



# Birch Barker

**ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.**

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The Cocktail Party, Saturday, was great fun! Thanks to everyone - especially thanks for those outstanding hors d'oeuvres. A special thanks to Vice-commodore, John Gableman and Tom Howard for their help behind the bar.

I appreciate the positive comments regarding all of our clubhouse improvements, including new ceiling, new flooring, and air conditioning!

A special thank you to Buzz and Linda Rasmussen for donating new speakers for our stereo system....

All ice used at the party was donated by Hickory Inn....

Plans are well underway for future membership activities. These should be great fun. Please plan to attend....

Next week ... Some history of the Birch Barker!

See you on the lake,

Bud Zesinger

Commodore 1991

**DIRECTORS MEETING: July 29th (Saturday) at 9:00am (IN) in BLYC.**

JUNE - JULY 1991 EVENTS

- Mon.-Wed.-Fri. - Step aerobics at BLYC - 10:00am (IN)  
Bring large towel.
- June 29th(Sat.) - Director's Meeting - 9:00am(IN) at  
BLYC.
- July 6th(Sat.) - Boat Parade
- July 6th(Sat.) - Fireworks
- July 7th(Sat.) - Pancake Breakfast
- July 7th(Sat.) - Fireworks Rain Date
- July 13th(Sat.) - 50's & 60"s Dance at BLYC.
- July 23rd(Tues.)- Ladies' Luncheon
- July 26th(Fri) - Men's Golf Outing

BOAT PARADE

Boat Parade - Saturday - July 6th.

This is such a fun event that everyone loves to see, so let's try for a big turn out this year! Need volunteers for judging. Call Janet Reynolds - #8877 - if interested.

50's & 60's DANCE

You remember the twist and limbo. How about the pony, locomotion,, swim, monkey, stomp, jerk, watusi, stroll and mashed potatoes? Come to BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB'S 50's & 60's party on Saturday, July 13th from 8:00 p.m. to whenever, and dance to those golden oldies. Greasers and collegians welcome. Poodle skirts, saddle shoes and letter sweaters are optional.

ATTENTION STEP AEROBICS CLASS

There will be NO step aerobics July 1, 3, 5, and 8th due to Claudia attending her 20th High School Reunion. Classes will resume on July 10th at a new time - 9:00 a.m. IN time.

THANK YOU

Thank you Bud (and Barbara) for the fun filled evening we (and everyone else) had at your Commodore's Cocktail Party!

We can't get over how great the Yacht Club looked with the new floor and ceiling!!

Helen & Bernie Weesner

## CRITTER SIGHTING

Working its way down the West Shore last week (early morning) was a Green Heron. Very small when compared to the Great Blue Heron. It has a bluish back, neck deep chestnut, legs are greenish yellow or orange. Very beautiful - and very skittish!

Also, spotted - crossing Harvey Street was a Ruffed Grouse. (A brown chicken-like bird with a fan-shaped, black-banded tail and black "ruffs" on the sides of the neck.) Taking its time I might add. Submitted: Buzz Rasmussen

Spotted this spring was a Bluebird nest in Sante's Leader box. She hatched three eggs. I hope they all survived!

## QUINLAN PARTIES

You may have noticed a lot of kids on the West side of the lake last weekend. Chris Quinlan celebrated his 12th birthday by having a sleep-over Saturday night for 9 of his school friends. The kids really enjoyed swimming, tubing, skiing, turtle hunting, and fishing. A real party animal, (a Birch Lake Beagle) spent the night sleeping with the guys on the deck. The dog and kids awoke in their sleeping bags to a beautiful Birch Lake sunrise.

Chris' older sister, Jennifer, celebrated her 20th birthday on June 5th. She has completed her sophomore year at Butler University and will be working at a day camp this summer. The summer is always too short for Jen.

On Monday, Caroline Quinlan had a party for fellow St. Joe High School track team members and classmates to celebrate the end of her sophomore year. Even though it was cloudy most of the day, everyone loved the lake so much that Caroline had a hard time getting them to leave. Parents Steve and Vickie Quinlan will now have the rest of the summer to recuperate.

## FATHER'S DAY FAMILY GATHERING

Helen and Joe Toth had a Father's Day family gathering. Their daughter, Karen Evans, and her children, Ashley and Daniel, were visiting from Portland, Oregon. The other children and grandchildren all from Indiana gathered for the occasion.

## WELCOME TO THE BURKE'S

A big welcome to newcomers, Allan and Jackie Burke, who now own a cottage on the South shore which they purchased last fall.

The Burke's were impressed when they caught a snapping turtle (approx. 40lbs.) near their shore. You should see the picture of it!

