

THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It will be remembered as the Birch Lake Weekend Extravaganza. Beginning early Thursday evening Earl Troeger organized a "Let's get the Yacht Club ready party" - tables and chairs were set, supplies were checked and the weekend was declared here. The Commodore blew his whistle Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and the fun commenced. A record turn out was had for the golf outing - 94 golfers participated and 97 dinners were served. Congratulations Dave & Earl Troeger for organizing our greatest turn out. As the men were playing golf the ladies were treated to a superb luncheon that featured a precious stone presentation by Images of Elkhart. The featured piece of jewelry was an 8 carat diamond - and that wasn't the salad! My appreciation goes to Fran Welch and Katha Machelleck for putting together such a terrific program. Saturday morning came and with it the second annual BLYC Triathlon began. They swam, biked and ran to the finish - and what a finish they had. Kurt Kruggel won the individual event by 2 seconds - what a great finish. The first place relay team was won by Ashly Welch, Steve Sante and Brian Machelleck which made it a Birch Lake sweep! Congratulations to all participants and spectators with a special thanks to Bill Carpenter and Dan Reynolds for organizing this outstanding event. When everyone thought the weekend activities had concluded Sunday came; the Sunfish races began. It was an infectious weekend for we had a record number of sailboats resulting in some new names at the top.

This weekend your Yacht Club put forward its greatest effort - all of our members can be very proud of having provided one more reason for saying Birch Lake is the greatest.

Randy Welch - Commodore

BIRCH LAKE ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, August 24, 1985 - at the Yacht Club.

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Cocktails - 5:30 (Ind. time) - Dinner - 6:00 - 7:30 (Ind. time)

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

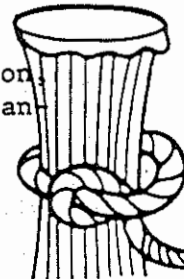
Monday, August 19 - 7:30 p.m. there will be a Board of Director's Meeting at the Yacht Club. Please make every effort to attend.

GOLF OUTING

To coin a phrase: The Annual Birch Lake Golf Outing was a huge success. That's huge in more ways than one. 94 golfers took part on this perfect Friday afternoon, while 97 dinners were served at the Yacht Club and everyone received a door prize.

Thanks to Dave Troeger our chairman, this popular event became even more popular. A great deal of time and effort go into planning and directing an event like this and with young men and women like Dave, willing to put forth the effort, the future of Birch Lake is in good hands.

Of course, with an event like this a lot of help is needed. Joe Harris did a super job as starter for the unprecedented number of golfers. Terry Montague did the scoring, Frank & Steve Horvath again hosted the beer wagon, John Brown again provided the beer transportation. Keith Weesner, Gus Eshelman and Randy Welch helped with the clean-up and Earl Troeger assisted with just about everything. Many others lent a helping hand and we thank everyone who pitched in, especially Denny Weesner and Connie Troeger for



setting up the Yacht Club. Door prizes are a big part of this event and thanks to everyone who provided these prizes. We should especially thank Paul Kazmiersik and Roy Henderson whose companies each year generously provide a great many items to help make this event a success. Lets all start planning for next year and do it all over again.

LADIES LUNCHEON

What an enjoyable afternoon! I am always so delighted to see so many familiar faces having such a nice time. To my added enjoyment were several new faces to Birch Lake as well as ex-residents. Our meal was excellent, thanks to the Matterhorn. And thanks to Bob Klose from Images, I'm sure our Xmas list is complete! His jewels were breathtaking and his helpful hints were invaluable. Also, a smile to Ken Everett who donated 3 lovely door prizes. To all of you who shared the afternoon, a sincere thank you from Katha & myself. To those of you who were unable to attend please try next year - I know you will have a great afternoon.

Fran Welch

SAILING NEWS

Birch Lake residents can be proud of the large Sunfish League we have on this lake. Last Sunday we had 21 boats come out and join in the competition. These boats were sailed by people of all ages who came out to battle the shifting winds. It was especially good to see Ashly Welch prove that persistence pays off with 2 strong races.

AUGUST SERIES LEADERS

What a great way to start the August series with 21 boats coming out to join in the fun. The first 6 places are: 1. Leo Zelasko, 2. Mike Machelleck, 3. Steve Sante, 4. Ashly Welch. 5. Ken Troyer, 6. Dave Olson.

