

THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Although your Commodore has been off the lake the last two weekends it has become clear that lake and Yacht Club activities are in very capable hands. The MC Regatta held at Diamond Lake July 13 & 14 was a rip-roaring success. Or more specifically the ripping of sails and the roaring of the winds. Approximately 40 boats participated in very heavy winds. For those who have sailed MC's, you know they can be a handful in heavy winds, now add to that 39 other boats to watch out for and all of a sudden you have an extravaganza. Birch Lake sailors held their own. Tom Howard, Bill Carpenter and Earl Troeger not only survived they were always competitive and just missed bringing home the hardware. On July 20 we continued with our Couples Race. This is a race whereby each member of the crew must sail one leg of the course and each class of boat has a time handicap. The handicap enables the smaller boats to compete with the larger boats. Some people have suggested that some crew members were handicapped enough but we'll let that pass. All in all a fun time was had by all who participated.

That evening Mike & Katha Machalleck hosted what was a most successful Vice Commodore's party. All those who attended were treated to outstanding hors d'oeuvres and appropriate refreshments. The Couples Sailing Awards were presented in conjunction with the party by Don Harman - a great time was had by all.

Last week the names of contributors to the fireworks fund were published. Unfortunately I overlooked the Gard family and would like to recognize them now. Also the Steve Horvath family should be added to that list. Again, thanks to everyone - it was a great success!

Randy Welch, Commodore

AUGUST 3RD SQUAREDANCE

Back by popular demand. August 3rd, 8:00 p.m. (Ind. time) - grab your partner and do-si-do. Sherry Holleman and Herm Krueggel invite everyone to the calls of Bert Mahneysmith - a top square dance caller, to participate in the BLYC Square Dance. Admission \$1.00, appropriate refreshments will be available. Get a partner, call a friend, swing your partner once again.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

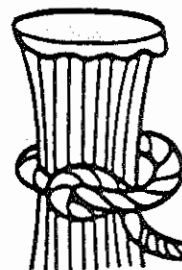
Friday, August 9 at Park Shore. Tee times beginning at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time). Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Refreshments on the course. Refreshments at the Yacht Club. Catered prime rib dinner at the Yacht Club by the Kulesia's. Door prizes, golf prizes and plain old-fashioned fun. Make your reservations now. Call Earl or Dave Troeger 476-2237.

LADIES LUNCHEON

August 9th, 11:30 a.m. (Indiana time) - Ladies Luncheon. Join us - Fran Welch and Katha Machalleck for an afternoon of food and conversation. The luncheon will be held at the Matterhorn restaurant located on Highway 19 just north of Elkhart. Images, an outstanding jewelry store will show us their beautiful 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.

TRIATHALON

August 10th is creeping up on us. At 8:30 a.m. we will push off from Welch's pier and begin the 2nd Annual Birch Lake Triathlon. Get your registration forms and checks into Bill Carpenter or Dan Reynolds. If you would like to help out please contact Bill Carpenter - all helpers welcome. The field is filling, so act now.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 27 - Association meeting 9:00 a.m. at the Yacht Club.
- Aug. 3 - Square Dance - 8:00 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Yacht Club.
- Aug. 3 & 4 - Michiana Sunfish Regatta - Birch Lake.
- Aug. 9 - Ladies Luncheon.
- Aug. 9 - Men's Golf Outing.
- Aug. 10 - BLYC Triathlon.
- Aug. 24 - Annual Dinner.

SAILING NEWS

The Couples Race was held last Saturday and it was great as usual, just enough wind to keep everyone moving. First place overall was won by the MC crewed by Bruce & Juanita Harlan and Mike & Katha Machalleck. First place handicap was won by Gib & Laura Eberhart. Second place handicap was won by Chuck & Sherry LaPierre. Third place handicap was won by Rick Harman & Mary Lovejoy. Congratulations to the winners, for the fun we had I think we all were winners in this race.

Last Sunday Tom Howard sailed the first place finishes in both races under light winds that might be better termed as subject to change without notice. It was really great to have Matt Ross come out and do such a good job in his first try at racing.

LAST CALL ON SAILING FEES

Only the sailors who have paid their dues by 8-3 will be carried on the roster and will be eligible for trophies.

COMING UP - August 3 & 4 - Michiana Sunfish Open. We hope that all the Sunfish on the lake will be registered to compete for the 5 trophies plus a best Senior (over 50) trophy and a best Junior (under 16) trophy. Top sailors from other lakes are expected to join us so it is a good opportunity to sail with people who are not from Birch Lake. Support your Yacht Club and your Sunfish fleet by either sailing in or watching the races.