This spring has been very busy for the Burke's. Their daughter, Heather-age 21, was married May 11th to Brett Seifert of South Bend. Heather and Brett's wedding reception was held at Knollwood Country Club and after the reception they left for a honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica. Jackie's sister Susie, a Boston floral designer, made all of Heather's wedding flowers. Brett and Heather will reside in South Bend. Brett works at Liberty Mutual Insurance in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Allan and Jackie's son, Scott - age 24, will be married on July 27th to Linda DeBattista of South Bend. Their reception will be at Morris Park Country Club followed by a honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They will reside in Bloomington, Indiana where Scott is employed at Radio Shack.

## 12 LAPS

Kevin Sheetz (South shore) has skied 12 consecutive laps around the lake! Has anyone beaten that record? Good going Kevin.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Family and friends of JIM MITCHELL wish him a very Happy Birthday which is June 24th. Also, thank you Jim for building the great steps for Step Aerobic Class!

Happy Birthday to BRAD ZESINGER who is celebrating his birthday June 23rd. Brad has been a great help to me when typing the Barker on our new Word Processor. I'm still in the learning stage, so I call on his expertise a lot! Thanks Brad.

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

FOR SALE

GREAT GARAGE SALE - 3 FAMILY Sat. 9 - 4 Sun. 11 - 4

New Salesman's Gift Samples, Wonderful Christmas Gifts.  
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and boxes of Craft supplies, baskets, wreaths, and spools  
of new ribbon -- Kids toys. FORTINOS' Northside #2218

GARAGE SALE - LOVEJOY - (second from the landing) - Saturday  
9:00 a.m. (Indiana)

Add the GABLEMAN'S on the South shore to the lake Garage Sale.  
They'll have lot's of quality kids' clothes and toys for sale  
and some furniture.

For Sale: 16' Hobie Cat - \$1600. See at Troegers - 62982 Birch  
Rd. on North shore.

For Sale: G E Almond 30" stove with self cleaning oven. Looks  
like new. Includes overhead matching hood with light  
and fan \$200.

Vermont Castings airtight woodstove - used 4 winters.  
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Swim raft 8 X 8 , carpet, plastic barrels - \$100.  
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For Sale: 10 Cate Windsurfer - like new - \$450.  
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For Sale: 16 cubic ft. upright Frigidaire freezer - like new  
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For Sale: Schwinn exercise bike - \$50. Call 476-2526.

WANTED

Wanted to buy - 12' aluminum row boat in good condition.  
Call Walkers - 476-2515.

## WORK WANTED

James Richards (476-2160) is looking for work - will do odd jobs. James is 11 years old.

### A DIGEST OF THE MICHIGAN WATERCRAFT LAWS

Prepared by Sheriff Paul D. Parrish

1. **Boats requiring registration** — All motorboats; all sailboats 12 ft. or longer; rowboats (privately owned) over 16 ft.; rental or commercial canoes 12 ft. or longer; rental or commercial vessels propelled by any means that are 12 ft. or longer. The registration numbers must be affixed to the watercraft and the certificate of registration must be carried on board when the watercraft is being operated.
2. All boats are required to have aboard one Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person on board.
3. Approved fire extinguishers must be carried on motorboats with closed compartments and should be carried on all motorboats.
4. Vessels 16 ft. and over are required to have on board a whistle or horn.
5. Running lights are required on all watercraft between sunset and sunrise. (Red and green front; white on rear)
6. Children between 12 and 16 years of age may operate a motorboat of 6 or more horsepower only when accompanied by a person 16 years old or older or when in possession of a boating safety certificate issued after satisfactorily completing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved course in boating safety. Children less than 12 years old may operate a motorboat of 6 or more horsepower only when accompanied by a person 16 years old or older.
7. No person shall operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcoholic beverage or narcotic drugs.
8. Any person who operates any watercraft in a careless and heedless manner so as to disregard the rights or safety of others, and at a speed that would endanger or likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless operation.
9. No person shall operate any watercraft at a speed greater than will permit him to exercise reasonable care, to bring the watercraft to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
10. No person shall operate a watercraft in a manner so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful use by others of any waters.
11. All accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage to exceed \$100 dollars shall be reported to local law authorities. (Sheriff's Dept. in this area.)
12. All motorboats must operate in a counterclockwise direction, insofar as it is reasonably possible.
13. No operator of any watercraft shall have in tow any person on water skis, watersled, surfboard, or any similar contrivance during the period one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise.
14. There must be one competent observer plus the driver in any watercraft towing water skis, or any similar contrivance and the boat must be equipped with a 170 degree mirror.
15. No person being towed on water skis or other similar contrivance shall be closer than 100 feet to any swimming area, fishing craft, pier, raft, or another watercraft.
16. The only exception to the regulation above is when landing and taking off — then, extreme caution must be used.
17. All persons must be seated in the seats provided when the watercraft is underway or in motion, sitting on the decks or gunwale is prohibited.
18. No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than 100 feet to any fishing craft.
19. No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than 100 feet from any swimming area except when docking or debarking.
20. A boat shall not be operated within 100 feet of a bouyed diver's flag (red rectangle with white diagonal stripe) unless the boat is tendering the diver(s).
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Crab meat in a rich butter sauce, served in hot crust with cheese and mushrooms. **\$15.40**

