

Volume Five, June 26, 1999

COMMODORES COMMENTS

Another weekend has passed, my they do go so quickly, don't they? Saturday wasn't the best weather-wise, but very tolerable! Sunday was a lot better for everyone. Lot's of boat activity! The sailor's had a tough time with the morning races, but still were able to navigate the course in less than thirty minutes despite the ever changing winds!

Dick Bender entertained the lake as he cruised Saturday afternoon with a trumpet player aboard his boat. Nice touch!

Passing by the King residence on Sunday, it appeared as though Bill and Le had added some "lawn ornaments". Upon closer examination it was discovered that the "ornaments" were actually Bill and Le working in their garden.

Congratulations to Dave and Marge Kinner who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, with their family.

Everyone needs to be working on their boat parade decorations. July 3rd is coming up soon!! The pancake breakfast will be on Sunday morning July 4th. Boat inspections will be on July 10 at Sheryl Papandrias pier. The Garage Sale will be going on that same day. So let's all get ready!! Have a great week.

Jim Beck, Commodore

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Sat / July 3 - Boat Parade (4:00pm)

Sat / July 3 - Fireworks (after dark, rain-date Sun)

Sun / July 4 - Tannadoonah Pancake Breakfast

Sat / July 10- Birch Lake Garage Sale

Sat / July 17- Vice Commodore's Cocktail Party

Fri / July 30 - Men's Golf Outing

Fri/ Aug. 6 - Ladies Golf 9:30 IN time(see note)

Fri/ Aug. 6 - Lunch following (again see note)

Sat/ Aug. 7 - Corn Roast

Sat/ Aug. 21 - Fall Dinner

Editor's Notes:

If you have items for the BARKER, they should reach me by Mon of the week you would like them to appear. Put your information in the special box at the bottom of the hill on Lakeview Drive... Call 476-2840... Or E-Mail Eblackwood@netscape.net.

NOTES ON UP COMING EVENTS

Boat Parade

Now is the time to start thinking about the annual **BOAT PARADE**, Sat July 3rd at 4:00 pm IN time. Any theme is OK but be creative. Numbers can be picked up at Reynold's pier (So. Side) and then proceed by Gableman's pier where the judges will be waiting. Fireworks will follow (from the Camp) later that evening. Rain date for both events is Sunday.

Garage Sale

Garage Sale is set for Sat. July 10, 8am to 5pm IN time. Give Lisa Dudeck a call if you want to participate (476-2395). Please pay a \$1.00 fee to Holly Troeger to defray cost of advertising.

Ladies Golf and Luncheon

The Ladies Golf Outing will be at the Garver Lake Course at 9:30 IN time on Friday, Aug. 6. Lunch will follow at Lindy's, just outside Dowagiac, at 12:30 IN time. Since we will not have the usual Ladies luncheon, all Birch Lake Ladies are encouraged to join the golfers for lunch and camaraderie at Lindy's.

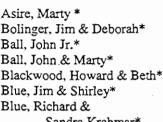
Corn Roast

Plan on making this a family event. Bob King is trying to organize a play area for the younger set. He remembers as a child going to Yacht Club events and enjoying meeting kids from all around the lake.



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I hope all corrections are in by now as we are ready to start getting is typed. I want to thank Shirley Blue and Lisa Dudeck for all of their help on this. If you have any more last minuet changes please call Sally Beck (476-2760) or Sandra Krchmar (476-9250)

IF YOU HAVE ANY TOYS TO DONATE TO BOB'S PROJECT AT THE YACHT CLUB, DROP THEM OFF IN THE STORAGE CAN AT THE YACHT CLUB.

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LAKE NOTES

Lake Notes are compiled from local history publications including Birch Barkers and other newspaper archives.

All roads leading to Birch Lake are now paved. Walnut Rd. From Brownsville St. to Harvey St. and Harvey from Walnut to where the blacktop formerly ended was completed last week. (Birch Barker 7/12/69)

The Birch Lake Basketball Camp opened July 5 and will run for five weeks this first year. Bill King and Herman Kruggel purchased Camp Kiloqua which was a former Campfire Girls summer camp...The boys will have access to three newly laid asphalt basketball courts with a total of 12 baskets. They also will be supervised in waterfront activities. (Birch Barker 7/11/70)

Remember: Adult square dance on Fri., July 16, 8p.m. at the Yacht Club. Refreshments. (Birch Barker 7/17/71)

Gard's Prairie, in Cass Co., was the camping ground of Chief Weesaw and his Pottawattomis; named for Jonathan Gard, pioneer settler in 1829. (Romig's Michigan Place Names)

NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

Bev and Herm Kruggel are celebrating their 50th anniversary on June 25th. They have five children and eleven grandchildren and are expecting No.twelve in September. Their lives have revolved around Birch Lake as they have had a summer home here since 1958 and have been year round residents since 1993. Congratulations!

