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### COMMODORE COMMENTS

The Yacht Club is clean as a whistle inside and out thanks to the following folks: "Tractor-driver" Herm Kruggel, who tackled the 4-foot grass. Tom Howard, with his leaf blower and push lawn mower did the fine detail work. Ann and Bill Carpenter pulled weeds and raked wet soggy leaves. Earl Troeger washed windows and assisted with lawn duties. Doris Sante, Linda Curtis, Barb Zesinger and Linda Rasmussen whipped the kitchen into shape. (Those kitchen cabinets are spotless, girls!) Bob Temple, Don Harman, Marty Sante, Kevin Kruggel and Steve Horvath moved tables, swept and mopped the floors. Bud Zesinger assisted everyone -- and repaired the screen door. The place looks great -- thanks to everyone!

Don't forget the Commodore's Cocktail Party this Saturday night, the 16th at the Club -- 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (IN time). All new cottage owners qualify for their first cocktail at no charge. Everybody's invited -- so before dinner, stop by for some cheer!

Cruising on Birch Lake in the evening is a great way to top off the day. It's relaxing and peaceful. I appreciate the Safety Committee's suggestion and the jet skiers and wave riders cooperation in this matter.

See you at the Yacht Club Saturday night!

Buzz and Linda Rasmussen

### JUNE - JULY EVENTS

TIME (All Indiana)	DATE	EVENT
5:30 PM	Saturday, June 16	Commodore's Cocktail Party
To be announced	Saturday, June 30	Snack tray. Children's Party at BLYC
9:00 AM	Monday, July 2	Aerobic Classes at BLYC Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 AM	Wednesday, July 4	Boat Parade

### WATER QUALITY UPDATE

The Water Quality Committee wishes to thank all those super Birch Lakers who made special contributions last year so that the quality of our lake can continue to improve. Some of the contributions were used to help purchase land in the Willow Beach area so that septic systems badly in need of correction could be installed. We wish to thank Linda and Terry Curtis for making the land available. The committee wants to assure you that only funds specifically designated to water quality are used.

We still need your support! So any contribution will be gratefully appreciated.

We are also making excellent progress with our septic corrections. Only a small number are left to be corrected, and hopefully we'll get them all completed this season. Wouldn't that be terrific for beautiful Birch Lake.

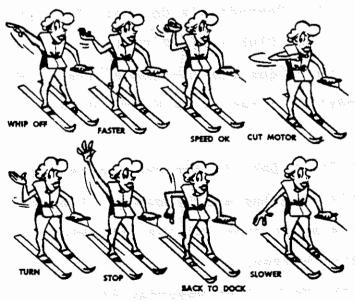
Thanks for your continued support and help.

Water Quality Committee
Gert & Bob Temple
Linda & Terry Curtis
Janet & Dan Reynolds

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

According to the Guide to Safe Boating in Michigan, water skiers should not be on the water during the period 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour prior to sunrise. A boater should have at least one competent person in a position to observe the progress of the skier being towed. Also, the driver of the boat should have a rear view mirror that permits him/her to observe the skier's progress. A skier should be familiar with standard skiing signals as shown below:

### STANDARD SKIING SIGNALS



### REMINDER

The Boating Safety Class is still scheduled for Saturday, June 30th, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Indiana time at the Yacht Club. We have 4 teenagers signed up so far for the class - there must be other 12 - 16 year olds on the lake who would like to drive their speed boat without their parents present! The class is FREE!

Call Buzz Rasmussen (476-2021) or Anne Abernethy (476-2559)

### BOAT PARADE

The summer of 1989 saw the revival of the Birch Lake 4th of July boat parade. This was an old Birch Lake tradition revived in the hopes that interested people would participate. The response was outstanding. Birch Lakers went out of their way to provide 1st class entertainment for onlookers and participants as well. Families and friends found quality time together producing boat floats from the outrageous to the sublime. If you missed it you have a chance this July 4th! Decorate your producing boat floats from the outrageous to the sublime. If you missed it you have a chance this July 4th! Decorate your boat any old which way and meet at Dan and Janet Reynold's pier (the Big cedar house on the south side) at 10:00 a.m. and pick up your entry number. There is no cost to enter. Judging will be at John and Claudia Gableman's house (a few houses down from the Reynolds). There will be twice as many trophies awarded this year and ribbons to all other participating boats. Categories to be judged in 1st and 2nd places are:

