

# The Birch Barker

Birch Lake Yacht Club



Date June 20, 1981

## Notes from the Commodore

It's time to raise those sails, break out the fishing rods and paint the pier. Welcome back to Birch Lake for the 1981 summer season. - and do we have a year ready for you.

Your Board of Govenors and committee chairman have been fantastic and have something for everyone - please take part.

The committees will be reporting weekly on future activities. The board will be asking for your membership. Please consider this summer of fun.

Look forward to seeing you all tonight at the summer open house.

Anchors Away,

Chuck Fortino, Commodore

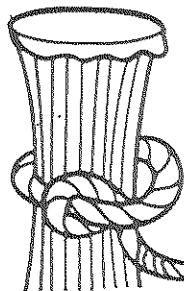
## Letter from your Editor

Barkers will be delivered on Saturday mornings by the children of our lake, if you have any lake news please give it to them at that time or there will be 2 news drops (Murphys on the West side and Troyers on the East side). Deadline for news is Monday evening. All ads for the Barker should have the \$1.00 fee enclosed in a envelope. Lost and found articles are printed free. The Barker will be distributed free for 4 weeks only. After that time it will be discontinued. For those who do not join the BLYC the Barker may be purchased seperatly at a fee of \$5.00 (contact your director or call 476-2639).

Two new articles will appear in the Barker this summer. Herbally Yours and Kids Korner. Please take time to read them and comment. Hope everyone has a happy healthy summer.

Your Editor,

Darlene Troyer



SCHEDULED EVENTS TO DATE

- June 20 BLYC Summer opening dance
- June 24 Birch lake Improvement Assoc. meeting and lecture
- June 28 Mill Pond Assoc. Ice Cream Social
- July 5 Boat Parade
- July 31 Men's Golf outing at Hampshire Golf Course
- Aug. 3 Womens style show at Diamond Harbor
- Aug. 22 Fall Dinner

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Birch Lake Mill Pond Assoc. will be holding an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 28th from 1-4 IN 2-5 MI at the Yacht Club. Everyone is invited to have tasty ice cream and homemade cake with a beverage for 75 cents a serving. Anyone willing to donate a cake, please call Getzingers 476-2188 or Weavers 476-2369.

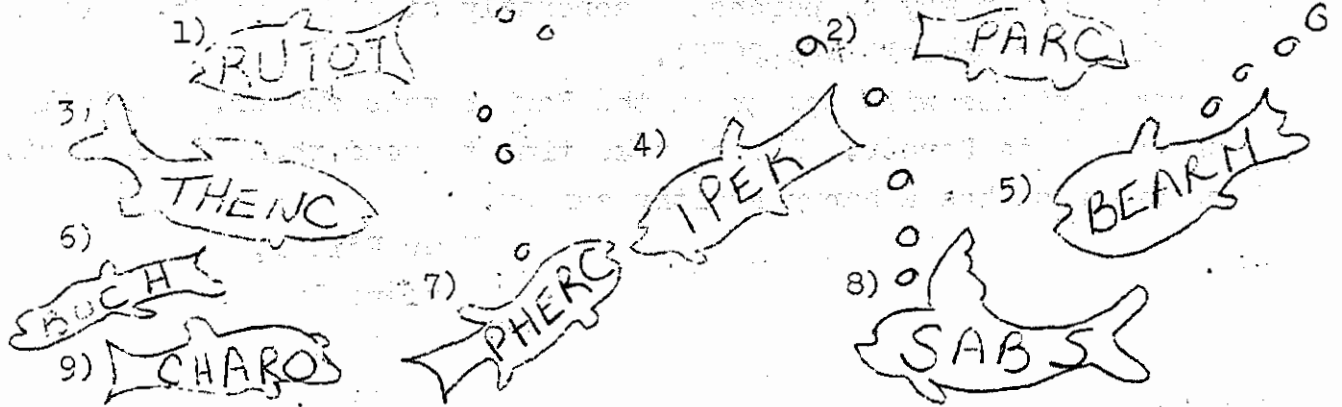
KIDS KORNER (for kids only)

We have many events scheduled for this summer, that we know you will enjoy. The frog and turtle races from past were a huge success and will be held again this year. We have many other activities in the working. They are a hot wheels race, a camera workshop, a coloring contest and much much more. Stay tuned to next weeks Barker for dates and more information.

