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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It looks like the summer weather we have all been hoping for has finally arrived. Last weekend's weather was magnificent and the weekend was full of activities. The Triathlon was a bigger success than ever, the sailboat races provided beautiful scenery (it was great to see so many boats participate), and the Corn and Sausage Roast was a huge success. Don't forget the Camp Tannadoonah candlelight ceremony on Friday night the 14th at approximately 9:00 P.M. (IN time). Our last Birch Lake Yacht Club activity is quickly approaching on Saturday, August 22nd. Buy your Fall Dinner tickets from me or any director.

John Gableman
Commodore 1992

SUMMER "1992" EVENTS

- Aug. 15th Sailing Race - 1:30 PM(IN)
- Aug. 22nd Sailing Race - 1:30 PM(IN)
- Aug. 22nd Fall Dinner - Cocktails 5:30 PM(IN) - BLYC

AEROBICS

Remaining Aerobic class dates are as follows:

- Friday - Aug. 14th
- Saturday - Aug. 15th
- Saturday - Aug. 22nd
- Saturday - Aug. 29th
- Saturday - Sept. 5th
- Time: 9:00 A.M. (IN)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (29th) CINDY!!!

BIRCH LAKE GOLF OUTING

Sorry for the delay in thanking Bob, Bill and Le King for organizing an exciting and enjoyable 32nd Annual Birch Lake Golf Outing. A tremendous amount of effort was put into this year's event that included several new contests and prizes, not the least of which was a beautiful 17.5 ft. Sunbird Corsair boat, motor and trailer. The bad news is that nobody made a hole in one so the boat went back to the marina. The good news, however, is that Bob King put on this great outing, for \$5.00 less than the previous year, and has already volunteered to chair our 33rd next year. Thanks also to all the volunteers, corporate sponsors and prize contributors. Mark your calendars for next year's event which has already been scheduled for the last Friday in July. Rich Mullin, Vice-commandore.

TRIATHLON

What a fantastic triathlon! A record number of participants enjoyed the competition. Congratulations to all the winners in each of the categories, but especially to our individual winner Chris Ball; our three man team winner Kevin Sheetz, Joe and Matt Williams; our six man team winner Craig Dugan, Ross and Ryan Gableman, Kory Bienz, Kelly Ball and K. C. Wiseman; our six girl team winner Brittany Gableman, Natalie Dudek, Laura Pence, Beth Dugan, Lindsay Martin, and Lindsay Williams; our five girl team winner Kristy Wiseman, Jayme Rans, Sabrina Pence, Bethany Wood, and Leslie Greenig; our three man age group winner Patrick Mullin, Adam and Richard Waskewics; our family winner the Kellys, Mike, Lee, Joe, Matt, Rachael and Tess; and to all the "old folk" who gave it their all, especially Dave Green (is he old?).

And thanks to all those who helped.

Barb Zesinger	Bud Zesinger	Terry Montague
Katha Machalleck	Terry Wiseman	John Gableman
Becky Wiseman	Bob Temple	Brian Machalleck
Nancy Ball	Terry Curtis	

CORN & SAUSAGE ROAST REPORT

Record numbers of Birch Lakers and their guests attended this annual event! Special thanks to Frank Horvath and Earl Troeger for picking up the corn and sausage. Again, the Bullard family generously donated the corn and it was delicious! The corn and sausage was ably cooked by Buzz Rasmussen, John Gableman, Art Buck and Tim Laurvek! Girls in the kitchen included Claudia Gableman, Barb Zesinger, Caroline Seaman and Linda Rasmussen. Thanks to Pam Mullin and Caroline's daughter, Pam, for collecting the money! Everyone plus Rich Mullin and Steve Cranmer helped with clean up. Thanks to all for assisting in making our Corn and Sausage Roast a success!

The Committee

ALL BOAT REGATTA

Last Sunday 13 boats were at the starting line for our "All Boat Regatta". Only the MC's and Sunfish showed up. Where were some of our other boats??

