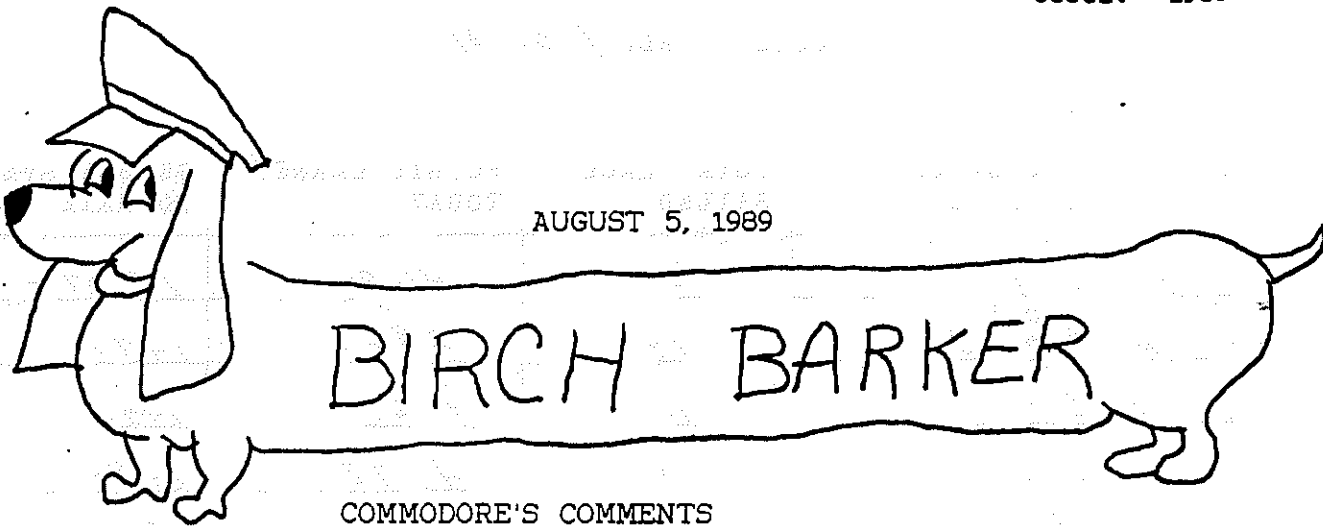


AUGUST 5, 1989



BIRCH BARKER

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I promised a special announcement in this issue regarding our continuing Camp Tannadoonah fun raising efforts and here it is:

THE CAMP TANNADOONAH WATERCOLOR

This beautiful original watercolor work has been created and generously donated by our resident artist, Coy Jancowski. This painting is signed by Coy and only one printing of it will be made. Each print will carry a serial number which should make it quite a valuable item with time. I understand that a print will first be on display at tonight's (August 5), cocktail party.

An order form for prints of this special work is included beginning with this issue. I am sure that many of you will want to take advantage of this while helping Camp Tannadoonah at the same time.

Harold Cranmer
Commodore

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - ALL TIMES ARE INDIANA TIME

SAT	August 5	Couples Sailing Race			
SAT	August 5	Cocktail Party 5:30 pm	SAT	August 12	Corn and Sausage Roast
SAT	August 26	Fall Dinner			

Bring your favorite snack to share at the Cocktail Party tonight. First drink free to newcomers!

CORN AND SAUSAGE ROAST - DON'T FORGET TO SET ASIDE SATURDAY AUGUST 12 as the day that you plan to attend the Birch Lake Annual Corn & Sausage Roast at the Yacht Club !! This is a an event not to be forgotten, it is an all you can eat affair, complete with fresh grill sausage, corn on the cob, baked beans, salad, pop, and beer. It promises great conversation with all your Birch Lake neighbors and fantastic food (without all your fussing and sweating !) Can this price be beat??! Adults \$5.00, children

age 5 and under will be \$3.00. Come and join us on August 12 at 5:30 Indiana time at the Yacht Club for dinner!!

SAILING NEWS

Last Sunday was cool, but the wind was back in what proved to be challenging sailing conditions. Dave Troeger figured then out and had two first place finishes. Tom Howard came on strong in winning the third race.

Coming up this weekend is the Couples Race, It will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm Indiana time. The winning trophy will be presented later in the day at the cocktail party. The rules of the race are simple: If you have a larger boat such as an MC or Hobie Cat you must have two couples, any sunfish or smaller boat needs only one couple. So come out and join in the fun. If you need more info or a boat call Don Harman at 476-2039.

