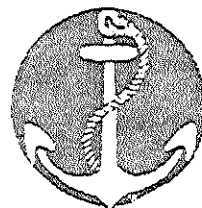


THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

July 21, 1984
Issue #7

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

What a great time we have at Birch Lake. Not only can we enjoy nature's gifts of the beautiful lake with its swimming, boating and fishing, but we can also have fun with our friends and neighbors at the Yacht Club. The square dance held there last Saturday night was a great success and more than sixty were in attendance. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Thanks to Bruce and Juanita Harlan for arranging this party. Also thanks to Frank Horvath, Tom Howard, John Ball and Roy Henderson for their help during the evening.

Fireworks contributions have continued to be received and I would like to offer my thanks to the following additional donors - *Doolittle, Dunlap, Everett and Toth.

We still have many exciting events planned for the remainder of the summer and I hope you will enjoy and participate in them. It is lots of fun to meet and mingle with your other lake friends.

Herm Kruggel, Commodore

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 25 - LADIES LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW - 12:30 P.M. (Indiana time) cocktails 12:00 to 12:30 P.M., Diamond Harbor Inn - \$6.50. REMINDER - This is your last chance to buy tickets. Please get a group together and buy your tickets by Sunday from Denny Weesner (2569), Le King (2128) - Co-Chairmen. Bev Kruggel (2169) also has tickets.

Friday, July 27 - MEN'S GOLF OUTING - Those of you who are playing, please call Bill King (2128) for your tee-off time. Bill would also appreciate it if you would pay him in advance this week-end to save a lot of confusion at the golf course. He would also like to have the door prizes by this Sunday.

Saturday and Sunday, July 28 & 29 - MICHIANA OPEN SUNFISH REGATTA at Diamond Lake. Let's have a good showing from Birch Lake!

Friday, August 3 - RECORD DANCE - 8:00 P.M. (Indiana time) - Bob and Gertie Temple, Co-Chairmen. On the night before the Birch Lake Triathlon, our very own disc jockey, Shelley Kruggel, will entertain with records from the 40's to the 80's. Jitterbug, polka, twist, rock and roll, break, disco, waltz, watch or listen to the Big Band Sound! Meet and greet your Birch Lake athletes. There will be a cash bar.

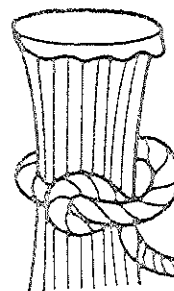
Saturday, August 4 - BIRCH LAKE TRIATHLON - Bill Carpenter, Chairman. Please complete the entry form which was in last week's Barker, and get to Bill together with the fee by this weekend.

Sunday, August 12 - COUPLE'S RACE - Marty Sante, Chairman.

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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING THE BIRCH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Birch Lake Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, July 24 at 7:00 P.M. (Indiana time) at the Yacht Club. Dennis Tudor, President, says all members are requested to attend and all others are invited.



** SUNFISH RACING NEWS **

Sunday was a fine day for racing and the competition was stiff. Dave Troeger continues to sail well and with a 1st and 2nd remains in 1st place. Mike Machalleck has moved into 3rd place with a 4th and 1st place finish. Our younger racers are doing quite well with Jeff Howard in 6th place and Steve Sante in 7th. The remaining junior sailors, Chas. LaPierre and Jeff Olson, are doing very well considering the short length of time they have been racing.

Brief comment about fouls since they are almost inevitable during the course of a race. If you foul another boat it is assumed that on your honor you will turn your boat through two complete circles (720°) sometime before the next mark. The fouled boat does not have the option to decide if the boat committing the foul should suffer the penalty or not.

It won't be long until we start our August series. Those in the top ten positions as of the end of July are removed from August series competition. Racers in 11 through 18 position at that time will compete, with trophies going to those that finish in the top positions for the month.

