

# THE BIRCH BARKER



July 7, 1984  
Issue #5

## Birch Lake Yacht Club

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

July is here already as we enter the second month of our Birch Lake summer. Most of us have our work done, cottages in shape and are beginning to do more entertaining of relatives and friends. Let's remember to advise our guests of the boating rules and to be very cautious in their swimming habits so we may have a safe and accident free summer.

We have some social activities planned for your enjoyment and hope you will take advantage of them as the greater the participation, the more fun for everyone.

The response to my request for special donations for the fireworks fund has been very gratifying and I would like to thank the following donors who made the display possible.

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I hope I have not overlooked any contributor and will list next week those who gave after this issue went to press.

Herm Kruggel, Commodore

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 8, DIRECTORS' MEETING - 8:30 A.M. (Indiana time) at the Yacht Club.

Saturday, July 14, SQUARE DANCE - 8:00 P.M. (Indiana time) at the Yacht Club.

REMINDER - Join us for the Square Dance on July 14th at the Yacht Club at 8:00 P.M. (Indiana time) and bring a friend or two. Bert Mahnesmith, famous South Bend/Michiana Caller, will provide the music and teach the calls as we dance. This avoids collisions and banged heads and you will leave the dance with an education in square dancing besides having one heck of a lot of fun. See you there. \$1.00 admission and we will have a cash bar.

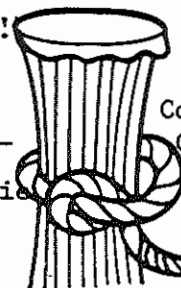
Wednesday, July 25, LADIES LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW - 12:30 P.M. (Indiana time) (Cocktails 12:00 to 12:30 P.M.) Diamond Harbor Inn. This year we will be enjoying a buffet luncheon at Diamond Harbor Inn, along with the latest in fashions from The Four Seasons dress shop. Our own Birch Lake models will be displaying a variety of clothes for all ages and occasions. Guests are most welcome. Come early and enjoy a cocktail. For ticket information call either Denny (2569) or Le (2128).

Donations for door prizes would be greatly appreciated!  
Lee King and Denny Weesner, Co-chairmen

Friday, July 27, MEN'S GOLF OUTING - Park Shore Golf  
Dinner at the Yacht Club - Bill King and Bernie Weesner, Co-

Friday, August 3, DANCE AT THE YACHT CLUB - Bob & Gertie  
Co-chairmen.

Saturday, August 4, BIRCH LAKE TRIATHLON - Bill Carpenter, Chairman.



Course -  
Chairmen.

Temple -

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The 4th of July celebration was perfectly ended by the brilliant fireworks display. The night was warm and starfilled and the lake reflected beautifully the bright colors of the fireworks and the lights of the many boats. The finale was certainly spectacular! A special thanks to our new residents, the Krings, for the use of their land. Everyone appreciates your generosity. Also thanks to the Newberg-Porter Fire Dept. who stood by to insure our safety.

**\*\* SUNFISH RACING NEWS \*\***

The July 4th Regatta was great. Although the winds were classified as "subject to change without notice" they were tolerable and all in all it was a pretty nice week end for racing. So nice to have Howard Haines and Tim Burchell out sailing with us again. The first six place finishers for the regatta were:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Dave Troegger | 4. Mike Machalleck |
| 2. Howard Haines | 5. Marty Sante     |
| 3. Randy Welch   | 6. Steve Sante     |

A special thanks to Tom Howard for maning the committee boat. As much as Tom enjoys sailboat racing this is quite a sacrifice for him to make so that the rest of us could enjoy sailing.

Dues is due- Please get your \$15 sailing fee to Marty or Steve Sante a.s.a.p.

Don't Forget- Couples Sailing Race on August 12. A handicap system will be used so that any class boat may be used. Details at a later date.