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No need for advance notice--just show up on our nations birthday with your boat decked out. If you have any questions call Claudia Gableman at 2132. Remember this is the only official Birch Lake holiday event actually on the 4th; so either by being in the parade or by watching this gala event, be outside at 10 a.m. Indiana time July 4th. Rain date - Saturday, July 7th, at 10:00 a.m.

Claudia Gableman

### FIREWORKS DONATIONS

July 7th will be the annual Fireworks display. Due to the increased cost to repeat last year's display, please consider making an additional donation to the Birch Lake Yacht Club specifically for the Fireworks. Your donations may be given to any director. Thank you!

### SAILING NEWS

Attention Sailors! Please contact Don Harman at 476-2039 if you are interested in participating in upcoming sailing events. Tentatively, the first regatta will be the week before the 4th of July!

### CRITTER SIGHTINGS

This week our Sightings are from Dan Reynolds, Southside.

Saturday morning ---

Sandhill Crane flying along South Shore.

- Sandhill Crane flying along South Shore.

  \*Green Heron at Park next to Weesners on Southside.

  A dead spider under Janet Reynolds' shoe! (Really Dan was this necessary? You probably put it there.)
- \* The Green Heron is crow sized. It is a small dark heron with bright orange or yellowish legs. Head and neck chestnut, crown black with a small crest, back and wings dark green-gray. The voice of the Green Heron is explosive, rasping skyow! Also croaks, cackles, and clucks.

### GRADUATES

JOEL HABICH, son of Donald (Butch) and Jean, graduated from Vincent Andrew High School in Finley Park, Illinois on June 1. Joel will be attending college in the fall.

TANDI LUTZ, daughter of Roger and Joyce, graduated from Three Rivers High School June 8th. Tandi is the granddaughter of Charolette Hagerty, Northside. Tandi will be attending Hope College. Her sister, Sherri, will be a senior at Hope College.

The GRCICH family has moved back to South Bend again after graduating from Rhema Bible Institute in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Two years away from Birch Lake is like forever, and they are all looking foreward to happy days with Grandpa and Grandma Caenepeel again.

Thank God for our beautiful lake.

# WEDDINGS A STATE OF THE STATE O

Tom and Julie Nagy are back at beautiful Birch Lake for the summer. After knowing each other for 9 years, Tom and Julie were married this May and will make their home at the lake in the summer and South Bend in the winter. They spent their honeymoon in Key West and travelling. Ask them about those record-sized fish they caught.

Congratulations to Linda Larson and Ron Witchie who will be married in South Bend on June 16th.

Welcome to Ron's family from Colorado who will be staying at the cottage!

### SOCCER

The Abernethys, Northside, had a good reason for missing the Yacht Club cleanup last Saturday. Anne was in South Bend coaching her daughter, Megan, in the championship game of Michiana Soccer Association's 10 - 11 year old girls. After 1 hour of regulation and 10 minutes of overtime, co-champions were declared with a 0 - 0 tie. Everybody was a winner! We're proud of you, Megan! To the own was been likely by the plant.

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If you have found a Wilson Basketball on the south side please call Kevin Sheetz--2604.

### BENEFIT AUCTION

Newberg-Porter Fire Department is having a Benefit Auction Saturday, June 30th at 10 a.m. at the intersection of M40 and M60, Jones, Michigan. They would like you to donate anything for this auction; old furniture, vehicles, bikes, pots and pans, televisions, old farm machinery, and anything possible to sell. The money will be used for upgrading Fire Dept. equipment. You can drop off items at the Newberg-Porter Fire Department on Saturday, June 16 & 23, from 8:30-12:00 a.m. (Michigan) or if you want items picked up; call any of the following numbers: 244-5423, 244-8535, 244-8622. THANK YOU!

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