



# Birch Barker

**ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.**

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Raise either your left or right arm and give yourselves a vigorous pat on the back. Not only have you paid for every penny's worth of fireworks, the Be A Chair-Man drive is completed. With matching funds from BLYC coffers we will be able to purchase all new chairs. Rusty Bottoms is thrilled at the aspect of wearing white again. Thank you, thank you for outstanding generosity.

A new Michigan law requires children under six years to wear a type I or II personal flotation device when in an "open deck area" of a vessel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SCOTT TROEGER

A word of praise to Becky Walters Kinsella for her wonderfully nostalgic article, Dam Memories, in last week's Barker. In addition to some fascinating lake history, it is a fitting tribute to our late grandfather, Frank Foote, about whom we can say, he truly gave a dam. Anyone with a special memory or bit of lake lore is encouraged to share it via the Barker.

Keep sending in those Fall Dinner reservations and directory updates.

Many of you have inquired about Birch Lake paraphernalia such as sweats, visors, etc. How would you feel about a thick and thirsty 35 x 60 beach towel? Coy Jankowski's beautiful seagull watercolor will be the graphic. Knowing Coy's work this could be a towel worth framing! Look for ordering info in the Barker. Have a great week, and go jump in the lake!

Sue

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
(All times given are Indiana)

July 19, 20 Police Divers  
 July 22, 24, 26 Aerobics  
 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

The Cass County Sheriff's Department will have divers in the lake on the 19th and 20th. Please observe the divers flags and keep your boats and personal watercraft away from them. Diving is becoming a more popular sport and it was reported that two weeks ago waverunners went right over some divers who were down.

**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 Sr,*	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*	Dennert*	Leatherman*
Custard*	Monroe*	Green*	Williams*	Scofield*
Kolber*	Garceau*	Gaik*	Emory*	Rasmussen*
Bliler*	Howard, T	Olson*	Troyer*	Swartzell/Kruis*
Davis*	Zesinger*	Mullin*	Kruggel*	Russwurm*
Ward	Brown*	Waggoner*	Richwine*	Papandria*
Blue*	Richmond*	Pence*	Eberhart*	Landesman*
Wagner*	Horvath, S*	Lindzy*	Dunlap*	Hettmansperger*
Welch*	Walker*	Messner*	Drolet*	Machalleck, J*
Petit*	Foos*	Tjaden*	Troeger, E*	Reith*
Sacco*	Leach*	Harris*	Klimek*	Curtis, S*
Thayer*	Krueger*	Steffen*	Arnold*	Montague*
Wood*	Nagy, EJ*	Cranmer*	Andrews*	Machalleck, M*
Winiarski	Drinkall*	King, Bill*	Niezgodski/Parnell*	
McCay*	Wiseman	Rogers, T*	Rogers, Tom & Vicki*	
Gableman*	Valentijn*	Koontz*	McNamee*	Burket
Harman*	Morrison*	Garceau*	O'Brien, J*	Griffith/Beers*
Kenagy*	Toth*	Blackwood*	DeCocker*	Groszek*
Sanders*	Barnaby*	Kelly*	Klappauf*	DuFour*
Duggan*	Trybus*	Weesner, K*	Jones*	Ferguson*
Sante*	King, Bob*	Doolittle*	Irwin*	Habich*
Walz*	Temple*	Gottstein*	Henderson*	Lennon*
Yoshizawa*	Doba*	McNamee*	Ball, J Jr*	Reszewski*
Budzinski*				

Thanks for fireworks donations from: Tudor, Stout, Caenapeel, Pletcher, Lyzen, Kruggel K, Benjamin, Mathers, and Dirutigliana.

### BIRCH LAKE AEROBICS

Aerobics has started again every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the yacht club. 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.

### REBUTTAL

A letter was received from Wanda Winiarski (who has the Barker mailed to her) regarding the "Dam Memories" article. She not only denies ever selling cigarettes to teenagers when she had the Lazy Lodge, she said she didn't even have a license to sell cigarettes. So Becky and Sally must have gotten them someplace else. Sorry, Wanda.

Thanks to the following families for participating in the garage sales: K. Weesner, Bender, Trybus, C. Gableman, Dudeck, Pence, Koontz, B. Weesner, Garceau, Olson (who donated all proceeds to the BLYC, Gaff, LaPierre, and Irwin. From what I have heard, the sales were a success again this year. Want to try for a third year?

Staci Whiteman

### SAILING RESULTS - JULY 14

A rare breezy July Sunday produced:

<u>Sunfish</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>MC's</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
R. Harman	3	3	Cranmer	1	1
T. Howard	2	4	D. Harman	3	2
King	5	5	J. Howard	2	3
Olson	4	2			
Troeger	1	1			



### SEASON STANDINGS AS OF JULY 14

	<u>Sunfish</u>		<u>MC's</u>	
1st	Troeger	1571.5	Cranmer	1580.6
2nd	T. Howard	1490.4	D. Harman	1541.3
3rd	Olson	1485.6	Jones	1454.5
4th	Gableman	1430.3	Harlan	1427.7
5th	King	1401.7		
6th	R. Harman	1398.3		

See you Sunday at 10:30!

