



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Do you get the feeling that Mother Nature has a somewhat sadistic sense of humor? Have you noticed water skiers wearing parkas? Lacking resourcefulness, the only solution that comes to mind is the Commodore's Cocktail Party June 15th. Whip up your favorite hors d'oeuvres and join your Birch Lake buddies at the first function in the club house. No one is a stranger and if you've never attended before, please feel warmly welcomed.

Our second BLYC board meeting will be June 8th at 9:00 (IN). Joining us will be our new director representing the south shore, Melanie Hall. Welcome, Melanie. Anyone having questions or concerns is encouraged to either contact a director or attend the meeting.

Thank you to the following good guys:

- Linda Curtis donated and planted flowers at the yacht club.
- Dick Cowen's name was omitted from last week's Barker as a member of the clean-up crew.
- John Gableman hauled away a large load of trash from the yacht club.
- Don Harman patched the yacht club roof - no more floods in the men's room.

Have a good week, enjoy our wonderful lake and its great people.

The word for the week is - climiusoptimisus. (Don't try looking it up in Webster's).

Sue Wagner, Commodore

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(All times given are Indiana)

June 8 BLYC Directors Meeting 9:00
 June 10 School Board Election for Constantine Schools
 June 15 Commodore's Cocktail Party 5:30
 July 4 Fireworks (rain date July 5)
 July 6 Boat Parade
 July 7 Pancake Breakfast
 July 26 Men's Golf Outing
 July 27 Vice Commodore's Party
 Aug. 2 Ladies' Golf Outing
 Aug. 10 Corn & Sausage Roast
 Aug. 31 Fall Dinner

?? Ladies Luncheon to be announced.

Also, the next issue will have information about a boating safety class coming up in the next few weeks.

DUES - Here is a list of those who have paid their 1996 dues. An asterisk indicates a fireworks donation.

Courtney*	Sikorski*	Athanas	Reynolds*	Herms*
Kinner*	Cote*	Vath*	Coan*	Bernaciak*
Bender*	Witchie*	Greenig*	Beck*	Sargent*
Harlan*	Minix*	Hornbeck	Burke*	Asire, M*
Bergan*	Foley	Ball, J	Troeger T*	Troeger S*
Ball, S*	LaPierre	Hayden*	Mumaw*	Weesner, B*
White*	Curtis, T*	Stevens	Golden*	Tunncliffe*
Asire, J*	Cowen*	O'Neill*	Flora	Lindenfeld*
Wozniak*	Cover*	Waddle*	Greenig*	Leatherman*
Custard*	Monroe*	Green	Williams*	Scotfield*
Kolber*	Garceau	Gaik	Emory*	Rasmussen*
Bliler*	Howard, T	Olson*	Williams*	Troyer
Davis*	Zesinger*	Mullin*	Kruggel*	Russwurm*
Ward	Brown*	Waggoner*	Richwine*	Papandria*
Blue*	Richmond*	Pence	Eberhart*	Landesman*
Wagner*	Horvath	Lindzy*	Harman	Hettmansperger*

BARKER DELIVERY

Cove and west to Parnells - Wagners
 Remaining west shore - Bev Kruggel
 South Shore - Staci Whiteman and Diana Kruis
 East Shore - Holly Troeger, Deborah Curtis, Jim Mitchell
 East Hill - Maryann O'Neill
 North Shore - Sarah Mullin

DIRECTORS

<u>North Shore</u>	<u>East Shore</u>	<u>South Shore</u>	<u>West Shore</u>
Bruce Wagner	Margie Trybus	Earl Troeger	Brad Walker
Dean Davis	Don Harman	Tom Howard	Buzz Rasmussen
	Marc Golden	Melanie Hall	Tim Steffen
	Fran Welch	Need to fill	Liz Cover

OFFICERS

Commodore	Sue Wagner
Vice Commodore	Scott Troeger
Secretary	Lind Harman
Treasurer	Linda Rasmussen
Birch Barker Editor	Phyllis Davis

THE 36th ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE OPEN



DATE: Friday, July 26
TIME: Shotgun Start at 11:00 a.m. (IN)
PLACE: Park Shores Golf Club, Cassopolis, MI
PRICE: \$50 per man for golf, cart, favor, door prizes, prime rib, refreshments
\$25 per man, dinner and door prize.

