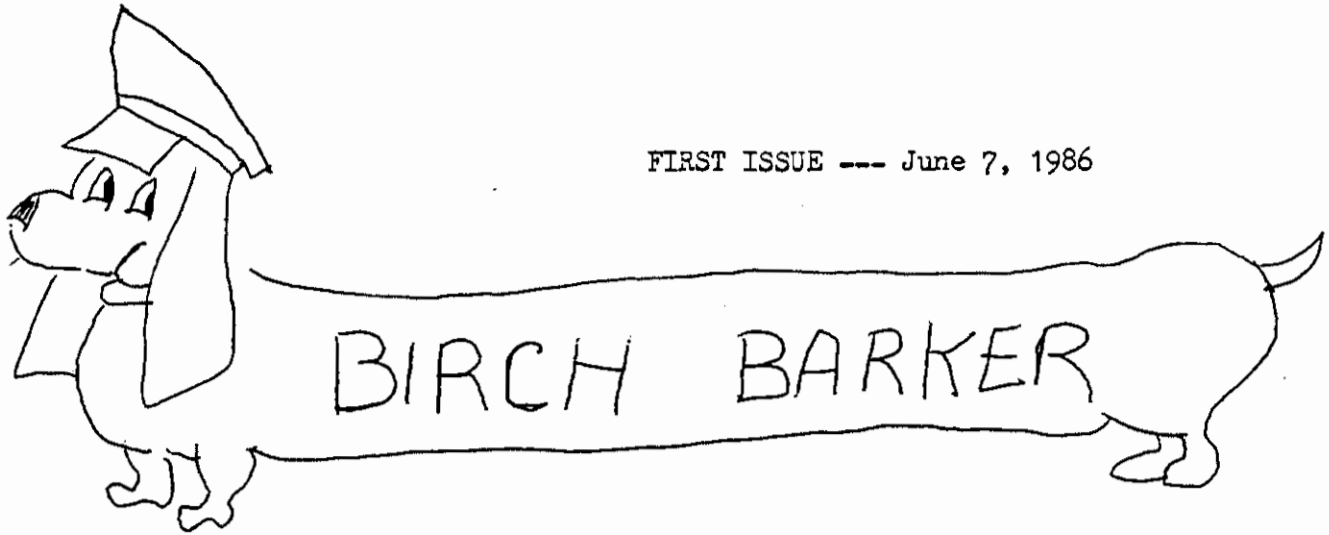


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WELCOME BACK to Birch Lake and the 1986 Summer season! Let the fun begin as we launch into another fun filled activity packed summer!

We made it through another cold hard winter here at Birch Lake and are now preparing to enjoy the pleasures of the Lake.

GOODEYES

The winter of 1985-86 saw the passing of 4 of our Birch Lake residents. Frank Chick of C-296 passed away in March; Dortha Cranmer of W-311 passed away in January; Starr Wentworth, formerly of W-306 also passed away in March; and Mrs. Larson of E-106 passed away. We will remember them all with fond memories held throughout their years at Birch Lake.

HELLO'S

On the more pleasant side we have 2 "new" residents of Birch Lake! In March Marti & Phil Carey, daughter of Jack & Evelyn Asire gave birth to a daughter, Erisa. Marti & Phil, and their 2 sons Christopher & Brett are in W-302, formerly Floyd & Ruth Fulmer's cottage.

Bill & I had a daughter, Nicole Lynn, born Feb. 27, 1986. (our 3rd girl !)

YUMMIES

Strawberry Season is here again and there is nothing better than the taste of fresh, juicy plump strawberries to accompany any meal. Try fresh strawberries on top of your favorite cereal for breakfast, or a strawberry shake with your lunch, and strawberry soup for an appetiser for your dinner!!

Recipe for Strawberry Soup: This is a thick cold soup that tastes as good as a strawberry milkshake!

- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. dry white wine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sour cream
- 2 c. hulled strawberries
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar
- 2 c. water

Blend all throughly in blender and serve chilled.

Mmmmmmm good !!!!

HAPPENINGS

Not only are things starting to happen at Birch Lake but also in the nearby areas. The weekend of June 7-8 there is the Strawberry Festival in Battle Creek, Mi.

Also there is the Rhapsody in Green Festival being held in Elkhart, Island & Bicentennial Parks.