RACE RESULTS FOR 7-30-89

SAILOR	FINISH RACE					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
	1	2	3	4	5			
D. TROEGEL	1	1	3			6	4670	1557 - 1st
R. HARMAN	5	DNF	2			10	2837	1472 - 4th
H. CRANMER	3	5	5			11	4062	1440 - 5th
T. HOWARD	2	2	1			10	4672	1484 - 3rd
D. HARMAN	4	3	4			9	4208	1379 - 7th
D. WEAVER	6	6	7			5	3606	1309 - 9th
T. ATHANOS	7	4	6			4	3780	1253 - 10th
M. SANTE	PN ₃	DN ₃	DN ₃			7	-0-	1337 - 8th
S. SANTE	DN ₃	DN ₃	DN ₃			2	-0-	1530 - 2nd
B. CRANMER	DN ₃	DN ₃	PN ₃			5	-0-	1154 - 12th
M. MACHALLEK	DN ₃	DN ₃	DN ₃			4	-0-	1380 - 6th
D. OLSON	DN ₃	DN ₃	DN ₃			4	-0-	1219 - 11th

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Extra firm Queen size mattress - 6 months old \$50.00

See door and mattress at the Rans, on the Westside ! Cottage #W350 - No phone, if interested stop by.

SUNFISH RACK - HEAVY DUTY - see at the Rasmussen's #2021

FOR SALE: NEARLY NEW 20" light blue Girls Bicycle. Contact Kay Greenig (Southside) at 476-2874 for more info on the bike.

PONTOON FOR SALE: HARRIS FLOAT BOAT . 1983 33 hp Johnson . Cover & polls. Excellent condition. \$4,500.00 Call (219)287-4545

FOR SALE: T.V. antennae that has never been used . \$75.00 Contact Cisco Minix to see it or for more info.

FOR SALE: TOYOTA SX 16 Looks and runs like new . \$7,300.00 . Call 476-2660

NEWS AROUND THE SHORES

CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO Bob & Barb Pence (Southside) as they celebrate their 16th Wedding Anniversary on August 11.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go to Laura Pence as she celebrates her 6th Birthday on August 7th !

ANYONE INTERESTED in Nick Bergans' (Cove resident) recipe for Air Biscuits should contact him personally. (revenge is so sweet eh Nick!)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON August 9 Doc and Helen Toth will entertain a group of old friends who return to Birch Lake each summer to while away the afternoon playing cards and gorging themselves on Doc's gourmet food etibles!! Ah such is the life . . .

BEWARE BIRCH LAKERS - there are thieves about ! Stolen, Sunday night , from Loves' (Northshore), were cameras , radar detector , car phone, Sony stereo tape player, . A reward offered for any items returned. The Sherrif encourages all residents to notify them immediately if there are any suspicious characters or unusual noises, or alarms, around the lake. Please call 445-2481.

MIKE AND MATT LOVE are still interested in doing odd jobs and yard work for residents on the lake. Please call them at 476-8854.

CECIL AND RUTH Sheetz, Southside, celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary during the month of July!! Congratulations!! HAROLD, CHARLENE, AND KEVIN Sheetz (Southside) just returned from a week vacation in the Carolinas'. They attended the wedding of Harold's cousin, Philip Edwards, of Raleigh, North Carolina. Also attending the wedding were Ruth and Cecil Sheetz, Harold's parents, and Harold's brother, Kenneth and his family, from South Bend, Indiana. After the wedding reception, Harold, Charlene, and Kevin traveled to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina where they vacationed for 10 days visiting Parris Island,

Beaufort S.C. (Home of "The Big Chill" movie) and historic Savannah, Georgia.

CHARLENE J. SHEETZ recently attended her reunion from Joliet Township High School in Joliet, Illinois. A tour of the High School preceded a dinner and dance. Over 300 alumni returned for their 30th.

THIS NEXT ARTICLE was submitted to the Barker by Dan Reynolds who found it in the South Bend Tribune and thought it was very interesting. See for yourself:

MEAT FISHERMEN: Given today's information about the importance of keeping bass alive, it's amazing how many people are keeping these fish, especially on small lakes.

There's nothing wrong with keeping panfish like crappie, bluegill and perch. But when a bass is removed the entire lake suffers.

Why? Because bass are the major predator and help keep undersized panfish in check. Furthermore, bass aren't as prolific and when you remove one, it simply can't be replaced.

Bill Dance compares the releasing of bass to putting money in the bank. "If you withdraw money from your savings account and spend it, that money is gone forever," he says. "The same goes for the bass you keep. That fish will never reproduce."

Many area lakes have good bass populations today. But if people keep taking them out, fishing over the next decade will suffer dearly.

MORE ON THE CONTINUING SAGA OF BIRCH LAKE HISTORY . . . continued . . .

