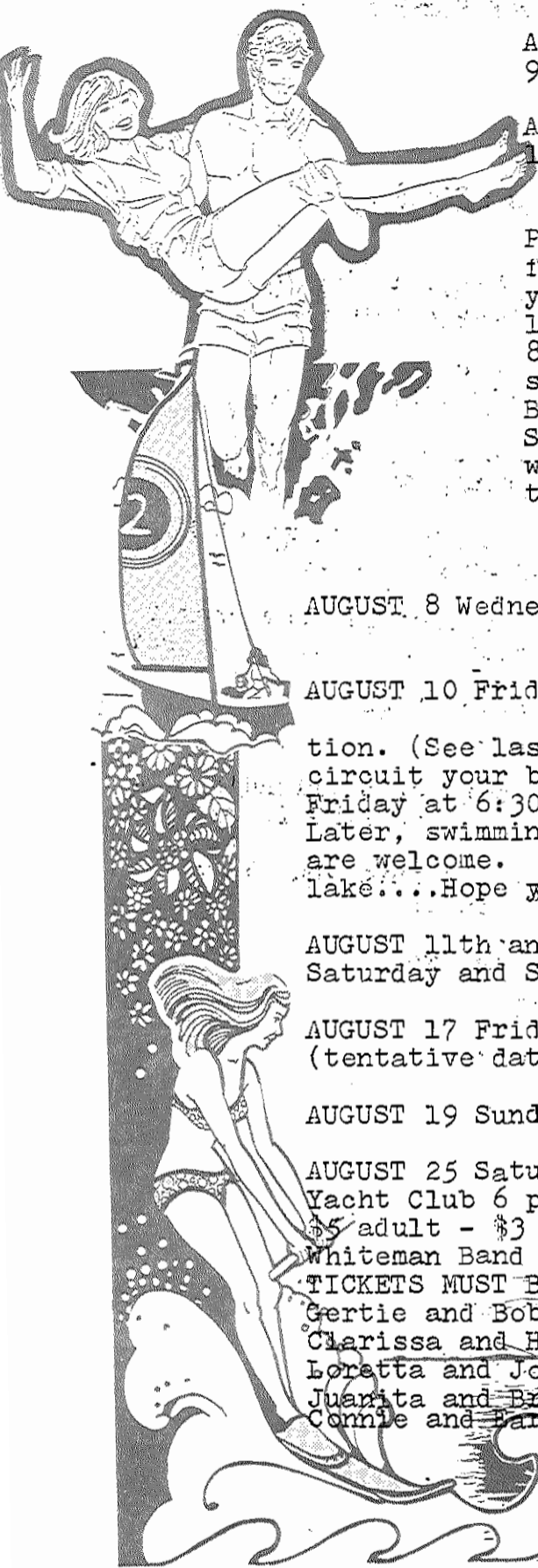


# Birch Barker

August 4 Issue

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB  
VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUGUST 3, Friday...CANDLELITE CEREMONY  
9 p.m. IN Tannadonah Lakefront

AUGUST 7, Tuesday...LADIES DAY OUT  
12:30 IN Luncheon at K-Tap  
Downtown Vandalia  
Price - \$4.50

Please feel free to bring a guest - Good food - good fun and even prizes. And for you girls who would like to play golf before lunch, the place is Park Shore Golf Club at 8:30 IN for coffee and rolls - Shotgun will start at 9 a.m. IN. Price for golf is \$3. Be sure to let us know by no later than Sunday evening, August 5. And - anyone wishing to donate a prize, call anyone of the 3 co-hostesses: Helen Weesner 476-2134  
Nadine Brown 476-2125  
Thelma Koontz 476-9657

AUGUST 8 Wednesday CRAFT at Yacht Club 2 p.m. MI FLOWERS  
(It's even fun to watch)

AUGUST 10 Friday.....CALLING ALL TEENS:  
This is repeat information. (See last week's Barker), hope it doesn't short-circuit your brains. Scavenging (garbage) party this Friday at 6:30 IN to meet at the Basketball Camp gate. Later, swimming and snacks at Lovejoys'. Your friends are welcome. Have fun - and do something nice for your lake....Hope you all come! Bud and Angie Lovejoy

AUGUST 11th and 12th .....MICHIANA OPEN SUNFISH  
Saturday and Sunday REGATTA

AUGUST 17 Friday.....HAYRIDE 3rd to 6th grade  
(tentative date) 6:30-8:30 IN....Weaver

AUGUST 19 Sunday.....COUPLES SUNFISH RACE

AUGUST 25 Saturday...ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE DINNER  
Yacht Club 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. IN Polish Wedding Style dinner  
\$5 adult - \$3 children under 12. Following dinner: Dick  
Whiteman Band \$1.50 ea. Beer & ice incl. May bring liquor.  
TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 17:  
Gertie and Bob Temple N232 Co-chaired: Herp & Bev Kruggel  
Clarissa and Howard Helvey E174 Marty and John Ball S98  
Loretta and John Drolet C298 Louise and Bud Reith W301  
Juanita and Bruce Harlan S50 Ruth and Clem Haines E124  
Connie and Earl Troeger S22 Doug and Julie Weaver S64

# 1979

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From a Different View

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

On a darkened early morn, when rain shall fall  
My waves sound strong, not soft at all.

