



Birch Lake Yacht Club

Vandalia, Michigan

July 23, 1988

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 27	CPR CLASS
JULY 29	MEN'S GOLF OUTING
JULY 29	LADIES LUNCHEON
AUGUST 3	CPR CLASS
AUGUST 6	TRIATHLON
AUGUST 6	CORN & SAUSAGE
AUGUST 13	COUPLES RACE
AUGUST 13	COCKTAIL PARTY
AUGUST 20	DIRECTOR'S MEET
AUGUST 27	FALL DINNER

LADIES LUNCHEON-July 29-11:30
 Ramada Inn, 3011 Belvedere Rd
 Elkhart-Choice of 3 entrees
 which include tossed salad,
 broccoli, hot bread, coffee,
 tea, iced tea, decaffeinated,
 sherbert. Entrees are:

1 Boneless Chicken Breast	
Baked	\$9.00
2 Orange roughly-broiled	\$8.00
3 Sliced Beef French dip	
sandwich on sesame bun	
with au jus	\$8.00

Reservations and choice of
 entree & payment must be made
 by July 27th. Contact:

Linda Curtis	616 476 2431
Barb Zesinger	219 272 2501

A great opportunity to learn
 CPR will be available to us.
 This is an extremely valuable
 skill for everyone to know.
 On Wednesday July 27th & Wed.
 August 3rd from 6:30 to 9:30
 (Ind) classes will be held at
 the Yacht Club. The cost is
 only \$2.00. Please try to at-
 tend-Contact Don Harmon at
 476-2039 or Pat Foreman
 1-244 8226

Another attempt was made by
 Herm Kruggel & Bernie Weesner
 to re-schedule a fireworks
 display. It is impossible to
 obtain a permit until August
 which would make it too late
 to arrange for the display.
 Donations already made may be
 refunded through Lynn Schaar
 upon request, otherwise the
 donations will be retained for
 our display next year.

SHERRY HOLLEMAN will be doing
 the Barker next week - please
 take news to Sherry or Dan
 Reynolds - Thank you Sherry...

Visiting CONNIE & EARL TROEGER
 for the weekend was MYRA ANTHONY.
 Myra now lives in Connecticut
 with her husband DAVE; they lived
 on Birch Lake a few years back.
 Connie wanted everyone to know
 that she and Myra went "Krogering"
 on their way to the lake.

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CORN & SAUSAGE ROAST planned
 for AUGUST 6 from 5-7 at BLYC-
 Baked Beans, Slaw, and drinks
 included - \$5.00 adults, \$3.00
 children, Children under 8 free

COUPLES RACE Planned late
 afternoon AUGUST 13th followed
 by 6:00 COCKTAIL PARTY-Bring
 hors d'oeuvres - If you bring
 new residents of our lake, you
 and the new folks will receive
 your first drink free.

SWEATS & T-SHIRTS are in, if
 Dan Reynolds has not found
 you.

The 48TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 of JOHN & ARLINE MACHALLECK
 was celebrated July 14th by a
 dinner hosted by her sister,
 RUTH ROGERS, of Jean, Nebraska.
 Other guests included MIKE,
 KATHA and BRIAN MACHALLECK and
 ANDREA OVERBY.

BEST PRINT of Mishawaka deserves
 mention for copying our BARKERS -
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 asonable price.



SAILING RESULTS

The course was a tough one to figure out last Saturday. Don Harmon did just that and won the first race with Tom Howard second and Steve Sante third.

In the second race Tom Howard put the main sheet to the metal and finished first with Mike Gotstein second and Harold Cranmer third.

The winds were a little light (dead calm at times) last Sunday for practice races. Watch for the orange markers if there is wind tomorrow and come out for practice. Any and all sailors are welcome to come out in whatever type of sailboat you may have. The veteran sailors will be glad to help you with the basics of racing.

RACE ONE	RACE TWO	SEASON STANDINGS	
1 DON HARMON	1 TOM HOWARD	1 TOM HOWARD	8 Dave Olsen
2 TOM HOWARD	2 MIKE GOTSTEIN	2 STEVE SANTE	9 Bob Cranmer
3 STEVE SANTE	3 HAROLD CRANMER	3 MIKE GOTSTEIN	
4 Mike Gotstein	4 Steve Sante	4 Marty Sante	
5 Marty Sante	5 Don Harmon	5 Don Harmon	
6 Harold Cranmer	6 Marty Sante	6 Harold Cranmer	
7 Dave Olsen	7 Dave Olson	7 Mike Machalleck	

GEMS OF BIRCH LAKE BY: ARLINE MACHALLECK

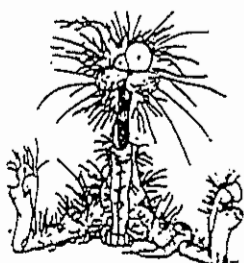
The West side of Birch Lake was populated by many families who worked for the Ball Band Plant in Mishawaka. Among these were the Cowens who were good friends of Irvin, called I.T., and Helen Bowers who lived on a farm on Kern Road in South Bend. Along with farming, they had a business of taking groups on hayrides.

Learning of Birch Lake from the Cowens, the Bowers first rented and then bought their cottage in 1951 when it was put on the market. The first thing they did was take down the big fence that enclosed the property. Then it became the week-end and summer place to be enjoyed by I.T., Helen and their three children; Marge, Frances and Paul and their many friends.

I.T. served as Vice Commodore in 1963, becoming Commodore the next year and is fondly remembered for Fireworks Display being started that year. The Public Beach was filled with cars loaded with people from the area and the lake was alive with boats to watch the display. Oh, the honking and clapping and yelling was tremendous and that first display became an annual event. This year, because of the severe drought and a proclamation from the state, all fireworks were prohibited and the Lake residents missed the beautiful display for the first time.

The Bowers had their 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1987. The celebration included friends and neighbors, Clifford and Avanelle Cowen who stood up for them at their wedding.

In April of this year, their daughter Marge and husband Dave Kinner bought the cottage, are renovating it and with their four children, the life-style of the cottage continues with another generation doing the work with the elder Bowers still able to join in the festivities at anytime, remembering their own childrens' antics through the fun their grand-children and great grand-children are having there now.



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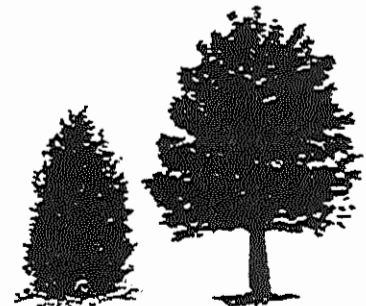
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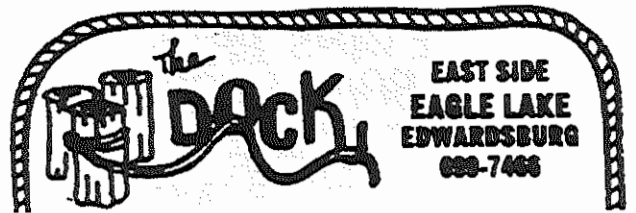
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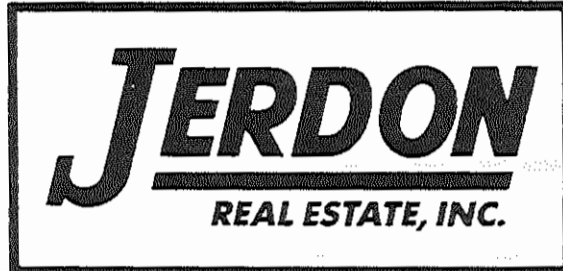


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