**\*\* RACE RESULTS FOR 7-1-84 \*\***

SAILOR	FINISH RACE #	FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
		1	2	3	4	5			
BILL CARPENTER	2	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	3	1521	1526.7
JIM COOK	16	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	1	0	851
HAROLD CRANMER	14	11	8	12	7	13	7	4770	994.5
MIKE GOTSTEIN	9	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	0	1254
CLEM HAINES		DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	-
DON HARMON	10	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	6	3	1225	1240
JEFF HOWARD	7	3	2	6	9	9	8	6238	1346.5
CHAS LAPIERRE	13	9	9	10	DNS	DNS	6	3009	1045
MIKE MACHALLECK	3	4	3	7	5	3	7	6709	1430.9
JOE O'BRIEN	15	DNS	DNS	9	11	DNS	6	1924	865.2
DAVE OLSON	12	DNS	7	8	8	7	6	4490	1171.3
JEFF OLSON	9	8	5	11	12	12	5	4967	1261.2
KENT SANTE	11	10	12	5	6	8	9	5412	1213.7
MARTY SANTE	4	6	4	4	3	5	9	6703	1395.9
STEVE SANTE	6	7	10	3	2	4	8	6451	1358.6
TROEGGER'S	1	1	1	2	1	1	9	7921	1655.1
KEN TROYER	8	5	11	13	10	11	8	5041	1271.4
RANDY WELCH	5	2	6	1	4	10	7	6676	1383.9

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BIRCH LAKE SOCIAL NEWS

A SPECIAL THANKS

A very special Thank you to my good friends, John & Loretta Drolet and John & Dorothy Parnell for lending me their typewriter to type up the social pages of our Birch Barker!! If it were not for their kindness my duty as "Ace Reporter" would be much more tedious!

To Claudia:

A great big "Thank You" goes to Claudia Gableman for faithfully leading our Birch Lake ladies to Aerobic fitness! Her professional instruction in our 9:30 am daily classes has fostered a lot of enthusiasm and since she has put it all on tape, our class will continue on for the rest of the summer in a semi-professional way. There have been 30 or more participating at this time. We can't all be there everyday, but we've had as many as 22 in one session. Great!! Monday, July 9th, is Claudias' last time with us, so after class we will have a coffee in her honor to bid her a fond farwell until next year. See you all there-

Thelma Koontz

BABYSITTERS

Please get out your list of available babysitters and add another one to it! Jill Hammes, age 13, 476-2073, would like to do some sitting .

WORDS OF WISDOM

\*This issue of concern has been brought to my attention by a resident, please their request. There are several areas around the lake where the road ends and becomes grassy in front of residents' cottages. These residents' are asking that anyone riding a bike around the lake to please get off and walk their bike across the grass in front of their cottages. Thank you all for being thoughtful enough to heed their request.

\*Here is another area for concern from some of our lake residents. We ask that you all use good judgement and common sense when you are doing any leaf or trash burning. Remember to check the wind direction, time of the day, and what it is you are burning so that you take care not to have smelly smoke or ashes blowing into your neighbors' windows or doors. Living at Birch Lake is a privilege and pleasure so lets try and keep it happy and safe all summer long! Thank you all for your help with this!

\*Last week I ran a notice to all bike riders to obey the rules of the road and be careful & considerate to the cars using the road also. Well now I feel I must say something about cars being considerate of bike riders, especially young riders just learning the rules of safety. As experienced drivers of a car we must heed small bikers on the road, remembering that they startle easily, frighten easily, and could veer in front of your car if you drive too fast past them or honk at them. So please, for the sake of all our young bikers on the road for the summer, SLOW DOWN and drive with CAUTION AND CARE. These lives are too precious to snuff out.

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: You name it, we got it. Priced to sell- everything must go. There is a garage full & still alot more! Come early and stay late, 63049 Birch Lake Rd. Klappauf's , on Friday, July 6th and sat. July 7th.

