



THE BIRCH BARKER

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

VANDALIA, MI.

No. 8

JULY 19, 1980

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Our Birch Lake Social Calendar is certainly full thanks to the volunteering and cooperation of ALL the BLYC members. Let's all say THANKS to BETTY & JOE O'BRIEN by attending tonight's MONTE CARLO NIGHT at the YACHT CLUB.

By this time most of you have been contacted by your shore director for dues and an update of the directory. If you haven't been contacted, the directors are listed below. Please contact them. Dues will also be accepted at the BLYC party tonight.

Directors - please contact me this weekend so we can update our dues and membership records. Our goal is to be finished by the end of July. The editor of the Barker needs to know who has paid dues so they can receive the BARKER.

DIRECTORS:

- Southside - MARTY SANTE, LES JENSEN, DLAE LEATHERMAN
- Eastside - BUD LOVEJOY, NADINE BROWN, JOE O'BRIEN
- Hill - JOHN WENT
- Northside - BOB VICSIK, GUSSIE ECHOLS
- Cove - SHERRY HOLLEMAN
- Westside - SALLI EVERETT, RICK DOOLITTLE

DAVE ANTHONY, COMMODORE

SUNFISH RESULTS 7-13-80

We wouldn't want to accuse Birch Lake residents of being windy, but when the lake gets quiet and the wind dies simultaneously it's hard not to put 2 and 2 together-- and we had to cancel Sunday's races. Tomorrow we would appreciate the usual amount of gossip, fish stories, sermons and back yard conversation. Please contact:

Earl Troeger conducted a racing clinic last Saturday. It was a good opportunity to refresh or learn for the first time, the rules of racing.

DAVE OLSON, FLEET CAPTAIN

- DATES TO REMEMBER -

SATURDAY, JULY 26th 1:30 PM

GOLF

INSTRUCTIONAL SAILING & RACING CLASS

For all sailors both new and old. Meet at committee boat for one hour of starts and short windward legs. BEGINNERS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME!!!

Would some of the old fleet captains check to see if they have the SUNFISH FLAG THAT WAS ISSUED WITH OUR CHARTER. It is yellow with a large black Sunfish emblem. Please contact DAVE OLSON or EARL TROEGER.

We would like to use it as a fleet notification flag to be flown on race days.

BIKE HIKE JULY 31 - for 8 to 13 year olds (RAIN DATE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 1)

PLACE - PUBLIC LANDING

TIME - 11:30 IN - 12:30 MI for about 2 HRS. BIKE HIKE will be about 5 miles round trip with lunch in the middle.

BRING your own SACK LUNCH.

Cold drinks WILL BE PROVIDED.

JUDY OLSON & SHIRLEY ROSS-Co chairmen

LADIES LUNCHEON

DATE - AUGUST 5th.

PLACE - DIAMOND HARBOR INN COST - \$5.50

TIME - 11:30 / 12:30 COCKTAILS

12:30 / 1:30 EAT

The tickets for the men's golf outing have ALL been sold. The response for this event has been GREAT! Your chairman is very pleased with your cooperation and look forward to this annual outing with friends and invitees with all participating.

All golfers register at the Pro Shop. There will be no tickets available at the course or at the Yacht Club. You must have a ticket to play.

Mr. Craig Clark, manager of the Diamond Lake Course suggests that golfers should get their foursomes lined up for a smooth flowing play from start to finish. There will be no interruption from outside golfers until the last foursome tee's off. Play begins at 12:00 pm MI. time.

The Club House will be open for sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, etc.

See you at the COURSE for a FUN DAY!

JOE HARRIS, Chairman

DOOR PRIZES STILL NEEDED FOR LADIES LUNCH!

LADIES LUNCHEON continued

Make reservations with:

ROSE HORVATH 476-2750

LORETTA DROLET 476-2706

JUDY OLSON 476-2780

LETTER OF CONCERN TO ALL :

Dear Birch Barker -

While my son and family went on vacation, they left their pet dog with us. They have done this for a number of years. This dog has never harmed anyone and never drifted very far away. However, last Tuesday someone shot this dog with a 22 caliber rifle. After an \$85.00 medical bill, it is still 'touch and go' as to whether the dog will survive.

After talking to a number of people in our immediate area, we are quite sure we know who THE BIG GAME HUNTER is. With as many as 18 kids on our beach - such as last Saturday - it is not very reassuring to know that nearby lurks an idiot who yields a 22 rifle indiscriminately.

It would seem to me the people of Birch Lake would be far better off if they showed more concern about this kind of an adult delinquent and less annoyance at people walking across a yard or a few pets urinating in the bushes.

Disappointed Newcomer,
JOHN R. MURPHY

BOATING NEGLIGENCE

Incidents of boats, particularly PONTOON BOATS, going between a raft and pier have been coming to the attention of the Barker editor. This is very dangerous because swimmers are very likely to be in that area, as that is where they are supposed to play safely.

The above is one of the SAFETY RULES OF BOATING.

ANOTHER IS THAT YOU MUST STAY 100 FEET FROM ANY RAFT, PIER OR FISHING BOAT.

BOATS MUST GO AROUND OUR LAKE COUNTER CLOCKWISE. THIS ENABLES YOU TO GET INTO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC WITHOUT CONFUSION.

