



# THE BIRCH BARKER



## Birch Lake Yacht Club

July 20, 1985  
Issue #6

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

July rolls on! Summer is now in full swing as are the BLYC activities. Please read this weeks Barker carefully and note the activities & their dates - many events are or soon will be taking place.

The donations received for the 4th of July fireworks display have been most gratifying. Listed below are those people who have contributed making this event possible. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support for it put a great cap on a delightful day.

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A reminder to all boaters, skiers & swimmers. It is the responsibility of each one of us to abide by the established rules & laws that are in effect. If you observe someone conducting themselves in a manner that is not consistent with these laws - politely tell them! If that does not solve the problem Brad Walker is available to help you in any way. Lets all help to keep our lake safe!

### BIRCH LAKE TRIATHALON

With much anticipation the 2nd annual B.L.T. will be held Saturday, August 10 at 8:30 AM (Indiana time). Be sure to check the date on your calendar. If you would like to help out please contact Bill Carpenter or Dan Reynolds. Get your entry form in early. Questions can be answered at tonights Vice Commodore's cocktail party.

### BIRCH LAKE CUPS

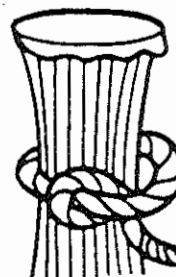
Those durable Birch Lake drinking cups are still available for sale. They will be the perfect container for home use and around the lake. The cups are plastic and do not break making them great for lake use. Cups are available from your director or at the Yacht Club for \$5 per dozen.

### LADIES LUNCHEON

Ladies Luncheon - August 9 - 11:30 A.M. (Indiana time). While the men are battling the elements: wind, sleet, hail, rain & pestilence join me for a lovely afternoon of food and conversation. The luncheon will be held at the Matterhorn restaurant, conveniently located on Highway 19 just north of Elkhart. Images, an outstanding jewelry store has graciously agreed to show us their wares. So call that new neighbor and bring an old friend. Reservations are required! Call Welch's - 476-8805 or Machalleck - 476-9391. \$7.00 inclusive.

### SAILORS NOTICE

Anyone interested in trying a sail board contact Dave or Earl Troeger - 476-2237. The board is an Alpha board by Hobbie. We also have the use of the Galilee Day Sailer for anyone interested. The BLYC has free use of these boats, compliments of Wurster sailboats at Diamond Lake.





PLEASANTVIEW CHURCH, on Crooked Creek, in Cassopolis, is running the Church Van to Church & Sunday School on Sunday morning. The Van comes through this area around 9:30 a.m. ish'. If you are interested in getting a ride to Church call the Church at 445-2655, or call Tom's Garage at 2272.

EITHER THE FOO'S, on the Westside, misplaced all their skies or they just got inventive- but the residents on the Westside sure saw an interesting form of skiing on Sunday! From what I could gather from excited and unbelieving onlookers it seems that the Foo's were skiing on their dining room table! A foot stool, step ladder, and round table were somehow involved in this unique form of waterskiing on Birch Lake!!

"God made children cute so they can be tolerated until they get some sense."

RECIPE IDEA the following recipe was given to us by Ruth Brown, Westside.

Cherry Pie

Crust for 2 pies (lattice tops)

- 1 cup shortening (crisco)
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1½ tsp salt (prefer ¾ tsp)
- ½ cup cold water.

Sift flour and salt. Cut shortening into flour. Sprinkle water over mixture. Form in balls & roll between wax paper.

Filling for each pie: 2½ cups sour cherries  
¾ - 1 cup sugar  
4 TBL flour

sift together sugar and flour and pour over cherries. Add 2 TBL butter, cut in small chunks. Add ¼ tsp almond extract. Pour into pastry shell & top with lattice top. Bake in 425 degree oven for 15 min. Reduce temp to 400 degree and bake until browned and the juice bubbles! Absolutely the most delicious pie you've tasted!!

"Tact is knowing how far to go before you go too far."

Did you know??? . . . that squash bugs hate nasturtiums? . . . that radishes chase away striped cucumber beetles? . . . that Rosemary repels the carrot fly?