DONT'T FORGET the Westside garage sale on Saturday, July 7th at the driveway of A.R. Reith on the Westside. There will be many different families participating in this, with not just non-edibles to sell!! Starts at 9am , Ind. time, so come and join the fun on the Westside!

FOR SALE - Hobie 16 full cover (Hobie Halter) never used, still in box. Also Bridle Tell Tale. \$125.00 for both - Harlan, Cottage 50, 476-9714.

FOR SALE - Electric dryer, works fine - \$15.00. Sponge rubber mattress for double bed, good condition - \$10.00. Call Keith Weesner, 476-2569.

FOR SALE - Shore station and canopy with wheels. Best offer. Call Buzz or Linda Rasmussen; 616-476-2021 or 219-258-0115.

## NEWS TIDBITS

\*Grandpa Bowers, at #307 has finished putting on a new deck on the pontoon and had a "splash-in" just in time for the family to celebrate the July 4th weekend. It was wonderful watching the fireworks, lighting up the sky and reflecting beautiful colors in the water as we drank lemonade and ate a big bowl of popcorn on the new deck!

Grandpa and Brandma Bowers have returned to the lake after helping with their Bible School for a week. Their son, Paul, and his wife, Betty, are now in New Hampshire but will be back in August for a much needed vacation at their favorite lake in Michigan!

\* Sally Everett has a Real talent!! She paints the meaniest mailbox on Birch Lake! Sally, your unique talent won't be wasted on the Westside residents as we will admire your beautiful mailbox constantly!!

\* There is more talent on the Westside! We can boast of an amateur hair stylist amidst us. I've seen her at work at the Dortha Cranmer home, "practicing" on her father, Harold Cranmer. Julie may not practice hair styling as a profession but she deserves praise!

## SUPER SNOOP'S SCOOP of the week!

Hey B.J.W., your speedboat is so nice & quiet! . . . . Brad Walker sure enjoys going for a nice leisurely boat ride after putting in a hard day of work. . . too bad his gas gauge doesn't work! According to him Nancy used the "loads" of gas he put in to go "joyriding" during the week! Ha Ha

## RECEIPE OF THE WEEK

Family tired of hamburgers? Then try this for a change!

**\*\*MUSHROOM BURGERS:** 1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms or 1 can (4 oz.) mushrooms...3 TBS butter or margarine...1½ lb. ground beef...2 tsp. salt... 2 tsp. finely chopped onion...1 tsp. powdered mustard...¼ tsp. ground black pepper...dash instant garlic powder...Using fresh mushrooms (approx. ½ lb) cook 3 minutes in 3 TBS butter. Using canned mushrooms, drain and saute in same manner. Remove mushrooms from skillet with a slotted spoon and combine with remaining ingredients along with 1 egg. Mix lightly and form into 6 patties. Grill on medium to low grill that has been brushed with oil, turning to brown both sides until desired doneness. Yield: 4 to 6 servings. Good in bun that has been browned or plain!

## TIPS FOR A PEST-FREE PICNIC

\*\* Mix one cup sugar and ½ tsp. carbaryl (an insecticide available at garden centers) with sufficient water to form a thin syrup. Divide syrup into a few pie tins, away from but surrounding your picnic area. The pests will be more attracted to the sweet syrup than to your goodies. Or mix sugar and water into a paste. (insects will feed on this but may still stray over to your picnic)

\*\* Citronella candles emit a sharp odor that repels all types of insects. If you're picnicing at a table, place the candles on the table and under it as well. The scent rises and prevents mosquitoes from biting your legs.

REMINSCE. . . . . excerpted from a Sept. 6, 1970 article by Floyd Fulmer.

