



# Birch Barker

A Publication of the Birch Lake Yacht Club

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## COMMODORES COMMENTS

What a difference a week makes! Compared to last weekend, it's like a different season! Very light boat traffic, cool temperatures! It's hard to believe last week end we were sweltering with temperatures in the 90's and very high humidity!

It was a very pleasant, quiet weekend. Perhaps everyone was just partied out from the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately for the sailors, they had to scuttle the Sunday races due to lack of wind.

It appeared as though the garage sales went well. There certainly seemed to be a lot of traffic on the roads Saturday.

Thanks to Dan Covey for conducting the boat inspections on Saturday.

Dust off your Caribbean attire for the Vic-Commodore's cocktail party on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Jimmy Buffet Party.

The Corn & Sausage Roast is also in the not too distant future, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of some help inside serving the food. If you would be able to help, please call me at 476-2760.

As I sit here on the end of my pier writing these weekly comments, I truly feel fortunate to call this place home!!

Have a great week. We'll see you at the Buffet Party!

Jim Beck, Commodore

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH

- 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



**PLEASE NOTE: TIMES OF EVENTS.....ALL TIMES ARE INDIANA TIME UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE**

### Editor's Notes:

If you have items for the BARKER, they should reach me by Monday 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](mailto:Eblackwood@netscape.net).

### NOTES ON UP COMING EVENTS

#### Vice Commodore's Cocktail Party

7/17...6:00PM to ....the vice commodore's cocktail will be the buffet party this year. Get out your wildest tropical attire and bring the family (kids 6 to 8PM). Cash bar, special Caribbean rum drinks and pitch in snackies to the sweet sounds of jimmy b.

Men's Golf Outing.... See sign up form and details inside.

#### Ladies Golf and Luncheon

The Ladies Golf Outing will be at 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 for both golfers and non golfers. 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. (See sign up form inside)

#### Corn Roast

Plan to attend the Annual Corn Roast, Saturday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 at the Yacht Club. We still need servers and someone to take money at the door. If you want to help out, please call Jim or Sally Beck at 476-2760. \$6.00 for adults, \$3 for children, and under 5 free.

## LAKE NOTES

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

The Birch Lake Michigan Snipe Fleet hosted the Dist. III Junior Snipe Championship Regatta...This regatta takes in 8 states from Ohio to the Dakotas. Thirty-three boats entered and, with the help of favorable winds and good weather, five races were sailed. (Birch Barker, 7/20/68)

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We get an argument, now and then, about lake depths. One of our friends, last year, brought over his boat with a depth-finder installed and one spot, south of Camp (Tannadonah) approximately 500 to 800 feet out, registered 104 feet. And there appears to be a ravine channel running east-west with a uniform depth of 90-95 feet. (Birch Barker 8/21/71)

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The excitement of serious gambling and spirited auctioneering combined with plenty of fun and refreshments to about 90 Birch Lakers at the Monte Carlo Party held last Sat. night. (Birch Barker 8/24/74)

Sandra Krchmar

### NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

Rita Benjamin along with grand daughters Tonya and Tricia entertained twelve UP walkers with a picnic last Saturday. Dennis Tudor, another west sider, prepared a deep fried turkey for the group. This was the first visit to Birch Lake for many of the walkers and they were very impressed with our beautiful lake and the people who call it home.

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Dick and Peggy Cowen held their annual family reunion over the fourth weekend with close to fifty in attendance. The Clelands from Elkhart and Naples, the Hughes from South Bend and Japan, the Meixels, Nelsons, and Ecksteins from Mishawaka, along with the Cowen clan, enjoyed the boat parade, fireworks, wonderful food, and all the rest of the things for which Birch Lake is special.

### NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Denny and Keith Weesner will be hosting a fun weekend for three 12 year olds and grandson Jason Echleman. Jason and his friends Rennick Bowman, Chric Bevin and Anthony Brock, all of Carmel, IN, will be spending the week at Camp Eberhart. But Birch Lake will be the start of all the fun, with tubing, swimming, and hot dogs cooked over the campfire.

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Roy and Kate Henderson will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary July 16. They have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. All have enjoyed more than 40 Birch Lake summers!!!

### NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

After watching the terrific fireworks, Tony and Debbie Sacco graciously (but somewhat foolishly) invited several of their neighbors in for refreshments. Attending this 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July gathering were Larry and Kay Demert, Marc and Ilene Golden and Bill and Patty Luecht. Also joining this "refined" group were Marc and Ilene's son Mike from Houston, TX, and a long time friend, "their other son" Mike.

Keeping with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July theme, there were numerous flag cakes and other red, white, and blue desserts. Patty Luecht made "Patty Punch" (named by Marc Golden). The contents area much guarded secret, but you must be 21 or over to consume it. Story telling began shortly after the punch combined with the sugar in the various desserts. There were tales of cultural interest, and of course, lost youth. We are not allowed to print any of the table talk, since this is a family publication.

It was a fun-filled evening and great time was had by all. Thanks again to our hosts Tony and Debbie Sacco.

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Next time you visit Ilene Golden, take your sun glasses. (She will explain).

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We're so glad Jim Bergan in out of the hospital and cruising the Lake!

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Jim and Judy Messner's (E172) cottage has been quieter this summer. Their son, Todd, was injured in a car accident Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Todd has been recovering in Elkhart General Hospital since then and is now in rehabilitation. Good luck Todd! We're looking forward to seeing you on Birch Lake reeling in the "big" ones!

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Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful calm day at Birch Lake. Kristin and James McCoy, grandchildren of Jack and Marianne Hornbeck decided to swim across the calm lake. After a short debate of what constituted "across", James, age 11 and Kristin, age 14 started swimming. Their mom, Carol, followed closely in the boat, and kept asking... "Are you tired?" and getting the same answer... "NO MOM!" They both successfully made it, and their next goal is to swim around the lake, instead of across it! Both children are members of a USA Swim Club in Illinois.

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Congratulations to Jack and Marianne Hornbeck on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They spent their anniversary traveling in Spain and Portugal. HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup>!

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By Gabby Golden

(Editor's Note: Let's hope this is the start of a new column)

The eastsiders did recover from the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend after enjoying Debbie Sacco's patriot cake, and Patty Luecht's famous "Patty Punch" (which takes a few days to wear off!) Mike Golden was visiting from Houston, and enjoyed all the camaraderie, not to mention the punch!

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Luecht's put up a play area for the kids...They are now enjoying some R&R.

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Marc and Ilene Golden celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Carriage House (where they were engaged) Ilene is still in shock over Marc's gift! (Could this have anything to do with needing sunglasses when next we see her?)

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Upcoming events include Katie Luecht's birthday party and Ilene's dad annual visit. (You'll see him walking his daily 6 miles).

### NEWS FROM THE NORTH SHORE

The Logan/Lynn reunion is planned for the week of July 25. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Preferably before noon on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Charlie Taylor and family from Elkhart will be spending the week on the North Shore. The Taylors had a great time last year and are hoping for an equally relaxing time this year..

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## NEWS FROM THE COVE

### By Sunny Waters

For the many of you who have kept Jim Bergan in your prayers, IT WORKED! Scarcely a week after surgery, Linda and Jim made a brief trip to the lake where Jim got numerous GENTLE hugs. He is healing rapidly and looks wonderful. Thanks to all for your love and caring.

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## A MESSAGE TO MY FELLOW COVE DWELLERS

From Jeremiah B. Frogge

After a lengthy hiatus we've returned to Birch Lake and hope to stay but, to be quite honest, we wonder if we should've opted for the cute little condo on Donnell. Mrs. Frogge and I have been greatly alarmed by flashlights, sloshing feet, and - gasp - nets. We love it here but feel threatened by these disturbances. Please keep in mind, naturalists don't disturb, they preserve.

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A favorite recipe from B.S. purloined from Win Schuler

1lb Velveeta (don't substitute)

½ C Hellman's Mayo

½ C white Horseradish

Melt cheese and mayo together. Add horseradish. Blend well, pour into container(s) and refrigerate. Tastes exactly like the real thing.

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Coming next week: an exclusive interview with the Cove's elite couple, Bill and Rita Lyzen. You only thought they were dignified. Investigative reporter Sunny knows better.