SOME HISTORY OF BIRCH LAKE. . . The area around Birch Lake was held by the Potawatomi Indians who were headed by Big Chief Pokagon and Under-Chiefs Weesaw and Shavehead. While Pokagon was a very brilliant man, making friends of the white man and accepting the white man's ways and teachings, Shavehead was the opposite. He was a large man for an Indian, very ugly and very mean. He gained his name by keeping his head shaved, which did nothing to improve his appearance. Shavehead's winter quarters was around Shavehead Lake and in the summer he migrated to what is now Mottville, where there was a ford across the St. Joseph River. This ford was on the Sauk Trail, which is now modern U.S. 12. Shavehead would camp at the ford and extract a fee from the white settlers for use of the crossing. It is reported that he discontinued this practice only after a young burly settler had taken his ox whip and thrashed Shavehead within an inch of his life.  
. . .to be continued in our next issue of the Birch Barker!

WANTED: A 26" or 27" Boys 10 speed bike - in good condition. Contact Jensens at 2874. Jensens have a 20" girls bike in good condition for Sale. This bike is in like-new, excellent condition - Contact the Jensens at 2874.

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put out the first of our famous Birch Barkers !

## BIRCH BARKER

I have it on good sources that the Birch Lake Barker was started around 1947-48.

The following people did alot to help organize the first issues of our Barker:  
Malon Eberhart, Floyd Fulmer, Clifford Cowen, AD Shewman, Charles Partridge,  
Meyers, Clyde Bowers, and Pat Forbes. Also involved were Dick Cowen and  
Jack Marsh. These men organized the first meetings of the Yacht Club, the  
earliest beginnings of what our Yacht Club has become now.

HIGHLIGHTS of last week at Birch Lake : (week of July 1-6)  
(and 8-14th)

Virgil and Mary East, Southside, thoroughly enjoyed the brief visit of Gary, Margi,  
and Brent Snyder, Kokomo, Monday afternoon and evening. After dinner "out" with Jhdy,  
Jeff, and Todd Olson, Eastside, and Don Olson, Cassopolis, (Dave and Rosemary were  
unable to be in the area for dinner) the Snyders spent Monday night with Gary's parents  
in Mishawaka, returning home early Tuesday morning. The Kokomo Olson Kids say "Hi" to  
their many friends at beautiful Birch Lake.

On July 10 at O'Hare Airport Odessa & John Murphy will pick up their granddaughters,  
Kristen & Michelle Murphy. The girls are returning to their home in Columbia, from  
visiting their other Grandmother in Coronado, Ca.. Their parents, Cindy & Dennis Murphy,  
and two other children, Kevin & Lisa, will arrive July 20 to spend 10 days at the Murphy  
compound with the other regular Birch Lakers - Condons and Cooks !!

Keri Cook, daughter of Sheila & Jim Cook, will attend a camp sponsored by Young Life,  
a Christian non-denomination organization, starting July 12. Each year the camp is  
held in a different section of the country. This year it will be at Great Lakes, Mn.

Surprise visitors from Harahan, Louisiana, spent Friday afternoon at the Machallecks.  
Lindy Bates, Arline's niece, with her husband Roger, & daughter Jennifer, & their golden  
labrador, 'Beau', and Randy & Angie Bates of Niles (nieces of the Roger's) all enjoyed  
swimming & skiing and visiting. The Bates have been here before but this was the first  
time for Beau and it was a toss up as to who enjoyed the lake the most !

Mike & Katha Machalleck & Brian and Lori are back and in the routine of Lake living again.  
They had spent most of June touring England, Scotland, and Ireland and had a grand trip.  
Katha has been busy getting all her mementoes cataloged and now can enjoy relaxing here  
and plan their next trip. (What!! says Mike.)

A busy weekend ended for John & Loretta Drolet, of the Cove, as their son Joe, & his wife  
Kathy, their grandson Adam and his three friends, and their granddaughter Rachel and her  
girlfriend, all packed up and headed back to Eaily City, Detroit. John said the cottage  
used to be just perfect in size, but an addition is needed to sleep 10 people !  
Thank goodness Mother Nature was smiling this Holiday Weekend on the Drolets'.

