



# Birch Lake Yacht Club

Vandalia, Michigan

June 18, 1988

Don't forget to attend the DIRECTOR'S COCKTAIL PARTY tonight beginning at 6:00 Indiana time. Bring an appetizer and join in the fun.

If you failed to receive your letter this spring regarding dues, Yacht Club Membership is \$20.00, Sailing fees, individual \$15.00, Family \$25.00. We will have additional comments regarding fireworks in a future issue. Dues or donations may be mailed to Lynn Schaar, 63382 Birch Road, Vandalia, Michigan 49095.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 18 9am	DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 2nd	FIREWORKS
JULY 3rd	FIREWORKS RAIN DATE
JULY 3rd	PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AUGUST 6th	TRIATHLON
AUGUST 27th	FALL DINNER

Don't forget Sunday, July 10th  
\*\*\*ADULT WATERCOLOR CLASSES\*\*\*  
offered by Coy Jankowski. The classes will be from 1:00-4:00 at a cost of \$20.00 Sign up deadline with Coy or any director is July 3rd.

CLAUDIA'S AEROBICS at United Presbyterian Church in Cass (near Hardings on State St.) \$2.50 per class-Babysitting & Children's fitness class available at \$.75-for additional information call: 445-2664

Class hours:  
M-W-F 9:00am  
M-T-TH 6:30pm  
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Order deadline with Coy or Dan Reynolds is July 1.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 1988 high school graduates: PAIGE COMO, Clay; ANDREA ATHANAS, Niles; ERIC COLES, Edwardsburg; MARK VAN HUEFFEL, Marian; KERI COOK, Adams

Every morning for the past week ARLINE MACHALLECK could be seen raking a bushel of floating reeds from around their pier - A muskrat (or maybe two) has been pulling the reeds up by the roots, eating the bulb at the base and discarding the rest of the plant.

It has cleared a large area around the swimming and diving area. De-weeding that area has never appealed to all the kids who love to swim and dive there so they will be tickled pink to have it done.

Ain't nature grand???

NEWS/ADS If you have any Barker News give to Dan Reynolds or call Doris Sante 219 272 6939 from 10-12 am Monday or Tuesday.

## SPECIAL SALE

Birch Lake Cups-Dozen	\$2.00
1986 Triathlon Tshirts	4.00
Birch Lake Directories	1.50

GEMS FROM BIRCH LAKE  
By: Arline Machalleck

Birch Lake is unique in its population! The early residents were awed by its clear waters, good fishing and beauty. The indians called it "Medicine Lake" because of the healing powers due to the marl bottom.

Others came to the public beaches to picnic and swim and captivated by the beauty and quiet, found a place to rent and then eventually buy or build their own place.

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Among these were LESLIE and MARGARET JENSEN who, in the early 1920's, came for cook-outs at the Cove Beach, then rented the Eubank cottage on the South side (now the Welsh's home) before building their present home on the South side of the lake in August 1946.

Because it was almost impossible to get material after the war, they bought a used prefabricated building and got the well pipes from a burned-out home. Thus the beginning of Cottage #42, later 14918 Birch Lakeshore Drive.

The Jensen's came here from South Bend where Les was a wood pattern maker in the jobbing industry.

They have one daughter, Kay, who has spent her summers at the cottage every year but one; that summer she was pregnant and was not allowed to fly from their home in California. Married to Bob Greenig and living in Upland, California their daughter, Lesley Ann, is following her Mother's pattern, having spent every one of her 13 birthdays at Birch Lake.

The Jensens, after some remodeling, made the cottage their permanent home in 1976. Summering at Birch Lake and wintering in Upland, California and married for 62 years, they love both places and feel they have the best of two worlds.

#### SAILING NEWS

Last Saturday was the season opener for Sunfish racing. This was a difficult race because of shifting/dying winds. HOWIE HAINES finished 1st with TOM HOWARD and DAVE TROEGER close behind. MATT ROSS was sailing very well indeed. Hang in there Matt and you'll have your share of good finishes.

We hope to start the beginners sailing classes today after the Sunfish race. Call DON HARMON at 476-2039 or see him at E146. You need not own a sailboat to learn to sail. After you have learned to sail it is likely a "loaner" Sunfish can be found for you to use.

A big thanks to HERM KRUGGEL and GIL EBERHART for running races for us so far this year. If there is anyone else that would run some races, please call STEVE SANTE at 476-2227 or S003.

#### RACING RESULTS FOR JUNE 11

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|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Howie Haines | 4. Marty Sante   | 7. Mike Machalleck |
| 2. Tom Howard   | 5. Don Harmon    | 8. Matt Ross       |
| 3. Dave Troeger | 6. Mike Gotstein | 9. Bob Cranmer     |

#### A LITTLE HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY Submitted by Dan Reynolds

Continued - One of the interesting features of the valley is the way it was created by the sudden lowering of old Lake Mogador several thousands of years ago. This change made possible the easy excavations of the vast amount of marl which has been taken out for fertilizer.

In 1929, while excavating for marl just north of Mogador Church (Log Chapel on Chapel Hill) the skeleton of an elephant, which preceded the mastodon here, was found under about 20 feet of earth. Scientists from the University of Michigan figured it had died between 50,000 AND 70,000 years ago. Also fossils of prehistoric plants have been found in the valley.

When the first settlers arrived they found Mogador Valley occupied by Pottawatomie Indians. The settlers found the valley a veritable patchwork of Indian trails, crossing Angle Creek, the Sauk Trail (now US12) going back and forth from Long and Baldwin Lakes to Shavehead and Birch Lakes and Williamsville and Union.

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