



# Birch Barken

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Think of the word "succulent". Think of "succulent", juicy pork sausage - slowly cooked over a bed of white-hot coals. Think of "succulent" ears of fresh, new corn - roasted in its own husk. Am I making you hungry? Save your appetite for the annual Corn and Sausage Roast next Saturday.

It begins at 5:30p.m.(IN), Saturday, August 13th at the BLYC (I hope by now that everyone knows what this acronym stands for). This is an event for the entire Family. Cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5 and under. The party's over at 8:00p.m., unless we run out of food sooner. Come out and enjoy the fun.

The 34th Annual Birch Lake Men's Open Golf Outing was a great success this year. The weather was near perfect and so were the scores...Well at least we had a nice day. Everyone was well fed and went home with a prize. Look inside fore more.

I'm on our deck again. Somehow having a beautiful lake in front of me, the sun on my face and the wind in my hair (singular) makes writing these notes a pleasure. My term is up in less than a month. I have mixed emotions about this. In many ways, I'm glad it's almost over, but on the other hand, it has been so much fun that I wish it could continue forever.

But you can rest easy...Vice-commodore Linda Curtis will be one of the best commodores. She has worked beside me all year and is very well prepared to take the reins.

The first event that Linda will host is our annual Fall Dinner on August 27th. I know that it is important to Linda to know in advance how many guests to expect. If you plan to attend, please call Linda or any Officer or Director soon.

I guess the Lake's first 64 million dollar lottery winner has to return the money. What will this do to the economy of Williamsville?

Bob Waddle  
Commodore 1994

**SUMMER "1994" EVENTS**  
(all times Indiana)

Aug. 7th - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.  
Aug. 9th - Birch Lake Walk - 9:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 10th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 12th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 13th - Fun Walk & Fun Run - 9:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 13th - Corn & Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 14th - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.  
Aug. 16th - Birch Lake Walk - 9:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 17th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 19th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 21st - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.  
Aug. 27th - Fall Dinner - 6:00p.m. - BLYC

**LADIES LUNCHEON REPORT**

From all the smiling faces - happy (and somewhat noisy-yes you know how that goes) chit-chat, I would say we all enjoyed the Ladies Luncheon. Many commented that they really liked having it in our Yacht Club. Decorations - even on the posts - were in lavender & pink and cream & turquoise.

A nice surprise was the wine, cheese and crackers Social Hour before being served a delicious lunch by Bonnie & Clyde. At each place was a Fudge treat from Claeys. Thanks Mike Machalleck!

Our Yacht Club graciously gave us beautiful fresh flower centerpieces designed by Village Floral in Cassopolis. We had a special drawing of these for each table. This was then followed by drawings for some very nice door prizes. There was an impressive turnout and a lot of "Thank you" as they left.

My thanks to you - committee members - Le King, Nadine Brown, Juanita Harlan, and last but not at all least, Louise Rieth - for all your good help and great ideas!

Thelma Koontz, Chairwoman

**SAILING NEWS**

Light to moderate winds greeted the skippers last Sunday morning. Both races in both fleets were hotly contended with several finishes determined at the last second. Dave Troeger and Harold Cranmer each won an MC race with Dr. Tom Troeger having a 2-3 finish. Dick Green had two 4ths but was right on the heels of the other boats.

In the Sunfish Tom Howard remains the one to beat with two 1sts, Rick Harman is right behind with two 2nds and Jeff Howard is challenging with two 3rds. John Gableman and Dave Olson split 4th and 5th.

The sailors will host a season ending cocktail party this year on Sunday, September 4th, at 5:30p.m.(IN). Cocktails, cheese and crackers will be the order of the day. Plan to come out and help everyone close another fine season at Birch Lake.

**NOTE TO SAILORS**

Sailing fees are established at \$15.00. This is to cover trophies for all participants having sailed in 2/3rds of the races sailed. Also for other incidental requirements as they arise.

To receive consideration for season place trophies the same 2/3rds of the races must be sailed.

See you Sunday 10:30a.m. sharp.

Earl Troeger

Editor's Note: It is sure a beautiful sight to see all the sailboats on Birch Lake every Sunday morning. Thank you Earl Troeger for making it possible by generating the interest and not giving up on Birch Lake Sailors.

### 34TH ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE OPEN

Almost seventy golfers were greeted by a sunny, clear day at the Men's Golf Outing at Park Shore Golf Course in Cassopolis. It was Friday, July 29th, and at 11:00a.m. the "Shotgun" (actually a large incendiary device that looked like a 155MM shell) started the tournament.

