



# Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

A Publication by the Birch Lake Yacht Club

ISSUE 7

JULY 12, 1997

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

This may have been the coldest 4th of July on record, but the Founding Fathers would be pleased to know that Birch Lake carried on with the fireworks display, boat parade and pancake breakfast with the fortitude and undaunted spirit that overcame the rigors of Valley Forge. The efforts of the organizers and participants are greatly appreciated, with special thanks to Claudia Gableman for organizing the Boat Parade and to Sue Wagner (Commodore emeritus) for undertaking the Pancake Breakfast benefit for Camp Tannadonah. In addition, the colorful new updated Birch Lake Directories you recieved with last week's Birch Barker are the result of the patient work of Janet Reynolds.

The Pancake Breakfast had more than 350 hungry patrons, and not a pancake or sausage remained (much to Sue's relief, as the prospect of pancakes for breakfast, pancakes for lunch and pancakes for dinner forevermore may well have crossed her mind). When I have finished the accounting, it is expected that Camp Tannadonah will be presented this weekend with a donation from the Birch Lake Yacht Club of approximately \$1,300, in addition to several hundred dollars from the sale of sweatshirts and other items at the breakfast.

The Birch Lake Garage Sale, orchestrated by Claudia Gableman, is scheduled for this Saturday, July 12, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Ind. time)/ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Mich. time). This psychological drama revolves around the conflicting human desires to acquire new treasures and to unload old junk, and presents a priceless opportunity to hone your negotiating skills.

Please confirm your participation in the Men's Golf Outing to Rich Mullin (476-8820 or 219 277-8884) by this weekend. The club has a deadline to commit to purchase the requisite number of dinners for the event, and you know how temperamental Parisian chefs can be if they feel they are being ignored.

About ten more participants are needed to arrange to have the Michigan boating safety certification course presented at the lake. I understand this course is presented and completed within a day, and under Michigan law the boating safety course certificate is required in order for persons aged 12 to 16 to operate boats with motors larger than 6 h.p. without the immediate supervision of someone aged 16 or older.

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**1997 CALENDER OF EVENTS**  
*Indiana time*

<b>Garage Sale</b>	<b>Saturday, July 12, 8-5:00</b>	
<b>Men's Golf Outing</b>	<b>Friday, July 25</b>	<b>Park Shore/BLYC</b>
<b>Vice-Commodore's Party (Karaoke)</b>	<b>Saturday, July 26</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Ladies' Golf Outing</b>	<b>Friday, August 1</b>	<b>Park Shore/BLYC</b>
<b>Caribbean Party (Jimmy Buffet)</b>	<b>Saturday, August 2,</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Corn &amp; Sausage</b>	<b>Saturday, August 9, 5:30</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Ladies' Luncheon</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 12</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Fall Dinner</b>	<b>Saturday, August 23</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Sailing Trophies</b>	<b>Monday, September 1, 10:00</b>	<b>BLYC</b>

As usual, Birch Lakers outdid themselves and entertained us all with a fabulous 5th of July parade. Many thanks to the judges, Margie Trybus, Terilyn Montague, and Nico Valentijn for an outstanding job of assigning categories for the trophy recipients. Thank you to the Reynolds and the Gablemans for fostering this annual tradition. Winners are as follows:

<u>Boat #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Family</u>
1	Most Creative	Foos and Hill
2	Best Stars and Stripes	Donat
3	Most Patriotic	Witchie
4	Most Original	Blackwood
5	Most Classic	McKay
6	Most Humorous	Gableman and Friends
7	Most Colorful	Lindsey
8	Best Fishing Boat	Ball
9	Most Historical	McCoy and Hornbeck
10	Future Miss America	Sanders
11	Most American	Zesinger, Rasmussen, King, Bernaciak
12	Most Unique	Arnolds
13	Best 4th of July theme	Green
14	Best Sailboat	Scott Troeger Family
15	Most Adventurousome	Trybus

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The following people don't care if they never see another pancake: Helen Toth, Marianne O'Neill, Don and Lind Harman, Marc and Ilene Golden, Tony Sacco, Rich and Pam Mullin, Sam Katz, Chris Mazurek, Bob Waddle, Sue Wagner, Linda Curtis, Blair Garceau, Elizabeth, James and Tyler Kruk, Commodore Troeger and Al, the Vice. We fired an flipped, serving over 350 hungry Birch Lakers. A heartfelt thank you to a diligent and energetic crew; we will soon be presenting Camp Tannadoonah with a healthy contribution. Thank you, also, to all of you who turned out last Sunday morning.

Please give a hearty Birch Lake welcome to **Chuck, Susan, Ashley and Jordan Gableman** who will be visiting with their Grandparents John and Claudia and various and other Birch Lake relatives from July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>. They are from West Palm Beach but come to Birch Lake to get their tan! Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!!!