Speed and racing and just fooling around are frowned on and we have always prided ourselves on the great cooperation of our lake people. Residents have always been courteous and helpful when skiing. If the area for take off and return is limited, most neighbors clear their area to facilitate the skier. Drivers of ski boats should be especially careful in staying far enough away from rafts, floats and fishing boats so that the skier on the end of the 75 ft. tow line can clear these objects in safety. WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY ACCIDENTS AND WE DON'T WANT ANY. REMEMBER, COURTESY AND COMMON SENSE ARE THE KEY REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE RENTALS

A list of boat rules should be posted in the RENTAL COTTAGE. Remember that the rule of counter clockwise travel is our own rule and should be known to newcomers. Once used, it is appreciated and the newcomer wonders why it is not used on all lakes.

EDITORS NOTE

We want our lake to be safe for all people and their pets. Common sense and decency, and the respect of your neighbors should be ALL we need to do this. If we all do the above and then drive our cars with the same courtesy we should be in great shape. Unnecessary driving back and forth on the lake roads creates DUST problems for many, unsafe conditions for walkers and bikers. Carelessness in turning into private driveways causes destruction at times (I witnessed the boundary stones being knocked out the other day - and the driver went merrily on his way even though he knew it) and unnecessary speed took the life of a cat and left some very sad youngsters the other day. UNFORTUNATELY, these complaints are not always done by our residents BUT if they are friends of lake people, then it is up to us to see that they know and respect the rules we set up for us to live by. After we have done all this, then we must turn to the law enforcement department of our community and I hope we will not find it necessary to do that. LET'S ALL HELP AND KEEP OUR LAKE A BEAUTIFUL AND SAFE PLACE WE ALL LOVE.

CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION CLASSES ARE PLANNED for AUGUST 4th and 11th.

There has been a lot of interest in both the beginner & refresher courses and I hope the dates selected will allow all those who signified their desire to attend will be able to attend as well as many more.

Keryl Frye of the Cassopolis Area Ambulance Service will give the lessons and certify those who pass the course.

AUGUST 4 for 3 hours from 7 to 10 pm MI time both Beginners and Refresher courses

AUGUST 11 the Beginners will finish the course Same time 7 to 10 pm MI.

It is interesting and very useful. A movie will be shown on the 4th, and demonstration on 'ANNIE' will be shown and then your own practice on the models.

Call Arline at 476-9391 if you can attend. I hope I can tell Keryl we have more than we first anticipated and she can bring more help. LET'S ALL DO IT !!!!

ARTICLE FROM THE RIPARIAN -- SWIMMERS ITCHING FOR RESHEARCH

Swimmer's itch plagues tens of thousands of people each year, but it may soon be under control. The National Science Foundation has given Hope College a \$15,334 grant for swimmer's itch research this summer. Harvey Blankespoor, a biology professor at Hope, will lead the 14 person group studying the disease.

Only about one percent of Michigan's lakes are periodically plagued by swimmer's itch. Usually, it arrives for about a week in the early summer and again later in the season. Sometimes it vanishes for years before surfacing again, or it can become a regular part of the lake's yearly routine. The research group hopes to learn about the types of snails that promote the disease process, foods required that affects growth.

NEWS — NEWS — NEWS — NEWS

17 year old GWEN VEREZ is visiting the ANTHONY'S, #00, for a month. He is from Paris, France and please come to say hello.

Hubert and Carolyn WEAVER celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 28th at their cottage #383. They were married June 19, 1920 at St. Joseph, Mich. Families of Hubert, Jr., South Bend; Ronald from Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Patricia from Miles; Larry from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada and all their families, totalling 35 enjoyed a sumptuous pot-luck. CONGRATULATIONS!

GREG TOTH (W320) celebrated his 24th birthday with the catch of his life - a 3 lb. plus, 18 1/2" trout brought in on the new reel from his girlfriend. WOW! CONTRATULATION TWICE.

Granddaughter KIMBERLY MARABLE, 13 from Pheonix, Arizona will be with the PARNELLS for six weeks, having arrived Saturday. She has been a frequent visitor at her Grandparents and has many friends on the Westside to renew freindships.

Earlier this summer JOHN, JR. and his bride, SUE, entertained her family, the JOSEPH ENGELWARTS of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Letter to the Editor -- One family really loves to read the Birch Barker, but we have read it quickly because our 6 month old daughter AMBER likes the taste of it most!

RECIPE FROM SHERRY HOLLEMAN: DELICIOUS EASY CONGO BARS

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|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 2 c. Flour | 3/4 c. Oleo | 3 Eggs |
| 2 1/2 tsp. Baking powder | 1 tsp. Vanilla | 1 c. Nuts |
| 1/2 tsp. Salt | 1 lb. Brown sugar | 1 lg. pkg. Choc. chips or
* Butterscotch Chips |

Melt butter - add brn. sugar - stir till smooth Cool. Beat eggs into mixture 1 at a time. Add vanilla - add sifted dry ingredients. Stir in nuts & choc. chips. Mixture will be thick. BAKE 350 degrees 25 - 30 Minutes.

* For Butterscotch brownies - leave out choc. chips - Add butterscotch chips.

THIS IS A QUICK TREAT FOR THE KIDS AND ADULTS ALIKE ! Sounds good. THANKS!

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LOST On the evening of July 4th the wind blew one of our LAWN CHAIRS, dark brown & white striped, into the lake. We sure would like to find it - Anyone seen a floating chair??
 Call SHERRY HOLLEMAN 476-2800 THANKS!!

WITH THE WINDS WE HAVE HAD THE PAST FEW WEEKS, PROBABLY A LOT OF THINGS ARE MISSING. THE BARKER WILL HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT PLACE FOR THEM.
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