



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORE COMMENTS

Another fine summer season is rapidly reaching its end. The Boating Safety Committee would like to thank everyone who follows the established boating rules. Your Yacht Club has had many functions directed by 1990 Commodore Buzz Rasmussen who has done an outstanding job. We all thank you, Buzz!

Hope to see a large turnout for the Fall Dinner, Saturday August 25th at the Yacht Club.

5:30 pm Cocktails - 6:30 pm Buffet Dinner

Adults \$8.50 - Children under 5 \$4.00

Bud Zesinger
Commodore 1991

P.S. Mark your calendars - Spring Dinner at Morris Park Country Club Saturday, 4-6-91.
Mens Golf Outing - Friday, 7-26-91.

THANK YOU

Once again a big thank you goes to Claudia Gableman for leading the Birch Lake Fitness Group in Aerobics this summer. Claudia's great personality made it bearable for all of us even on the hottest of days! We are looking forward to June, 1991 Claudia!

MEMORIAL

Word has been received of the death of Neva Carpenter, long-time Birch Lake resident, last week in Fort Wayne. She was 93 years young.

Those of us who knew her, knew also of her great love for this place, to which she referred in writing as "B.B.L." (short for Beautiful Birch Lake). B.B.L. has indeed lost a friend. Her Daughter Jean's address is: Mrs. Fred Taylor
9209 South Goldspeer Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

BOATING, SAFETY FIGURES

A quick look at nationwide boating and boating safety facts, based on 1989 U.S. Coast Guard statistics:

Estimated number of boats: 17.8 million.
Percentage of boats under 16 feet: 52.65.
Percentage of boats 16 to under 26 feet: 43.59.
Percentage of boats 26 feet and over: 3.76.
Most typical hull construction: fiberglass (53.9%).
Most typical propulsion: outboard (more than 80%).
Fatality rate per 100,000 boats in '89: 5.
Fatality rate per 100,000 boats in '79: 10.1.
Length of boat in most accidents: 16 to 26 feet.
Length of boat in most fatalities: less than 16 feet.
Most typical accident: collision with another boat.
Accident most likely to cause fatalities: capsizing.
Most frequent cause of accidents: improper lookout.
Most common age group of operators: 26-50.
Month most accidents happen: July.
Day of week with most accidents: Sunday.
Time of day most accidents happen: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

CRITTER SIGHTINGS

Critter - and - a - half! "Have you ever noticed" for such a fit lake (even the kids do aerobics) what FAT hummingbirds we have? I notice when they visit our Rose of Sharon bushes, the big tubs can hardly stay aloft. Are we over-doing the sugar-water? Where do they get their vitamins and minerals? Would they be better off foraging for nectar? (Add this to your list of global worries).

Submitted: Angie Lovejoy

Sunday our yard was filled with Cedar Waxwings chasing "Mayflies". They are such a pretty bird.
Description: 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8". Smaller than a Robin. A sleek, crested, brown bird with a black mask, yellow tips on the tail feathers, hard red wax-like tips on the secondary wing feathers.
Voice: Thin lisp, tsee.
Habitat: Open woodlands, orchards, and residential areas.

Waxwings spend most of the year in flocks whose movements may be quite erratic. Hundreds will suddenly appear in an area to exploit a crop of berries, only to vanish when that crop is exhausted. Since the young are fed to some extent on small fruits, waxwings tend to nest late in the summer when there is a good supply of berries. Adults store food for the young in their crop, a pouch located in their throat, and may regurgitate as many as thirty choke cherries, one at a time, into the gaping mouths. In summer insects are also taken, the birds hawking for them like fly-catchers. These social birds have the amusing habit of passing berries or even apple blossoms from one bird to the next down a long row sitting on a branch, until one bird eats the food.

5 BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Connie and Earl Troeger were thankful the rains held off over the past weekend as they celebrated 5 birthdays with their family and friends. Jeff and Sue with sons Christopher and Matthew were home from Steamboat, CO., Tom and Libby with son Chad were up from Indianapolis, and Dave and Christine along with other family and friends helped make it a memorable weekend.

NEW ARRIVAL

Welcome to Victoria Jane, new daughter of Scott and Holly Troeger born August 11th. Victoria joins her sister Amy 3, and cousins Stephanie 6, Tara 5, James 3, Ross 1, and Sam 10 months, to keep things lively at the Jack and Janet Troeger home.

NEW SKIER

Yet another skier has been added to Birch Lake. As a result of countless tries and some raw determination, Christopher Carey is now among the water-borne. Congratulations!

VACATIONS OVER

The family that probably comes the greatest distance to spend the summer at Birch Lake is that of Marty (Asire) Carey and her children Christopher, Brett and Arisa. They'll be leaving here August 29th for Virginia Beach, Virginia. Hate to see them leave and wish them a safe journey.

Probably soon to follow are grandparents, Jack and Evelyn Asire, also of Virginia Beach.

"GLEANING"

I found this poem last week at the Pinehurst, N.C. village paper. It reminds me of late summer trips and the fields around Birch Lake at harvest time. Angie....

"Gleaning" by Linda Pastan is from the new "Journal of Remembrance and Discovery," Passager, published at the University of Baltimore:

Driving from coast
to coast down looped highways,
I notice how the future
we have been speeding towards for years
is receding behind us.
We must have crossed some boundary

and hardly noticed; people
we once hurried to greet
are standing along the roadside
waving goodbye, your grandfather
in his ancestral cap, my mother
holding aloft a flowered hankie.

Still we continue on,
the car radio playing music
we danced to
how many years ago?
When I try to count
I put myself to sleep.

"Talk to me," you say, "don't
doze off." We must watch for
whatever the stubborn flesh
still offers: the smell of hay
sharp and sweet on the air,
desire--that old song.

Look out the car window.
Hogs have been let loose
in the stubbled field
like heroes in disguise
to find what grains of corn
are left.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Well folks -- this is the last Birch Barker of 1990.

I would like to thank all of the Birch Barker Reporters: Linda Curtis, Loretta Drolet, Claudia Gableman and Janet Reynolds. You did a great job each week which was greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to all the Birch Lakers who submitted articles throughout the summer. The "1990" Birch Barker Deliverers: Sarah, Megan, Molly Abernethy; Loretta Drolet and Nicholas Bergan; Marge Kinner; Lee Klappauf; Cheri LaPierre; Jim Mitchell; Ryan Rans -- you all did a super job. Thank You! A big THANK YOU to Linda Rasmussen who took the Barker to the Printers and picked it up each week. Last but certainly not least - thank you - to Bud and Brad for putting up with me on typing day!

Have a great Labor Day Weekend! Think "SUN"!

Barb Zesinger, Editor

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

William and Maxine Curtis, parents of Terry (Eastside) are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend with family and friends. CONGRATULATIONS.

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Broiled Petite Filet Mignon \$5.50
Served with cream sauce

Seasonalities

Lamb Chops, broiled with herbs, garlic and olive oil
one \$12.00 two \$18.95 three \$22.50

Roast Duck glazed with Herb Garden sauce \$14.25

Chef's Poêta du Jour
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Top Sirloin
5 oz. with garlic onion, green pepper and fresh mushrooms \$7.95

In combination with steak:

French mushrooms, onion and cream in butter \$2.25
Grilled onion, mushrooms and green bell pepper \$2.25
Portofino or Sherry sauce \$1.95

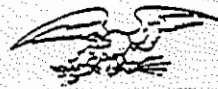
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Pan fried with Apple Sauce and Lemon \$11.95

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