And as I dash upon your beach, spilling white sea foam  
So clean and fresh - I find within your home

That you are sudsing up a storm of a different kind, I think:  
In your laundry room, bathtub, washbowl, and kitchen sink.

DETERGENTS are so dirty - they feed the algae weeds.  
When they drain into my water, it's just like planting seeds.

Do you know where your SUDS will go? Will you check your drain?  
All I need and want to flow are fresh clean springs and rain.

Do you know that the taking of baths in your lake and washing of hair  
Is a direct DETERGENT deposit of which you may not be aware?

Do you know that the WEEDS that you pull must be removed from shore?  
GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES raked in your lake add to a PHOSPHORUS score?

Do you know that after you clean the fish that you take  
You do not deposit its remains back in your lake?

Do you know that the heavy black scum on the shore of a friend's home  
Originates from a FERTILIZED lawn - the result - POLLUTING foam?

Do you know that a SHORELINE SEWAGE DRYWELL pumped into your lake  
Is a flow that no Birch resident will ever tolerate?

I need to be clean, you want me that way  
And so you understand when I say -  
Thank you - please continue to be  
Observant, aware, and protective of me.

You hear me - you're on your beach  
Looking at the sky -  
A Rainbow - it touches me  
A child comes running by.

"The lake is beautiful,"  
I hear the child say.  
"Yes, you reply, "It's going to be,  
A very lovely day."

BIRCH LAKE

MAGICAL MOMENTS AT BIRCH LAKE

Remember to get out all of our Sunfish boats for the MICHINA OPEN SUNFISH REGATTA August 11th & 12th 1979. We want Birch Lake to be represented by its largest fleet ever. We will have a number of Skippers who should place well up in the competition. We'll all be winners, though, if we get out and represent Birch Lake well and show other area lakes the pride we have in our lake and its sailors.

SUNFISH RACE RESULTS FROM JULY 29 and STANDINGS

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Ave.&amp; Bonus</u>	<u>No.Races Sailed</u>
H. HAINES	1	1592	100	1692	10
D. LOVEJOY	2	1471	120	1591	12
K. KRUGGER	6	1445	120	1565	12
T. BURCHELL	3	1349	120	1469	12
T. HOWARD	4	1304	120	1424	12
C. HAINES	10	1221	80	1301	8
W. HAMMES	5	1139	110	1249	11
S. VJCSIK	DNS	1192	20	1212	2
M. MACHALLECK	DNS	1086	60	1146	6
D. HARMAN	9	1082	60	1142	6
D. ANTHONY	7	991	120	1111	12
B. APPLEBEE	DNS	1016	90	1106	9
D. OLSON	11	1027	70	1097	7
J. O'BRIEN	8	993	100	1093	10
B. LOVEJOY	DNS	1032	40	1072	4
B. ZESINGER	DNS	940	80	1020	8
D. FREW	DNS	900	20	920	2
T. BLACKWOOD	DNS	841	20	861	2
R. FOLEY	DNS	650	20	670	2

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Weldy S72 and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Badger S6 entertained their 3 generation Birch Laker grandchildren and their parents from Spokane, Washington. Leslie, Lee and Jennifer Badger, children of Mike and Sandra (Weldy) Badger, as well as Weldy's two additional grandchildren Maura and Joseph Vrydaghs, children of Raymond and Carol (Weldy) Vrydaghs from Bloomington, Indiana. It was a wonderful week here for both the Badger and Weldy families. It has been 4 years since Sandra and Mike and their children have been to Birch Lake with great, great memories from their growing-up years here.....

THE CHILDREN'S BICYCLE TOUR given by Shirley Ross, and Lynne Schaar gathered 27 children who bicycled to the Historic Birch Lake Cemetery. The kids had lunch at the cemetery. They found tombstones dating from the year 1850. One of the tombstones indicated that a man had died and had been buried in Tunisia. Across the street from the cemetery is a marker indicating that the Birch Lake Meeting House existed where meetings were held in connection with the Underground Railroad.....Judy Olson rode with Shirley and Lynne and the children. Thanks to Mary Lovejoy, Vicki Schaar and Cindy Zesinger who transported the cold drinks and lunches.....

IMPORTANT INFORMANTION

Not every emergency is a life or death situation for which we all are extremely grateful. But, if a situation occurs for you where you feel the need of either FIRE or AMBULANCE service, the quickest way to get one to Birch Lake is to follow the procedure below:

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- 2) Follow instructions given by dispatcher such as wait till the ambulance arrives, or meet ambulance at corner or other specified place.
- 3) STAY CALM AND TRUST THE PROFESSIONALS. We are very lucky at Birch Lake. Every ambulance run carries an Emergency Medical Technician which ensures the best possible emergency treatment.

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