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

The Machalleck household will soon be overflowing with family from all over the states.

John and Arlene will be hosting Steve and wife Bobbi of Apopka, FL, as they arrive to attend the wedding of Granddaughter Lori to Jason Noyer on June 28th.

Coming in the end of the week will be daughter Marianne Snodgras, who just got married Dec. 28th and her daughters Elizabeth Desmond of Royal Oak, MI, and Hilary Desmond of Phoenix AZ.

Daughter Kathy Wolf of Midland MI will also be here with husband Denny and their children Sarah and Jeff. Sarah just graduated from Michigan State and Jeff is in his 2nd year at Purdue.

Greetings from the Parkinsons! We're settling in as new Birch Lake residents. We love the Lake and want to thank everyone for being so friendly. A special "thanks" go out to Marty & Doris Sante, John Erhart, and Terry & Linda Curtis for all of their help. We're looking forward to our first year 4th of July festivities.

NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

Oops no news! Expect big things next week.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH SIDE

Bill and Gladys Foley celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this past weekend. They had a family get together Sat. at Birch Lake and three dinners throughout the weekend. Congratulations!!!

Check out the Street Art and spectacular flowering yard at the Cote home. Indiana is a lovely, lucky little girl, fast mastering life at Birch.

Rich Mullin was an absentee father this past weekend, stranded in the Orient on business. The rest of the family carried on without him, knowing he liked all that bowing on Dad's Day. All rumors about Rich dancing on the Ginza are unconfirmed. Our Embassy declined to comment.

NEWS FROM THE COVE

By Sunny Waters

We're back! Do hope our absence didn't cause you great pain. Mackinac Island was beautiful, as are other points north, but coming home is always pleasant, too. One could get rather spoiled sitting on the veranda, watching the magnificent straits but coming back to the emerald water of Birch Lake doesn't cause re-entry problems.

Nicholas Bergen is spending a protion of the season at St. Louis University. He is taking summer classes and plans to pursue a master's degree after graduation. Keep up the good work, Nicholas.

Observing Bill Lloyd, one would never know he suffered a serious injury last fall. He is spry and active, having recovered from hip surgery. We're glad to see him well again. Stay out of the trees, Bill!

Good News... Tish Hayden had successful surgery on her neck and is recovering well. Will have to be in a severe neck brace for 3 months. We all are thinking of her and looking forward to seeing the Hayden's soon.

Have a great week!

Sunny

BEST OF BECK'S BISTRO

Drink of the Week

The Perfect Margarita (Jimmy Buffett)

Fill shaker with broken ice
Squeeze 2 fresh Lime wedges into shaker
Add 2 oz of Cuervo 1800
Add ½ oz of Jose' Cuervo White
Add 11/4 oz Roses Lime Juice
Add ½ oz Bols Triple Sec
Add a splash of Bols Orange Curacao
Cover Shaker and shake vigorously!
Rim glass with Lime peel and salt edge.
Add fresh ice and 1 lime wedge

Recipe of the Week

Emeril Lagasse's Essence

5T sweet paprika

1/4 C Salt

1/4 C Garlic powder

2T freshly ground black pepper

2T onion powder

2TCayenne pepper

2Tdried Oregano

2T dried thyme

Combine ingredients and blend well. Store in airtight container. Use this to KICK all recipes up a notch. This is a great combination of spices and herbs.

Bob King, Vice Commodore, has asked our water quality committee to tell you *what has been done at Birch, *what is being done, *what the science tells us, *what we can each do, *describe the tests, *how they're done, *the results, *what they mean.....

Bob, there's been a temporary change of "print". Our Commodore, Jim Beck, had that elegant cocktail party. It was there that friends and I talked about Birch. You said that "time spent gazing at Birch is not deducted from one's life span." I hope that goes for talking about Birch too!! Anyway, I was asked to print some of my poems (as expressed by Birch Lake) and to print some of the topics we discussed.......

First, a quick update on CLMP. Bob Temple is doing all of the sampling for the DEQ. He got a phone call from Ralph Bednarz who prepares the reports and he told Bob that his Spring Phosphorus Test was LOW (10) and that Birch is an EXCELLENT lake.

Birch is also a lovely blue lake that often looks green. A newcomer to the lake asked, "Why does it look green?" "Because," I said, "Birch Lake is the "jewel" of Cass County, an emerald - precious, and beautiful."

There is a magic to my name That glistens with delight; Sounds of joy, smiles of love, Glows of beauty day and night.

It is a name so often heard: | Sometimes a whisper; or a shout! A ripple - splash! - a stit ----A silence -- sometimes, a doubt?

