

THE BIRCH BARKER

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
VANDALIA, MI

No. 10

AUGUST 2, 1980

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

The Yacht Club was alive with activity last Friday night and 85 members and guests climaxed the Golf Outing with a very special dinner enjoyed by all there. THANKS to JOE HARRIS and his committee for another successful event!

SPECIAL THANKS too, to the Lochmondys for their generous and timely gift of an electric stove to the Yacht Club. It was hastily installed in the clubhouse (by Chuck Fortino and his stalwart helpers) in time to be used for the Golf Dinner.

For any of you who have not seen and enjoyed the Yacht Club as yet, take heart - The Annual Fall Dinner, chaired by JOHN & MARTY BALL, on Saturday, August 23rd, will be an enjoyable time to see the Clubhouse, have a delicious meal and then after dinner, try out the new dance floor to the delightful music of DICK WHITEMAN'S COMBO. Your Directors will be around to see you for reservations. Keep the date open - AUGUST 23rd - and let's make our final club event a HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

DAVE ANTHONY, COMMODORE

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 3 - COUPLES SAILING

Hope you have appointments with your marriage counselors or favorite shrinks - The annual screaming match is set for tomorrow; 4:00 MI, 3:00 IN.

The usual fare afterwards at LOVEJOY'S. Come two, come all!

AUGUST 2 - Another clinic today at 1:30 IN. Today we'll run a longer windward leg to get practice in beating, as well as a couple of starts. Get a boat, watch for the orange buoys, then come out for practice. There were a lot of boats out last Saturday and EARL TROEGER & TOM HOWARD ran an informative and successful clinic.

AUGUST 4th & 11th - CPR classes for beginners and refresher courses. 7:00 to 10:00 MI at the YACHT CLUB. FREE

AUGUST 5th - LADIES LUNCHEON Final call for reservations for the Ladies Luncheon at Diamond Harbor Inn. Reservations must be made by Aug. 3rd - tomorrow. No cancellations after Aug. 3. See you at 11:30-12:30 for cocktails and chicken divan crepes at 12:30-1:30. Call ROSE HORVATH 476-2750, LORETTA DROLET 476-2706 or JUDY OLSON 476-2780.

AUGUST 16 & 17 - DIAMOND LAKE SUNFISH REGATTA - Races will start at noon. Let's send a large group of our sailors over and bring home some trophies. Remember last year; Diamond sailors came over and really helped make our Regatta a success. We should return the favor! This is a good opportunity to gain valuable experience against good competition on a larger body of water. We can show them that Birch Lake sailors can compete anywhere with the best.

AUGUST 23rd - ANNUAL FALL DINNER - BLYC - MARTY & JOHN BALL, Co-chairpersons
Dinner served at 6:00 to 7:30 pm IN/ 7:00 to 8:30 pm MI Adults \$6 & Children \$3
This is a repeat on the Polish Wedding Dinner everyone enjoyed last year. After the dinner & meeting, Dick Whiteman's Group will provide music for dancing. \$1.50 per person will include beer.

WEDNESDAYS - Every week - YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM This Youth Program, chaired by SHERRY HOLLEMAN, has been a special treat for all who have shown up at the Yacht Club to enjoy it each Wednesday. Last week in our record breaking heat (100 degrees) they took the volley ball net down to the lake and had a game in the cool, refreshing water. Wish I'd been there! Not many weeks left, so if you've not attended any sessions, join them at the Yacht Club Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30 IN or 2:30 - 4:30 MI.

GOLE OUTING

Your chairman extends his best "THANK YOU" to all participants and special thanks to the ticket sellers, the prize donors, the committee who did the leg work on the delivery of the drinks, and the following Gals who provided the hot foods, salads and cakes:

Marilyn Vicsik	Myra Anthony	Mildred Bielke
Virginia Gard	Sonja Sanders	Connie Troeger
Eunice Kelly	Helen Harris	Betty Fortino
Denny Weesner	Betty Jean Hafner	Thelma Koontz
	Helen Weesner	

My "Kudos" to the four Gals who helped serve and cleaned up. THANKS to everyone who worked so diligently to make the day complete. JOE HARRIS

MARY OLSON, #47, assisted by MARGARET JENSEN, hosted a Dessert for LARRY & JESSIE NEWMAN Sunday night. The Newman's will be leaving our lake August 1st, moving into their home at 110 Willowview Drive in Elkhart for the summer months. They spend their winters in Sarasota, Florida. A trip to the Canadian Rockies is on the agenda for them before heading to Florida.

Those present were the Stevens, Jensens, Tams, Weavers and Machallecks. Everyone enjoyed the pot-luck fare of home-made ice creams and cakes and a pleasant evening was spent eating and talking.

Good luck in your new venture, Larry & Jessie, and come back to see all of us for - once a Birch Laker, always a Birch Laker!

The John Parnell's had 40 friends for a party honoring Hildreth and Bill Pifer, formerly of Niles and Now of Deerfield Beach, Florida. There was 'wall to wall people' because of the rainy Sunday but all had fun despite the bad weather.

BETH FORTINO is walking on clouds! In the 4H Division of showing rabbits at the Elkhart County Fair Tuesday, Beth won FIRST place with her French Lop Rabbit Karen and also won Best of Breed. CONGRATULATIONS!

Doolittle Realty would be proud to have had a listing in the middle of the Westside of Birch Lake but the real estate sign seen on Walnut Road is used as identification until a new mailbox is installed. The Doolittle house IS NOT for sale.