**Grilled Northern Michigan Whitefish**  
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**Cold Water Rock Lobster Tail**  
Chosen in the shell, served with drawn butter. **Market Price**

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**Crab Perch Fillets**  
Pan fried or broiled in butter, served with green peas. **\$12.95**  
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**Alaskan Crab Legs**  
Total, served with drawn butter. **Market Price**

**Grilled Petite Filet Mignon** **\$5.50**  
Served only with drawn butter.

## Seasonalities

**Lamb Chops** Served with onion, carrot and peas or **\$12.00** **\$16.95** **\$22.50**

**Roast Duck** Served with New Orleans sauce **\$14.25**

**Chef's Poêta du Jour**  
(with your choice)

**Veal Medallions**  
One medallion and sauce with one of the following: **\$14.50**

**Barbecued Spare Ribs**  
Served with sauce **\$10.50** **\$13.95**

**Grilled Pork Chop**  
Served with sauce **\$13.95**

Please allow extra minutes for these house specialties

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**Prime Rib Roast**  
Served with gravy and roasted potatoes **\$14.25** **\$11.50**

**New York Strip Steak**  
Served with sauce **\$14.95**

**Top Sirloin**  
10 oz. **\$11.95** **\$10.50**

**\*Teriyaki Beef Kabob**  
Served with rice, vegetables, and sauce **\$8.95**

**Filet Mignon**, served in sauce **\$15.25**

**Steak au Poivre**  
Top Sirloin with crushed peppercorns, served with sauce of red wine and cream **\$13.50**

**Sautéed Beef Slices**  
Served with sauce, mushrooms, and green peas **\$9.95**

**Top Sirloin**  
3 oz. with garlic sauce, green peas and rice **\$7.95**

In accordance with USDA:  
Beef medallions served with sauce in house **\$2.25**  
Grilled steaks, spare ribs and green peas **\$2.25**  
Teriyaki or Shabu sauce **\$1.50**

## Poultry

**Boneless Chicken Breasts**  
Pan fried with lemon, dill and onion **\$11.95**

**Chicken Divan**  
Crispy chicken with cheese and cream sauce **\$9.95**  
\* Light Portion **\$8.95**

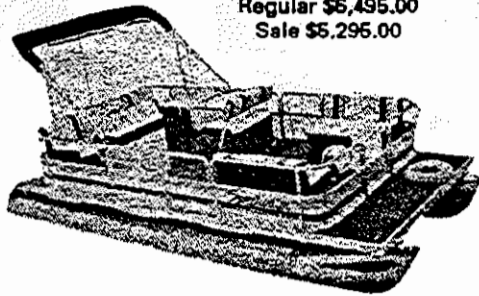
**Breast of Chicken**, Light Portion  
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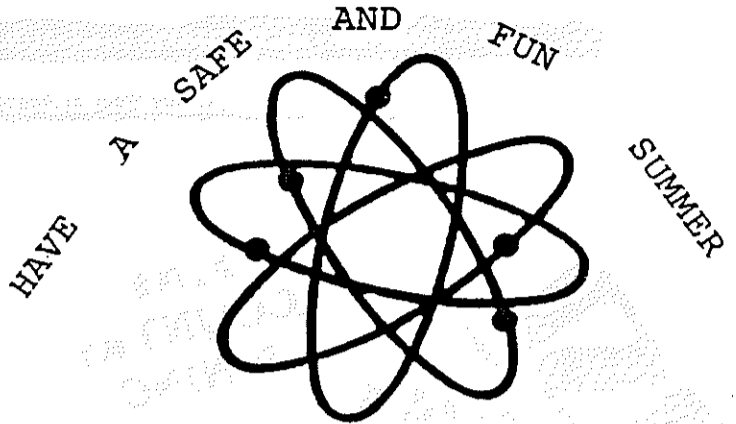
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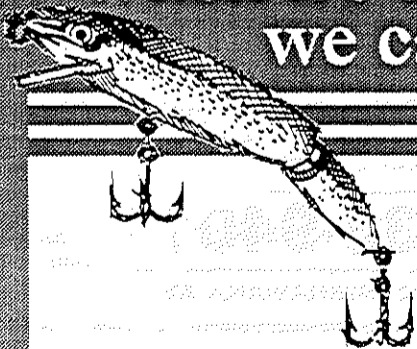
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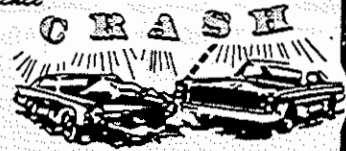
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 COMPLETE LINE TV ANTENNAS "TOWER" \* WE INSTALL

HOURS: 10am to 9pm Monday - Thursday  
 10am to 10pm Friday  
 10am to 10pm Saturday  
 12 noon to 9pm Sunday