** RACE RESULTS FOR 7-15-84**

SAILOR		FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
		1	2	3	4	5			
BILL CARPENTER	2	DNS	DNS				3	-	1526.7
HAROLD CRANMER	16	12	9				11	1865	1036.9
MIKE GOTSTEIN	8	3	3				6	2888	1385
CLEM HAINES	17	DNS	DNS				2	-	1018.5
DON HARMON	9	9	12				7	1865	1300.8
JEFF HOWARD	6	2	4				10	2890	1402.2
CHAS LAPIERRE	13	DNS	DNS				7	-	1060.6
MIKE MACHALLECK	3	4	1				10	2969	1479.1
JOE O'BRIEN	15	DNS	11				8	900	1037.6
DAVE OLSON	12	DNS	DNS				8	-	1201.6
JEFF OLSON	14	DNS	DNS				7	-	1045.4
HARRY PRICE	18	10	13				4	1745	863.2
K. SANTE / F. WELCH	11	7	7				11	2312	1239.5
MARTY SANTE	5	6	6				13	2450	1438.9
STEVE SANTE	7	5	5				12	2592	1398.5
TROEGER'S	1	1	2				11	3121	1674.8
KEN TROYER	10	11	8				12	1989	1256.1
RANDY WELCH	4	DNS	DNS				9	-	1450.1

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HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!! Sunfish sailboat - \$250. 15 foot Venture Cat Catamaran - \$650. See both at John O'Brien's. Northside #250 - 476-2126.

Welcome back to Birch Lake for the weekend! Those of you residents that didn't put on your dancing shoes and meet us all at the Yacht Club for some Do-si-do-ing last Saturday night missed a good thing!! Other than the heat (which was slightly unbearable, especially when some of "us" wouldn't share the fans!) we all whooped it up and had a terrific time! By the time the evening was over; Bill Holleman had figured out which was his left hand, (so he could quit messing us all up!); Bill King had Do-si-do-ed himself completely out; Bernie Weesner was not only doing the Texas Star, but was also seeing some "stars" ; and Bill Carpenter was not only Alamand-lefting but also Alamand-righting to all the music!! What fun we all had!

Party Time!

JUNIORS - age 12-16. Mark your calendar for Sat. Aug. 4. Dance and some good times at the Yacht Club. It will be 8 - 10 pm Ind. time. Watch the Barker for more details so you be sure not to miss this fun event!

LADIES LUNCHEON

Ladies, please mark Your calendar for Aug. 8 to attend the Luncheon at our Yacht Club. This luncheon will be a bring in Salad, with wine being served, and I am going to bring some of my Homeade Bread!

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

When I hear about a couple that has been married for a very long time I am suitably impressed - I only hope I can make it to (?)10 years!

Congratulations go to Leslie and Margaret Jensen for 58 great Years!!

Best Wishes go also to John and Arline Machalleck for 44 fantastic Years!

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Today is the last day of the Cassopolis Summer Festival where the merchants have their sale items , along with booths of crafts and other items to sell.

Dowiagiak will have its Summer Sidewalk Days during July 26,27,28, if anyone is interested in browsing through Dowiagiak!!

TALL TALES

Super Snoop continues. . . not only did our "Scoop of the Week" have a "happy ending" but this week its turned into a "Fairy Tale" (only Fairy Tales can end this good!). As you know C. Fortino got his wallet back, but there was much \$\$ missing, presumed floating in Birch Lake, but not anymore!! Chuck was in 7th heaven after a phone call Monday from Carl Burket, on the Eastshore, who had found a "Jack pot" of floating money near his pier! Of course he knew the owner (Chuck had his name on all his money!).!! Thank you to all Birch Lake residents for assisting Chuck last week !

Newsy News

It wasn't a very tough decision for the "Everett" girls to make as they decided to take off for Cedar Point & Breakers Hotel for a 3 day fun packed vacation! "Mom" & "Dad" Everett took their "girls", Melanie, Amy, & Beth (?) to Cedar Point to celebrate summer vacation- what makes such nice memories!

"We live expensively to impress people who live expensively to impress us."

*July 22, Sunday, River Bend Pops Band, Eddie Jerrett, Director, will be at the Potawatomi Park Band Shell at 7 pm Ind. time.

*Deck fever has hit the South Side. The Hammes' and the Coxes are in a contest to see who can come up with the cleverest design.

