



Birch Barken

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORES' COMMENTS

Last weekend was a busy one.

The ladies started it out with the annual golf outing on Friday. There was a number of them that kept up their female fellowship well after the competition, and were so kind as to sing to all who would listen.

Saturday the clouds parted, and we had a good afternoon and evening for the Corn & Sausage Roast. This event makes me tip my hat to all who run restaurants. Liz and I are extremely grateful for every one of the volunteers' time and energy, but especially to John Gablelman and Sue Wagner. Special thanks, and please go buy stuff from them, to Bullards for their donation of the sweet corn.

The weekend seemed to be full of large events. Celebrations at Earl and Connie Troegers, a big tent event at the Kruggels, and at the Covers a celebration of a siblings return to the Midwest.

We are getting near to celebrating another successful Yacht Club Season at the Fall Dinner. Please get your reservations in and include your money no later than this weekend. You can drop the reservation and money off at our place on the West side. Look forward to seeing you there.

Al Cover, Commodore

1998 SCHEDULE *Indiana time*

Homeowner's Association	Saturday, August 15, 10am	BLYC
Fall Dinner	Saturday, August 22, 5:30	BLYC
Sailing Trophies	Monday, September 7, 10:00am	BLYC

Director's meetings, 9am Saturday, September 5.

RESERVATION FOR FALL DINNER

Cocktails 5:30

Dinner 6:30

Name _____ Number _____ Phone number _____

Cost: \$9.00 adult \$4.50 children 12 and under. Drop off money and reservation at Covers (on the West side) \$ Adult \$ Children \$ Total

FOR RENT-LAKEFRONT on Westside - \$550 weekly - Please call Brad Walker 2515

If you are looking for a **BABYSITTER** please call Natalie Dudeck at 2395.

COMMUNITY POLICE PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SAFETY & SERVICE BREAKFAST, Sunday, August 15, 7-12 (Michigan) at Shrine Building on Union Road in Union. Program includes children's ID and immunization.

NEW SHORE STATION COVER 22' long, 108 " wide - MODEL #22108 - Color White - \$700 item Best offer over \$300 - Let's talk about it!!! Bob Herms 476-9381

FOR SALE - Gas Range, like new, call 476-2663 - The Klappauf's

SURPRISE PARTY at Dun-Gul-Fin cottage - Westside -

Ralph Dunlap's family pulled off a 70th surprise birthday party for him last Saturday. The weather co-operated beautifully for outside eating and boating. Guests were Bill and Jan Robertson (Helen's Brother & Wife) from Lexington, Kentucky and 30 others from South Bend, Niles, St. Joseph and Birch Lake.

LOOKING FOR: Old photographs of Cottage 157 (63220 Birch Road-East Shore) when it was owned by the Harvey's. Photos will be returned. Cindy Bernaciak - 2166 or 773-445-9191

FROM CAMP: Many thanks to those who made contributions of golf balls and clubs for the kids at Camp Tannadoonah. We collected a 5 gallon bucket full of balls, junior and adult clubs. Jon had several kids come out for golf daily, and took a small group to play 9 holes at Park Shore, toward the end of the week. Thanks again, Jon & Barb Rondot (Don & Lind Harman's Daughter and Son-in-Law).

A VETERAN BIRCH LAKER has returned to spend the week at the SPRATT's on the North side. **Barbara Wallen** from Sun City, Arizona will be here to get reacquainted with Lake life. Barbara's family first came to the Lake in 1937. Barbara had a place on the East side and also spent some time at Lazy Lodge.

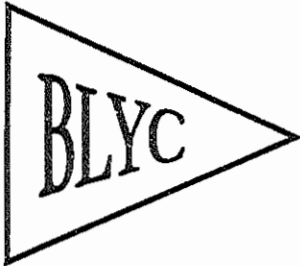
HISTORY OF MY HOUSE - A long time ago our house was located where the Public Landing is now. At that time it was a small building used for an ice house. The ice business belonged to Ed Lowe's Father. (The Ed Lowe of Cassopolis who invented Kitty Litter).

One winter the building was brought across the Lake on skids and put on the land where my house now stands in the Cove on the West side.

After years of being vacant and called the Haunted House, new owners bought and added to it until we purchased it in 1965 and remodeled again. The names, dates and graffiti are enclosed behind the wall and the ceiling beams are covered, otherwise, nothing is the same as the old Ice House. *By: Louise Reith*

BARKER NEWS - Barker box is located behind 15222 Birch Lakeshore (South Side) - Fax 476 2227 include your name & phone. Deadline is 7pm Monday for the next issue

Old Barkers - There is a box of old Barkers (some circa 1940's) that anyone is welcome to borrow for a day. 476-2227



FLEET NEWS

The normal weather patterns have come back to Birch Lake. We rarely have steady wind in the morning unless a front is passing through. Last Sunday the breeze was slight until 11:15 (which has happened the last three weeks). Only Tom Howard came out to race. Thanks to all my Sunfish competitors staying on shore I had some light wind practice, going one & a third in 53 minutes. We could have easily done two races (I was round the triangle 4 times in just under two hours). Rig your boat & hope for wind guys.

In a couple weeks we will have a series of classes helping lakers learn to rig their boats, get a basic understanding of sailing concepts & then take those basics out on the water. If you want help please look for the sails Saturday morning 08/22 & come on over.