**** RACE RESULTS FOR 7/11/85 ****

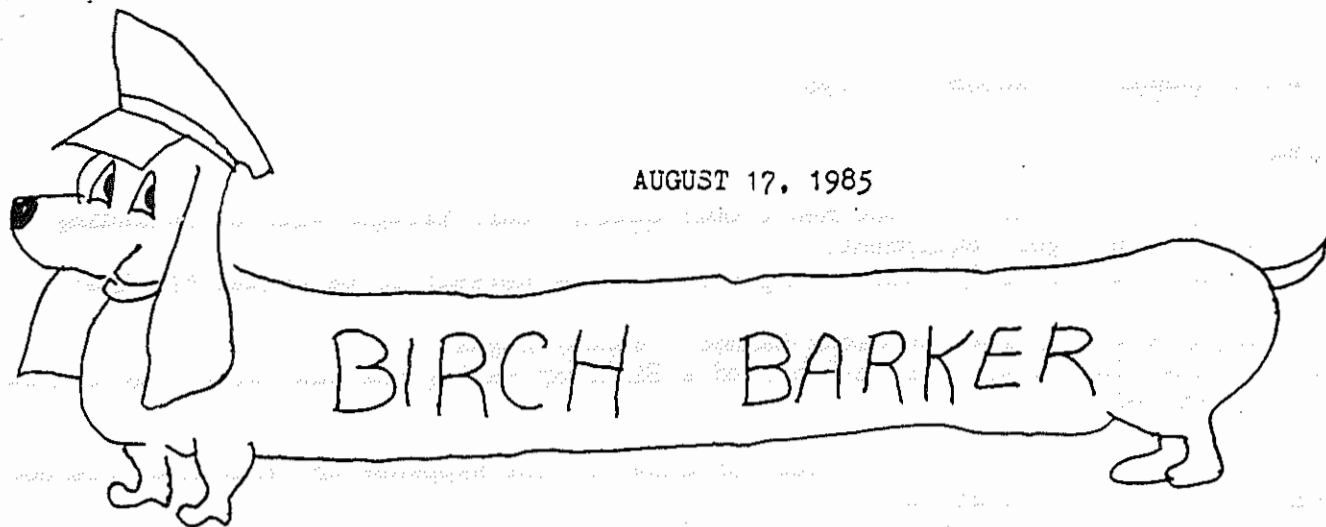
SAILOR	FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
	1	2	3	4	5			
DAVE TROEGER	2	8	1			13	2689	1626
TOM HOWARD	1	4	6			15	2594	1627
BILL CARPENTER	4	13	8			10	1873	1393
MARTY SANTE	3	3	5			14	2740	1527
STEVE SANTE	7	5	7			14	2452	1354
MIKE GOTSTEIN	9	NS	NS			9	—	1201
MIKE MACHALLECK	8	6	2			13	2746	1284
RANDY WELCH	10	11	13			10	1684	1174
ASHLY WELCH	15	12	4			9	2210	991
HAROLD CRAMMER	13	9	20			17	1465	1107
DAVE OLSON	11	7	16			11	1771	1173
JEFF OLSON	18	18	15			7	1265	774
LEO ZALASKO	5	1	3			17	3044	1384
DON HARMAN	6	2	11			17	2421	1364
JEFF HOWARD	14	19	14			11	1213	1088
KEN TROYER	12	10	9			11	1975	1134
JOE O'BRIEN	17	14	10			9	1690	968
TONY HAMMES	*	DNB	DNB			6	—	1072
RICK DOOLITTLE	16	DNB	12			3	841	773
BRIAN EBERHART	20	16	19			4	1129	596
TROY TROEGER	*	DNB	DNB			1	—	1099
CHAS LA PIERRE	21	5	17			3	1205	693
RICK HARMANN	22	17	17			2	1152	576
MATT ROSS	19	22	21			6	741	767

GABLEMAN

Once again the generosity of the people of Birch Lake has come to the forefront. The family of Chuck and Paulene Gableman made a very generous gift of many items of liquor to the Yacht Club. Some of the items were in turn sold with Tip Boards at the golf outing. The proceeds are being given by the family to the Heart Fund in memory of Chuck and Paulene. The rest of the liquor will be used for Yacht Club functions.

Our thanks go out to Terry & Sue Montague, John & Claudia Gableman, Dave Gableman and Linda Gwynn for this very generous gift.

