

THE BIRCH BARKER



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Birch Lake Yacht Club

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The Labor Day weekend always brings a feeling of sadness to us as it marks the end of summer, closing of the cottages, and leaving our summer friends. However, we are joyous that the summer was especially wonderful, providing us with such lovely weekends, and cool nights for sleeping. We should all be happy and thankful that it was a safe and sound summer at Birch Lake as we know of no major accidents occurring.

This weekend also brings to an end my term serving as your Commodore. It has been an eventful summer and I am pleased to have achieved our goal of completing arrangements for our new roof improvement. All of these things could not have been accomplished without the wonderful help I had from my committee chairmen, directors and officers. A great big "thank you" to those of you who undertook the responsibility of being chairman of one of our special parties, dances or other special event. Fleet captains, Marty and Steve Sante helped greatly by providing the sailing news and standing each week. Sherry Holleman worked hard in her job as social news editor of the Barker and always provided us with interesting articles on time. Fran Welch very efficiently handled the tough job of distribution of the Barkers. Helen Weesner, Secretary and Lynn Schaar, Treasurer were very helpful and pleasant to work with in the discharge of their duties. Randy Welch, Vice Commodore, was always available and willing to help in the administration of the Club. He took complete responsibility in organizing and running the very successful annual dinner. Again, thanks to all of you for your wonderful support.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank my wife, Beverly, for all of her help and support during the year acting as my special helper and assistant. Communicating to you in the Barker was made much easier with her help.

Please continue to support your new Commodore, Randy Welch, in 1985 as you did me and help make the Yacht Club even greater. Randy will be a very competent Commodore as he has the interest of the Birch Lake Community at heart.

Herm Kruggel, Commodore

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ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

The Annual Dinner and membership meeting on August 25 was attended by 110 people.

The exciting announcement was made that our Building Improvement Fund Drive was off to a good start by the generous contributions of \$2,500 from Ernie and Jane Nagy and \$500 from John and Nadine Brown. Subsequently several other members made contributions bringing the total amount received to approximately \$4,000. We hope contributions will continue to be received as the cost of our building improvement is about \$7,500. Please give them to Herm Kruggel or Randy Welch or mail them to Lynn Schaar, Treasurer, 112 South Vine Street, Elkhart, Indiana 46514. Recognition of all donors will be made in next year's Birch Barker.

The Commodore's Award for 1984 was presented to John and Arlene Machalleck for long outstanding service to the Yacht Club. Residents since 1953, they have always supported Yacht Club activities. John is a past Commodore, they have helped with the Birch Barker and been chairmen of many events at the Club.

The election of officers was held following dinner and your new officers are:

Randy Welch - Commodore	Helen Weesner - Secretary
Mike Machalleck - Vice Commodore	Lynn Schaar - Treasurer

Adding to our hold over directors, Ken Everett, Bud Zessinger, Dan Reynolds, Bill Carpenter and Earl Troeger were elected to serve on the board for a three year term.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday, September 1st and 2nd - SUNFISH REGATTA. The final regatta for 1984.

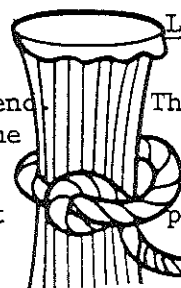
MC LABOR DAY REGATTA will be held on the Labor Day weekend and time is yet to be determined. Contact Earl Troeger (Phone details.

LABOR DAY

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UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

Monday, September 3rd - TROPHY PRESENTATION at the Yacht Club - 10:00 A.M. Indiana time). Coffee and donuts will be served.

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BOAT STORAGE - At the Yacht Club, \$3.00 per foot. Reservations can be made on a first come, first served basis and must be accompanied by a check payable to the Yacht Club. Contact Frank Horvath (Cottage 34) Phone 476-2750.

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SUNFISH RACING NEWS- Last Sunday was a beautiful day to end our regular season races. Fourteen sailors went out to race with some of the top positions for the season up for grabs. In the first race, Dave Troeger finished 1st with Steve Sante an extremely close 2nd and Dave Olson 3rd. The second race was won by Marty Sante (his first win ever) with Dave Troeger 2nd and Don Harmon 3rd.

CONGRATULATIONS- to the B.L.Y.C. Sunfish Racing Champion for 1984, Dave Troeger. Also, hearty congratulations to runner-up Mike Machalleck. Other top finishers for this season are: Steve Sante 3rd, Marty Sante 4th & Randy Welch 5th.

AUGUST SERIES WINNERS:

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| 1. Steve Sante | 2. Don Harmon | 3. Mike Gotstein |
| 4. Chas. LaPierre | 5. Jeff Olson | 6. Dave Olson |

THANKS-to Tom Howard and Fran Welch for running the committee boat all season. You worked so that the rest of us could enjoy racing. Thanks to my sons Kent and Steve and wife Doris for helping with the scoring, etc. And thanks to Earl Troeger for alertly using his MC for the committee boat when he saw the regular boat was stalled and unable to get into position at the finish line for the end of the second race last Sunday. But most of all, thanks to all the sailors that took part in the races this year. We have a thriving fleet of racers here at Birch Lake and I know this will continue next year and for years to come. Thank you all for helping make Birch Lake a great place to be.