The pot was sweetened by the generous sponsorship of nine prize holes by several corporate donors who shall be listed below. Additionally, the prize table at the Banquet was filled with the generous donations of many of the participants.

A Prime Rib and Chicken dinner with all the trimmings was catered by Pitt's Restaurant in Union. The food was delicious.

Few people were surprised when Bud Zesinger repeated last years feat, capturing Low Gross honors with a round of 69. Brad Dunlap won Low Net honors with a score of 67. The "orange ball" contest was won by the team of Herm Kruggel, Marv Selge, Bill Killilea and George Makris with a combined Gross Score of 74.

Here is a list of contests, sponsors, prizes and winners:  
Hole #1 - Longest Drive Sponsor - Bender Mold & Machine, Inc.  
Winner: Jay Wilson Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate

Hole #2 - Farthest from Pin Sponsor: Transamerica/Dan Reynolds  
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Hole #4 - Closest to Pin Sponsor: Eagle Lake Marine  
Winner: Ralph Dunlap Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate

Hole #7 - Straight Drive Sponsor: Bobick's Golf  
Winner: Leo Koontz Prize: Deluxe Golf Bag

Hole #12 - Odds Game Sponsor: IDS Financial Serv./Bob King  
Individual winners Prize: \$50. Stake by IDS.

Hole #15 - Longest Putt Sponsor: Bender Plastics, Inc.  
Winner: Rod Lindzy Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate

Hole #16 - Closest to Pin Sponsor: Continental Elect. Co./Bob  
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Winner: Wes Spratt Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate

Hole #18 - Straightest Drive Sponsor: Elmer's Body Shop/Tim  
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The Orange BALL Game was sponsored by Kruggel, Lawton & Co. who donated the \$100 cash prize.

The Golf Outing could not have been a success without the assistance of a lot of people, namely Dan Reynolds, Bob King, Earl Troeger, Dean Davis, Brian Machalleck, Chuck Beien, Herm Kruggel, Buzz Rasmussen and Linda Curtis. Thank you to all and if we've missed anyone thanks to you too.

### THANK YOU NOTE TO YACHT CLUB MEMBERS

Dear Mrs. Machalleck,

Please extend our thanks to the members of the Yacht Club for their contribution to Gen's (Lagoni) memorial.

She was the last of the original Sears family pioneers of Birch Lake. She loved the lake so and was always happy there.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Lindenfeld

### FUN WALK & FUN RUN

When was the last time you walked the entire shoreline of our beautiful lake? Saturday, August 13th is your chance to join Birch Lake friends and enjoy a leisurely stroll around the lake - just for fun.

We'll meet at the Yacht Club and begin our walk at 9:00a.m.(IN). If you can't join us for the walk, set up an easy chair at your house and say hello as we go by.

For those of you who wish to get a little more exercise, there will also be a fun run which will begin at 9:15a.m.(IN).

If you wish, you can join us along the way rather than starting at the Yacht Club. We'll head toward the public landing from the Yacht Club.

Bring your friends and family - we'll have a wonderful morning. In case of bad weather, we'll do it Sunday. Questions? Call Dan Reynolds at #8877.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FRITZ TRYBUS

Congratulations to Fritz Trybus and his rabbits at the Cass County Fair.

He came home with a plaque for 1st place Junior Showmanship, a rosette for reserve champion Dutch breed class, and three "A" blue ribbons.

Fritz was interviewed on the Dowagiac radio station, and was mentioned twice in the South Bend Tribune.

Stop by the east shore to see the champion rabbits!

Birch Lakers are proud of you Fritz!

### MACHALLECKS' CELEBRATE

Well, the train didn't get in as scheduled but John and Arline Machalleck picked up their daughter, Marianne, and husband, Bert Desmond, weary and hungry arriving at the lake at Midnight. They have since rested, eaten, golfed, and enjoyed the lake in all its varied ways.

Sunday, July 31st Mike's family and ours celebrated John's 78th birthday in the traditional way with delicious Shish-Kebab and the cake of his choice. Phone calls from Kathy and Steve to their Dad and one from Buffy Desmond to her Grampa made John's day.

The rest of this week will be exciting as Steve Machalleck and wife, Bobbi will arrive Wednesday and we'll all gather at Knollwood Country Club for supper before taking them back to Birch Lake.

Kathy and husband, Denny Wolf with children, Sarah and Jeff will come late Friday night from Midland.

With all the children together again after 4 years and with 3 August anniversaries, we shall have a very special time. Marianne will have been married 28 years on August 6th; Kathy celebrating 24 years on August 8th; and Mike celebrating 25 years on August 16th.

