ALL THE NEWS IN. ON AND AROUND THE LAKE. A Publication by the Birch Lake Yacht Club June 28, 1996

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Issue 5

It's been a relatively quiet week here at the ol' swimming hole, livened up by the always enjoyable Ladies' Luncheon. Thanks, Linda Curtis, Maryann O'Neill and skilled caterer Darlene Troyer.

We're revving up for the glorious Fourth. Check the calendar of events for details. Those of us who will be having guests need to inform them of boating, skiing and personal water craft rules to insure a safe holiday. Lest we forget: boats always travel counter-clockwise.

The BLYC directory is in need of updating. If you are a new resident or have had any changes since the '94 edition, please fill out this form and return to Sue Wagner, 62706 Woodland Drive, Vandalia, MI 49095.

# **BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY UPDATE**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (All times given are Indiana)

July	1	Aerobics starts
July	<b>4</b>	Fireworks (rain date July 5)
July	6	Boat Parade 2:00
July	7	Pancake Breakfast
July	13	All-lake Garage Sale
July	26	Men's Golf Outing
July	27	Karoake Party 8-12 pm
Aug.	2	Ladies' Golf Outing
Aug.	10	Corn & Sausage Roast
Aug.	31	Fall Dinner

### BOAT PARADE

The annual 4th of July Boat Parade will be held Saturday, July 6th at 2:00 p.m. Decorate your boat in any style! Be fancy like these past entries - Cleopatra's Barge, the Giant Supersoaker, Pirate ship, Gilligan's Island, etc. or just put a few flags and balloons and join in the fun! There is no entry fee and all boats receive a prize. At 2:00 pick up your entry number at the Reynolds (two story natural cedar home on the south side) and proceed past the judges on the Gableman's pier a few houses from Reynolds. All boats then parade around the lake for all to see. Back at the Gableman's, awards will be presented. Let's keep this wonderful Birch Lake tradition going!

Participate and become part of the fun. If you have any questions call Claudia Gableman at #2132.

### FIREWORKS

Please keep those donations coming ONLY SIX MORE DAYS !!

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The boxes of Carbon Malted Pancake Mix have been picked up, the workers are practicing flipping (pancakes) in anticipation of our annual pancake breakfast planned for Sunday, July 7. We are hoping to borrow a grill to serve seconds more efficiently.

#### BIRCH LAKE AEROBICS

Aerobics is starting again every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the yacht club beginning July 1st. There is no charge. Classes are an hour long. Bring a towel or mat and hand weights if possible. Call Claudia Gableman if you have questions - #2132.

#### 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



#### LACK OF WIND LEAVES SAILORS IN THE LURCH

Apparently the lack of wind kept potential sailors on shore last Sunday. Tom Howard, Don Harman and Bill O'Neill showed up as starters.

Get your chores done Saturday, do a wind dance, and be ready to sail on Sunday morning. We'll start at 10:30.

### 2ND ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

will be held on Saturday, July 13th beginning at 9:00 a.m. (IN). There will be no sale at the yacht club this year, so if you have only a few items, maybe you can get together with a neighbor or two. Please put a balloon on your mailbox the day of the sale. I will come to each house participating on sale day to collect donations for the advertising.

Staci Whiteman

#### LADIES LUNCHEON

If you weren't able to be with us this year, we missed you! Those of us who were there had a terrific time.

Darlene Troyer set the tables with the color scheme of teal and fuschia, in addition to making the fabulous food. We enjoyed punch, assorted home made cheeseballs, crackers, nachos and salsa before lunch. Lunch consisted of tossed salad with raspberry dressing, fruitcup, pasta salad, chicken salad on croissants with a dessert of peanut butter brownies.

Linda Curtis graced the tables with floral centerpieces from the Village Florist in Cassopolis. These were then given as prizes to one guest at each table. Scented teddys were at each setting. Five donated baskets were given as door prizes, along with two additional floral pieces and a handmade ceramic donated by Tom's Garage. Winners of the door prizes were Shirley Blue, Lesley Greenig, Katha Machalleck, Arline Machalleck, Sue Wagner, Sonia Sanders, Lind Harman and Carol Price.

Thanks for your gracious comments. We enjoyed planning it for you and hope to see you there next year.

Linda, Darlene and Maryann

#### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR ....