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Some closing Kudos:

Many readers have commented on the excellence of the Birch Barker. Great job, editors, attractive layout and professional quality. (They paid me to say that).

Always, our gratitude to those diligent guardians of Birch Lake, The Water Quality Committee. Barker readers appreciate the informative articles as well.

Have a great week....

Sunny

## BEST OF BECK'S BISTRO

### Entree of the Week

Lemon Pepper Pasta with Chicken  
(Melanie Hall)

1 pkg lemon pepper pasta

1 lb pkg fresh mushrooms (cut up)

1 bundle fresh spinach

1 pkg feta cheese crumbled

1 pkg chicken breasts (boneless, skinless) chunked

½ C Burgundy wine

1T minced garlic

In a medium skillet, melt 1T butter, add wine garlic and saute chicken with mushrooms until chicken is done. Stir, put fresh spinach on top, cover, simmer 5 to 10 min. Cook pasta according to pkg directions, adding 2T of olive oil to water. Drain pasta. Put pasta into a large serving bowl and add contents of skillet. Add crumbled Feta and mix well. Serve hot or cold with french bread. It is good without the chicken too.

### Drink of the Week

Pineapple Iced Tea

(Melanie Hall)

1oz pineapple juice

½ oz Vodka

½ oz Gin

½ oz Tequila

½ oz dark Rum

½ oz Triple Sec

Put all in tall glass with ice - stir well add splash of cranberry juice & garnish with a slice of pineapple.

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SEND IN YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES...

## Star Stuff

There are many beautiful constellations in the night sky over Birch Lake. Being as far away from city lights as we are allows us to see more than we normally can from home. An easy constellation to find is Cassiopeia, Queen of Ethiopia.

Cassiopeia <./constellations/Cassiopeia.html> boasted that she and her daughter were more beautiful than Nereids (or sea nymphs), which were the daughters of Poseidon (or Neptune), the god of the sea. Angered by the insult of his daughters, Poseidon sent floods to the lands ruled by Cassiopeia.

The Romans described her chained to her throne in the heavens as punishment for her boastfulness. As the sky appears to rotate, she can sometimes be seen suffering as she hangs upside down.

Look for Cassiopeia in the eastern sky after sunset. Follow the pointer stars on the Big Dipper past the North Star and look for a bright W in the sky.

More to come. Keep looking up.

Stewart Spratt

## SULTRY SUMMER PASTA

Submitted by Jody Meyers

only cooking is the pasta

6 fresh tomatoes (chopped)

handful of mushrooms

1/4 C fresh Basil

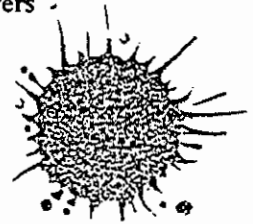
½ C olive oil

2 cloves garlic (crushed)

dash of salt

½ to ¾ C mozzarella - grated or in thin strips

Combine all fresh ingredients and let stand at room temp for an hour or so. Dump over warm pasta. Top with plenty of parmesan cheese. Good leftover!



## NEW CONCERN OVER PWC'S

For those who use a Personal Water Craft, there is no denying they are great fun. Otherwise we wouldn't be buying 175,000 of them every year.

Those who dislike PWC's have long cited that the noise and danger have no place on our national waterways. Thus laws have been passed to limit the hours of usage and act as a compromise between the groups.

However, new information about water pollution should give everyone concern about PWC use on our waterways. In fact, Lake Tahoe has banned most PWC's because of petroleum waste left by their two stroke engines. Also, a proposed policy change nearing final approval in Washington would ban PWC's from 356 of the 378 units in the National Park System.

The Sierra Club, which backs tighter regulation of two stroke engines, claims that in seven hours of operation (an average weekend for some) a standard PWC's two stroke engine creates as much air pollution as a 1998 automobile will emit in 100,000 miles. The Izaak Walton League asserts that two stroke engines leak 165 million gallons of oil into American waters each year - 15 times the amount released by the EXXON VALDEZ in the 1989 spill. The average PWC engine discharges 25 to 30 percent of its fuel UNBURNED, into the air and water.