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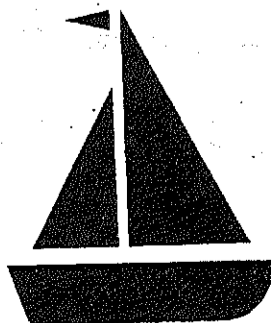
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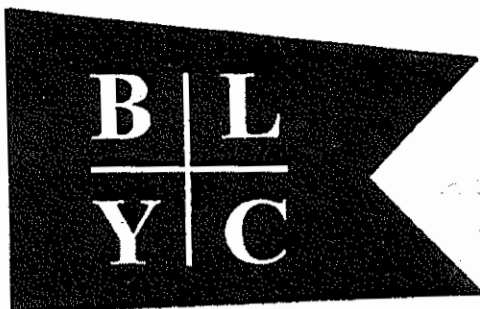
**LOOKING** for anyone who may have old photographs of our house when it was owned by the Harvey family (cottage 157 East Shore) will return photos. Call Cindy Bernaciak 2166 or 773-445-9191

## DUES AND FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTIONS

The following have paid dues before the Barker publication deadline. An Asterisk indicates those from whom fireworks contributions have been received. If you believe any of this information is incorrect, please check with Scott Troeger or Linda Rasmussen.

Asire, Marty*	Garceau, Bernie & Blair*	Nagy, Ernie & Jane*
Asire, Jack & Evelyn*	Golden, Marc & Ilene*	Niezgodski, Ron & Kathy*
Ball, John & Jennifer*	Gotstein, Mike & Marge*	Olson, Dave & Judy*
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Bender, Dick*	Habich, Butch & Jean*	Petit, Claude & Claire*
Benjamin, John & Rita	Harlan, Bruce & Juanita*	Pletcher, Ruth*
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Emory, Tim & Becky*	Messner, Jim & Judy*	Winarski, Wanda*
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Foos, Jim & Carole*	Montague, Terry & Sue*	Witchie, Ron & Linda*
Funk, Clarence & Nancy Jo*	Morrison, Bob	Wozniak, Ben & Vanessa*
Gableman, John & Claudia*	Mullin, Rich & Pam*	Yoshizawa, Jim & Linda*
Gaik, Judy & Ray	Mumaw, Jerry & Beth*	Zelasko, Mildred*





July 1997

# FLEET NEWS

The fickle winds of Birch Lake made for a weird Regatta though we did manage two races each day. I am very encouraged with the number of boats sailing each weekend. In addition I have heard from several people who plan to race this summer -- come on out -- we need you! There were some photo finishes on Saturday, if you don't want to sail, come out & watch. Please pardon my spelling some of the kid's names wrong in last weeks Barker. I am trying to arrange enough starters so that people only need to serve once per month ... call if you are willing to help. Thanks go to Steve, Julie, Chad & Jared for Friday / Stan, Stewart, Marilyn, Chris & Mike for Saturday. See you on the water!

		race #				Points	Place
		1	2	3	4		
<b>4th of July Regatta Results:</b>							
Sunfish	S. Troeger	3	1	2	3	14.4	1
	T. Howard	1	2	3	dns	20.4	2
	B. King	5	5	1	2	23.0	3
	J. Gableman	7	3	4	1	26.7	4
	K. Kruggel	2	4	5	dns	32.7	5
	D. Olson	4	7	7	5	44.0	6
	J. Bolinger	8	8	6	4	47.7	7
	T. Athanas	9	6	dns	dns	53.4	8/9
	M. Machalleck	6	dns	dns	dns	53.4	8/9
D. Weaver	dns	dns	8	dns	56.7	10	
<b>MCs</b>							
	H. Cranmer	2	1	1	2	6.0	1
	R. Harmon	1	2	4	3	16.7	2
	B. Harlan	dns	dns	2	1	19.0	3
	T. Troeger	3	3	3	dns	27.1	4
	D. Harmon	dns	dns	5	4	34.0	5

Regatta scoring is based on an old olympic formula that assigns points to each place. A dns earns points of the last boat plus one. Low points win. For the regular season we will revert to the "square of 40" scoring system as in the past. See me for details ...

the regatta kid? design has been donated to BLYC ©

**regatta kid?**

**Birch Lake Sailing Club**

We are printing one more batch of T-shirts. Only \$10 Call this Sunday to add to the last order (good cause). 2128 -or- 299-0705. Bob

We sail this Sunday at 11:00 am. No wind? -- we'll try at 1:00 pm. This begins the regular season. I will announce the regular season race time when a preference is known. all times are Indiana Standard

## Ladies Luncheon

It was mentioned at the Pancake Breakfast that there were no plans so far this year for a Ladies Luncheon. A group of us decided to take on the planning and organizing of a luncheon for Tuesday, August 12th at the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

Please mark your calendar and plan on being with us this year. It won't be any fun without you! Watch the Birch Barker next week for more information concerning the Luncheon .