This is an especially important year for our family. It is Dean's and my 40th wedding anniversary (married June 30, 1956 in Central EUB church in South Bend). It is also the 12th wedding anniversary of Jay and Kelly Wilson, who were married also on June 30th in 1984 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Elkhart. And it is our 20th year as Birch Lake homeowners. What wonderful years these have been...but where did the time go?

# MYSTERY SAILOR

Several years ago when the temperature was unseasonably warm, Onnaleah Cole took photos of a sailboat on the lake on Christmas day. She would like to give the photos to whomever was sailing. Contact her at 2846.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE

The northeast side has been a busy place. Since the Floras returned from Florida, they have been visited by Marge's sisters, Jean from Carmel, California and Sally from Marietta, Georgia. Then grandchildren Brad from Italy, Reed from ElPaso, Texas, Jenny, Danny, and Zachary from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Dayne and Dustin from Germany arrived. Brad, Reed, and Jenny are going to Culver for six weeks to camp. Dayne, Dustin, and their mother, Jill, will be here for eight weeks. Over the 4th the rest of the family is coming from points mentioned above. The men will be going on their annual fishing trip to Canada and the women and children will be enjoying Birch Lake.

Jean Hunt had a crowd. She hosted the christening party for a great-grandchild. There were 40 people in all, with 18 little ones!

Were you wondering who were the Yamaha Mamas on the pink waverunners? Judy Olson and Nancy DeCocker happen to have matching ones.

Phyllis Rasmussen was three years old this week!

Adam Ferguson (101) and a visiting friend could find nothing in the fishing rules regarding their unusual catch on Thursday, June 20th. They encountered and captured, after an epic struggle, a small field mouse swimming about 200 yards from shore (probably fell off a visiting wave runner). We understand that this impressive trophy has been sent to a taxidermist, and will shortly grace the Ferguson's fireplace mantel. Perhaps consideration should be given to stocking the lake with "cat" fish?

Father's Day was perfect for all things. John, Mike and Brian Machalleck had a late round of golf. At home Katha, Lori and Arline had everything ready for Brian, "Griller Supreme", to do the chicken. Jason Noyer was Lori's guest. Gifts were opened while everyone watched their team win. Yea, Bulls!

John and Arline Machalleck had a surprise visit from granddaughter Sarah Wolf on June 15th. Sarah walked in on crutches, the result of a sprained ankle suffered in a soccer game. Sarah and Michigan State college friends Jamie and Ulle visited Jamie's mother at Corey Lake and then came to see the relatives at Birch. Even with the sprain, Sarah managed to swim and ride the wave runner.

Where are my hummingbirds? The hungry ones I mentioned earlier in the summer have stopped coming. This has never happened in the years we've been here (since 1951). Arline

# BIRCH BARKER NEWS

News for next week's edition must be in the red box by Sunday night (since Thursday is a holiday). To remind those of you who may have missed the first issue, items may be placed in the tall newspaper-type red box, marked "The Birch Barker", which is located at the intersection of Birch Road and Kiloqua Woods Lane on the northeast corner of the lake.

# NEWS FROM THE COVE

Nicholas Bergan does it again! At the annual Linnen-Jeffries Golf Tournament Nick shot a 79 to take 2nd place. He attributes losing first place by four strokes to a lack of concentration caused by excessive lawn mowing the prior week. Down with green lawns - Nick wants the green jacket.

Condolences to John Drolet whose brother, Tom Drolet, passed away on June 17th.

The Wagner's daughter, Wendy, gas escaped from Milwaukee for R & R in the cove. Keep your ears tuned; we may be able to coax a note or two out of our songbird.

### CLASSIFIED ADS (Cost is \$1 per week)

FOR SALE: Sea Runner Paddle Boat \$80.00 Call #9927

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Year-round Birch Lake home. Call (219) 674-0466 1995 Yamaha Jet Ski, like new \$6,250 Wards #2745

8 x 8 wood float with plastic barrels \$50; paddle boat \$200; Sunfish sailboat \$500; 15 ft. Grumman aluminum canoe \$450; 2 bicycles, children's wooden picnic table, 4-person torpedo. Call #2018 or

see at the Pences on the south side (#72)

Cottage for sale - 14841 Lakeshore Drive (#72) or call #2018 or (708) 246-6252. Pence

'94 Ford Explorer, 4x4, Eddie Bauer edition, fully loaded, leather interior, sun roof, like new, 22,000 miles. \$22,500. Call Temples #2773

WANTED: House Painter. Need the outside of my cottage painted. Phyllis White #9658 or (219) 464-4268.