The newer fuel injection engines dramatically reduce waste and noise and do provide a solution to what will be a serious problem to America's waterways, especially small inland lakes.

This week's times for Wave Runners to be off the lake (IN)

Fri 7-16 7:17pm

Sat 7-17 7:16pm

Sun 7-18 7:15pm

Mon 7-19 7:15pm

Tues 7-20 7:14pm

Wed 7-21 7:13pm

Thurs 7-22 7:12pm

Fri 7-23 7:11pm

IT'S THE LAW!

## ***Birch Lake Joins COOPERATIVE LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM***

*This program, which is a cooperative venture between the Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee, Michigan Lakes and Streams (ML&S), and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), allows us to measure and monitor Birch Lake's CLARITY, PHOSPHORUS, and CHLOROPHYLL.*

*Following are some questions and answers about the second element of the program—PHOSPHORUS.*

### ***What is phosphorus?***

Phosphorus is one of several essential nutrients that algae need to grow and reproduce. For most lakes in Michigan, phosphorus is the limiting factor for algal growth.

### ***Where do you find phosphorus?***

Phosphorus is a naturally occurring element that is found in rocks and soil. Humans use and dispose of phosphorus on a daily basis in common items such as fertilizers, foods, and cleaning agents.

Phosphorus is found in lakes in several forms and is in a constant state of flux as environmental conditions change and plants and animals live, die, and decompose in the lake. It is also possible for lakes to receive some of the human generated phosphorus through runoff, septic leachate, and other sources. The various forms of phosphorus are constantly changing and are distributed in different locations of the lake with changing seasons. Because of this, all of the forms of phosphorus are measured together as total phosphorus.

### ***What does phosphorus testing tell us?***

The total amount of phosphorus in the water is used to predict the level of productivity and eutrophication in a lake. An increase in phosphorus over time is a measure of nutrient enrichment in a lake.

### ***When do you test for phosphorus in the lake?***

Phosphorus tests are done in the late summer and in the spring. Late summer results, along with Secchi Disk measurements and chlorophyll measurements, provide an estimate of the level of productivity, or trophic state of the lake. These results are used to calculate a set of trophic state indices for the lake. Spring overturn, when the lake is generally well mixed from top to bottom, is an opportune time of the year to sample just the surface of the lake to obtain a representative sample for estimating the total amount of phosphorus in the lake. At other times of the year, water column sampling helps determine phosphorus levels in the lake.

### ***What is the meaning of trophic state indices?***

Trophic state indices provide a quantitative means of describing the stage of lake aging or eutrophication. Lakes are classified according to their trophic state (i.e. oligotrophic or clean water/low productivity, mesotrophic or moderately enriched, eutrophic or poor water quality/high productivity).

*In the next issue, we will discuss CHLOROPHYLL, the third element of testing.*

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### **And now, a word from BIRCH LAKE...**

**My Spring '99 phosphorus test was LOW = EXCELLENT CONDITION!!**

**THANKS FOR TAKING GOOD CARE OF ME.**

# PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT

Effective 4-1-99

## 281.1411 Operation of personal watercraft; requirements.

- Sec. 11. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state unless each person 12 years of age or older riding on or being towed behind the personal watercraft is wearing a type I, type II, or type III personal flotation device as described in R281.1234 of the Michigan Administrative Code.
2. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state unless each person on board or being towed by the personal watercraft who is less than 12 years of age is wearing a type I or type II personal flotation device as described in R281.1234 of the Michigan Administrative Code.
  3. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state unless each person on board the personal watercraft is wearing a personal flotation device that is not inflatable.
  4. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state if a child who is under 7 years of age is on board or being towed behind the personal watercraft unless the child is in the company of his or her parent or guardian or a designee of the parent or guardian.
  5. While operating a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard-type engine cut-off switch on the waters of this state, a person shall have the lanyard attached to his or her person, clothing, or personal flotation device as is appropriate for the personal watercraft.
  6. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state during the period that begins 1 hour before sunset and ends at 8 a.m. As used in this subsection, "sunset" means that time as determined by the national weather service.
  7. A person operating a personal watercraft on the waters of this state shall not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel, other than a personal watercraft, unless the person is operating the personal watercraft at slow-no wake speed.
  8. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state where the water depth is less than 2 feet, as determined by vertical measurement, unless one or both of the following circumstances exist:
    - (a) The personal watercraft is being operated at slow-no wake speed.
    - (b) The personal watercraft is being docked or launched.
  9. A person shall operate a personal watercraft in a reasonable and prudent manner. A maneuver that unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers life, limb, or property, including but not limited to all of the following, constitutes reckless operation of a personal watercraft under section 17:
    - (a) Weaving through congested vessel traffic.
    - (b) Jumping the wake of another vessel unreasonably or unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed.
    - (c) Waiting until the last possible moment before swerving to avoid a collision.

10. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state carrying more persons than the personal watercraft is designed to carry.

11. A violation of subsection (10) is *prima facie* evidence of reckless operation of a watercraft under section 17.

12. A person operating a personal watercraft in excess of the speeds established under part 801 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80101 to 324.80199, is guilty of reckless operation of a personal watercraft under section 17.

## 281.1419 Operation of personal watercraft; distance requirements; exceptions.

2. Except as provided in subsection (4), a person who operates a personal watercraft or a person who is being towed by a personal watercraft on a water sled, kite, surfboard, parachute, tube, water ski, or similar equipment on the waters of this state shall maintain a distance of not less than 100 feet from a dock, raft or buoyed or occupied bathing or swimming area, a person in the water or on the water in a personal flotation device, or a vessel moored, anchored, drifting, or sitting in dead water.
3. A person who operates a personal watercraft or a person who is being towed by a personal watercraft on a water sled, kite, surfboard, parachute, tube, water ski, or similar equipment on the waters of this state shall maintain a distance of not less than 200 feet from a submerged diver, vessel engaged in underwater diving activities, or a flotation device displaying the international diving insignia.

## 281.1427 Display of boating safety certificate.

Sec. 27. 1. An individual who is required to complete a boating safety course under this act and who operates a personal watercraft on the waters of this state shall display his or her boating safety certificate upon the demand of a peace officer who identifies himself or herself as a peace officer.

## 281.1431 Use of personal watercraft; age provisions; exception

Sec. 31. 1. Except as provided in subsection (2), a person under the age of 14 shall not use a personal watercraft on the waters of this state.

2. A person who is 12 or more and less than 14 years of age before January 1, 1999 may use a personal watercraft on the waters of this state if before January 1, 1999 he or she obtained a boating safety certificate.

3. A person who was born after December 31, 1978 shall not operate a personal watercraft upon the waters of this state unless he or she first obtains a boating safety certificate.

## 281.1433 Certification requirements for out-of state residents.

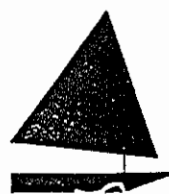
2. Beginning 1 year after the effective date of this act, a person who is not a resident of this state shall operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state only if he or she has one of the following in his or her possession:

- (a) A boating safety certificate.
- (b) A certificate issued by his or her state of residence that reflects education and training that is substantially similar to the education and training required to obtain a boating safety certificate under this act.





# BLYC SAILING NEWS



No news this week. All the wind must have been used up on Saturday, because there certainly wasn't any at race time on Sunday. Tom Howard, as usual, was the first (and in this case only) sailboat on the course, but it didn't look too thrilling. Because sailboats just don't seem to go as well without any wind, the races for the day were canceled. It was a great day for waterskiing in the morning and "tubing" in the afternoon, however.

Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain

**Kids: BYO crayons & markers please!**

## Vice Commodore's Buffett Buffet

The Yacht Club will swing to the sounds of Jimmy Buffett this Saturday evening from 6 pm to ... kids & grandlings are invited & welcome from 6-8. There will be a project for the little lakers.

Big kids are also welcome from 6:00 on, please bring a snack to share. Dress is your wildest tropical attire (any typical Marc Golden outfit would be perfect).

No cover, cash bar & special Caribee cocktails! cyualthere!