Don Harman sailed away from everyone to take 1st place overall and 1st place in the Portsmouth Handicap. Harold Cranmer, Todd Troeger, and Vic Jones battled it out for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. We'll try this again next year.

Portsmouth Handicap Results

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Don Harman | 8. Ric Harman |
| 2. Harold Cranmer | 9. Don Olson |
| 3. Marty Sante (1st Sunfish) | 10. Bob King |
| 4. Mike Machalleck | 11. Dick Green |
| 5. Todd Troeger | 12. C.T. McElwee |
| 6. Vic Jones | 13. The Mullin's?? DNF |
| 7. Tom Howard | |

SAILING

Saturday marked the 2nd weekend of Renewed Racing at Birch. Moderate winds greeted our 6 MC racers and 5 Sunfish sailors. Positions changed hands constantly. There have been 3 winners in the 4 MC races and 2 winners in the Sunfish races. This is another call to come out with your Sunfish and race.

Races are scheduled each Saturday with the 10 minute horn scheduled at 1:30 PM(IN) sharp. See you there.

SAILING STANDINGS

MC's	Sunfish
1 - Harold Cranmer	1 - Bud Lovejoy
1 - Don Harman	1 - Ric Harman
3 - Earl Troeger	3 - John Gableman
4 - Bruce Harlan	4 - Steve Sante
4 - Green's Sandy Lamb	5 - Mike Machalleck
6 - Vic Jones	6 - Bob King

DID YOU KNOW

The Birch Lake Yacht Club was started in the late 1940's by a group of young people with the encouragement and backing of their parents. The first sailboat races took place in 1948 using a handicap at the start. Several different types of boats raced including a small cabin boat and a sailing kayak. The faster boats had to wait up to an hour to start.

From this a very competitive Snipe Class emerged producing some fine sailors. The Snipe Class raced for many years with up to 15 boats competing. The Sunfish Class then started and grew to around 25 competitors in a few years.

In 1965 our own Earl Troeger with sons, Jeff, Tom, and Dave, as crew won the Reichner Trophy Emblematic of the World High Point Championship and the Minneford Trophy Emblematic of the National High Point Championship.

DID YOU KNOW continued

Earl then served on as District Governor covering 8 States for several years and was a member of the International Board of Governors.

Several others represented Birch Lake in District and National competition over the years including Bill Carpenter, Bob Hague, and the Troeger Boys. Birch Lake also hosted some Regattas including the District Junior Championships and the Champayne Regatta which brought Sailors from around the Midwest to our beautiful Birch Lake. The Sunfish shared a District Regatta with Diamond Lake and Eagle Lake hosting the regatta every third year.

We still have the makings of a fine Sunfish Fleet and the MC's have taken the place of the Snipe. We are attempting to start the competition again. Get out in your sailboats and join the fun. If you have questions ask any of our sailors as they would be glad to help you. We look forward to your help in starting our Sailing Fleets again. Come out and sail against the best our great lake has to offer.

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB FALL DINNER

Date: Saturday, August 22nd
Place: Birch Lake Yacht Club
Time: Cocktails - 5:30 P.M.(IN)
Dinner - Buffet Style - 6:30 P.M.(IN)
Menu: Chicken and Swiss steak
Noodles and mashed potatoes
Green Beans and Cole Slaw
Bread and Butter
Price: Couples - \$17.00; Individuals - \$8.50;
Children under 5 - \$4.50

It is hard to believe that another summer on beautiful Birch Lake is about to end. However, we have our annual Fall Dinner to come together one more time and enjoy each other's company and some fine food. "Personalized Caterers" will be serving the menu noted above. They come highly recommended.

Please buy your tickets as soon as possible. We need to know the number attending and there is limited seating. Tickets can be purchased from most directors, including John Gableman, Rich Mullin, Bob Temple, Denny Weesner, Earl Troeger, Jane Nagy, Barb Zesinger, and Bob Waddle.

