

THE BIRCH BARKER



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Birch Lake Yacht Club

COMMODORES COMMENTS

As we move into August, 1983 Birch Lake is more than answering our needs as a great place to spend the summer. Some unsettled weather greeted us last weekend, but there was plenty good weather to have another pleasant weekend.

Over 60 golfers played at the Park Shore Course Friday on a very hot day. Over 70 then met for dinner at the Yacht Club and thanks to Bill King and Herm Kruggel (the "K" Boys) every one was treated to a great golf outing. This event is always one of the high-lights of the season and with the support of everyone, it will continue to be for years to come.

Sailing continues to be very competitive with 7 different sailors winning one or more races and 3 or 4 more consistent sailors high in the standings who have not won yet. The closeness of the races also shows all of the sailors are improving. There is no room for mistakes now.

This weekend's Michiana Regatta should be a great one. Back your favorite Birch Lake skipper to pull this one out. Trophies will be awarded to the top 15 skippers. Bill Carpenter has worked hard this year to put this regatta together.

Earl Troeger, COMMODORE

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UP-COMING EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, August 6th and 7th - MICHIANA SUNFISH REGATTA
Saturday, August 6th - JR YACHT CLUB NIGHT
Saturday, August 13th - SOUTH SIDE YARD SALE
Saturday, August 13th - COCKTAIL PARTY AT YACHT CLUB
Sunday, August 14th - COUPLES RACE
Saturday, August 27th - ANNUAL DINNER AT YACHT CLUB
Monday, September 5th - TROPHY PRESENTATION

Should be a great Michiana Regatta this weekend. Give our sailors your support.

The Junior Yacht Club will have a record party tonight beginning at 7:30 at the Yacht Club. The event will get started at 6:30 with several boats going around the lake to gather the young people for the event. All the teen youths on the lake are invited to attend. This is your Yacht Club too. Join the others for some fun at the Yacht Club.

AUGUST 13TH - YARD SALE

SET UP SHOP IN YOUR OWN YARD. All south shore residents are welcome to participate in our 2nd annual yard sale. Remember what fun we had last year! This year will prove to be the same. If any of the other shores are interested in joining us we'll work together on it. Get that marking pen out & start marking.

Plan now to attend our 2nd cocktail party of the season from 5:30 to 7:30 (Ind Time) at the Yacht Club. Get together with your friends and neighbors and come over for a few pleasant hours at the Yacht Club before dinner..

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On Sunday the 14th, we have the annual couples race at 2 PM (Ind Time). Plan to sail your boat and have fun with the rest. We score by the Portsmouth Handicap System. All boats and sailors welcome. Boats over 15' must have 4 crew on board. Crews must change at each mark and everyone must skipper. It's a race for fun so join in and test your sailing skill.

Plan now for the annual dinner and membership meeting on August 27th at the Yacht Club. This event is for everyone to help close out our summer season. We will also change Commodores, so join in the fun on this Saturday evening.

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SAILING RESULTS

Last Sunday brought cloudy skies and light to moderate breezes for the two races. It was also the point at which the top 10 sailors are left out and a new August Series for the remaining sailors begins. Be sure to check the standings that you skippers receive. Bill Carpenter and Leo Zelasko let everyone know they are still around as they each won a race and finished 4th in the other. Tom Howard still leads the field going into the final 6 races of the season with Bill Carpenter and Mike Machalleck close behind. The following 7 are also members of the top 10 in the order given. Marty Sante, Mike Gotstein, Leo Zelasko, Ken Troyer, Randy Welch, Steve Sante, and Don Harmon. Last Sunday's results are as follows:

1ST RACE

- 1 Bill Carpenter
- 2 Tom Howard
- 3 Randy Welch
- 4 Leo Zelasko
- 5 Ken Troyer
- 6 Steve Sante
- 7 Marty Sante
- 8 Steve Frew
- 9 Harry Price
- 10 Harold Cranmer
- 11 Dave Anthony
- 12 Chas Lapierre
- 13 Joe O'Brien
- 14 Don Harmon
- 15 Jeff Howard
- 16 Glenn Jevert
- 17 Bob Cranmer
- 18 Ashley Welch

2ND RACE

- Leo Zelasko
- Steve Sante
- Marty Sante
- Bill Carpenter
- Tom Howard
- Don Harmon
- Ken Troyer
- Harry Price
- Randy Welch
- Marty Athanas
- Dave Anthony
- Joe O'Brien
- Steve Frew
- Chas Lapierre
- Howard Cranmer
- Bob Cranmer
- Glenn Jevert
- Ashley Welch

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TRADITIONS

Your Birch Barker is in its 37th year. Chuck Schott, then a young boy started the paper in 1946 and it has been continued thru the years. Chuck has since passed away but his young dream and endeavor has lasted many years. He was assisted from the start by Denny Weesner, Gib Eberhart, Jane Cox, and Martha Enyeart. Bud Zesinger was soon to help out. Four of the above are still very active at Birch Lake. Denny Weesner started as Secretary/Treasurer and has allowed us to copy issue's #2 & #3 for distubution in the next two Barkers. She has issue #1 framed and matted in her cottage. Thank you Denny for these years remembered.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Sunday, July 31 the annual meeting of the Birch Lake Improvement Association was held at the Yacht Club. Officers for the next two years are: Dennis Tudor, Pres.; Hub Getzinger, V. Pres.; Joyce Klimek, Sec.; and John Machalleck, Treas. Bob Ross and John Drolet were elected as directors for two years and Don Erhardt and Chuck Gableman still have a year to serve. Bill King will remain on the board as Past President. Captain Paul Parrish of the Cass County Sheriff's Department explained and demonstrated security measures suggested as ways to make our homes safer from intruders. Since it seems that areas surrounding lakes are the prime targets for felonies in the county; and, since the Sheriff's Department does not have the manpower to adequately project or patrol these areas, it was decided to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Association members will be contacting you and your neighbors to explain this program to you and it is hoped that enough lake residents will want to become involved to make the project work.