AUGUST 17, 1985



WHAT A Busy Weekend we just experienced !! Whew, all the activities made one weary just dreaming about what came next ! What with the Men's Golf Outing and the Ladies Luncheon on Friday, and then the Birch Lake Triathlon on Saturday, and a great set of Sailboat races going on Sunday, which incidently turned out to a beautiful day!!

Well now that we're talking about the Triathalon (notice that I spelled it correctly this time!!) I have some interesting tid-bits to pass on :

- * As far as Bill Carpenter's records went, Mario Manta came in first for the swimming event; George Iams (Dr. Tom Troeger's Brother-in-law) came in second; Pete Lovato (Bob & Gerti Temple's Son-in-law) was third ; and Tammy Troeger was 4th.
- * During the running portion Kurt Kruggel was seen decending the big hill in first place, with Brian Machalleck biting his heels in second place ! Pete Lovato was placed as the 5th runner down the hill, and Kevin in the 6th position.
- * Three Huge Cheers should go to the YOUNGEST relay team entered this year:
Leslie Greenig age 10, Heather Gwinn age 9 , and Terilyn Montague age 8 !!
- * Dick Cowen, alias "Calves Cowen", was the oldest participant in this years Triathalon. It should be noted that Dick finished near the end of the pack of swimmers but soon gained momentum as he caught up on his bike . . . until his chain fell off . . . but undaunted he still finished in the middle of the running pack!! Hats Off to Dick!!
- * Odéssa Murphy was seen "scurrying" down the road carrying the "heat relief" for her team - her blue & orange canteen !
- * Commodore Welch took time to pose for a Movie Picture as he pedaled around with his walkie-talkie.
- * Herm Kruggel was "representing" Paramount Pictures as he roved around with his Movie Camera !
- * Vice-Commodore Mike Machalleck was seen jogging down Birch Road in his perfect "non-puffing" form.
- * Janet Barr's bike "gave up" after her part in the relay with Bud Z. and Coy J. -- or was it just her limbs that pooped out!!
- * Peg Condon was on "stand by" as she was bumped from her position by her son, Kyle.
- * Rick Doolittle decided to go "solo" this year and leave his wife, Cathy, at home, as he competed for last place. Little does he know, but he was almost declared M.I.A. Rick was heard by all to say, "The height of embarrassment is finishing just in front of the ambulance!"
- * Shelly Kruggel presented the Donny Habich Memorial to the Yacht Club, saying that each year the winners of our Triathalon (including last years) will be engraved on this plaque and remain in the memory of Donny Habich, of the Westshore.

GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY AUGUST 17, there will be a Garage Sale at 15248 Birch Lakeshore Dr. - Southside. This is the garage of Terry and Sue Montague - have some furniture, pots & pans, odds & ends - homemaking things !

There will also be a Garage Sale at Dave Gableman's - 63513 Birch Road, Eastside.
BOTH OF THESE SALES will be from 8 am - 5 pm (Ind. time)

LOCAL GOSSIP

- * Rumor has it that next year for the Men's Golf Outing, Earl Troeger will be including a Chain Saw among his golf equipment.
- * For Fran Welch's benefit only Odessa Murphy will allow herself to be called "Thelma" !
- * A belated Happy Birthday goes to Ricky Harmon - Sunday August 11.
- * Rumor has it that Jeff Olson also celebrated a Birthday during the past week - my sources are a secret Jeff!!
- * Ray & Fran Larson's son, Steve, won "Best of Show" at the Nappanee Art Fair last weekend. Congratulations to you Steve!
- * As the Social Gossip Columnist of Birch Lake I have to admit that I am remiss about reporting a news worthy item! On July 3rd Tom & Jackie Minglin, residents of the newly built home on the Westshore, became the parents of a new daughter ! They also have a son who is 2 years old. Congratulations !!
- * The incoming ND Freshman Football players & the ND coaching staff were at Herm & Bev Kruggel's cottage for a day of fun & relaxing pleasure - before beginning the 1985 Football season at ND.
- * Sheila & Jim Cook entertained his family recently. From Ft. Collins, Co. were his brother, Tim, and Joan Cook, and children, Danielle and Spencer. From South Bend were his Mother, Alice Cook and his sister, Mary, and husband Mark Bradley and four children.
- * For several days last week the Cooks had as houseguests friends from Oldsmar, Fla. - Kathy & Tony Simon and their children, Stephanie & Rebecca.
- * Clifford and Avanelle Cowen, 62308 Birch Lakeview, spent Thursday with Florida friends at Battle Creek. Lunch was enjoyed at Win Schulers' at Marshall.
- * We've all been missing Irv & Helen Bowers, Westside, here at the lake. Irv has been fighting the "Shingles". We all wish him a very speedy recovery, hurry back Irv !!
- * Triathlon Tid-bits -- from Avanelle K. Cowen
There was great cooperation among the competitors in the bicycle race - with assistance of chain problems, etc.
Rick Doolittle - maybe should figure out time - another year - for a shower and, or shave, at home, instead of during the race.
'Twas such a fun day for all ages! Contestants, helpers, spectators and cheering sections all participated .
Thanks to all who helped to make the day a roaring success - including the weatherman, for it was a beautiful day! from Avanelle Cowen