### THREE NEW GRANDSONS FOR THE WARDS

The Wards have been busy multiplying. Daughter, Cindy had a boy on May 5th; daughter, Vicki had a boy on July 26th; and son and daughter-in-law, Geo and Jen had a baby boy on July 30th. Their names are Luke Ernest Fifer, Justice Ward Camalick and William Tyler Ward.

That makes 16 grandchildren for Frank and Trudy.

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
JOHN MACHALLECK  
BERNIE WEESNER

## NEWS FROM THE COVE

(Filling in for the regular columnists while they await trial for libel will be Miss Meddle, sage dispenser of wisdom and advice.)

Dear Miss Meddle,

We are totally befuddled by a problem we've had since we bought our cottage. Every weekend numerous so-called friends drop by to say hello. This "hello" usually means 3 or 4 hours, a tank of gas, six or eight burgers and a pile of soggy beach towels. Please, Miss Meddle, how can we discourage these moochers?

Dear Befuddleds,

Take heart! The entire dilemma may be neatly solved merely by using a lipstick! At the first sight of uninvited guests, quickly make small, but plentiful, dabs of crimson on all visible skin areas then appear at the door and explain, through the screen, that, while you would so enjoy their company, the health department has issued a quarantine. Further explain that you eagerly anticipate test results from the National Plague Prevention Laboratories. If you have friends who are particularly difficult to convince, a nasty looking tongue might be persuasive. Simply keep a handful of blueberries in the fridge. Good luck, dears.

Keep those cards and letters coming, Miss Meddle loves you and wants to help.

Thought for the day: Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you.

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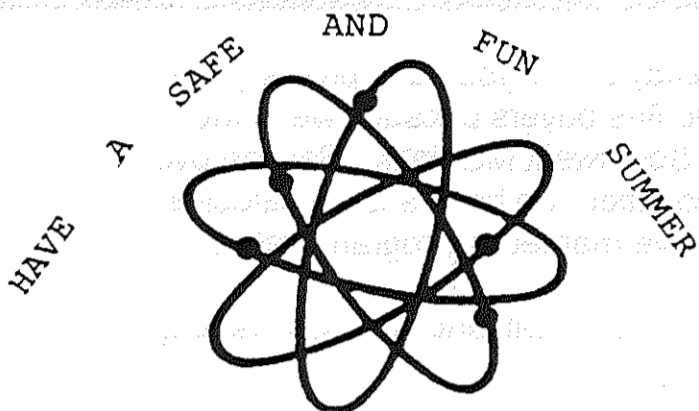
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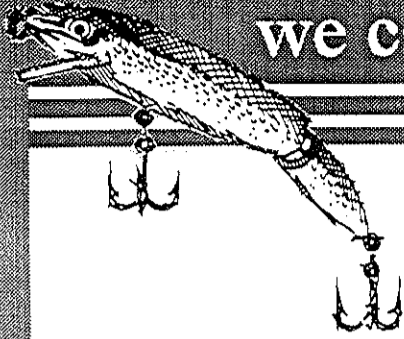
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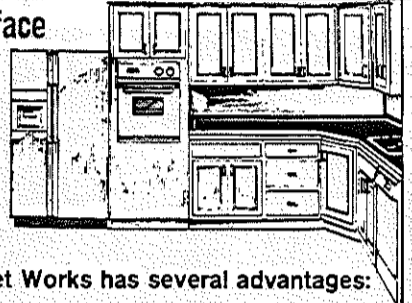
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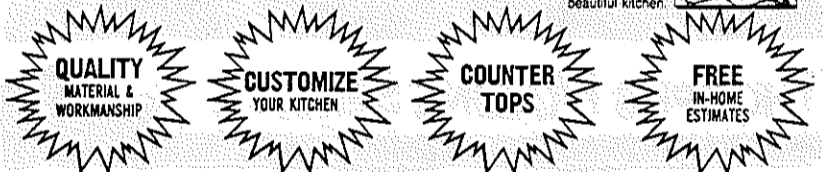
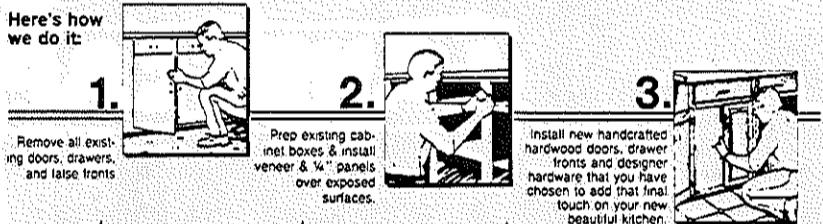
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