(For you newcomers, since all phones have a 476 prefix, one only needs to dial the last four digits.)

#### BE A CHAIR-MAN PROJECT

Many thanks to all the generous donors. Our rusted chairs are getting close to extinction. We're still short of our goal, so if you have \$8.00 to spare, we will wrap up this drive. Rusty Bottoms, Head Chair-man

#### \*DUES & FIREWORKS\* DONATIONS

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#### COURTESY RULE FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Birch Lake will again ask that operators of personal watercraft observe the lake rule that such watercraft will not be operated before 9am or 7 pm (IN). This allows residents to enjoy mornings and evenings in quiet.

Michigan Laws Regarding Operation of Personal Watercraft: A person shall not operate a personal watercraft unless each person riding on or being towed behind the vessel is wearing a type I, II or III personal flotation device as described in R281.1234 of the Michigan administrative code.

2. While operating a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard type engine cutoff switch, a person shall have the lanyard attached to his or her person, clothing or personal flotation device as is appropriate for the specific vessel.

3. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft from sunset to sunrise.

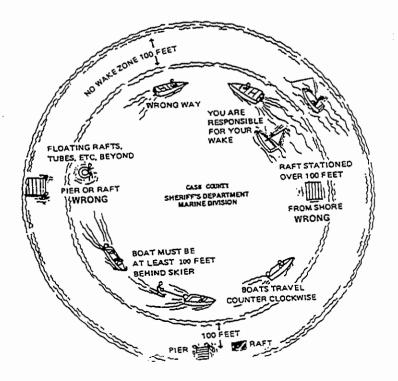
4. A personal watercraft shall at all times be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner. Maneuvers that are unreasonable or unnecessarily endanger life, limb or property, included but not limited to, weaving through congested vessel traffic, jumping the wake or another vessel unreasonable or unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed, and swerving at the last possible moment to avoid a collision, constitute reckless operation of a vessel, as provided in section 74.

5. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft carrying more persons than the vessel is designed to carry. Carrying more persons than the vessel is designed to carry is prima facie evidence of reckless operation of a watercraft under section 74.

6. A person operating a personal watercraft shall maintain a distance of 100' from any dock, raft, buoyed or occupied bathing area, or shall not cross within 150' behind another vessel, other than a personal watercraft, that is traveling at a speed greater than slow - no wake speed.

7. A person under the age of 12 shall not operate a personal watercraft. A person 12 to 15 years of age may operate a personal watercraft only when accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older, or without adult supervision when in possession of a boating safety certificate in compliance with section 62.

8. The owner of a personal watercraft or a person having charge over or control of a personal watercraft shall not authorize or knowingly permit the personal watercraft to be operated in violation of subsection 7.



No one shall operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcoholic beverage or narcotic drug.

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 is likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless operation.

All boats are required to have aboard one Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person aboard.

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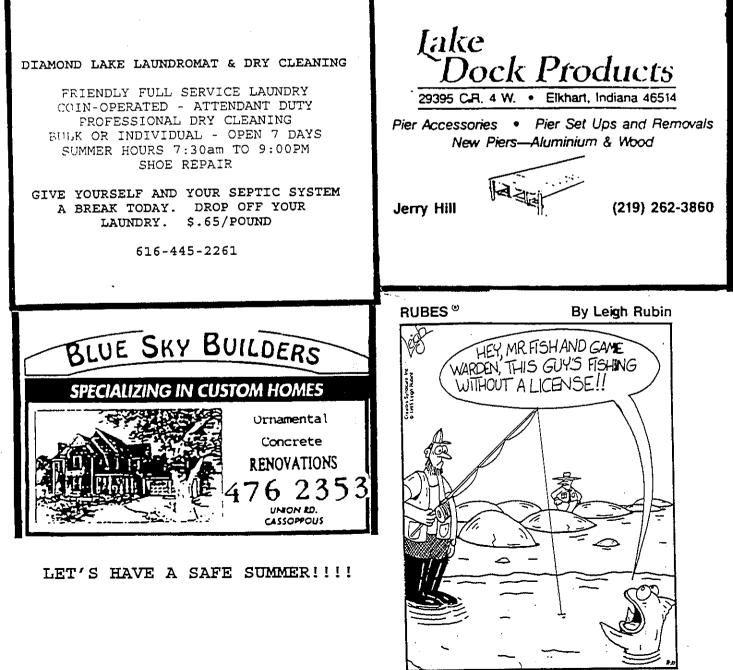
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