



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The Men's Golf Outing was great fun due to the efforts of Co-chairmen, Keith Weesner, Tom Howard and Earl Troeger. The partying after golf lasted long into the night! See the following article for more information on the golf outing.

Two of our finest social events will be held next Saturday, August 10th. In the morning, the Birch Lake Triathlon and in the evening the Corn & Sausage Roast at the Yacht Club.

Please plan to participate in the Triathlon which is a team event and much shorter than in the past. If you would like to join a team call your shore captain (see last week's Barker) or call Chairman, Dan Reynolds at 476-8877.

The Corn & Sausage Roast on Saturday evening is a great dinner to bring all family members and guests! More specifics in next weeks Barker...

See you at the Triathlon!

Bud Zesinger, Commodore 1991

AUGUST "1991" EVENTS

- Mon., Wed., Fri., - Step aerobics - 9:00am(IN) at BLYC
- Aug. 2nd (Fri.) - 8:30pm(IN) - Candle-lighting ceremony
at Camp Tannadoonah pier.
- Aug. 10th (Sat.) - Triathlon
- Aug. 10th (Sat.) - Corn & Sausage Roast
- Aug. 18th (Sun.) - Kid's Party - 1:30 to 3:30pm(IN) at BLYC
- Aug. 24th (Sat.) - Fall Dinner

31st ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE GOLF OUTING

The Birch Lake Yacht Club's 31st Annual Golf Outing was again enjoyed by all who attended. Sixty golfers were greeted by a beautiful day at the Park Shore Course in Cassopolis. Several more joined the group at the Yacht Club for dinner catered by the K-tap.

Our Commodore, Bud Zesinger, led the way with a winning low gross score of 3 - under par 69. Five players, Tim Rink, Art McClwee, Wes Spratt, Mark Peterson and Mike Rink, tied for low net with scores of 71. Longest drive was hit by Bob McElwee (296 yards) and closest to the pin was Bob Temple (8 inches). Bob's shot hit the flagstick for a near hole-in-one!

Everyone who attended received a door prize and a favor to remember the day.

Many thanks go out to so many who donated prizes. It is impossible to acknowledge everyone as things move along so rapidly.

A special thanks goes out to the Hibshman Group and Hickory Inn for donating the beer and pop. Also to Steve and Frank Horvath for minding the beer and pop truck on the golf course. A big thank you to Tom Howard and Keith Weesner for co-chairing the event again this year.

Earl Troeger, Co-chairman

KID'S PARTY

Just two more weeks until the Kid's Party (ages 4 to 13 years) to be held on Sunday, August 18th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm (IN) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Crafts, games, munchies and a lot of fun will be had by all attending.

To help us plan different games, crafts and prizes, please use the form below and return it by Thursday, August 15th, to either Claudia Gableman-South, Pam Mullin-North, Barb Zesinger-East and Linda Rasmussen-West or call Pam Mullin at #8820 or Claudia at #2132 with this information.

Thank you and hope to see all you kids at the Kid's Party!

Pam Mullin

NAMES:

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CRITTER SIGHTING

Dorothy Parnell (West side) spotted a perfectly formed Bald Faced Hornets' nest. It was in the branches of a tree across the road from the Scofield house. It is literally "buzzing" with activity.

Hornets will survive until the first frost, with the exception of the Queen, who will hibernate in the ground. In the spring she will emerge and start another nest, lay her eggs and renew the summer cycle.

We have an authoritative source for this information. Dorothy has done a lot of research on entomology.

11th BIRTHDAY

On July 26th Jayme Rans (#350 - West side) turned 11. She was joined by her good friends Alicia and Amy MacGregor, Becky Kryder and Donna Napoli.

Much food and lake water was consumed on Friday and Saturday. They were seen in and out of the water a million times -- thank goodness for dryers. The girls loved the lake and a good time was had by all.

AIR QUALITY

It seems as though every year we have to ask residents of the lake not to burn trash and garbage. The smoldering lasts for hours and the smell is putred. It is also harmful to the environment. So don't be a selfish and rude neighbor: do not burn trash and garbage. THANKS.

CAENEPEEL CLAN

This was the week for the return of the Caenepeel Clan to "Wee Wood" in the Cove.

Marc and Lynn and sons, Jason and Bryan, from Asheville, North Carolina; John and Peggy Grcich and children, Anna, Joe, and Luke, from South Bend; and Aunt Jodi will fly in from Gunnison, Colorado for a four day weekend.

We will all celebrate Great-grandma Josephine Partridge Klingaman's 89th birthday as well as 50 years at Birch Lake (3 years renting and 47 in the Cove).