### NEWS FROM THE COVE

Remy McCay is proudly displaying the trophy he won at the A.T.A. regional Grand Dragon Tournament held at Notre Dame recently. Four-year-old Remy placed fourth to earn his yellow belt in Tae Kwan Do. Hooray for you, Remy!

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Southeast Cass County Community Police are sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the Shrine Club (Union Road 1/2 mile north of US 12). There will be thirty exhibits, which include free immunizations for children, fingerprinting, Jaws of Life demonstrations, blood pressure testing, canine corps, DNR, Marine Division, Sheriff's Posse and Young Eagles, who will sign up those interested in a flight, and much more. The date is August 24 from 7-11 MI. Cost is nominal - Adults \$3, Children \$2, under 5 years free. Last year there was a great crowd.

# Ladies Golf Outing



**Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, MI**

**Friday, August 2nd, 9:00 am (Indiana time)**

**Join us at the next Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. It will be a "scramble" format again, teaming four players of varying abilities ... so you needn't be a pro to play. Everyone takes their shot and you all move to the "best ball". It's a great way for both beginners and frequent golfers to go out on the course and have some fun!**

**After golf in the morning we will share a delicious lunch as well as the awards ceremony at the Yacht Club. The entry fee is \$25 / per player – make your check out to BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB - LADIES GOLF OUTING.**

**It is always helpful if you can make your own foursome, otherwise we will assemble groups as best we can. Please submit the entry form (below) as soon as possible so we can plan ahead. We need your information no later than July 26th.**

**Mail -or- drop off your form and payment to:**

**Pam Mullin / Leslie King  
c/o Le King  
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Vandalia, MI 49095**

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<b>phone</b> _____	
<b>usual score for 9</b> _____	
<b>Foursome:</b>	
1 _____	
2 _____	
3 _____	
4 _____	



## 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

### JOEY DOLLAR AND KAROAKE

Joe Daher from Elkhart has been a showman with music for many years. He began in his high school years and had an interest in karaoke. He sings, dances and animates these shows. Shows are at the Lantern Lounge (Weston Plaza in Elkhart) every Thursday and also at the Legacy of Camelot at Sisters Lake on Fridays. So come to Club Birch Lake for a night of fun on July 27th. Hear one of the best MC's karaoke has to offer.

**Ahoy Birch Lakers!**

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*You may have seen the sailors out racing on Sunday morning. In years gone by there were many more Sunfish competing weekly and a large group of Snipe (replaced today by the MCs). I am writing so that everyone might gain a better understanding of what is happening during the races in the hope more of you will come out to watch -or- join us in your sailboat for some fun. We always need help on the start boat too.*

