



THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

If you did not enjoy Birch Lake last weekend there is no hope! The days were warm and sunny while the nights were cool and comfortable. Although the winds were at best moderate for our Sunday races at least we had some and it was the type of wind that makes all of us pay special attention, shifty, light and unpredictable.

This weekend the Birch Lake Yacht Club is hosting Michiana's Sunfish Regatta. We are most hopeful of having many boats from other lakes. In previous years we have had people from Ohio, Illinois and New York State. Making this a success is the hard work given by Don Harman, our Fleet Captain and Earl Troeger our perennial organizer. These two individuals have spent many hours so the incoming and Birch Lake sailors will have a first class regatta. These people recognize that not all lake residents will participate as sailors but we want those (fence sitters) to know they are most welcome, and although it is a competitive event it is also a great deal of fun - give it a try and bring out your Sunfish! If you are not a sailor come out on the lake and follow the boats along - cheer for and support our sailors - it really does help and is appreciated. Lastly, if you would like to assist in ANY way call Don or Earl, there are lots of things to be done and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Randy Welch, Commodore

FROM THE HABICH FAMILY

To Our Dear Friends of Birch Lake: We the family of Donnie Habich wish to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for all the sympathy, concern and support the people of Birch Lake have given during this tragic time in our lives. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and shall not be forgotten.

We would also like to take this opportunity to send our most sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our dear friends and neighbors, Dennis & Rita Tudor.

Most sincerely,

Butch, Jean & Joel Habich

MICHIANA SUNFISH OPEN

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, Aug. 3 - 9:00 to 11:00 (Mich. time). Registration at Troeger's Southside - #22

11:30 - Skipper's Meeting at Public Beach

12:00 - Races start (3 races with a break for lunch at the Yacht Club)

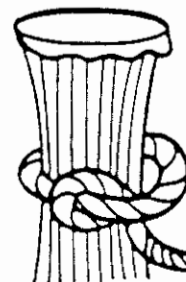
Sunday - Aug. 4 - 9:30 to 10:00 (Mich. time). Check in at Yacht Club.

10:30 - 2 Races (Awards ceremony following last race).

Registration Fee - \$10.00. Top 5 places plus top Jr. & Sr. trophies. For further information contact Don Harman, Earl Troeger or Randy Welch.

AUGUST 3RD SQUARE DANCE

As Sherry Holleman has indicated - there are no reasons to miss the callings of BERT. He is an experienced square dance caller and understands we sometimes think our right foot is our left. This is a Yacht Club activity that can be enjoyed by every member of the family and at any skill level. So come on out - TONIGHT and enjoy the fun - refreshments will be available.



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Thanks to efforts of Dave Troeger and his able assistant Earl the golf outing has already become a great success. Although there are several golf openings they are limited. So, if you are planning to play please give the Troeger's a call. Keep in mind that even if you do not play golf you are most welcome to attend the dinner at the Yacht Club. Kulesia's is catering a prime rib dinner that will knock your socks off. There is a special price for dinner itself which includes refreshments, so come on out and give us your best story! As in previous years door prizes will be accepted right up to the evening banquet - all prizes will be appreciated. Please attach some identification to the prize so we can make a proper acknowledgement.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The time is now to call Fran or Katha! Fran Welch & Katha Machalleck are busily preparing for the Ladies Luncheon, August 9 at the Matterhorn in Elkhart. You can make their preparations a great deal easier by calling and saying - put me down and yes I'm going to bring a friend. It can't be beat - \$7.00 inclusive.

TRIATHALON

Swimming, biking, running and resting will be the order of the day August 10 at 8:30 a.m. (Ind. time). The tee shirt alone is worth the entry fee - call Bill Carpenter or Dan Reynolds (Randy Welch if you can't reach them) and get your entry form in - it will be an exciting day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 3 - Square Dance - 8:00 p.m. (Ind. 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 - Birch Lake Yacht Club Triathlon
- Aug. 24 - Annual Dinner

SAILING NEWS

A beautiful day plus a great turn out of boats (18 in all) added up to lots of fun and keen competition in last Sunday's races. Listed below are the sailing results.

THE AUGUST SERIES of races will begin with our next scheduled season sailing date of August 11. The top 5 sailors in the standings will not be eligible for the five August series trophies. Sailors in position 6 and down will have the races in August count as seasons standings and August series standings, two-thirds of the August races must be sailed to qualify for the August series trophies. All this means is that as far as the August series goes everyone that is eligible is starting out even again, good luck to everyone!