Remember, we have a deadline for golf fees on July 20th. This outing is on a first-come first-served basis. Our tournament has been limited to 72 golfers. For reservations, call:

Al Cover 9339
Rich Mullin 8820 or (219) 277-8884

REGISTERED VOTERS OF CONSTANTINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Don't forget to vote on June 10th. Having responsible, concerned school board members is important to all of us, even if we don't presently have children in school.

BIRCH LAKE BLIGHT

Several residents have noticed unsightly trash, in full view, littering yards, parking areas, etc. Please take stock of how your residence looks. Be a good neighbor and have that old furniture hauled away. You may be so accustomed to it that you don't see it anymore, but others do. Thanks for your cooperation.

BARKING DOGS

One concern brought up at the first BLYC directors' meeting was that of barking dogs and some that run loose. It is very annoying to have to listen to a barking dog. Sometimes this dog is tied outside and left for the day. Please don't subject your neighbors to this noise!

NEWS AROUND THE LAKE

If you think you're seeing double when you go by the Zesingers', you're right!. Bill and Cindy (Zesinger) Rheinhardt produced twins Malorie and Margot. They keep everyone hopping including big brother, Spencer. (We understand there will be another Zesinger in a few months, courtesy of Brad and Lynn).

Congratulations to newlyweds Glenn and Shannon Andrews (east shore), who were married last October. Much happiness and long life!

John and Arline Machalleck arrived at Birch May 19th and brought the Florida sunshine with them. However, the two days of 90° temperatures were soon replaced by cold Michigan nights in the 40's (although the afternoons got up into the 60's). Boy, were we glad we had heat at our place!

NEWS (Cont'd)

(Machallecks cont'd) As we didn't get back in time to celebrate the birthdays of Brian and Lori, May 12th & 14th, we had a dinner in their honor Memorial Day. Guests of our grandchildren were Chris Raatz and Jason Noyer. A good time was had by all as we polished off a Texas sheet cake.

The hummingbirds were surely glad to see us. An hour after I had filled the two feeders, they both had diners. From 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., often as many as three at once kept us entertained. Gotta make some food for them, as both feeders are on empty.

Ben and Vanessa **Wozniak** are cruising in Alaska. While they're gone Ben's parents and aunt are enjoying the lake.

Jack and the Giant Beanstalk?? Dean Davis planted two different garden areas in tomatoes this year since he eats so many of them. Of course, at the time of planting they're about six inches high. He came out on the deck the other day and one plant was two feet high! What a miracle! It turns out that Bob Herms and Games Slayter came over in the middle of the night with a flashlight and replaced an ordinary plant with the giant one. It sure caused Dean to wonder.

The **Hickory Inn** has reopened! Gloria Kopf (from Mottville) is the new owner and her son, Tom, is the manager. It is now bright and cheery and has a menu of sandwiches, Mexican dishes and complete dinners. For those of you who loved the old bar and the stained-glass lamps, they're still there. Hickory Inn is one of our new advertisers. Please stop in to say hello and tell them you're a Birch Laker. The hours are 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. (MI) on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. They are open on Sundays from noon until 10 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE COVE

Just when it seemed there would be nothing to report, Loretta Drolet received an urgent phone call from Mother Teresa pleading for her help. Loretta promptly froze casseroles for John, then winged her way to India where she and M.T. will discuss world peace endeavors. Good fortune, Loretta. Don't drink the water and please hurry back because it's up to the rest of us to keep John out of trouble.

Our neighborhood is now complete with the return of the Haydens. Welcome home, Bill and Tish.

A new baby is keeping the Bergans up at night. The darling nine-week-old is red-haired and green-eyed, fitting for Irishman Jim. Cove residents have been submitting suggestions for the, as yet, unnamed Labrador puppy. (Drop off your old newspapers at Bergans).

CLASSIFIED

For Sale - Pontoon-style paddleboat; like new. Call Olson, 2780.

For Rent - Cottage in the cove, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Several weeks available. Call Cowen 2786.

We are in the process of contacting advertisers to renew their ads; therefore, no ads this week.