



Birch Lake Yacht Club

August 6, 1988
Vandalia, Michigan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUGUST 6 TRIATHLON
- AUGUST 6 CORN & SAUSAGE
- AUGUST 13 COUPLES RACE
- AUGUST 13 COCKTAIL PARTY
- AUGUST 20 DIRECTOR'S MEET
- AUGUST 27 FALL DINNER

TRIATHLON TODAY - If you live on the race course, PLEASE try not to use the road during the race.

THIS IS IT!!!

Don't make dinner plans, plan to attend our CORN & SAUSAGE ROAST tonight from 5-7 (IND) \$5 adults \$3 children-Under 8 free -

COUPLES RACE-August 13-2:00
If using sunfish size boat, you must have 2 captains, 1 male, 1 female. Each person must steer 2 legs. Anytype sailboat may be used. This is an ideal way to start a family fight!!!

COCKTAIL PARTY-August 13-6:00
If you bring new people, from the lake, you and the new folks will receive your first drink free. Bring hors d'oeuvres to pass.

THE O'BRIENS (N-250) had a bonanza the last 2 weeks. First, Great Granddaughter, KATIE WANAMAKER and Mom, KELLY and Father JIM came from Phoenix via Lima, Ohio, Jim's hometown. Joining them were JIM, Sr, and BECKY, Jim's Parents, and sisters SARAH and MINDY. To say the least, Katie is a keeper! Katie's Grandma is KATHY O'BRIEN ROCHETTE, for the old timers.

Then on Sunday, July 31, PATTY O'BRIEN COTTER and 2 yr. old son, JACK, arrived from Great Falls, Montana and Daughter #5 brought them to Birch Lake from the airport. (#5 is Jackie Stephens) Patty & Jack will be joined by MIKE COTTER on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Just incidentally, GREAT GRANDPA O'BRIEN will be getting social security checks soon. Can you believe it?

Also, JOHN & LINDA O'BRIEN celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary and Papa JOHN & NANCE their 42nd on July 20th. This year marks 33 years at Birch Lake.

Many thanks to KEITH WEESNER & GUS ESHLEMAN for their hosting the Men's Golf Outing Here are the results:

	Low Gross	Low Net
1st BUD ZESSINGER	69	BARRY SHAAR 76-70
2nd BUD LOVEJOY	74	HERM KRUGGEL 80-72
		MIKE DESATEL 81-72

3rd LARRY MOLLIS
79

LONGEST DRIVE - BOB RIETH
CLOSEST PIN - BO SWARTZ

Arriving from Midland, MI for a weeks stay are KATHY (MACHALLECK) WOLF and family. The special vacation was arranged to bring daughter SARAH to CAMP TANNADOONAH for her first outing there. Nine year old Jeff is great company for JASON as they swim and fish and keep busy all day.

THE DRINKALL COTTAGE was a busy place the week of July 21. Their Palm Beach Gardens, Florida family PAM, GEORGE, and AMANDA BACHMAN and friends of the BACHMAN'S, NANCY and MARK DAVIS, also from Florida, were here visiting. TIM DRINKALL, from IU Bloomington, came to spend several days with the rest of the Drinkall family. Wonderful weather and good times were enjoyed by all.

ARLINE MACHALLECK deserves a big thank you, or Pulitzer Prize, for her interesting articles concerning the history and development of our lake. Thank you.

We would like everyone to know what great neighbors JOHN and LAVETTA SCOFIELD are. They let our kids dock their boat at their pier until they closed on their sale, and when we were under construction, last summer, they opened their little cottage, next door, and let us use the facilities. It's people like them that makes Birch Lake a neat place to live.-DAVE & MARGE KINNER

JIM & LINDA BERGAN & 2 sons, NICK & JIMMY are the newest Westside residents. They purchased the Coleman cottage and plan to spend summers at Birch Lake. A surprise visit to the MACHALLECKS this week was Arline's sister, EVELYN LEES, and her grandson, 7 year old JASON DEHNERT from Florida.



SAILING NEWS

Last Saturday's races were sailed with variable wind conditions. Everything from a brisk breeze to dead calm. If you were lucky enough to be in the right spot at the right time it definitely helped your cause.