I was not thinking clearly when picking the time for the Couples Race. The fall dinner is at 5:30, so we will race in pairs at 2:00. No rules (other than no arguing over who steers), so get that hulk down in the water (referring to boats - not husbands) & come on out!

08/09 - Race Results:

		Season Race #	
		9	10
Sunfish	B. King	1	1
	S. Troeger	dns	dns
	M. Athanas	dns	dns
	J. Howard	dns	dns
	D. Olson.	dns	dns
	J. Bolinger	dns	dns
	M. Machalleck	dns	dns
	D. Weaver	dns	dns
	J. Gableman	dns	dns
	C. Spratt	dns	dns
J. Slaytor	dns	dns	
MCs	T. Howard	dnf	dns
	D. Harmon	dns	dns
	H. Cranmer	dns	dns
	B. Harlan	dns	dns
	R. Harmon	dns	dns
	T. Troeger	dns	dns
Starters	S. Pitakos	4	
	S. Plaia	2	
	J. Beck	2	
	M. Sante	dns	
	W. King	dns	

Day Sailing

Saturday, August 22nd

9:30 am - Sailing 100 - rigging, repairing your boat

10:00 am - Sailing 101 - on shore class on how to sail

10:30 am - Sailing 102 - on water class with coaches ... bring a boat or jump on & crew with us

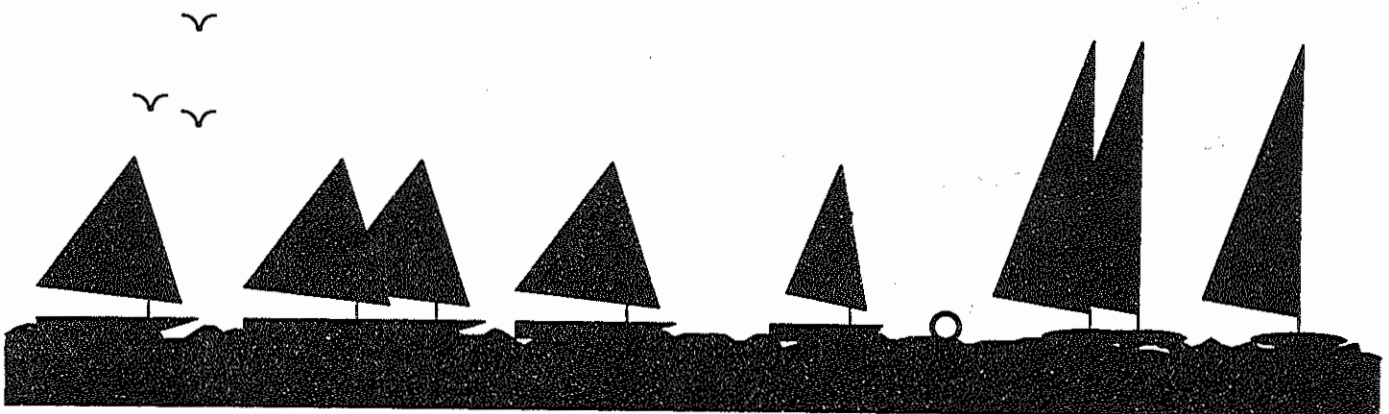
11:00 am - Pleasure Sail

2:00 pm - Couples Race*

*time change

Season Races every Sunday at 11:00am

All times are IN standard time ... we never change



Dear Birch Lake watershed residents,
Below is a page taken from a summer issue of a 1979 Birch Barker.

expressions

From a Different View

BIRCH LAKE'S SONGS OF THE SEASONS
By Gertie Temple
Editor, Birch Barker

The fragile wild flowers of spring
A bud, a leaf, a bird to sing
Badminton, tennis, garden-ing

Tubing, jarts, and golf outings
Mushroom hunting
Cycle-ing

Groqueting
Strolling, fishing
Trolling

Sailing, skiing
Swimming
Sunning

Skating
Snowmobiling
Running

Canoeing
Just relaxing....
Fun-ing

Warm soft rains
Cookout flames
Volleyball and softball games

Frogs, toads, turtles, boys
Girls, giggles, baby's toys
Falling stars, wishes, joys

Fluffy clouds and butterflies
Trees and sunsets - morning skies
Many good friends and family ties

The tracks in the snow and the sight of deer
The geese who fly north and south each year
The magic of my being here.....

And you, just you, just you

BIRCH LAKE

Year round - every season - your B.L.Y.C. Water Quality Committee has an on-going water quality maintenance program. Part of that program includes Septic System Maintenance. Before the summer season ends, please consider a recommendation from a Health Department Environmentalist to summer people: "Pump your septic tank at the end of every summer to give the system relief". Michigan Lakes & Streams Association recommends: "Initiate your own septic tank pumping program for pumping every 2 years".

Pumping prevents sludge from rising and going into the final disposal. It needs to be removed before it is allowed to fill the tank. If allowed to fill the tank, it will overflow into the disposal and cause a mal-functioning system which means that toilets and drains will back up, overflow and contaminate the area in the house.

The small cost for hiring a septic tank cleaning service is an insurance policy against an unwanted problem. It is a policy which you can renew at the end of every summer season or renew every 2 years. Which ever you choose will maintain an efficient septic system for YOU.

B.L.Y.C. Water Quality Committee
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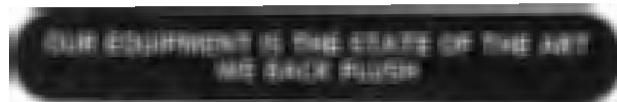
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