Jane Cox Staton and her friend Dani Pfaff of Shelbyville have been mixing business with pleasure while working on a program for elementary Social Studies focusing on early Indiana history.

Other July guest at the Coxes were granddaughter, Beth Staton and friend Jenny Martin of Carmel and Jim Cox of Brooklyn, N.Y.

*Mike Tindall of San Francisco is enjoying a visit with the Hammes' this summer. Mike celebrated his 14th birthday on Saturday when the whole family went to the Demolition Derby in South Bend. Linda's cousin, Penny and 2 yr. old son, Eric, of Chicago Heights, came to do some cherry picking at the Corey Lake Orchard. Penny, Mike, and Linda picked 64 lbs. of cherries! We are all looking forward to a winter of tasty cherry treats!!

**TIP - To prevent stuffed (deviled) eggs from sliding on the serving platter, use a touch of filling to anchor the eggs to the plate!

"Summer is here, that means Vacation costs. Fall brings school expenses, winter means Christmas gifts, and in Spring its Income Taxes. What we need is a season thats free!!

The Ladies Guild of the United Presbyterian Church of Cass held their meeting at Arline Machalleck's with Peg Murdock, assisting hostess, on Tuesday afternoon. Hot as it was, the beauty of the lake was enjoyed by all and brought many fond memories and stories out as we enjoyed some refreshments. Hazel Ritchie gave an interesting talk on her recent visit to England, her homeland for many years, highlighting it with the sampling of delicious chocolates she brought back. Arline is chairman of the WAYS & MEANS committee and has their products at her cottage, #51 S., year round. Pure vanilla, flavorings & spices, a super good dishcloth, cards & paper products, folding scissors, lighted flashlight, vine wreaths and many other items are available. She'd be happy to show them to you at anytime!

QUIPS AND QUIRKS - The "Tooth" Business must be getting slow as Doc Toth has turned to selling "Used Cars" (mostly to unsuspecting victims!)

**After hearing this at the Square Dance, there are some people on the Lake that are breathing easier now!! Bud Zessinger has been competing in some various 10 k races around our area, last weekend he was in on in Bristol and did very well indeed! But alas it seems that Bud may be otherwise occupied and will not be able to compete in the B.L. Triathlon, now that really narrows down the competition somewhat!

**Hey Kids try this trick out! Go along the roadside and find some Queen Annes' Lace, which is really a weed that grows wild along the side of the road, and then put some water with a few drops of food coloring in a glass jar. Set the stems of these weeds in the colored water and watch what happens to the white flower on top! Magic!!

BACK IN TIME AT BIRCH LAKE . . .

"Under the waters of Birch Lake southeast of Vandalia may rest one of the key elements of the famous "Kentucky Raid" of 1847 when a band of slave owners invaded Cass County in an attempt to recapture their human chattel.

Near the end of the explosive incident-which had both political and social implications-Quaker abolitionists pushed the wagon used by the Kentuckians in their slave hunt into the north end of Birch Lake.

"As far as anyone knows" said 86 year old Thurlow Carter, whose Quaker ancestors were involved in the Kentucky confrontation, "no one has ever pulled it up".

At the shores of Birch Lake: "There may not be anything new under the sun, but theres' a lot more of it showing on the lake!".

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

7 Layered Salad

1 head of lettuce, shredded	2 cups Hellman's mayo
1 cup diced celery	2 tbs. sugar
1/2 cup finely chopped onion	
1 pkg. frozen green peas	
1 can water chestnuts	

This salad is an excellent salad to prepare when you know you will be having the company the next day!!

Mix all ingred. except mayo, cover with mayo. Let marinate overnite, or 3-4 hours. Top with : (before serving)
1/2 c. bacon, fried crisp & crumbled
1 c. shredded mozzarella cheese
1 cup fresh tomato slices
Sliced, hard-boiled eggs

COMPANY COMPANY COMPANY!!

The Dvorak cottage is full to the Rim ! Its' a good thing that Louise has "level" houses- but we noticed that all this company must WORK for their ROOM and Board!!

Speaking of Work. . . we live next door to a Workacottageholic ! Sitting on my deck, sipping iced tea, I watch the Rogers' family work, work, work! I must admit that all this work seems to be paying off, their lawn and cottage do have a Spit-n-shine!!