In race one, Tom Howard was first, with Marty Sante second, and Don Harmon third. Race two was a drifting match at times. Tom Howard finished first, Dave Olson was second, and Steve Sante third.

Race results:

RACE 1

1 TOM HOWARD	6 Harold Cranmer
2 MARTY SANTE	7 Doug Weaver
3 DON HARMON	8 Jim Foos
4 Steve Sante	9 Dave Olson
5 Mike Gotstein	

RACE 2

1 TOM HOWARD	6 Don Harmon
2 DAVE OLSON	7 Mike Machalleck
3 STEVE SANTE	8 Doug Weaver
4 Harold Cranmer	
5 Marty Sante	

SEASON STANDINGS

1 TOM HOWARD	6 Harold Cranmer
2 STEVE SANTE	7 Mike Machalleck
3 MIKE GOTSTEIN	8 Dave Olson
4 Marty Sante	9 Bob Cranmer
5 Don Harmon	

Welcome to two new sailors to the racing fleet. JIM FOOS and DOUG WEAVER.

The practice race on Sunday was well attended by a variety of different boats. Again, the winds were miserable, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Earl Troeger finished first in a Melges Cat. Watch for the orange markers tomorrow for practice.

Don't forget the Couple's Race next Saturday.

GEMS FROM BIRCH LAKE By: Arline Machalleck

The cottage of JAMES and MARY ALYCE THAYER on the North shore has the distinction of being the first cottage on Birch Lake.

Mr. Lyons, who owned the farm on the east side, later the Anderson Farm and now the CURTISES residence, built their cottage in 1918 or 19 for a Chicago man who later became bankrupt. Making a successful bid of \$500 to \$800, Will A. Thayer, a jeweler from Niles became the new owner.

At this time there was no electricity so gas lights and kerosene stoves were used. The only water on the Northside came from artesian wells. On a fifty-foot square of land near the shore, one was capped, named Silver Springs, and was used by the public. This area was later incorporated in the Thayer property and Jim Thayer, present owner of the property said he remembers seeing the original sign under the cottage but was unhappy that it wasn't found during the recent remodeling they did.

Will Thayer camped out at Birch Lake in the early 1900's, coming via U.S. 12 by horse and buggy as M 60 was nonexistent at that time.

Will's son, Paul, and later Paul's wife, Irma, and their children, James and Shirley enjoyed their summer retreat and all the good things offered by Birch Lake. An avid fisherman, Paul built a small pool in their front yard, where he kept his catch of trout alive in the icy well water until he was ready to eat them.

When their parents died, Jim and Shirley became co-owners until recently when Shirley moved to Morgantown, N.C. and sold her interest to her brother.

Jim remembers the early cottage, with only dirt to the shoreline and the numerous bull frogs, cavorting along the shore, many of which became the dinner of the blue racers also waiting there. He remembers the changes made by his parents to the cottage, and he still has his love for fishing and sailing and the wonders of nature instilled by his childhood here. Cisco netting done from November 15 to December 15, now outlawed, and snowmobiling are special adult winter sports he loved to share with his boyhood friends.

After adding two bedrooms and extending their porch across the entire front of the house, Mary Alyce and Jim enjoy sharing with their son, Joe, and his family, the special quarters and lovely view of beautiful Birch Lake.

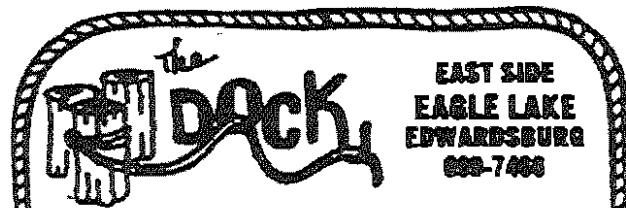


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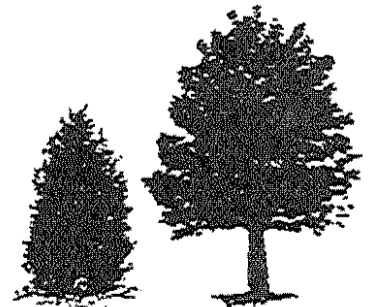
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