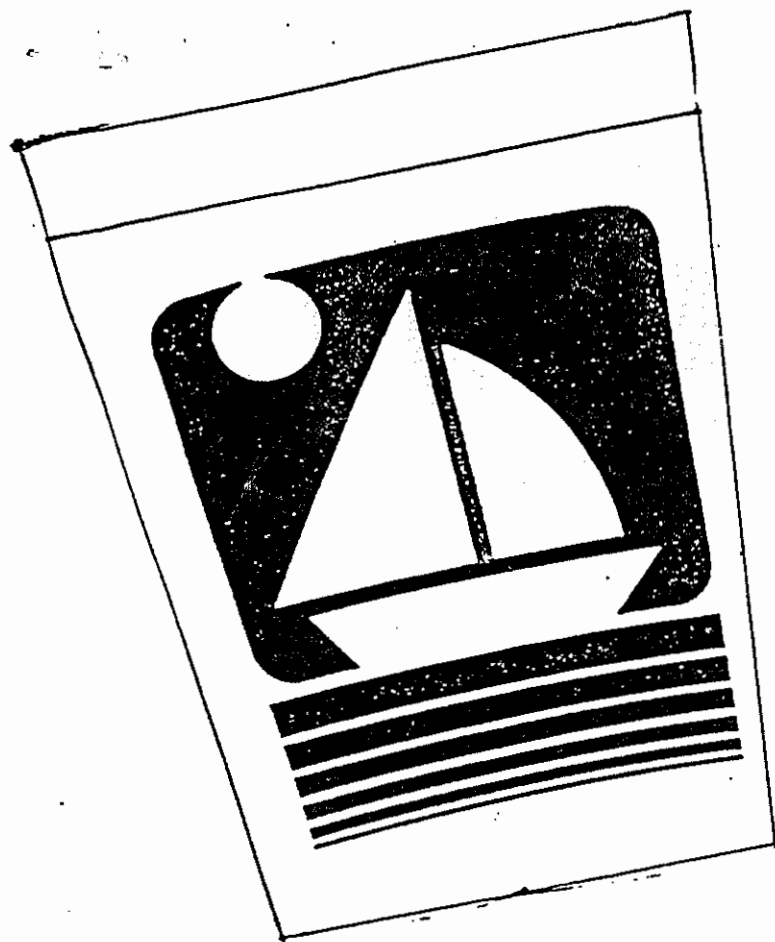
Birch Lake conservation club was organized more than a quarter of a century ago. Monthly meetings were held in various homes. Through the efforts of this early organization, Birch Lake was made an experimental lake with a resident conservationist working in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and the University of Michigan. Trout were introduced to the lake but after several years, it was found that they were detrimental to the natural fish of the lake-- Bass, Bluegills, Perch, etc-- and after several years they were discontinued. Fishing improved!!

As the population of the lake increased, other interests besides fishing developed, such as boating and swimming; the name of the Club was changed to Birch Lake Community Club. Sailboats appeared on the scene. The first organized sailboat races were held here about 25 years ago.

The name of the organization was next changed to Birch Lake Yacht Club and the clubhouse was built on land donated by the Howard's and financed by subscriptions ranging from \$5 to \$500. With the new club house, Bingo and dancing became popular. Travel and fishing films were shown, melon feasts and ice cream socials were enjoyed by all.

The Birch Barker made its appearance about this same time. Three issues were printed the first year with only a couple of pages. The first annual Birch Lake Dinner was held at the Mishawaka Conservation Club in 1950 with 135 attending.

Stay tuned for more "old times" in next weeks' Barker!!!



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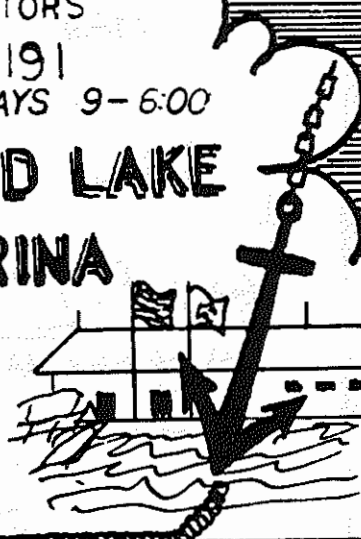
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