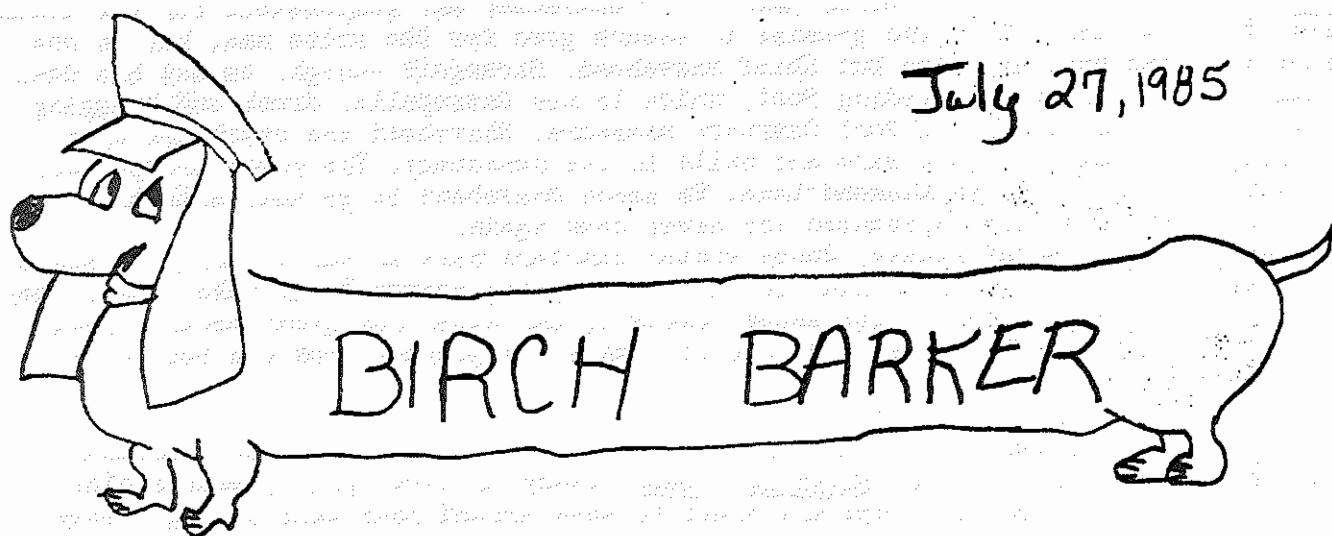
SAILING RESULTS

** RACE RESULTS FOR **

7/20/85

SAILOR	FINISH	RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
		1	2	3	4	5			
DAVE TROEBER	1	DN5	DN5				9	—	1647
TOM HOWARD	2	1	1				11	3200	1612
TONY HAMMES	17	DN5	DN5				4	—	1061
RANDY WELCH	12	DN5	DN5				6	—	1149
KEN TROYER	15	4	8				7	2458	1137
JEFF HOWARD	8	7	2				7	2677	1270
DAVE OLSON	11	DN5	DN5				7	—	1164
LEO ZELASKO	6	3	4				13	2813	1366
STEVE SAATJE	7	DN5	DN5				10	—	1309
JEFF OLSON	21	DN5	DN5				4	—	800
DON HARMAN	5	5	3				13	2740	1353
ASHLY WELCH	20	DN5	DN5				6	—	912
HAROLD CRANMER	13	9	5				13	2320	1144
BILL CARPENTER	3	DN5	DN5				5	—	1493
MARTY SAATJE	4	2	6				10	2746	1464
JOE O'BRIEN	19	DN5	DN5				7	—	958
MIKE MACHALLECK	9	6	9				2	2249	1265
CHAS LA PIERRE	22	DN5	DN5				1	—	794
TODD TROEBER	16	DN5	DN5				1	—	1099
MIKE GOTSTEIN	10	DN5	DN5				7	—	1202
BRIAN EBERHART	23	DN5	DN5				2	—	779
RIK DOOLITTLE	18	DN5	DN5				2	—	1015
MATT ROSS	14	8	7				2	2245	1143

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These warm days, filled with glorious sunshine, and then the cool nights, certainly make staying at Birch Lake this summer a real treat!!

HIGHLIGHTS

The Vice-Commandore's Cocktail party was held last Saturday night and between 40-50 people attended - all enjoying the delicious munchies brought. The Couples sailing trophies were also presented. A special thanks to Jaff Howard and his helpers, Jill Hammes, Lori Machalleck, and Brian Machalleck.

WEEKEND VISITOR at the Machallecks was Arline's cousin, Howard Bonquist of Wilmington, Del. Although it's been 4 years since he was last here, he enjoyed the water even more than the last time.

TUESDAY, the 23rd John & Arline Machalleck pick up at the airport, Hilary Desmond, their granddaughter from Vancouver, Wa. She is the youngest daughter of Marianne and will be here for 3 weeks.

KEN BERNACIAK, East Side, is celebrating his 60th Birthday this weekend with friends and family at his favorite getaway - Birch Lake! Congratulations Ken!!! from, Ma, Eileen, Chuck, Guy, Kevin, and Cindy.

JASON AND BRYAN Canepeel from Asheville, N.C. are visiting with Grandma and Grandpa Canepeel and think Birch Lake is the best place in the world to be!

July 29th the whole clan will be at "Wee Wood" for a week. Jodi Canepeel, from Evergreen Colorado, Lynn and Marc Canepeel, from Asheville, N.C., also Jason & Bryan from Asheville; Peggy & John Brieck, with their children Anna & Joey, from South Bend will all be staying here at Birch Lake. Great Grandma Klingaman celebrated her birthday with us on July 21 with 12 members of her family.