Linda Curtis, Lind Harmon, Sue Wagner, Darlene Troyer,  
Blair Garceau, Maryann O'Neill

# The Birch Lake Barker!!

(the Barker with a twist!)

As a longtime citizens of Birch Lake we have noticed many changes occurring on the lake over the years. We believe that it is necessary to make a publication that reflects the changes going on around the lake. Everyone around the lake has noticed that fewer and fewer articles have been appearing in The Barker as time has passed. This publication is all about interesting, factual, resourceful articles to help out the citizens of Birch Lake.

## Swimmers Itch Gets the Best of Birch Lakers

It's that time of year again, its swimmers itch, and it's worse than ever. Swimmers itch is generally the worst during the early summer months, and slowly dwindles off as the summer continues. Of course the best thing you can do regarding swimmers itch is to avoid it in the first place. Some ways to do this are to swim in deep water early in the summer and to dry off immediately when you get out of the lake. Or, if it gets out of hand you should shower off every time after swimming in the lake. If you are already under the spell of swimmers itch there are still a few solutions. There are lotions to put on it such as Benadryl or some types of toothpaste. There are also some types of oral medication that can prevent itching. Call if you have any questions or comments.

## Big Fish Spotted on the South Side

Last Sunday a huge bass was spotted by Ryan Gableman. It was early in the day and Ryan had just awoken. Him and his friend Matt went fishing over by the public access in his boat. Before the fish spotting they were having problems catching anything at all. Then on this hot Sunday morning Ryan claimed that he spotted something in the weedbed. He became very frantic and called Matt to inform him about what was going on. The next thing they knew they were staring at the body of a fish which was an estimated three feet. They both threw bobbers at the fish, but it was not to be. The fish quickly darted out towards the middle of the lake.

## The Weekly Puzzle

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\*\*\*THE HEAVIEST PRESIDENT IN US HISTORY WAS TAFT WHO TIPPED THE SCALES AT OVER 350 POUNDS.

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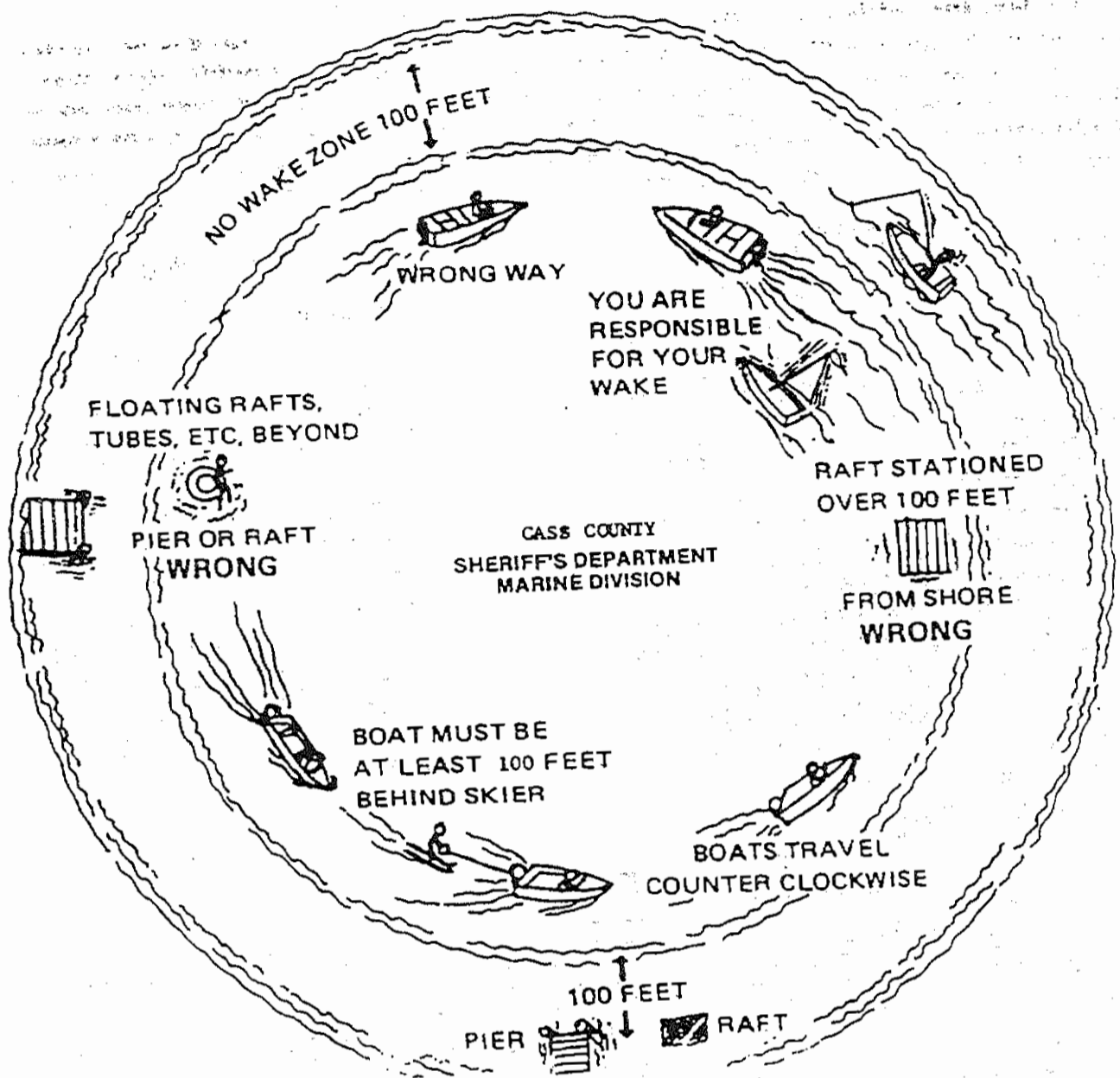
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT - Bud and Barb Zesinger are happy to announce the birth of their 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Zoe Lynne Zesinger was born December 19, 1996. Brad and Lynne Zesinger are the proud parents.