**** RACE RESULTS FOR 7/27/85**

| SAILOR | FINISH RACE # | | | | | TOTAL RACES SAILED | POINTS EARNED TODAY | SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|---|---|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| DAVE TROEGER | 2 | 2 | 6 | | | 11 | 2746 | 1634 |
| TOM HOWARD | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 13 | 3044 | 1635 |
| BILL CARPENTER | 4 | 4 | 8 | | | 8 | 2458 | 1462 |
| MARTY SANTE | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | 12 | 3344 | 1510 |
| STEVE SANTE | 7 | 5 | 7 | | | 12 | 2452 | 1332 |
| MIKE GOTSTEIN | 10 | 13 | 5 | | | 9 | 2080 | 1201 |
| MIKE MACHALLECK | 8 | 12 | 12 | | | 11 | 1682 | 1225 |
| RANDY WELCH | 9 | 7 | 4 | | | 8 | 2525 | 1212 |
| ASHLY WELCH | 19 | 13 | DN3 | | | 7 | 784 | 912 |
| HAROLD CRAMMER | 13 | 10 | 15 | | | 15 | 1637 | 1137 |
| DAVE OLSON | 11 | 6 | 9 | | | 9 | 2249 | 1191 |
| JEFF OLSON | 22 | 16 | DN3 | | | 5 | 625 | 783 |
| LEO ZALASKO | 6 | 11 | 10 | | | 15 | 1861 | 1346 |
| DON HARMAN | 5 | 15 | 2 | | | 15 | 2197 | 1365 |
| JEFF HOWARD | 12 | 17 | 17 | | | 9 | 1152 | 1152 |
| KEN TROYER | 14 | 9 | 13 | | | 9 | 1808 | 1121 |
| JOE O'BRIEN | 18 | DN3 | DN3 | | | 7 | — | 958 |
| TONY HAMMES | 16 | 8 | 11 | | | 6 | 1989 | 1072 |
| RICK DOOLITTLE | 17 | DN3 | DN3 | | | 2 | — | 1015 |
| BRIAN EBERHART | 23 | DN3 | DN3 | | | 2 | — | 779 |
| PROF TROEGER, TODD | 15 | DN3 | DN3 | | | 1 | — | 1099 |
| CHAS LA PIERRE | 21 | DN3 | DN3 | | | 1 | — | 794 |
| MATT ROSS | 20 | 18 | 16 | | | 4 | 1154 | 889 |
| FRAN WELCH | 24 | DN3 | 14 | | | 1 | 729 | 739 |

BIRCH LAKE BARKER AUGUST 3 rd, 1985

Last weekend, July 26 & 27 was certainly a picture perfect weekend weather-wise wasn't it? The delicious smell of chicken, steaks, or whatever, could be smelled from all over the lake, along with the sounds of laughter and swimmers thoroughly enjoying themselves in the beautiful waters of Birch Lake . . . oh, if only summer could go on forever and ever...

Ahhhh, but I must scar those last words with this: The acts of theft on our lake are not lessening. Each and every lake resident must take upon the responsibility of keeping a watchful eye on not only his or her property but also that of his neighbor. Its time we made the whole lake a "Crime Watch" area and stop the persistant thievery that has been regularly occuring.

*** This is a reminder to the residents of Birch Lake that they are legally & morally responsible for the actions of their guests & renters. A new resident to our lake has already experienced three incidents of theft just this summer, the latest involving out of town guests. The damage done by a thoughtless act can cost another resident more than just monetary losses.

NOTES OF INTEREST

THIS IS a blip from a Barker paper from around the year 1967-69. "Bill King of cottage #263 was named to the Ball State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Bill was acting captain of the 1948 & 1949 teams, who had a 14 game winning streak. He was the squad's most Valuable Player both in 1947 & 1948. Congratulations, Bill".

JOHN BROWN, of 127 E has been "putt-putting" around the lake with a 57 year old motor, (1928 Elto motor). He got it at Tom's Garage and it really works! John redid the whole motor, re-chroming it and such.

RUSS HARRIS, Nadine's brother, caught a 20" 2 3/4 lb. small mouth bass on a cane ple using a cricket as bait! It was truly a question of who was to tire first.. Russ or the fish !

