

COMMODORES COMMENTS

Birch Lake enjoyed another very nice weekend. The 80 + who attended the golf outing and dinner were greeted by a perfect day for golf and a prime rib dinner at the yacht club. Bill King and Herm Kruggel did a terrific job hosting the event. Randy Welch helped with setting up the outing, but had a previous golf engagement and could not attend. An undertaking of this size takes the help of many such as Dave Anthony and Joe Harris who carried and served, Steve and Frank Horvath who handled the refreshments, John Brown who brought the refreshments, George Iams and Tom Troeger who helped score and above all, the golfers who enjoyed a great day.

We have several events still to come, but only YOU can make them successful. Join the others and make use of your Yacht Club.

It has come to my attention that some of the rules of boating are being abused. I would like to remind everyone to be especially cautious when boating near shore or when swimmers are present. Be always alert and considerate of others and enjoy the summer.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

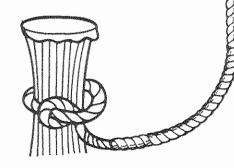
<u>TODAY, AUGUST 7</u>: 2:30 PM (Indiana Time) start Couples Race: Portsmouth Handicap; all classes of sailboat welcome. Boats over 15 feet must have two couples with each person sailing one leg of the course. Boats under 15 feet must have one couple with each person alternating at each mark. Awards for 1st overall, 1st, 2nd, 3rd corrected time and two surprises.

<u>TODAY, AUGUST 7</u>: 6:00 PM (Indiana Time) Cocktail Party for all members and guests. Cash Bar available. Come and spend a few hours with other members and guests. Boat Parade and Couples Race Trophies will be presented. Come join the fun.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11: 11:30 AM (Indiana Time) Women's Luncheon at Kulesia's (K-Tap) in Vandalia. Cocktails 11:30 to 12:30. Lunch at 12:30 All members and guests welcome. Lunch \$6.00 per person. Call Connie Troeger 476-2237 or Denny Weesner 476-2569 for reservations today. Remember we must give them the expected attendance today so call now if you have not already done so.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28: \$:00 (Indiana Time) Birch Lake Annual Dinner at the Yacht Club. A Polish Wedding Dinner, plus beer and pop will be served. The Annual Meeting and election of officers and directors will be held at 7:30 and there will be dancing from 8:00 til 11:30 featuring Dick Whiteman. The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12. For reservations see your director or co-persons Myra and Dave Anthony.

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SAILING NEWS

We were back at it at good ole Birch Sunday and the winds were very good. Tim Burchell and Dave Troeger led the way respectively. Mike Machalleck in his new green machine made things tough in both races and will be hard to beat in the future. Tom Howard and Bill Carpenter are still sailing well as we enter the second weekend of the August Series. Check the results for your current positions and see you tommorrow.

BIRCH LAKE NEWS

There has been a lot of activity on the west shore this past week Keri Cook attended a fine arts camp at St. Mary's College where she was awarded a third place for an individual art project. Wednesday, July 28, several Birch Lakers participated in the Michiana Road Runners Race at Eagle Lake Kevin Kruggel, Coy Jankowski and Tom Condon ran the 8 mile race. In the 4 miler winners in their respective age group were Troy Jankowski -- third; Peg and Kelli Condon -- third and Coley Cook -- fourth. Kyle Condon won first place in the Toddlers Trot. On Saturday John and Odessa Murphy entertained a group for John's Notre Dame classmates -- class of '38. Guests included Helen and Jake Kovalcik, Donora, Pa; Betty and Cas Vance, Whiting, N.J; Betty and John Fogel, San Diego, Ca.; Mary and Joe Collahan and Fran and Walt Marshall, Naples Fl.; Ruth and Joe DiMatleo, Glenshaw, Pa.; and from South Bend: Helen and Chuck Sweeney, Meg and Jim Beaudway and Jane and Ed O'Donnell. The group gets together each summer for a mini-reunion and several couples winter together in Florida.

Hub and Dorothy Getzinger often have friends dropping in to visit them at the lake, but las Wednesday they arrived in an unusual manner. Chuck and Betty Hodgson from South Ben were flown in by their son Tom, from Fox Lake, Illinois, in his sea plane. The Hodgson's, friends of long standing with the Getzinger's, had an enjoyable visit while Tom, a professional pilot, took Hub Getzinger, Shannon Brandley, Terry and Terilyn Montague, Dewayne Weaver, Kim and Tracy Wilcox (visiting granddaughter of the Erhardts), Steve Sante and Steve Neff up for a bird's eye view of the Birch Lake area.

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When dialing the emergency number 1-244-5235, ask for <u>Newberg-Porter</u> Assistance. This will get you the Jones, Michigan unit which is closer to the lake.

Found: Set of boat keys with yellow float on east side. Contact the Troegers #22 if they are yours.

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FOR SALE

1973 Honda 350 Twin, recently overhauled, new battery, asking \$450.00 or best offer. 10413 mile. Contact Dick or Ron Whiteman 476-2792.