A change of hue with every scene There is no season best of all Reflections from upon the land, greet Winter - Spring - Summer - Foll.

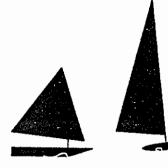
Any day I spend with you My shore is filled with pride your presence here is all I need. I have you on my side.

Saring for me, holding me dear, Missing me when I'm not near. Because of you the magic's clear Because of you I am here. Birch Lake

- Birch Lake does not have an Aquatic Weed problem.

 However, if weeds are troublesome in your beach, the office of the DEQ says to get a hard tong metal rake, tug at the roots, pull them out, REMOVE them from the lake and watershed. DO NOT FERTILIZE with PHOSPHORUS or POTASH! Once in the lake, a pound of phosphorus can generate several hundred pounds of aquatic plants. The knowledge that your beach will recover when enrichment stops is encouraging.
- People who ride them say that the sound of the two-stroke engine, the speed, the spray of passing water give a sense of the personal freedom. But, even they acknowledge and recognize the need for an answer to the air and water pollution that is caused from the "discharge of unburned fuel and oil from personal water-craft." Are you part of the problem or part of the answer?
- Foam, bubbles, and suds are natural to Birch Lake.
 Foam on water is a mass of small bubbles from agitation. Bubbles are a thin film of liquid enclosing air. Sudsy is full of foam. 3.
- <u>Purple Loosestrife</u> is sometimes referred to as "the purple plague." The plant is invading Michigan's wetlands and shorelands. This vibr summertime flower is a "pretty weed." Michigan has banned its sale. This vibrant purple
- Zebra Mussels The sign to educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels was acquired through MC&SA. Members of the water quality committee plan to attend the fall seminar to set up Zebra Mussel testing through Sea Grant. Once we get involved in a project or an issue, MC&SA is there for support, for guidance and for information.
- It is a factor that plays a role in water quality
 Please don't bathe in Birch Lake.

- Please don't bathe your dog in Birch Lake.
- Ducks and Geese are a part of the ecosystem of the lake, but by feeding and supporting more ducks and geese than natural, additional nutrient burden is placed on Birch Lake.
- 8. Greenbelts Lakefronts should be landscaped with vegetation which acts as a buffer trapping runoff and absorbing nutrients before entering the lake. Groundcovers native to the area: Crown Vetch, Myrtle, Snow-on-the-Mountain, Pachysandra.



BLYC SAILING NEWS



After strong, steady breezes all week, the sailors faced fluky winds for the races on Fathers' Day. In those conditions, tacking or straying too far from the center of the course proved risky, as the stronger wind could suddenly appear on the opposite side. Of course, the wind always seems better on the other side. The June 20, 1999 race results and standings are:

MC Class	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points Average
D. Harman	1 st	1 st	1580.25
R. Harman	3 rd	2 nd	1482.50
H. Cranmer	4 th	4 th	1464.75
B. Harlan	2 nd	3 rd	1463.25
Sunfish Class			
T. Howard S. Troeger B. King D. Olson J. Bolinger S. Spratt	2 nd	1 st	1541.25
	1 st	2 nd	1521.5
	3 rd	3 rd	1464.25
	6 th	4 th	1371
	4 th	5 th	1314.25
	5 th	DNS	1296

Sailing Notes: Many thanks to the starters, Jim and Sally Beck and to the "anchorman", Stan Pitakos.

Next races Sunday, June 27 at 11 a.m. (Ind. Time), 12 p.m. (Mich.)

ANNOUNCEMENT TO MC SAILORS

Two local Regattas coming up, and Eagle Lake is renewing the "round-robin" series that used to be sailed between Birch Lake, Corey Lake, Diamond Lake and Eagle Lake.

1.	Diamond Lake Open Championship	2.
	June 26 and 27, 1999	
	4 or 5 races	
Place:	Diamond Lake Yacht Club	Plac
	Cassopolis, Michigan	
Contac	t: Tom Wurster (616) 445-3227	Con

2. MC Madness
July 10, 1999
4 to 5 races in one day
Place: Eagle Lake Sailing Club
Edwardsburg, Michigan
Contact: Dick Booth (219) 875 - 6276

REMEMBER...BIRCH LAKE SHIRTS AVAILABLE FROM DAN REYNOLDS(476-8877) OR NATALIE DUDEK WHO WILL BE VISITING EACH RESIDENCE DIRECTLY. ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST.
All profits to the Yacht Club.

And speaking of fund raisers....Rick Russwurm and Dean Davis are still working on donations to the most beautiful of treasures here on Birch Lake, Camp Tannadoonah. If you have not been contacted and wish to donate to the future of the camp, please call Rick or Dean.

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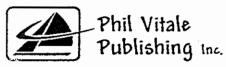
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