BLYC Coffee Mugs - we made 150, 84 were sold at the Pancake breakfast, 66 are left. Pick up your mugs at the Buffett party. If you can't attend, call 476-2128 on Saturday to make other arrangements.



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| 6) Tom Troeger   | 2) Jack Miller  |
| 4) Pam Mullin    | 6) John Erhardt |
| 2) Bob Herms     | 2) Melanie Hall |
| 2) Brad Walker   | 2) Vicky Rogers |
| 2) Jim Blue      | 1) Karen Myer   |
| 1) Holly Troeger | 2) Jerry Eakles |
| 1) Irene Golden  | 4) Dick Green   |
| 2) Paula Russell | 4) Valentine    |
| 1) Dick Blue     | ?) Rieth        |

"The new phone book is here" -Steve Martin-

The long labor for Sally & crew is over -- one copy per lake cottage -- Buy extra copies of the 1999 Directory for \$2 while supplies last at Buffet(+).

The YC Board discussed expanding the Y2k fireworks display. We are examining "launch-space" on site, the cost of various options, availability, etc. Suggestions include acquiring additional "special" shells, extending the *Finale*, etc. Please indicate whether you are willing to increase your donation in percentage terms (if at all) up to 50%. As we the Lakeland residents pay for the show, the Directors want your opinion! Speak out before the August Board meeting!

Stumble on a colony in the spring & it's a soundtrack for Jurassic Park: a rasping clacking din of a ravening mob, howls, screams, moans, croaks -- utterances, perhaps, like those of pterodactyls. The fossil record indicates their genus *Ardea* has been around for at least 14 million years, and a species virtually unchanged from that which we see today was stalking prehistoric swamps 1.8 million years ago. Of the known 80 species which developed through geologic time, 60 are still in business today (attesting to its adaptability). An animal book usually lists what a predator eats, with this character it's easier to list what it won't eat, preying on fish, crustaceans, sora rails, rats, gophers, kittens (ugh) & even full grown muskrats -- life is a smorgasbord & he swallows his food whole. This survivalist coped with the 21st century & seems to have made it through the poisoning of our environment (DDT & the like). They, like some other predators are a superb *ecological lens*, feeding at the top of the food chain, hunting afield in miles of swamps, lakes, streams & fields -- their tissue quantifies environmental quality that no amount of conventional sampling can match. All they seem to need is clean water & tall trees. Adapted from excerpts in *Smithsonian* (4/99 issue). Who is this marvelous critter? The answer is upside-down on line (4) in the Ladies Golf coupon at the right.

The Building Fund could use some additions. Guess how many bottle caps fill the Beck's glass jar - \$1/guess - the winner gets a bottle of rocket fuel (within reason, donated by Bruce Wagner), the Club gets the proceeds for some black ink. - Hint, the number is over a hundred & under a kazillion -



**Ladies Golf Outing - Friday August 6th**  
Join the Birch Lake Ladies for Golf &/or Lunch/Novice golfers welcome; we play a *best ball scramble*. Arrange your foursome or be grouped with some new friends. The cost is \$15 which includes 9 holes of golf & 1/2 of a cart at Garver Lake Golf Course. Golf at 9:30 am (IN) followed at 12:30 pm (IN) by a luncheon at Lindy's. This will be an "open menu" with individual checks. Watch for a map in a future Barker. Please send reservation & check to:

Attending (circle one or both):

**GOLF      LUNCHEON**

Our foursome:

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Birch Lake Yacht Club  
c/o Leslie King  
1958 E. Denslow Dr.  
South Bend, IN 46614

The Great Blue Heron

THE BIRCH LAKE SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE (FOR THOSE WHO PLACED ORDERS) ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY. YOU CAN PICK THEM UP AT THE REYNOLD'S OR SOMEONE WILL BE DELIVERING THEM JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> OR 24<sup>TH</sup>

*Birch Lake gives a big thank you to Coy Jankowski for designing the new shirts and preparing the disk for the printer. GREAT JOB COY!!!*

**39<sup>th</sup> BIRCH LAKE OPEN**

Friday, July 30 - 11:00 am Shotgun start  
Spruce Ridge Golf Club (40N to Dutch Settlement & West (left) 12 miles

\$50/person entry fee includes greens fee, cart, favor, door prizes, refreshments and prime rib dinner.