Join us at the Fall Dinner and say "Thank You" to our retiring Commodore, John Gableman, and some other directors that have served us so well this past year!

CRITTERS CORNER

The Green's had two sightings this week while the Lamb's (Sandy, Geoff, and Rick) were vacationing with them. A Bald Eagle was seen catching a fish about 5:30a.m. one day --a first sighting on this lake we think. We also saw a humming-bird moth feeding on our impatiens.

BIRCH LAKE SWEATS

They're here!! The beautiful sweatshirts, sweatpants, and T-shirts designed by Coy Jankowski are in and for sale. We still have quite a few sweats in stock, however, some sizes are limited and T-shirts are going fast. So we're going to place one final order Monday, August 17th. If interested, stop by or call the Reynolds - South Shore - phone #8877.

KELLY FAMILY

The Kelly family made history at the Birch Lake Triathlon when the entire family participated.

Three year old twins, Tess and Rachel, were youngest participants, one category; entire family, second category; and, third category, first time participants.

Rachel and Tess biked. Five year old Matthew ran with his Dad (Mike). Six year old Joe swam with his Mom (Lee). All members came in first place and received trophies. Congratulations!

Margaret and Leslie A. Jensen

The following is a profile of two very special Birch Lakers, Margaret E. and Leslie A. Jensen who have lived in cottage #S042 for 48 years. I asked their daughter, Kay (Jensen) Greenig, to write a brief profile on her parents and she submitted the following. Thank you Kay. Barb Zesinger, Editor.

Margaret E. Jensen was born Margaret Aitchison in Chicago, Illinois on March 29, 1905. Her family moved to Wheatfield, Indiana in 1910 after Mr. Aitchison traded a grocery and general store for a farm so his four children could be raised in the country. Margaret went to a one room school called Grube School and graduated from Wheatfield High School in 1922 with seven other students.

Her father brought home their first car, a Model T Ford, that cost \$398 which he nearly drove into the house and never drove again - 12 year old Margaret and her 10 year old brother took over the chauffeuring from then on - no license requirements in those days!

At age 17 she moved to South Bend, Indiana to attend the South Bend Business College and worked for room and board in peoples homes as a Mother's Helper. You could buy your supper at the YWCA for 35¢ in those days. Her first real job was for Olivers, then Westinghouse and Associates Investment in 1928.

Leslie A. Jensen was born July 22, 1903 in Wheatfield, Indiana. His father was a bank teller and his grandfather owned the local theater. Les went to Grube School and graduated in 1920 from Wheatfield High School at age 16 with 15 other students (the largest graduating class in years). He moved to South Bend, Indiana at 17 to be an apprentice wood pattern maker and became a journeyman 4½ years later, earning 62¢ an hour. In those days you could send a large load of clothes to the Chinese laundry for 95¢.

Margaret and Leslie Jensen cont.

He worked at Olivers 1920 - 1935.

Les and Margaret started dating during the fall of 1923. On one of their dates the summer of 1924 they came to Birch Lake for a picnic and fell in love with the lake. They can remember seeing about 4 houses on the lake — Doolittles (the old farmhouse); Sears place; the farmhouse with the barn (Curtis'); and Harvey's (2 story cement block).

They were married April 4, 1926, a week after Margaret turned 21, which makes 66 years of loving together. Once they find something they like they stick with it. The Jensens lived in the same house in South Bend for 50 years. The organizations they belonged to were also long lasting. Like the Young Womens (YWCA) group for 70 years (there are still 5 ladies meeting; they received their 50 year pins for Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge last year; and have had the Birch Lake cottage for 48 years.

The cottage has had many changes since first built. The first year there was an Ice Box which used ice cut from Birch Lake in the winter, then stored at Lanky's Store (Williamsville) and delivered about 3 times a week in the summer. Coal oil lamps, a hand pump and a big old pot belly wood stove, the kind you could sit around and rest your feet on a foot rail. But, Birch Lake has always been in the forefront of keeping a healthy lake because even then they required good indoor bathrooms. Since the early days many modern conveniences have been added which can't possibly make it any more fun than it has always been.