Each week in the Barker there will be an activitie or puzzle for you to do. This week we have two, hope you like them.

STRANGE FISH

Can you rearrange the letter on these "shadow fish" and spell the names of well-known fish?



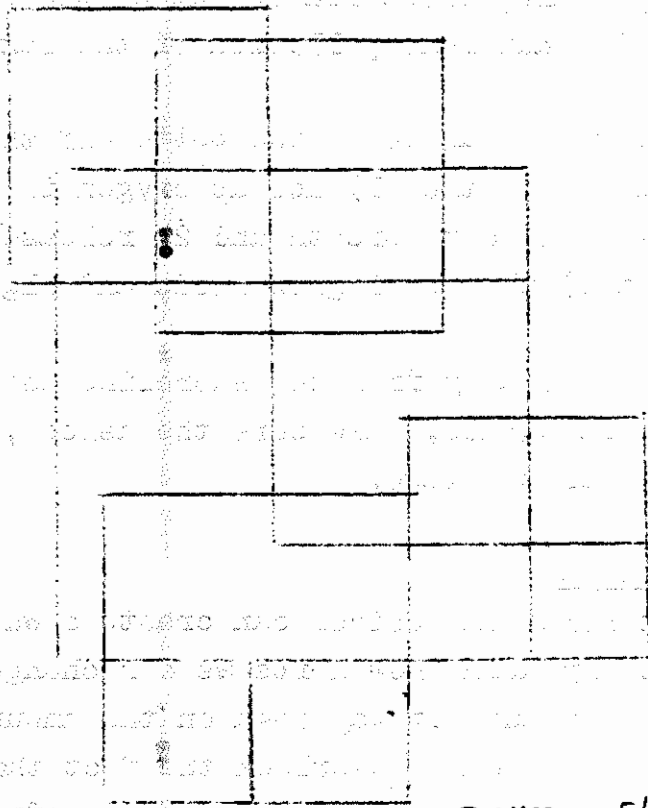
9. ROACH  
6. CHUD  
3. TENCH

8. BASS  
5. BREAH  
2. CARP

ANSWERS:  
1. TROUT  
4. PIKE  
7. PERCH

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# How Many Squares Can You Find?



ANSWER: TWELVE - MY BOOK SAYS - BUT I FIND 15 - WHO'S RIGHT?

### Rake Your Shoreline

Even though the leaves have just appeared, we should turn our thoughts to the fact that many of last fall's leaves are in the water. By raking those leaves out of the water you will help to reduce the nutrient pollution of the lake.

These leaves accumulate on the bottom of the lake and decompose. As they decompose they 1) use up oxygen in the bottom of the lake that the fish need to breathe and 2) release nutrients (phosphorus, nitrogen etc.) that will grow weeds and algae.

Rake the leaves away from the shoreline and dispose of them properly. If leaves are burned, make sure the ashes, which are nutrients, will not reach the lake.

### Herbally Yours

The use of herbs and spices can create a whole new world of adventure. By using new herbs we can change common foods into gourmet dishes and cut way down on the amount of salt that is normally used. Do not overlook the fact that herbs are also terrific in making teas, natural dyes, craft items, cosmetics, medicinal use and last but not least beautifully scented gardens. Each week we will explore one specific aspect of herb uses and will have a featured herb. This week's herb will be MINT.

MINT - since mints grow wild on the shoreline of Birch Lake I felt it was a great idea to start with ways it can be used as it is available to all of us.

There are over 160 varieties of mint. Most mints are rampant perennial spreaders. Use mint for the following: A garnish in lemonade, oil and vinegar dressing, add to green peas, use in fresh fruit compotes, make mint jellies, dry for making potpourris and sachets, good to freshen your breath, mix with cream cheese and serve with crackers, make hot or iced mint tea - it's delicious. For MEDICINAL uses - mint teas are used by many for headaches, stomach disorder (nausea & stomach gases) and has a soothing effect on one's nerves.

There are many more ways to use mint but this should help to start you on your way. Enjoy!