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The swim will start at Welch's cottage and go to Carpenter's. The area will be inside the rafts so water depth will not be a problem. Boats will be in the area for assistance if needed. Bikes will be along the road behind Carpenter's. The ride will go to the public beach, then up the hill following Birch Rd. to Shavehead Rd. Down Shavehead to Robbins Lake Rd. which will be the turn around point. The ride will end at the top of the hill on Birch Rd. Safety is the main concern on bikes. There will be no sprinting or passing until we leave the lake. The transition area to running will be at the top of the hill. The run will go along the east shore, turn around at Kiloqua Rd., around the turnaround on the south shore, then finish at the Yacht Club.

Entry fee: Individual - \$10.00
Relay team - \$20.00

Categories: Individual - Person performs all three events.

Relay team - Male, female, mixed, and family. Each member performs a separate leg (swim, bike, run)

Awards: All individuals and relay teams will receive a shirt along with post race refreshments. Top female & male, and age group winners will receive awards. Age groups will be determined upon entries. Awards to be given out at conclusion of race at the Yacht Club.

Special Instructions:

1. Swimmers may wear goggles. Flootation devices may be worn if needed.
2. Cyclists to stay on right of course at all times. Bikes should be in good working condition.
3. Water stations will be located along the running course.
4. Safety should be everyone's top priority. A serious injury would hamper the enjoyment of this event. We are out there to win but also to enjoy!

PLEASE REPLY EARLY

Birch Lake Triathlon Entry Form

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Mailing address _____

AC/Phone _____

Individual: _____ \$10.00

Make checks payable to; Birch lake Yacht Club

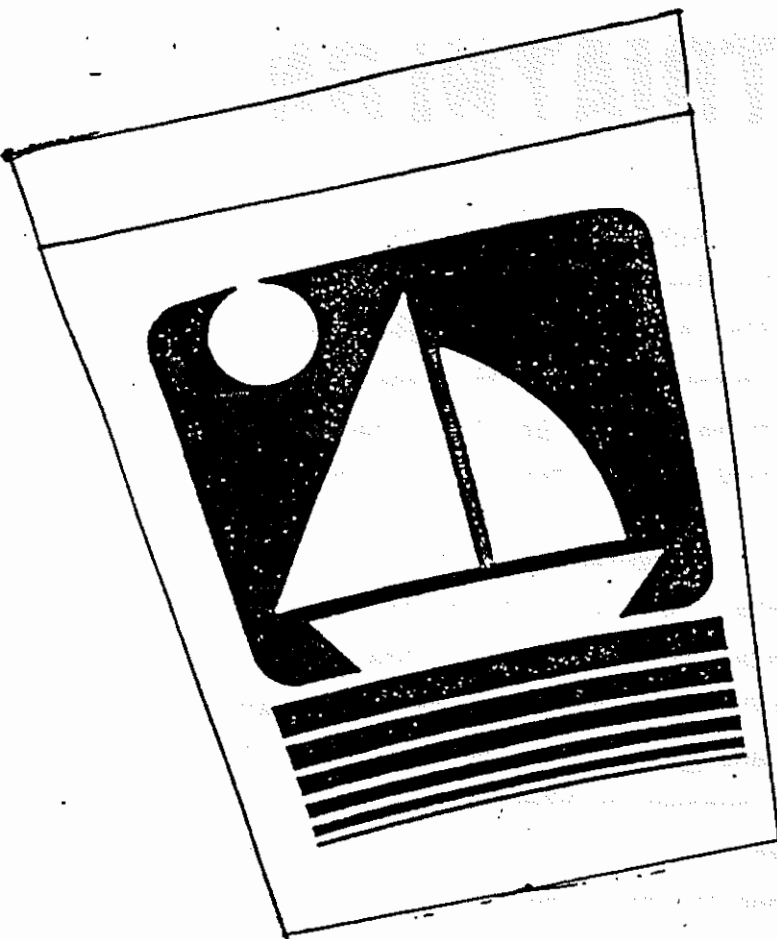
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