	982	50	1032	5
B. ZESINGER	DNS/DNS/10	950	50	1000	5
J. O'BRIEN	9/9/9	906	50	956	5
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