PHILADELPHIA & Washington D.C. were the sites of the latest excursions of the Daze Olson family! Dave, Judy, Jeff, & Todd just got back after spending 10 days seeing such sights as the Pandas (Hsing) at the Washington Zoo; Arlington National Cemetary; legislators in session; the Smithsonian Institute (did you know that there are 12 museums in the Smithsonian??); the National Archives and many other things of historical interest.

IF YOU HAVE SEEN BUD Zesinger, of the Northshore, scrambling around his pier and making mad dashes to sit on his seawall, you must be wondering what he is up to !

Well, you'll have to ask Bud that!!

**Wishful thinking Sunrise should be videotaped for later viewing so more people could enjoy it .

SEEN ON THE LAKE on Saturday, July 27, was Le & Bill King, (Northshore), tooling leisurly around the waters with Bill Sporting the latest fashion in hats - the Umbrella Hat !

BAIT BOX - ICE BOX Notice to the Person who is paying with candy wrappers and ect. --
You are ruining the honorary system for everyone.
from, TOM'S GARAGE

ON WEDNESDAY evening we presented a gift of \$1,275.00 to the Newburg-Porter Ambulance Service in honor of Donny Habich. They were very grateful and indicated the money would be placed in their New Ambulance Fund. Since the amount was so large, they will be putting a Memorial Plaque on the Ambulance with Donny Habich's name on it. We wish to thank you for your contributions. from, Dennis and Rita Tudor

THE VOLUNTEERS of the Newburg-Porter Ambulance Service would like to send our warmest Thanks to the residents of Birch Lake. Through your contributing donation we can continue to provide service to the community in the time of need. Once again, THANK YOU for your support. Sincerely,

Mike Klimek
Ambulance Captain, and members of the Newburg-Porter Ambulance Service.

** Man, reading about an "eat-all-you-want" diet, to friend: "I knew there'd be a catch to it. You have to run 700 miles a day."

HAVE YOU GOT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDER ?? AUGUST 3 at 8 pm In time!! HAVE YOU GOT THE SITTER LINED UP YET FOR AUGUST 3 rd??

We have a night to remember lined up for all of you here at Birch Lake!!! Saturday, August 3 at 8 pm In. time is the FANTASTIC SQUARE DANCE at our very own Yacht Club -- featuring Bert Mahneysmith (BACK by popular demand!) as the Caller. Now I can hear it already, "Well I don't remember how to Square Dance, or I've forgotten all the different calls", BUT don't fret cause thats the beauty of having Bert be the Caller -- he goes through a Dance with all of us and "re-teaches" us the calls - this way everyone starts out equal! Its the greatest evening for fun that you will ever be able to afford so I am looking forward to seeing many many new faces at the Yacht club on Saturday night!!!

HERE WERE some of the events that were sponsored by the 1968 Yacht Club: Aug 3 Car wash; Aug 9 Boat Parade 3 pm, Melon Mess 5 pm, and Ski Club Dance 8 pm; Aug 15 Juniors Party; Aug 16 Ski Club show, and Annual Dinner ; Aug 23 Rummage Sale. Do you remember???

RECIPE IDEA

Does it seem that your kids constantly have a case of the "Munchies"?? Tired of potato chips, pretzels and the like? Well here is a treat to spark up the munchie selection!

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1 tsp Dill

1/2 tsp Garlic Salt

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Cool thoroughly and store in an airtight container.

MMMMmmmmmm good !!

FINAL segment of HISTORY OF BIRCH LAKE. . . Settlement in Cass County was very slow; in 1840 the population was only 5,710. Early settlers around Birch were the Harveys, Merritts and O'Dells.

The decade previous to the Civil War was very exciting in the Birch Lake area. Sections of land in South Cass County had been purchased by Quakers for the purpose of setting up small farms for runaway slaves and negroes brought up through the underground railroad. Periodically there would be a raid by Southern slave owners to recover their "property".

As the pure, clear water of Birch Lake was known to the Indian, it was destined to be known by the whites. Before there were any cottages, it was a popular fishing and camping lake. The quality of fish taken from its waters was superb. The scenery was magnificent and, as roads became passable, cottages began to be built on its shores. One of the first, if not the first, was the Smith Cottage. Today the lake has over 225 cottages with a summer population of about 700 people enjoying its sky-blue waters. **This History was taken from a Barker in the year about 1968 with this note, " this history was taken from an earlier Barker".

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