DURING THE PAST WEEK, John & Odessa Murphy entertained his nieces, Karen Baert and her sons, Kevin & Brian from Clarkston Michigan; and Ann Mathews and her children, Megan & Paul from Newbury Park, Calif.

Also visiting John & Odessa are their son, Denny, and his wife, Cindy, and their children Michelle, Kristen, Lisa, and Kevin, from Columbia, Md.

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continuation of the history of Birch Lake . . . Shavehead was responsible for the deaths of many white settlers. He would promise to secure game for the white man, but no one returned from the hunting trips but Chief Shavehead. Strangely enough, he met his death the same way. He was at the Trading Post, which is now Cassopolis, drunk and bragging about his participation in the Fort Dearborn massacre. Shavehead was overheard by a young trapper who had lost his wife and child in the debachery. The young trapper was then living on the Island in Diamond Lake. He asked Shavehead to go home with him. A shot was heard, and Chief Shavehead was never seen again.

The Indians under Chief Weesaw, whose winter quarters were in the vicinity of Newton's Woods, joined Chief Shavehead's band in the early spring around Birch Lake, where they bathed in the lake and drank of its water, claiming the water had great healing power. It is recorded that Chief Pokagon, who was ill, made the journey from his home near Summerville for this purpose.

HAVING A FAMILY get together ? Or having the church group to the lake for a cookout??

Well don't forget to have your Birch Lake Cups ready to serve your guests a nice cool drink ! These durable plastic cups are great to have around your lake cottage, they are attractive and so economical too! You can obtain your cups from any of the lake directors or from Bill Carpenter on the Southside.

CAMP TANADONAH will end their season this summer with a Candle-light Serenade on the Lake on Friday, August 2 around 9:30-9:45 p.m. (Mi. time). Keep this date in mind as this is a beautiful and touching ceremony !

KELLI COOK would like to do babysitting during the summer here at Birch Lake! She is staying with her grandparents, John and Odessa Murphy on the Westshore.

IN CASE ANY OF YOU NOTICED some strange goings-on around the water in front of Camp Tanadonah, here's what is happening ! The Cass County Historical has been diving for the sunken wagon that may have been there since 1848 when the slaves escaped to this area and were being protected and hidden from the owners. They say that they have located the "buck board" but it may take many more hours to remove all the mud before they attempt to raise it from the lake and treat it.

"Punctuality can make one lonely."

REMEMBER the Cass County Fair starts on July 29, Monday, and runs until Sat. Aug. 3 !! This year they will offer 2 days of "P.O.P." - pay one price... take any ride as many times as you want for the special price of \$6.00 per person! The two days to take advantage of this will be Monday, July 29, and Sat. Aug 3. (Mon. 5pm-10pm and Sat. 11am-5pm) Kiddies Day will be Tuesday, July 30th with reduced prices on most rides from 11 am - 5:30 pm. There will be two bicycles given away in a drawing on Tuesday July 30th. -5:30 pm. On Friday evening Mel Tillis will perform 2 shows at the Cass County Fair at 7 pm and 9 pm. with his band, The Statesiders. Thursday, Aug 1 at 8 pm in the Grandstand there will be the Zanesville, Ohio based Nation-Wide Demolition Derby for those who dig deliberate duels of disaster and daredevil dents. Senior Citizen Day is on Wednesday, July 31 - free gate admission till 2:00 pm.

TUNE UP YOUR FIDDLES and get out your dancing shoes cause we're gonna have a big time at the Yacht Club on Aug 3 Saturday night as we Do-si-do your partners, "alameda-left your corner" and "promenade around the circle" !! Yessiree, we're going to have another fantastic, foot stomping, party to "almost" end our social season at Birch Lake. Please get out your calendars now and jot this down, cause this was soooooo much fun last year you surely don't want to miss it this year!!! Plan to attend and have a great time!!

BLUEBERRY BANANA LOAF

2 cups of bisquick baking mix
3/4 cups quick cooking oats
2/3 cups sugar
1 cup mashed ripe banana (2 large)
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

Recipe of the Week

Heat oven to 350. Grease bottom only of a 9x5x3" loaf pan. Mix all ingredients except the blueberries till moistened, then beat vigorously 30 seconds. Fold in blueberries & pour in pan. Bake until toothpick comes out clean 45-55 min. Cool for 10 min. on rack then run knife along sides to loosen & remove from pan. After cutting loaf store in the refrigerator.

DOLLY'S RED GARTER in Jones, Mi. is open at 6:30 am 7 days a week. They serve homemade soup and baked goods, with daily specials. They specialize in Blueberry Pancakes every weekend!! Stop in and eat and meet with friendly people and have a delicious meal!!!

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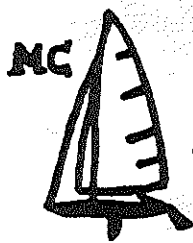
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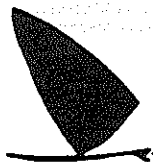
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