A SURPRISE 25<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY began the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at "Wee Wood". Marc and Lynn Caenepeel were greeted by nearly 30 family members and friends. Son's Jason and Bryan, nephews Joe and Luke Grcich as well as the rest of the Cove Clan were elated to all be here at their favorite place in the world... Birch Lake! The only one missing was Anna Grcich, who was on a month-long mission trip to Thailand. The event was catered by P & J's Catering of South Bend and Redstone Colorado.



Thank you **UNION SALES/Jay Taylor** for copying our Barkers. We have found Jay to be very accommodating with several challenges over the past couple weeks. Please find a copy of his card below. They are located at the corner of Union and US 12. Also, thank you Holly Troeger for making a special trip to Union to pick up last week's Barker.

While your "editor" has a new computer and version of Wordperfect and is struggling with being able to make a word "bold", Bob King is doing all of the great articles regarding sailing, golf, etc. Thank you Bob for the great contribution you have made to this year's Barker. Also, thank you to the many people who have submitted copy ready for the Barker. It has been much easier this year not needing to spend time attempting to read people's hand writing. However, if you are not into computers, please do not hesitate to submit articles. Thanks again...



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# Ladies Golf Outing

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Join us at the next Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. We will play a "scramble" again, teaming four players of varying abilities ... 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 cost is \$25 -- make checks payable to: BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB - LADIES GOLF OUTING. It is always helpful to make your own foursome, otherwise we will assemble groups as best we can. Please submit your entry no later than July 26th.

Call, drop off, or mail your form and payment to:

Pam Mullin  
14859 Birch, N. Shore Dr.  
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Leslie King  
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## 37th Birch Lake Open

Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, MI

Friday, July 25th at 11:00 am (IN), shotgun start !

The \$50 / man entry fee covers golf, cart, favor, door prizes, refreshments & prime rib dinner. While the deadline for registration is July 19th, remember this is on a first-come-first-served basis ... we fill the course with 72 golfers. Thanks again to those who have sponsored holes & provided door prizes in the past, we hope you will support this years event as well.

Contact Rich Mullin at 8820 / 277-8884 -or- Al Cover at 9339

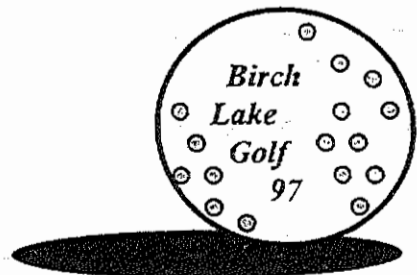
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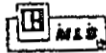
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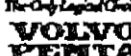
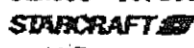
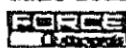
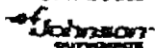
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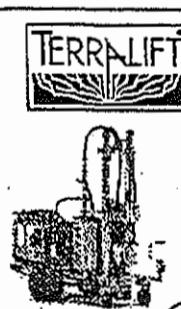
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