THE SCAVENGER HUNT will be conducted on the South & East Sides and no more than 4 items per cottage can be obtained! There will be a .50¢ admission charge.
FOOD - PRIZES - FUN - Music. Chaperones will be Dave & Judy Olson, Mike & Katha Machalleck and Marty & Doris Sante. BE THERE ON AUGUST 17 from 7 pm - 11 pm (I.A. time) !!

FOR ALL I.U. FANS AND CONTRIBUTORS ** FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
The 4th Annual MS-Dinner of Champions will be held October 24 at the Monogram Room of the Notre Dame ACC. Bobby Knight will be roasted by such dignitaries as Digger Phelps, Ara Parscghian, and Ray Meyer. Coy Jankowski of Birch Lake has done a limited edition print for the dinner. Limited seating, \$100 Per Person for a Championship cause. Contact Jim Cook, Chairman at 476-2263 or (219) 232-8228.

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FOUND : A BIG BLACK INTERTUBE was found by Thelma Koontz, after it washed up on their shoreline about 3 or 4 weeks ago. Go to cottage 116 East, or call #9657 to claim this intertube as yours.

Below is a letter from Ross Voorhes of the Cass County Health Dept. He has requested the yacht club publish its contents as an open letter to all yacht club members - we are most happy to do so. On the opposite side is a letter I sent to Mister Voorhes expressing our confidence in their efforts.

Randy Weleh
Ambassador

I feel the need to clarify recent statements related to Birch Lake pollution attributed to myself and/or the Health Department at your Improvement Association meeting of August 5, 1985.

The Cass County Health Department has not as yet, made any final conclusions as to the sources or non-sources of the Birch Lake pollution problem.

Our department is continuing our lot by lot assessment of on-site sewage disposal systems around Birch Lake. We are about 1/3 complete with our survey and have not, as yet, found any direct discharge of sewage from a cottage to the lake. We have not ruled out the possibility of a direct discharge but feel any such discharge would become noticed by a resident or residents and be reported. We have found some sewage systems that are very close to the lake which are probably contributing nutrients and possibly pathogens to the lake.

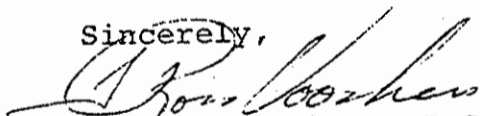
Further testing of these systems will be undertaken. If problems are confirmed, private orders will be issued to replace these faulty systems.

The Cass County Health Department has received some nutrient sampling bottles from the Department of Natural Resources. These will be helpful to monitor stream inflow characteristics and lake condition.

We hope to receive some assistance from other agencies and experts to help in formulating our conclusions. I hope to complete our lot assessments by this fall and be able to submit a report soon afterward.

The lake conditions will need to be continually monitored by our department and all concerned citizens of Birch Lake in order to clean up any problems and assure a clean Birch Lake.

Sincerely,


Ross Voorhes, P. C.

Randall S. Welch
President

August 14, 1985

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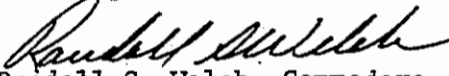
Dear Mr. Voorhees:

On behalf of the Birch Lake Yacht Club, we wish to reaffirm our support to you and the Cass County Health Department for the efforts put forth in determining possible causes and solutions to our water quality.

Until such time you have completed your survey, determinations and recommendations, we will not be party to any outside testing which may well result in duplicity.

Although the Yacht Club does not speak for the entire lake community, we do want you to know your efforts are greatly appreciated and we remain at your disposal to assist in any way you deem pertinent.

Best regards,


Randall S. Welch, Commodore
Birch Lake Yacht Club

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