TROPHY PRESENTATION- at the Yacht Club at 10:00 Ind. time on Monday, Sept. 3rd. Refreshments will be served (coffee, donuts & o.j.).

Marty Sante & Steve Sante
Fleet Captains

TODAY:

LABOR DAY REGATTA- Saturday and Sunday Sept. 1st and 2nd. We'll sail three races Sat. afternoon starting at 2:00 Ind. time and two races on Sunday starting at 10:30.

** RACE RESULTS FOR 8-26-84 **

SAILOR	FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
	1	2	3	4	5			
BILL CARPENTER	*	DNS	DNS			5	-	1588
HAROLD CRANMER	12	11	8			20	1989	1066.1
MIKE GOTSTEIN	8	14	12			15	1569	1375.9
CLEM HAINES	*	DNS	DNS			2	-	1018.5
DON HARMON	7	10	3			16	2405	1392.3
JEFF HOWARD	6	6	9			19	2249	1426.8
CHAS LAPIERRE	*	7	4			14	2525	1188.1
MIKE MACHALLEK	2	9	DNS			16	1024	1482.9
JOE O'BRIEN	*	DNS	DNS			14	-	1089.8
DAVE OLSON	10	3	13			15	2228	1261.8
JEFF OLSON	*	12	5			14	2137	1151.7
HARRY PRICE	*	DNS	DNS			4	-	870.8
F.WELCH / K.SANTE	9	13	6			15	2009	1261.9
MARTY SANTE	4	5	1			22	2896	1454.6
STEVE SANTE	3	2	7			19	2677	1464.1
DAVE TROEGER	1	1	2			17	3121	1717.6
KEN TROYER	11	8	11			21	1989	1236.9
RANDY WELCH	5	4	10			15	2330	1439.2
ASHLEY WELCH	*	DNS	DNS			11	-	1082.2
* Did not complete 2/3 of this seasons races								

THE BIRCH BARKER, FROM THE SHORES OF BIRCH LAKE!

Well everyone, this is the last weekend that many of you will be spending at Birch Lake for the Summer of 1984..... it seems the summer went to fast, but what a beautiful one we had this year!! This certainly was a summer to remember, if only for the weathers' sake!

RECIPES RECIPES RECIPES!!!

Don't forget to get those recipes together- you can send them to me all through the fall and winter if you don't have time now to copy them off--- BUT don't forget to do it!! Jot this reminder down to take home with you & write off some of your families favorites for our Birch Lake Cookbook!!

Speaking of recipes-- I have a fantastic TACO CHIP DIP that is guarenteed to please all of your upcoming guests for this coming Labor Day holiday!! Serve this dip with Taco Chips, or Tortilla Chips for a great combination!

- Layer: Frito Bean Dip
- Layer this Quacamole Dip
- mixture on a 8 oz. Sour Cream
- serving tray, or Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- small flat plate Chopped Tomato - seed it first
- with sides! Sliced green or ripe olives

VANDALISM

This is just a reminder for the residents of the lake to be aware that there seems to be some frequent vandalism that has been occurring around Birch Lake, especially noted on the East (by North) side, the West end, and The Southside by the turnaround. There has been reported some minor break-ins, some mailbox vandalism, and other such acts occurring. Please keep a good watch on your property, and even your neighbors if that is possible.

FALL DINNER

The Annual Fall Dinner at the Yacht Club was a smashing success this year, as it has been in the past years!! The food was excellent, abundant, and the company interesting to be with! Some of the noteables of the evening were:

- **Rumor has it that Bernie Weesner threatened to not give the permit for the Yacht Club new roof if he didn't get to eat FIRST!!
- **Earl Troeger was seen "Bribing" the Commador to eat as #3 table.....
- **Herm Kruggel was busy pulling numbers' for the dinner line... amid the applause and the groans....
- **Herm Kruggel call his own number so conveniently as 4th..... someone was pretty hungry!
- **Brad Walker got so excited over having his table number called that he accused his tablemates of spilling his drink...twice.....??
- **This night was also the 45th Wedding Anniversary of John & Odessa Murphy, Congratulations to you both, hope you share many, many, more together!
- **Kara Hague received 1st place trophy for the couples' sailing(she accepted it for her part in the "couple"!)
- **Ashly Welch received (accepted) the 1st place Handicapped sailing trophy, I couldn't catch what her handicap really was!
- **Fran Welch accepted the 2nd place trophy, with Randy as her crew, (now that was probably her handicap!)
- **The Commador award of the year was gived to John & Arline Machalleck, who were truly deserving of this award for all the things that they have done for the Yacht Club!!
- **If a Kiss is worth \$2,500.00, what is \$5,000.00 worth?? says Bernie Weesner (concerning a donation towards the new roof)
- **Helen Weesner says she will donate \$50.00-- with or without Bernie (who says he won't be kissed!!!) (by the Commador!)