There is the Festival of Wild Rose Moon on June 7-8 in Middlebury, Indiana . The Zoofest will be held this weekend at Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, In.

Next weekend, June 13-14 there will be the Grecian Festival at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in So. Bend, In.

There will be a Strawberry Festival held in S.Bend on June 14 that might well be worth attending.

And don't forget the Water Carnival in Three Rivers, Mi at Scidmore Park. Last years' water carnival proved to be a big success for all that went.

THE DINNER.

The residents who attended the Birch Lake 1986 Spring dinner at Morris Park Country Club were rewarded with a wonderful evening of delicious food with good friends. We had a good turnout for the dinner and Mike, our new Commodore, ran an informative short meeting to end the evening.

At the Spring dinner Bud Zesinger handed me copies of the 1944 Birch Barkers that I will take clips from for each of the next few Barkers to add some Zip & Pizzaz! I hope you get some amusement form remembering back to 1944 - the first of the Birch Barkers printed !! Here are some tidbits from the July-Aug 1944 issue: The Waggoner cottage is finally finished & Thursday of last week they spent their fist night in the new cottage.

"Miss Judy Poppin of Indianapolis visited at the Carpenter's cottage as the guest of Lieut. Edgar Carpenter who is home on a 10 day leave."

"Mr. Fred Ebling , of Blue Heaven, caught an 1 8" German Brown Trout in front of his Cottage."

IT'S YOUR COUNTRY * BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

"Mrs. Jess Priem of Elkhart spent several days visiting the Perkin's and Gentzhorn's in the Stair cottage."

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WHATS' GOING ON ??? . . .

Many of the arriving residents have been wondering what is going on at the Northshore ! Last fall there was this cute red cottage standing next to the Budzinski cottage and now its gone! In its place will soon be a beautiful new house being built by Chuck & Betty Fortino - they have traded places with Bud & Barb Zesinger! The Zesingers' are now the proud owners of the former Fortina cottage.

There are changes taking place at the former Echols's cottage, now owned by Spike & Anne Abernathy, (daughter of John & Nancy O'Brien, Northshore). Spike & Anne and their 3 daughters (ages 5,6, and 10) are from So. Bend and have all intentions of making the most of our beautiful lake summers! Welcome to Birch Lake!

EAST- There has been much work going on at Barry & Lynn Schaar's place on the Eastside. They have completely remodeled the outside of their cottage- and only Lynn & Barry know whats been going on inside!

It appears that Bud & Angie Lovejoy, Eastside, are almost finished with their renovation project of the winter. Their place has been a beehive of activity all winter long as they struggled to complete it before the summer season. Its great to see all the projects being done to the cottages & homes of Birch Lake. It certainly adds to the beauty of our already picturesque lake & surroundings.

On the Southside it seems a facelift has been given to several cottages- Mike and Katha Machalleck's has now taken on a new look!

The Hendersons' and Reiners' are also making some desirable changes to the front of their cottages on the Southshores.

As you are tooling around the lake look at the changes these & other cottages have taken while you were gone for the winter season.

CONGRATULATIONS

It seems that congratulations are in order for the daughter of Dean & Phyllis Davis, Westside. Kelly just graduated from IUSB this spring, and her husband, Jay, will graduate from IUSB in August! Congratulations to you both!!

ADS: FOR SALE: 1973 Signa Boat & Trailer. 165 IO. \$4,400.00. Contact Albert & Norma Courtney on Kinsey St on the weekends, or call (219) 255-4902 during the week to arrange to see the boat.

SUMMER JOBS

Any young person looking for summer work around the lake, i.e. cleaning house, yard, lawn, or garden work, or babysitting , should contact Sherry Holleman. I will print the names of these young people in future issues of the Barker.

RUMOR HAS IT

Rumor has it that there is a Toll Free number for culinary tips from Doc Toths' Kitchen on Birch Lake !

SAILING

There will be a practice Sunfish Race, Sunday, June 8, at 10:30 (Ind. time). The regular Sunfish Racing Season will start June 15. Get your racing fee to Harold Cranmer.

YACHT CLUB CLEAN-UP: Saturday, June 14, at 9:00 a.m. (Ind. time).

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Welcome back to Birch Lake! Your Officers and Directors have planned a fun filled summer.

The first event will be the Commodore's Cocktail Party, June 21, so mark your calendar. We would love to see you there.

Let's all make 1986 a fun and safe summer at Birch Lake.