SOUTH SHORE SUMMER SALE

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August 14th, 8:00 to 1:00 (Indiana time) and address weaker

The South Shore residents are banning together on August 14th for a massive garage sale. Each resident will display their treasures along the road for easy shopping. Some of the children will staff lemonade stands for the thirsty shoppers. Parking will be at the Yacht Club or public landing. For information call Fran Welch, 476-8805 or Juanita Harlan, 476-9714.

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AUGUST SERIES

After the first two races of the August Series the leaders are: 1. Marty Sante 2. Steve Sante 3. Jeff Howard 4. Dave Anthony and Dave Olson (tie).

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15th ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE GOLF OUTING RESULTS

As usual the weatherman continuied to cooperate with us and provided sunny skies for the 15th annual golf outing. The golf course management was very cooperative with us and even closed the course to the public so that our event could be uninterupted. They indicated we might consider having a "shotgun" start next year if we so desire. This would enable us to all start and finish at the same time.

A special thanks to all those who donated prizes. They were so generous that not only golf winners received prizes, but most participants also received a door prize. Prizes were awarded to the following golfers:

 1st Low Gross Jim Coan 2nd Low Gross Bob Axelbe	76 erg 77	1st Low Net 2nd Low Net (tie)	82-11=71
Closest to the Pin on #4 Longest Drive on #5 High Gross	Mark McElwee John Erhardt Dave Olsen 138		

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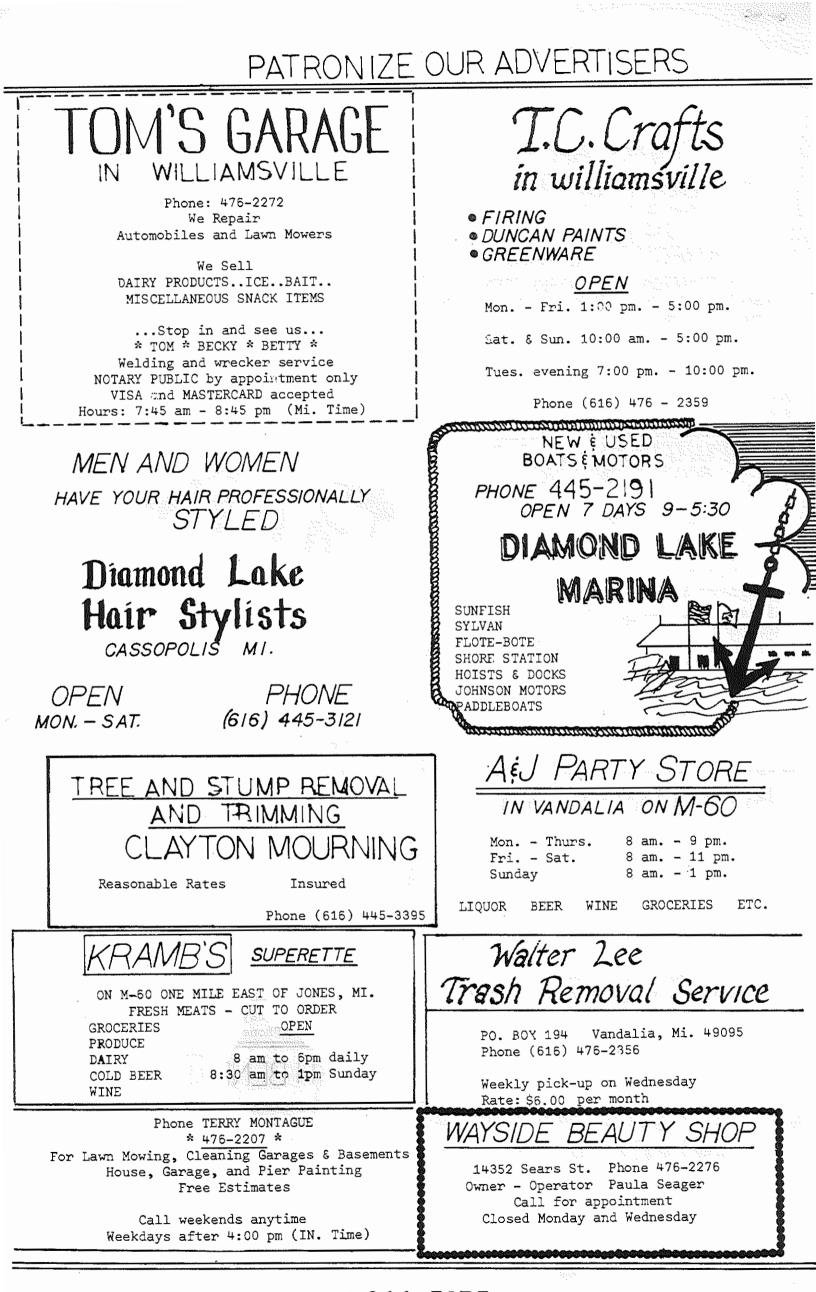
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My special thanks this week goes out to Bill King, Herm Kruggel and Randy Welch who through their efforts, those of their wives and others mentioned before gave us a great golf outing which henceforth should be called the Birch Lake Open. We didn't have TV coverage, but all the other ingredients were there. Thank you Bill, Herm and Randy.

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