Registration deadline is July 25 and is limited to the first 72 golfers.

Thanks to all who have sponsored holes and provided door prizes in the past and we hope you will participate again this year.

Contact John Ball at 476-9775 or Jim Beck at 476-2760 if you have any questions. Return entries to John Ball or Holly Troeger.

**Entry Form 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Birch Lake Open**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Foursome:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Dinner Only # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made out to Birch Lake Yacht Club

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**Editors Note:**

Don't be bashful about sending in ideas for the Barker. We need all we can get. I also really appreciate the way news is starting to flow from all parts of the lake. That makes our job a lot easier and the paper much more interesting.

Beth Blackwood, Editor

**CLASSIFIED**

**Wanted:** Nice young couple wants Birch Lake Cottage/home. We always seem to miss dream spots as they sell (overnite). Please give us a call if you know of a property coming on the market.-Phil & Sandy Vitale at 219-29106102

**For Sale:** Beautiful Baker's Rack; white with brass accents; like new call 476-9359

**For Sale:** 16' open haul Speedboat; 85HP \$1200. See it at Tom's Garage or call Steve & Jackie Frew (708)799-4779

**For Sale:** 1989 23 ft. Sunchaser Deck Boat; excellent condition. Can see and drive at Nagy's. Call 476-2612 or 219-291-5010. \$10,000.

**For Sale:** Jet Paddle Boat - Going Cheap. Call 476-9317

**For Sale:** Pontoon Boat 1996 Godfrey Sweetwater 180ES. Mariner 30HP Motor W/30 hrs. Like new. Many extras \$6499. Call 344-8186 or stop at #149 John & Jody Meyers

**For Sale:** '87 Ranger 4X4, silver, Alpine CD, OS 2 speakers, good condition, mechanically sound, 5-speed \$1999. John Meyers. East 149 Weekends, 616-344-8186 weekdays.

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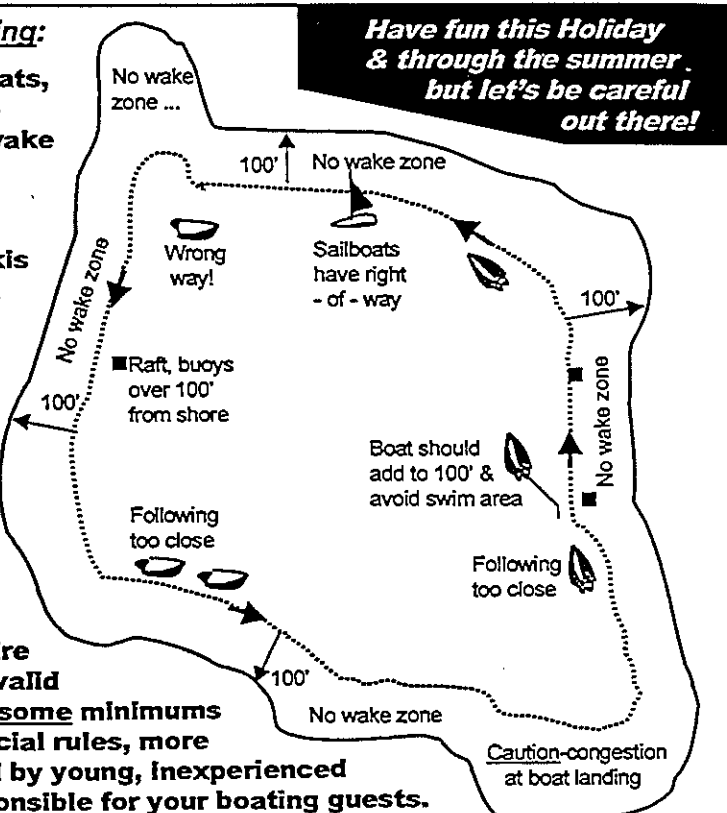
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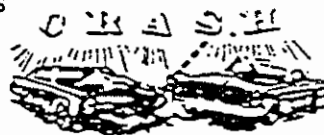
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