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cost \$1.00 (money should accompany the article), Lost and found  
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ATTENTION ALL SUNFISH OWNERS

The sailing season is again at hand and I hope all Sunfish owners on the lake will take advantage of the opportunity to get out and sail their boats. The Birch Lake Sunfish sailers encourage everyone to come out and join the fleet. The fleet offers a little bit of competition and a lot of fun to all those involved. Races begin this Sunday at 11:00 Indiana time (12:00 MI) with two races scheduled. A full schedule follows along with a few pertinent notes. We had hoped to get the season under way last weekend but the uncertainty of the weather and the inability to convey the necessary information to many sailers forced the postponement of the opening of the season until tomorrow. I hope to see many of you out there!

RACING SCHEDULE FOR 1981

SUNDAY	JUNE 21	2 races
SUNDAY	JUNE 28	2 races
SATURDAY	JULY 4+	2 races
SUNDAY	JULY 5+	1 race
SUNDAY	JULY 12	2 races
SUNDAY	JULY 19	2 races
SUNDAY	JULY 26	2 races
SUNDAY	AUGUST 2	2 races
SATURDAY	AUGUST 8	Michiana Open Sunfish
SUNDAY	AUGUST 9	Regatta at Birch Lake
SUNDAY	AUGUST 16	2 races
SUNDAY	AUGUST 23	2 races
SUNDAY	AUGUST 30	2 races
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 5 ++	2 races
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 6++	1 race

+ Denotes fourth of July Regatta - This regatta series to count toward season standings.

\* Denotes Labor Day Regatta - Races will not count toward season standings.

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To begin the 1981 season, the Metric System (Bob Ball, Terry Trindle, John Marnocha, and Gordon Holley) will be playing for your dancing or listening pleasure. It is our hope to attract our college age adults as well as the adult population of our club.

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available. Hors d' oeuvres will be welcomed. Tickets are available from your directors, club officers or call Sante's (weekends) 476-2817 for delivery.

DATE: This Saturday June 20th

WHERE: The Yacht Club

TIME: 9 til 12:00 Indiana time

COST: \$2.50 per person

Come out and enjoy the fun that this evening is sure to provide.

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BOAT PARADE

All of you "Naval Architects" will have another chance to show off your talent at this year's BOAT PARADE.

July 5th is the date and the parade will start at 2:00 pm (Indiana) with July 6th as the backup raindate.

The theme for this years's parade will be "The Good Old Days". So get together with Grandma and Grandpa and have them tell you how it was. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third entries judged best from the standpoint of originality of theme and workmanship.

All entrants should pre-register by calling Harlan's, cottage (476-9714) the week preceding the parade. We will assign you a parade lineup and judging number.

The parade will assemble on the west side near Doolittle's. See you there!

JJ and Bruce Harlan  
Chairmen

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REMINDER - Birch Lake Improvement Assoc. Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday June 24th 7:30/8:30 pm

WHERE: B L Y C

WHAT: Monthly business meeting of the Board of Directors and general membership meeting, with guest speaker.

Mr. Mike Maloney, owner of Martins' Pet & Garden Center of Elkhart will speak on:

- A) Plants & shrubs suitable for greenbelts.
- B) Mold growth & other possible problems due to this Spring's excessive rains.
- C) Types of grass suitable for lake lawns.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

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Ladies Style Show

A style show is being planned for the ladies of our lake at Diamond Harbor Inn in Cassopolis on August 3rd. Three Rivers Furs will be putting on a great show. More information will be available in the future. Mark your calendars!

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LAKE NEWS

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To Kelly Troyer - though your Birthday this Wednesday will not be so merry (do to the chicken poxs) we hope you can still enjoy the cake and ice cream and presents.

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Happy Birthday to Grandpa Kenny from the Troyers, DeSutters, Chilcott's and the Osborne families!

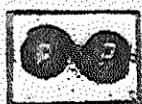
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Has anyone noticed that our lake water is clearer than in the last few years? It's nice to be able to see the bottom of the lake again. Thanks for helping to keep it clean!

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Practice safe boating habits for a happy summer!  
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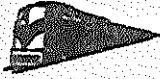
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