WANTED: Boy or girl to walk small dog after school at suppertime. 5 Days a week, \$5.00 per week. See Mrs. Varga, cottage 26, 476-2522.

FOR SALE: BUNK BEDS complete with mattresses for \$40.00. Contact the Davis cottage, Westside, 476-2396 .

FOR SALE - BIRCH LAKE COTTAGE #304. WEST SIDE. - 50' Frontage. Sandy Beach. Pier & Pontoon. Two Bedrooms. Fireplace, Wall Furnace. Completely Furnished. New Roof, New Septic System, Newly painted. Very Good Condition. Call Rieth's 616-476-2174.

FOR SALE - 1977 Glastron. 140 I-O Mercruiser. Gold and White Metallic. Must see to appreciate. \$4,500 firm. Contact Butch Habich. Phone: 476-9726 (west side) Home residence phone: 312-532-1747.

NEWS NOTABLES FROM AROUND THE LAKE!!

The I.T. Bowers at cottage #307 are looking forward to having their son, Paul, & his wife, Betty, visit for a week starting on Sept. 2. They are now located at Nasua, New Hampshire. Their daughter, Teri, and her friend, Doug, will come from Columbus, Ohio for the weekend.

Neil Onofryton is feeling better now after having a pacemaker put in at Pawating Hospital in Niles. Hope he can recoup quickly back at Birch Lake!

Just as our commador & his wife, Herm & Bev Kruggel are thinking they will spend a quiet leisurly day enjoying Birch Lake Beauty, they are called to help a "damsel (or rather 4 to be exact!) in distress"! Super Snoop, (S. Holleman) was out on a call to duty, searching for a "missing" speedboat of Bill & Sandy Arnolds' when upon stopping off at Kruggels' her boat motor konked out! The commador & wife graciously gave up their lovely quiet afternoon to first tow "super snoop" & family home then go back & pick up the missing Arnold boat that was finally located at Larsons' cottage on the East side! Larsons' had called earlier in the day to report a "errant" boat in their front yard. **So the story ends with our Commador & wife being the Heroes of the day!!

Dorothy Getzinger was on the panel of judges for the Miss Cass Beauty Contest this past weekend---its too bad Hub couldn't attend, but he was in Osteopathic Hospital having surgery on his torn ligaments in his leg!! Hope you get better real quick Hub!!

Cindy Zesinger recently celebrated her 21st Birthday at Birch Lake!! She is beginning her Senior Year at St. Mary's. Activities beginning in June 1985 include CPA Exams, Graduation, and her marriage. Congratulations Cindy!!

Bill and Janet Robertson of Lexington, Ky. are spending this weekend at our beautiful lake in Ralph and Helen Dunlays' cottage (316 West) while attending the wedding of the Dunlaps' son, Brad, to Ellen Gleitz, on Saturday, Sept 1st at St. Marys' Church in Niles. Joining the Robertsons' are their son Craig and wife, Jill, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and son Scott and friend Lisa Mitchell from Lexington. Other out of town wedding guests from Ohio will be visiting the Dunlaps on Sunday for a cookout and the many pleasures of Birch Lake. The bride and groom will be moving to Atlanta, Ga.

It was a beautiful sunny "California" afternoon as Roy and Kate Henderson stood on their flower laden pier with their daughter Kathy as their granddaughters, Sarah and Chelsea, received their baptism rites from Rev. Michael Porter from the Granger Presbyterian Church. Also included in this most beautiful and special occasion were the godparents, Butch and Pam Righetti, vacationing from California.

On shore among the many colorful balloons and crepe paper streamers, the guests (many Birch Lake friends and some from Indian Lake) feasted on scrumptous lasagna, fried chicken, fresh fruit served in a watermelon basket and a choice of libations. After the meal everyone enjoyed sampling a most delicious baptism cake. It was certainly one of Gods' most beautiful Sundays.

"Holidays are confusing. You'd think Thanksgiving would be in September, right after the kids go back to school."

Doc Toth, a westside resident of Birch Lake, claims his Italian Cooking is as good as and even better than..... lean cuisine???.....!!!

Brad Walker decided that he needs some more amusement----so he decided to pack the family in the car and head for Great America Amusement Park during last Tuesday!!

"Every Family Tree has to have some sap."

THANKS - THANKS - THANKS

Short of a few unscheduled vacations, the weekly distribution of the Birch Barker went very smoothly due to some really great kids around the lake. To several of them, I'm sure the job is getting old, as they have helped for the last couple of years, but when recruited in the summer they cheerfully accepted their route. Chris Tate was actually disappointed when he was overlooked for the North Shore!

So thanks to the following carriers (kids and everyone) - we all really appreciate your efforts!

DeWayne Weaver	Craig Cole	Odessa Murphy &
Earl Troeger	Scott & Kelly Troyer	Grandkids
Randy Welch II	Chris Tate	Bev Kruggel
Leslie Greening	Sherry Holleman, Amber & Heather	Ashley Welch
Todd Olson	Nancy Walker, Josh & Caleb	

Volunteers are needed for next year and we would appreciate hearing from you in advance.

Fran Welch