Shavehead was responsible for the death of many white settlers. He would promise to secure game for the white man but no one returned from the hunting trips but Chief Shavehead. Strangely enough, Shavehead met his death the same way. He was at the Trading Post, which is now Cassopolis, drunk and making his brags about participating in the Fort Dearborn massacre. He was overheard by a young trapper who had lost his wife and child in the debauchery. The young trapper was then living on the Island of Diamond Lake. He asked Shavehead to go home with him. A shot was heard and Shavehead was never seen again.

The Indians under Chief Weesaw, whose winter quarters was in the vicinity of Newton's Woods joined Chief Shavehead's band in the early spring around Birch Lake, where they bathed in the lake and drank of its water, claiming the water had great healing power. It is recorded that Chief Pokagon, who was ill, made the journey from his home near Summerville for this purpose.

Settlement in Cass County was very slow, in 1840 the population was only 5,710. Early settlers around Birch Lake were the Harveys, Merritts, and O'Dells.

The decade previous to the Civil War was very exciting in the Birch Lake area. Sections of land in south Cass County had been purchased by Quakers for the purpose of setting up small farms for runaway slaves and negroes brought up through the underground railroad. Periodically, there would be a raid by southern slave owners to recover their property.

more to come in future Birch Barkers

FRESH PEACH DAQUIRI by Sharon Love

Cut into slices 4 cups of fresh or frozen peaches
Add 1 small can of frozen lemonade
Add 1/2 can or more (lemonade can) of Vodka
Add 1 can (lemonade can) of water
and then add 4 cans of ice.
Put all in the blender and blend till mixed and keep in freezer .

BIRCH LAKE CLASSIC REVIEW

The weather was beautiful and Park Shore Golf Course was full of Birch lakers and their guests for the 1989 version of the Birch Lake Golf Classic.

Bud Zessinger stroked around the course in a low gross of 67 with Dennis Kring close on his tail with a smooth 74, somewhat behind him was Terry Curtis. Bill King and Roy Henderson eagle-eyed a chip into the hole to win the Closest Chip contest with Wes Sprat smashing the Longest Drive well over 300 yards. Joe Breisch knocked his first shot on the par three hole number four closest to win the Closest to the Hole contest. Dale Leatherman and Bernie Wiesner knocked-in impossible long putts to share victory in the Long Putt contest.

Special thank you to Spike Abernathy who found one of the three gold golf balls which Buzz and Rick lost. Good job Spike!

This year, to keep play smooth and make sure nobody dehydrated on the golf course, we had a Classic Ranger. Thanks to Mike Love and his carry-on luggage, play moved happily along. Additional thanks go to our perennial bartenders, Steve and Frank Horvath. To Tony George and Jim Rans for volunteering to cook the corn at the dinner. The corn was furnished by a former Birch Lake family, the Crowel's of Granger.

Herm, Kevin, and Kurt Kruggel along with a few assorted others managed the difficult job of scoring for this phenomenal outing and we thank them for a tremendous job.

What is most unique about this event is that everybody who participates wins, and the prizes aren't your typical bag of golf tees and a golf ball. They range from expensive art to customized tee shirts. This event would not be a success without the contributions of the many Birch lakers, local merchants, and the guests who contributed generously to the door prizes. Everybody who came to the outing walked away a winner with a very nice prize. We thank you all very much.

The menu of Chicken, Ribs, Corn, Beans, Coleslaw, and plenty of liquid refreshments appeared to be a success - we certainly hope so. Anybody who has any constructive criticism or positive comments about the outing, please contact us so that we might pass that information on to next years chairman.

Once again, guys, thanks for your participation and your contribution to the 1989 Birch Lake Classic.

Buzz Rasmussen, Chairman
Rick Doolittle, his Chief Assistant

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As many of you already know, Camp Tannadoonah is in need of upgrading some of its facilities. The cost will be substantial. The Birch Lake Yacht Club wanted to help.

Coy Jankowski has again generously consented to donate us his creative talents by creating a beautiful water color dedicated to Camp Tannadoonah. The painting of the Great Blue Heron will be a limited edition print, signed and numbered. It will be poster size and of the highest quality paper.

All of us therefore have a unique opportunity: to help Camp Tannadoonah, because the majority of the proceeds will be given to the camp; and to own a beautiful limited edition Coy Jankowski print that will have very special significance to all Birch Lakers and to all the people who have been a part of Camp Tannadoonah.

The cost of the print will be \$50.00. Because there will be a limited number and because we anticipate a great demand from Camp Tannadoonah's alumnae, we encourage you to order right away. The print will make an excellent gift also. Use the order form below. Delivery will be mid-August.

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