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1983 MEN'S GOLF OUTING A SIZZLING EVENT

The men's golf outing on Friday, July 29th, was a sizzling affair in more ways than one. Not only was the temperature near the 100 degree mark but the steady play of Medalist Bud Lovejoy (75) and runner-up Barry Schaar (76) literally burned up the Park Shore Golf Course in Cassopolis, Michigan. All sixty participants welcomed the liquid refreshments served at the course by Frank and Steve Horvath (by now the most popular and well known guys on the lake) from the back of the red Troeger Sheet Metal pick-up truck.

In the evening, after the usual cocktail hour, back at the Yacht Club (where stories were told of this great putt on that spectacular shot etc.) the golfers were joined by ten other lake residents for dinner. Culinary experts Tom and Dave Troeger, Bob King and Kevin and Kurt Kruggel showed their expertise by sizzling to perfection New York strip steaks for all in attendance. No expenses were spared as the committee made special arrangements to have salads prepared by some of the best known gourmet cooks from all corners of the lake. (Thanks to Louise Reith, Helen Weesner, Arlene Machalleck, Barb Zesinger, Denny Weesner, Trudy Claro, Angie Lovejoy, Ginny Stokel, Bev Kruggel and Le King).

Prize winners were:

1st low gross	Bud Lovejoy	75
2nd low gross	Barry Schaar	76
1st low net	Jeff Howard	126 - 55 = 71
2nd low net (4-way tie)	Jack Hornbeck	81 - 9 = 72
	Herm Kruggel	81 - 9 = 72
	Lamar Wallin	82 - 10 = 72
	Larry McKay	121 - 49 = 72
Closest to the pin	Bud Lovejoy / Roy Lawton	
Longest drive	Tim Rink	

Because of the generosity of numerous people all participants were able to receive a door prize. Thanks again to all of the contributors. Also a special thanks to those who showed up (some with red eyes) to help clean up on Saturday morning. They were Frank Horvath, Keith Weesner, Glen and Cathy Jevert and sons, Stan Stokel, Earl Troeger, Bill King and Herm Kruggel.

Bill Carpenter and Terry Montague recorded the golf scores and computed the handicaps which was a great help to the committee. Don Erhardt and Dennis Tudor acted as starters and did a super job. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. We hope we have not overlooked anyone.

Bill King and Herm Kruggel
Co-chairmen

LOST

Lost or Strayed: Beige and Brown 2-man inflatable rubber raft. Please call Bill Arnold & Dvorak 476-2659

Lost: Around 4th of July 6" dia by 18" long boat bumper. Call Larsons on east side if you have found one.

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REMINDERS

Birch Lake Directories are for sale for \$2.00 each.

Make your reservations for boat storage with Frank Horvath (PH 2750) \$3.00 per ft on a first come basis.

If you have anyone beginning college or a wedding to report write it up for the Barker!

The Yacht Club will accept any Memorial Fund donation as set up a few years ago. The funds can go to the general fund or be designated for specific use per the donors request.

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BIRCH LAKE NEWS

The John O'Brien's - N250 - were happy to welcome again their 2 grandchildren from Phoenix. Kelly and Toby Mullane. Kelly is a junior counselor at Camp Eberhart, her 10th year, and Toby is a senior camper.

Also very welcome are Ann Bourke and Kathleen Carroll. The 2 girls are friends of the O'Brien's from O'Brien's Bridge, County Clare, Ireland, and are on their first visit to the U.S. They will be at Birch Lake for 1 more week as you read this. Any Irishman-or anyone else-who would like to talk to them in Gaelk, come on over!

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THANK YOU

My thanks this week goes out to Herm Kruggel and Bill King for setting up and running a terrific golf outing. Also, thanks to the many people who helped them out. Thanks again Herm and Bill for a great outing.

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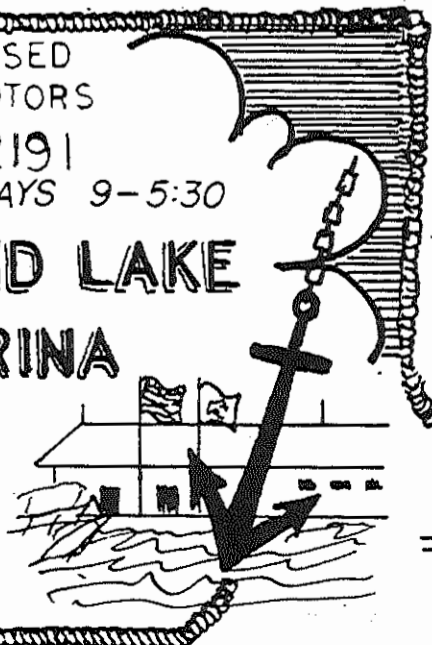
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