NEW GOLFER

Nicholas Bergan, son of Linda and Jim Bergan (Cove), has recently taken up golf quite seriously. He played his first tournament at Playland Golf Club and scored 39.

Way to go, Nick!

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

The South Bend Tribune is now available at Tom's Garage!

WELCOME

Extend a hearty welcome to Ed, Cilla, Gabe, and Haley McCool who are visiting the Gableman's (South side) for a week. They traveled all the way from Houston, Texas.

Welcome, McCools!

LEMONADE STAND

Stop by the Mullin's on the North side Sunday, August 4th from 12:00 - 2:00 pm(IN) and buy a cool refreshing glass of lemonade. Patrick and Sarah

WATER SAFETY

Failure of parents to see that their young children are properly supervised while around the water, accounts for numerous tragic fatalities. Children can often be recklessly unafraid of the water. WATCH THEM!

Other fatalities are due to lack of swimming ability or failure to observe basic safety precautions. Learn to swim. You do not need the physical ability and stamina of a trained athlete to become a competent swimmer, and most children are easily taught.

After you have become a competent swimmer, there are many things you should remember and do. Here are a few:

1. If possible, always swim with a buddy and then only in areas that are suitable for swimming; where there are no unusual or basic hazards, and where some supervision is available.
2. Before diving into strange places, examine the bottom for obstacles that might cause an injury such as shallow water, stones, logs, pilings, etc. Each year in Michigan, numerous persons are injured, sometimes fatally, because of diving into unknown waters.
3. Learn the correct method of breathing, correct strokes, and everything that will make your swimming a pleasure without undue exertion. Don't overdo.
4. Swim for fun and enjoy it, but don't jump upon, duck, splash or bother others. It is dangerous and they may not enjoy your fun.
5. Avoid extensive exposure to sunshine, cold water or excessive activity, any of which can result in fatigue and consequent danger to health.
6. If a rescue is necessary, use your ability to the point of positive danger to yourself, taking advantage of any flotation device available, boats, buoys, rafts, etc. Try a swimming rescue as a last resort....when reasonably sure you are big, strong and capable enough to do so. Learn swimming rescue techniques and at least one of the artificial resuscitation methods.

FOR SALE

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

CRITTER FACTS

Compiled by Duffy Dufour

The greater the number of facets in an insects eye, the better the vision.

DRAGONFLIES (order Odonata, suborder Anisoptera), known the world over wherever there is permanent fresh water, may have as many as 30,000 facets in each eye.

The **EASTERN BOX TURTLE** (*terrapene carolina*), named for its ability to shut up tightly in its shell, can grow too big for its own box in berry season. This animal is likely to overindulge in seasonal delicacies and find itself temporarily unable to close both front and rear halves together.

The familiar **RED FOX** (*Vulpes vulpes*) is found throughout much of North America and the Old World. In winter, foxes rarely take refuge in dens; they curl up in the open and may be covered completely by snowfall.

The longest life cycle in the insect world belongs to the **17 YEAR CICADAS** (of the genus *Magicicada*), which spend their immature stages underground for 17 years; adults live only 2-3 weeks once they emerge from underground to mate. Only the males of these species create their distinctive, buzzing "song."

One **MUSK TURTLE** species (*Sternothernus odoratus*) of the eastern United States is known as "stinkpot" and "stinkin' Jenny" for the skunk-like odor of a fluid it exudes when threatened.

The **GREAT BLUE HERON** (*Ardea herodias*) is a tall, stately, bird that hunts day and night.

It stands with great patience in shallow waters, stalking fish, then strikes faster than the human eye can follow.

The North American **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE** (*Lanius ludovicianus*), though smaller than a robin, preys on snakes, mice, insects, and small birds like sparrows. It always impales its catch on thorns or other projections before it eats them.

The female **AMERICAN TOAD** (*Bufo americanus*), also known as the **HOPTOAD**, lays 4,000 - 12,000 black and white jelly-like eggs in a string that often reaches a length of 70 feet.

FISHES are the most diverse vertebrate animals. There may be more species of fish - perhaps 28,000 - than of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals combined.

Unlike most turtles, the male **WOOD TURTLE** (*Clemmys insculpta*) of the northeastern U.S. and Great Lakes states has a distinctive call. Audible at 30 - 40 feet, it has been linked to the sound of a whistling tea kettle.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS (*Archilochus colubris*) have been seen passing ships at sea flying 4-5 times the ship's speed. Hummingbirds are among the world's fastest flyers, and are the only birds able to fly forward, backwards, upward, and sideways.

It is predicted that as many as two dozen species will become extinct by the year 2000.

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