After spending a weekend at Machalleck's with her parents, Kathy & Denny Wolf and Sarah and Jeff are spending the week camping with his parents at Ludington. Hope the weather is good cause this is real tent camping. They'll be back for the next week to enjoy the comforts of Birch Lake living and Mom cooking.

IN SYMPATHY - We of Birch Lake extend our sincere sympathy to the families of: CHARLES DVORAK and IVAN CRULL who passed away this month.

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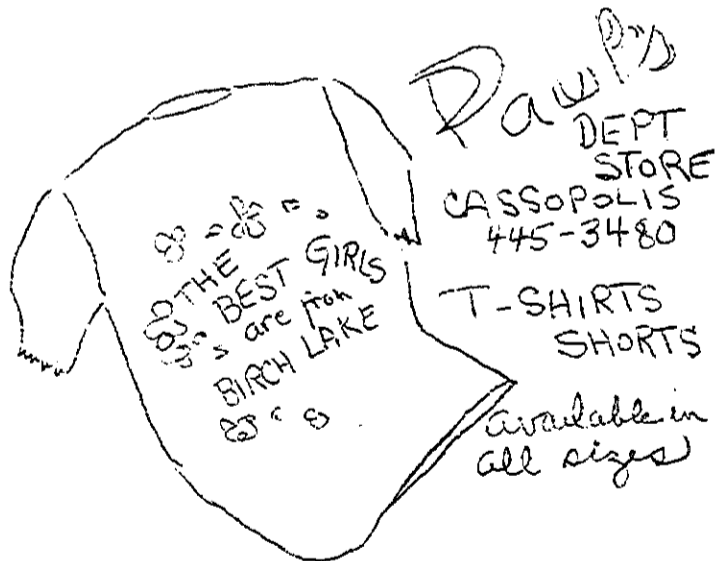
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SUNFISH STANDINGS JULY 27, 1980

THANKS to HERM KRUGGEL, KEVIN KRUGGEL & KEITH WEESNER for manning the committee boat.

<u>BOAT</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>BONUS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. H. HAINES	DNS/DNS	1524	70	1594
2. KEVIN KRUGGEL	DNS/DNS	1511	70	1581
3. KURT KRUGGEL	5/9	1404	100	1504
4. T. BURCHELL	4/5	1374	100	1474
5. T. HOWARD	1/1	1291	120	1411
6. L. ZELASKO *	2/4	1371	40	1411
7. TROEGER	12/6	1238	120	1358
8. HAMMES	3/3	1189	110	1299
9. B. CARPENTER	DNS/DNS	1231	60	1291
10. D. LOVEJOY *	10/2	1235	40	1275
11. C. HAINES	9/8	1078	120	1198
12. D. HARMON	8/7	1071	120	1191
13. R. DOOLITTLE *	7/DNS	1071	30	1100
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18. S. FREW	DNS/DNS	764	60	824
19. J. COOK	17/DNS	684	90	774
20. A. Courtney *	14/14	729	20	749
21. H PRICE	16/11	662	80	742
22. M. SANTE *	15/DNS	676	10	686
23. J. HOWARD	DNS/DNS	580	80	660

* Boats which will not have a sufficient number of races to qualify for season trophies. HUCKINS 1, HUCKINS 2, D. GREEN will not have a sufficient number of races to qualify for season trophies but will earn participation awards.

If we don't have to cancel any of the future scheduled season races (2 each on Aug. 3, 10 and 24) it will take 12 races for a boat to qualify for a season trophy. (2/3 of the races sailed).

No races will be sailed at Birch Lake on August 17 due to the BLYC-DLYC Sunfish Invitational at Diamond Lake. Those skippers planning to sail at Diamond Lake the weekend of August 16-17 should plan to arrive at the DLYC house next to the Marina around 10:30 - 11:00 AM on Saturday. More info next week.

DAVE OLSON, FLEET CAPTAIN

THE BIRCH LAKE MILL POND ASSOCIATION is happy to announce repair of the Mill Pond Dam this past week. For those of you who do not usually travel on Walnut Road, take a side trip and watch the water gradually begin to return to it's old level in the Mill Pond.

Those of you who have been involved in a two year long effort to save the pond from being drained are relieved and have had a modicum of faith restored in the slow moving bonds of government control. We have been "incorporated, D.N.R. approved, Drain Commission permitted, Road Commission measured, court ordered, insured and (finally) agreed". The Birch Lake Mill Pond Association owns the dam and the water rights and the pond is refilling. It's maximum limit is one foot lower than Birch Lake.

If anyone wishes to participate in our effort, we are holding a raffle on August 16th with the prizes being a \$358 Queens Ware Cookset, a 260 pound live weight hog, and a smoke detector. Tickets are available from Getzingers - 15236, Erhardts - 15214, and Weavers - 15213 Birch Lakeshore Drive. The money will help defray cost of repair of the dam. Thank you for your interest in our pond.

The H. Getzingers, The D. Erhardts, The E. Badgers, The F. Howards, The D. Weavers

ALL OF YOU will be happy to know that the dog that the Murphys were taking care of for their son, is going to make it ! Last report was that he was still on medication but walking around and will soon be with his family.

Everyone on the lake has been greatly concerned that anyone would misuse the privilege of owning a gun, as was this case of shooting a dog. Next time it could be fatal or perhaps a human life could be the target. REMEMBER, if you see anyone use a gun in an unsafe way. notify the sheriff's dept. We want a SAFE environment for ALL.

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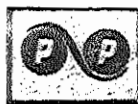
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