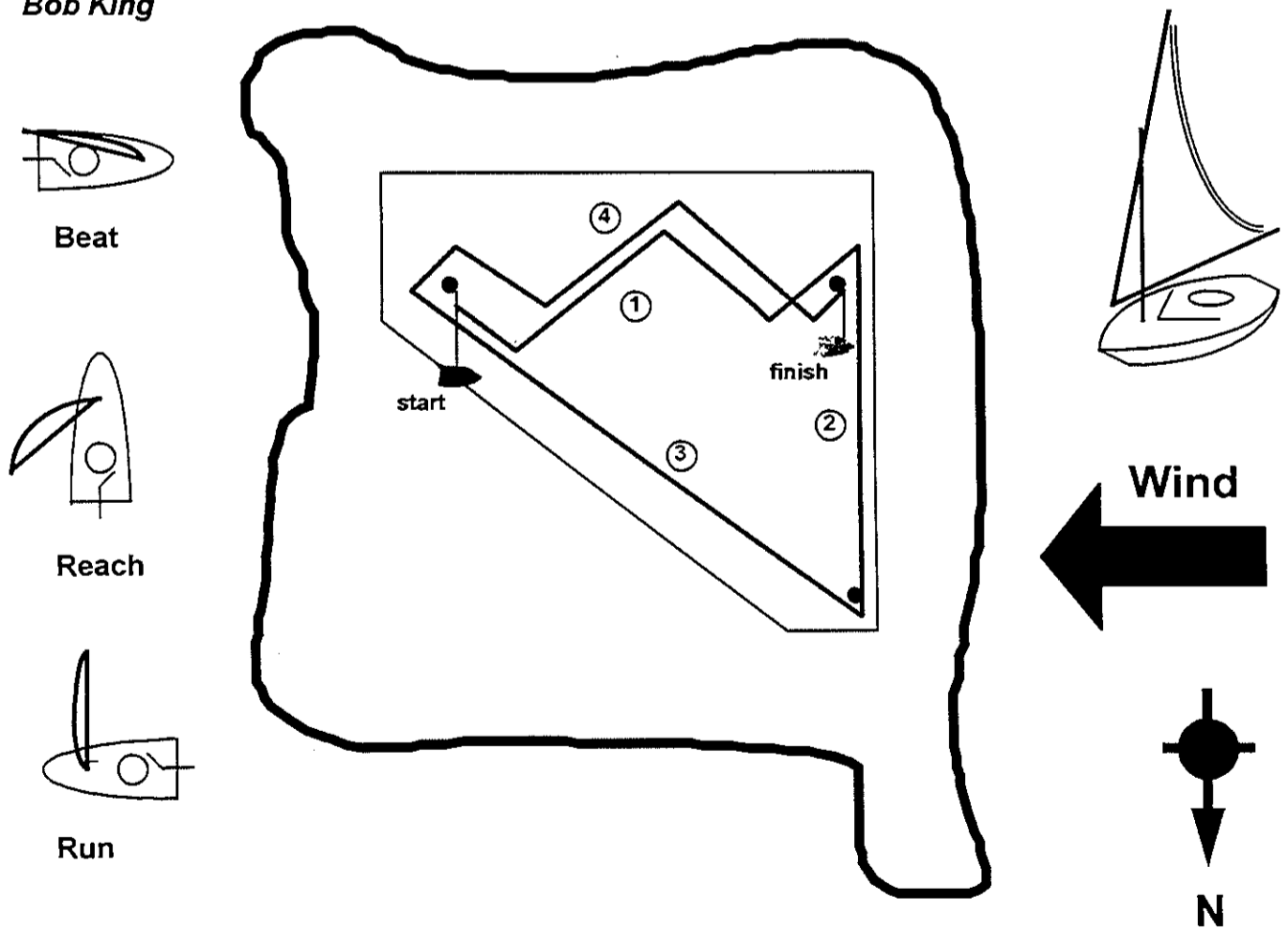
*Between 10:30 - 11:00 am (Indiana time) the sailors assemble at the downwind side of the lake. The start boat will set up a triangular course with three red buoys. The first leg is into the wind on a "beat", the second leg is with the wind from the side, on a "reach", and the third leg is downwind on a "run". We usually sail one-and-a-third, which means the boats sail the most difficult leg first and last. Sailboats can't go directly upwind so they tack (zig-zag) to get to the upwind mark.*

*The course allows everyone to continue using the lake as they always have, but, please show some courtesy with powerboats. It is very discouraging when boats cut through the fleet. The wake pushes the leaders ahead while slowing the trailing boats.*

**See you on the water!**

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**Bob King**



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Please respond by August 26th. Receipt of your check is your reservation.

**BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAKE ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAKE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Phosphorus is not high in rainfall.

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1. When you fertilize your lawn, phosphorus runoff in the watershed fertilizes the lake plants!

Plants that grow in the lake are just like plants that grow on the land.

If you pull the plants that grow in the lake - take them out of the lake!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!:

Decaying plants just as decaying leaves and ashes from burned leaves increase phosphorus and increase plant growth.

2. Fertilizing lake plants may create a swimming area clogged with masses of stringy algae.

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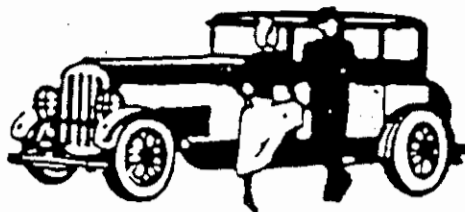


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What's a party without a few surprises? The children of Dick and Peggy Cowen are planning a surprise cookout/party at the Birch Lake Yacht Club on Saturday, July 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. to celebrate the happy couple's 40th wedding anniversary.

Yes, four decades ago, the former Peggy Cleland and Dick Cowen -- both graduates of Mishawaka High School -- tied the knot in Mishawaka. They spent their honeymoon at the Birch Lake cottage of Dick's parents, Avanelle and the late Clifford Cowen, and were treated to a late-night shivaree and dunk in the lake.

Dick went on to graduate from Indiana University and Peggy earned bachelor's, master's and educational doctorate degrees at Ball State University. Today, Dick is Information Systems Manager of Operations at Memorial Hospital in South Bend and Peggy is director of curriculum and instruction at Elkhart Community Schools.

Their children (and in-laws) are: Steve and Diane Cowen of Cassopolis, Stacia and Fred Andriano of Fort Wayne and Brad Cowen of Elkhart -- added to the family seven years ago were Miyuki and Kevin Hughes. They also have four grandchildren Gregory, Elizabeth and Janelle Andriano and Eleanor Hughes, and two "granddogs" (Lilly and Ascot, "children" of Steve and Diane).

Keep in mind that this party is a surprise, so don't spill the beans by mentioning it to Peggy and Dick. If you want to wish them well and have a great time, just stop by the yacht club for lunch and "wedding" cake.