

THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

June 8, 1985

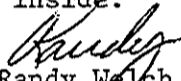
Issue #1

COMMODORES COMMENTS

The 1985 summer season has arrived with it will be Yacht Club activities to renew old friendships and create new ones. Your officers and directors encourage your participation and look forward to making our Yacht Club one year better. A special welcome to all new residents. We are delighted you chose Birch Lake and look forward to meeting you all.

In May our spring dinner was held at Morris Park Country Club, South Bend. A record amount of people turned out and a great time was had by all. A special thanks goes to Connie & Earl Troeger for putting the dinner activities together - it was a great evening!

For those who have not yet seen the new Yacht Club roof - make sure you do. Not only does it give the Yacht Club a great new appearance but the mop brigades have been disbanded - not one drop of water was found on the inside.


Randy Welch
Commodore

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YACHT CLUB CLEAN-UP

It's a dirty job but somebodys got to do it! Saturday, June 15, 9:00 A.M. (Indiana time).

Come one , come all - it will be finished in 2 hours with adequate help! Bring rakes, brooms and rags, friends, enemies and neighbors.

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COMMODORES COCKTAIL PARTY

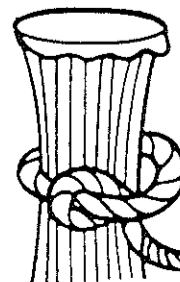
Saturday, June 22, 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (Indiana time). Please bring a snack or your favorite hors d'oeuvre. There will be a cash bar attended by some of Birch Lakes finest. Bring a friend or guest and get caught up on all that has been happening.

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DUES ARE DUE

If you have not yet paid your Yacht Club dues for 1985 please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$15 and should be given to Lynn Schaar. Rember - THE BIRCH BARKER is included in your annual dues. Those not paid by June 22nd will no longer receive a Barker.

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BIRCH LAKE SOCIAL NEWS

Sherry Holleman, Cottage C-291 has again agreed to be our Social News Editor. This is a big job and we all want Sherry to know it is greatly appreciated. Any social news for the Barker should be given to Sherry by Sunday evening. Please be sure it is in legible form.

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B.L.Y.C. SUNFISH RACING

I know all Sunfish racers are ready to sail and because of that we are going to have a practice race, Sunday, June 8th at 10:30 A.M. (Indiana time). It will be a great day to tune your boats and view the years competition. The official season will open June 15 - make it a great year and participate. If the aches and pains are just to great be sure you pass your boat on to another member of the family. Let's keep our fleet strong and exciting.

Sailing fees this year are \$15. Please pay Don Harmon our Fleet Captain - remember you must be a B.L.Y.C. member to compete.

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OTHER DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

July 4th Fireworks - to be held at dusk, July 4th.
Regatta - 2 races July 4th and 2 races July 7th.
Couples Sailboat Race - July 20th (tentative date).
Birch Lake Triathalon - August 17th (tentative date).
Michiana Sunfish Regatta - August 3rd.
Golf Outing - August 9th.

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MORE ACTIVITIES & DATES IN THE NEXT BARKER

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ADS - FOR SALE

For Sale - Troeger raft with ladder. Delivery free! \$20.
Truly an opportunity to own a unique bit of Birch
Lake history - contact Earl Troeger - South side.
Call - 476-2237

For Sale - Dock for sale - \$75. 40 Ft. aluminum, stringers
and brackets.
4 Ft. deck sections.
Call - 476-2719

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WELCOME BACK TO BIRCH LAKE!!!

Its great to be walking around the lake and to see so many of the residents sprucing up their cottages again !!

I hope this summer season, like many in the past, will be both enjoyable and memborable for those at Birch Lake! I will try to spice up your summer with as many colorful bits and pieces of information as I can scrounge up!!

NEW RESIDENTS OF THE LAKE

Westside: Jim and Carole Foos, and their 2 daughters - Kathy and Debbie - have bought the Reith rental cottage. They are from Granger, IN. Welcome to beautiful Birch Lake!

Tom and Jackie Minglin have built a beautiful new home on the Westside near the Cook-Murphy cottage. Jackie is expecting their second child in July, they have a 2 year old boy names Aaron now. They come from the South Bend area.

Northside: Mike and Shron Love have bought the home just to the East of Bill and Le King on the North shore. They have 4 children: Kelly, Mike and Matt (twins), and Courtney. Kelly graduated from Penn High School this year. The Loves' are from the South Bend area and will become summer residents of Birch Lake!! (or maybe more so!)

GRADUATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

- *Camille Athanas graduated from Niles High School.
- *Joseph Burton Toth - Joe and Helen Toth's grandson - graduated from Clay High School and will be attending I.U. Bloomington in the fall.
- *Kelly Love graduated from Penn High School.
- *Coley Cook - John and Odessa Murphy's grandson - graduated from St. Antony's.
- *Cindy Zesinger graduated from St. Mary's College in May with a BBA degree. On June 15 Cindy Zesinger will be married to Joe Meyer (from S.B.)
- *Buddy Zesinger and Judy Ruhe have announced their engagement and plans to be married sometime in April or May of next year!
- *Camille Athanas - the granddaughter of Lloyd and Lorene Krueger - will not only be graduating from High School but will also be going to France this summer! She will be leaving for France on July 2nd, going with a group of students and a former exchange student of the Krueger's. Birgit, the exchange student, lives in a very small town in Germany. Camille will be traveling for a month!
- *Dorothy and John Parnell, Westside, are the proud grandparents of a grandson! Their daughter Kathy and her husband Ron are first time parents, their son being named Robert James - weighing in at 8 lbs. 114 oz. Congratulations to the parents and beaming grandparents!!
- *Howard and Beth Blackwood are proud grandparents also! Their daughter, Margaret gave birth to a son, Soctt, in early March.
- *Bud and Louise Reith are anxiously awaiting the birth of their grandchild! Their son Bobby and his wife, Liz are expecting a new baby any day now!
- *Tim Cole, Easdisse, graduated from Constantine High School this year.
- *Le Ann Whiteman, Southside also graduated from Constantine High School this May.

STRAWBERRIES are here!

Yes, its time for all of the ambitious pickers to head for the strawberry fields. Corey Lake, Three Rivers, has excellent strawberries and are picking now!

FOR ANYONE interest, (mainly for mothers), I am printing a list of the girls (and boys, if interested) that would like to do some babysitting this summer.

Camille Athanas - Phone #9905 (Krueger cottage) Westside.
Amy Ross - Phone #2196 Southshore
Beth Davis - Phone #2396 Westside
Ashly Welch - Phone #8805 Southshore

IF THERE ARE any young persons looking for yard and misc. work to do during the summer, please contact Sherry (2800).

SUMMER SALAD RECIPE

If you want rave reviews on a salad just try this one sometime!

Broccoli Salad

1 bunch broccoli, cut-up, peel stems and slice and chop also
 $\frac{1}{2}$ medium red onion, thinly slices (can cut in half also)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins
5 slices bacon - cooked crisp and crumbled

Dressing: $\frac{1}{2}$ c. mayonaise
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar Mix Well
1 TBL. vinegar

Mix all ingred. except the bacon, refrigerate and add bacon just before serving.

WE ARE STILL attempting to put together a Birch Lake Cookbook but we need MORE MORE recipes! Please round up all of your favorite families recipes and contact Sherry to arrange for a pick-up! We can make this a success - help me!!

NOTEABLE NOTES

John and Loretta Drolit recently had a big week as they went back to Loretta's hometown of Duluth, MN. They were celebrating a family reunion and the 50th Anniversary of the Priest that had married them!

Karen (Toth) Evans will be visiting her parents, Joe and Helen Toth for 3 weeks in June. She is coming from Beaverton, Oregon and will bring the new baby, Daniel, 9 months, and his sister Ashly, 4 years old.

*SAVE WATER! Have the kids take showers during commercials on their favorite TV show.

*When washing a youngster's hair, a dab of cold cream on eyebrows will help keep soap out of the eyes.

The theft of several batteries and gas cans has been reported along the Westside of Birch Lake. Be aware that this is happening and take precautions! Keep watch of not only your boats but those of surrounding neighbors also.

FESTIVAL OF THE WILD ROSE MOON, Middlebury (Elkhart). Re-enactment of French and Indiana War, muzzle loading events, crafts, games, music - 9:00 a.M. to 5:00 P.M. No charge.

BRAD AND NANCY Walker, of the Wesdie, former owners of the Washboard in Cass, are now owners of Walkers Farm & Garden, (formerly Boyer's, Inc.) on U.S. 12, just outside of Union, MI.

REMINDER TO ALL Michigan's Marine Law requires youngsters 12 to 16 years of age to complete a boating safety training course before operating a boat of 6 or more horsepower. Sgt. Ken Wray and Deputy Bill Riley of the Cass County Sheriff's Dept. will conduct boating classes each Thursday starting June 14 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the Administration Building east of the Cass County Jail, Cassopolis. The course is free and successful students will receive a pocket-size certificate. Class enrollment will be limited and be by reservation only by phoning the Marine Division at 445-2481. Bring a lunch, beverage and a pencil.

Cass County Health Department

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June 5, 1985

To: Birch Lake Property Owners
From: Lee Maager, Director
Environmental Health

The Cass County Health Department is continuing its survey program on Birch Lake.

Health Department Environmentalists have been concentrating their efforts on those neighborhoods where small lots and high density dwellings prevail.

Survey work includes the locating and inspecting of existing sewage disposal systems servicing Birch Lake residences.

The survey is expected to result in the replacement of a number of sewage systems which pose threats to the water quality of the lake.

The water quality of the lake is also being monitored on a regular basis by the department.

The department has experienced, on the whole, excellent cooperation from lake residents, and will continue its efforts to identify contamination sources throughout the summer.

Anyone having questions, or information which may help these efforts may telephone the department at 445-8654.

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