Tom Rogers' and Bill Hollemans' heroics & ingenuity did not impress the Westside  
residents, as around 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning everyone lost their electricity. As these  
two attempted to fall a tree that had been split & damaged by our last vicious storm the  
limbs slapped the electric wires & out went several ovens! Breakfast of "Birch Lake  
Sweet Rolls" at the Bower's cottage was slightly delayed; Chet Kolbar's family had to  
put breakfast on "hold" ; and I held my breath as a special cake I was baking remained  
in the unlit oven! A big "Sorry" to the Westside!!

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The Weekend of July 14, 15, was sure a hot (and extremely wet) weekend for the sun bathers and local gardeners to enjoy!! We got the rain we badly needed, plus some, then the hot & humid weather to dry it all up !

PUT THIS NOTE ON YOUR SCHEDULE for your Saturday evenings' activities - July 20th.

Plan to attend the Vice-Commodore's Cocktail Party at the Yacht Club on Saturday night. Your Vice-Commodore, Mike Machalleck and his wife, Katha, will be hosting this "Eat, meet, & mingle" party and extend a hearty invite to all residents and their guests to join them! Bring your favorite munchie or appetiser to have everyone rant and rave about and meet us at the Yacht Club for a 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Indiana time cocktail party!!

CELEBRATE CELEBRATE !!!

John & Arline Machalleck, Southside, celebrated their 45 th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, July 14 ! For an accomplishment such as this Birch Lake salutes them with three big cheers - RAH RAH RAH !!!

RATHER THE WIND blew away or someone removed a Ski Sled from our property during last week and we would very much like to have it returned as it meant alot to our daughter. It was an orange ski board with a yellow and light blue ski rope attached - please return it to the Holleman's, in the Cove, no questions asked.

\*\*\*\* COOL a just baked cake or pan of bar cookies by putting them on a wet towel. Not only does this method cool them quicker, but also helps prevent them from sticking to the pan.

IF YOU HAVE NOT been personally contacted & still want to make a donation to the Donald Habich Memorial Fund please contact Dennis or Rita Tudor. All contributions will be donated to the Newburg-Porter Ambulance Department.

Dennis & Rita Tudor, Westside, 476-2744.

GRANDMA & GRANDPA Krueger's teenagers - Camille & Andrea, Birch Lakers, and Matt & Amber Beck, from Peoria had a fun filled week of wind surfing and skiing. (just before the 4th of July holiday weekend). Calmer moments were spent with Matt's computer and at least a "thousand" VCR games !

Camille left the group on Tuesday, July 2, for a month's' vacation in France & Germany. Now Tom & Marty are childless this week as Andy went home with Matt & Amber. Too bad they got lost and reached Lake Forest, Il. before they "came to" and realized that they shouldn't be on 294.! Guess we've all made a wrong turn ourselves!

DO YOU REMEMBER when in August of 1971 the Yacht Club Fall Dinner was held at Camp Tannadoonah's Dining Hall and tickets were only \$2.50 adults, & \$1.50 for children ????

BARBARA & BUD Zesinger are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary with friends and relatives this weekend. Congratulations and best wishes for another 25 memory filled years to come Bud and Barbara !!

BRAD ZESINGEE has returned to the lake after spending the past week at NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL CAMP ! He will be playing his 3 rd year of varsity football for Clay High School in South Bend this fall season.



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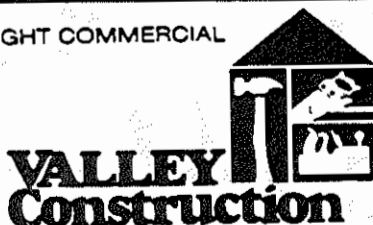
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# BIRCH LAKE TRIATHLON

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The course consists of a 1/4 mile swim, 7 1/2 mile bike, and a 3 mile run. Many volunteers again will be needed this year to help. This is a good way to watch the race and also be a part of it. Questions can be answered by Bill Carpenter or Dan Reynolds.

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. Floatation 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!

ENTRY FORM

BIRCH LAKE TRIATHLON

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