Now days the Jensens are snow birds, spending their winters in a mobile home in Upland, California near their daughter and family and still enjoying summers at Birch Lake.

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Well, the 32nd Annual Birch Lake Open has come & gone. Mother nature threw a curve with the first rain-delay in collective memory. This is a mighty tough group of golfers . . . no one cancelled — though we all had to walk!

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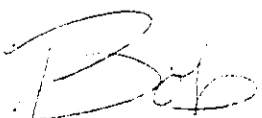
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As always, the number of people who donated gifts to the prize table are too numerous to mention. Some donors to the Open prefer that their gifts remain anonymous & I will honor that request. Thanks to one & all . . .

In the event I have forgotten to recognize anyone I'll apologize in advance. Only by the efforts of many can our Open enjoy the success we have had in the past & hope for in the future.

THANKS AGAIN!



Bob King
1992 Open Chairman

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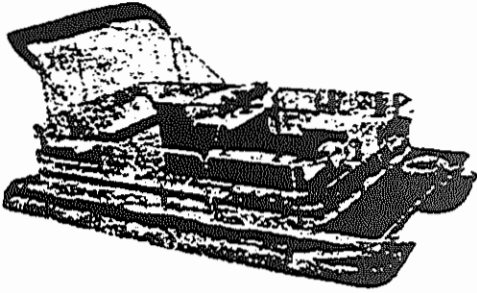
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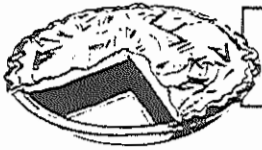
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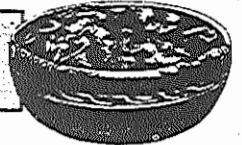
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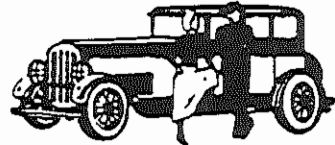
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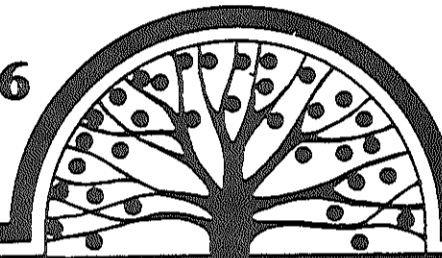
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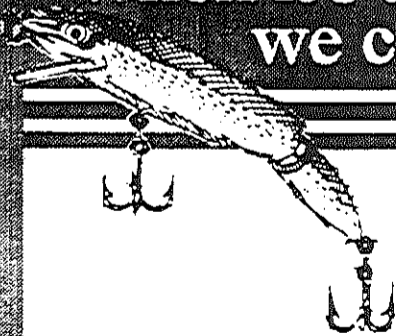
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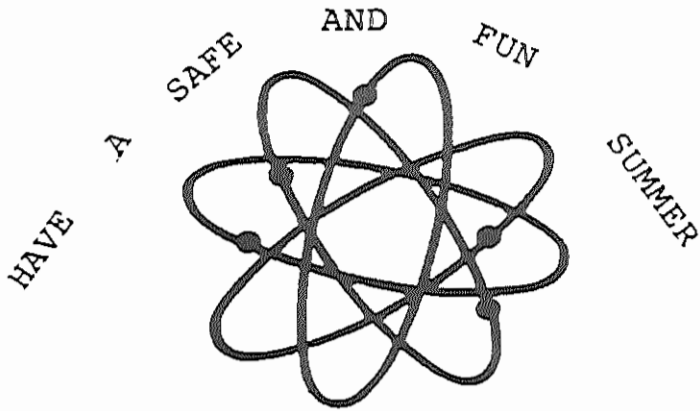
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