Volume Nine, July 24, 1999

#### COMMODORES COMMENTS

Another gorgeous weekend here in our little slice of paradise! The Vice-Commodore's Cocktail Party was a huge success! The Yacht Club was filled with parrots heads until the wee hours of Sunday morning!! Bob, Leslie and their crew did a wonderful job. The rum drinks were maybe a bit too good! It might explain why the vice commodore had some serious rigging problems during the Sunfish races! A lot of party goers came in their best "Island Attire".. Of particular interest were the "Aloha Dudes", Bertha & Norbert, aka, Sunny Waters and spouse! Everyone seemed to have a great time. I know we certainly did!

I Hope everyone is getting their foursomes together for our annual Men's Golf Outing on Friday July 30th, at Spruce Ridge Course just outside Dowagiac! Contact John Ball for more info at 476-9775.

Keep in mind the Corn and Sausage Roast is also coming up soon, Saturday Aug 7th. It's always a great get together. Have a great week.

Jim Beck, Commodore

#### COMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH

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 - Com Roast

Sat/ Aug. 21 - Fall Dinner

#### WAVE RUNNERS MUST BE OFF THE LAKE BY:

Fri -7/23-7:11p	Mon-7/26-7:09p	Thur-7/29-7:06p
Sat -7/24-7:11p	Tues-7/27-7:08p	Fri -7/30-7:05p
Sun-7/25-7:10p	Wed-7/28-7:07p	it's the law

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.

#### NOTES ON UP COMING EVENTS

Men's Golf Outing.... See sign up form and details inside. People not golfing can attend the dinner only for \$20.00 By the way, the outing is at a no metal spikes allowed course. Any questions, call John Ball at 476-9775.

#### 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. 7th., 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.

#### Fall Dinner

We will have more info in next Barker....just save the date of Aug. 21

The Vice Commodore's Buffett Buffet was great fun. The kids enjoyed coloring & camaraderie. We need to to get all the little Lakers together at future events!

Many thanks to those who helped set up, run the bar & clean up the Yacht Club. Ilene asked that clothes be discreetly returned before Marc notices...

If you know who shot paint balls all over the Club, please give the vandal(s) a good spanking!

Extra copies of the new 1999 BLYC Directory are Only \$2. Call Jim & Sally - 476-2760 this weekend.

BLYC mugs are going fast. If you picked up your order already / changed your mind, call to release them to others. If you have <u>not</u> picked up your mugs stop in at the Kings this Sunday between 3-5p &/or call Bob at 476-2128. Remaining coffee mugs will be sold at the Corn & Sausage Roast Aug. 7th.





#### LAKE NOTES

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

Results of the 1st annual Old Timers (Has Been) Race is as follows:

LOTIONS:						
1	Earl Troeger, Jr.	8	Bob Hague			
2	Dick Cowen	9	T.A. Kostanski			
3	Dick Green	10	Bill Echols			
4	Jack Troeger	11	Archie Spratt			
5	Herm Kruggel	12	John O'Brien			
6	Bill Tunnecliff	13	Bill King			
7	Keith Weesner	14	G.W. Varga			

(Birch Barker 8/30/69)

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The post office in the village of Union, MI was established in 1830 and the mail was brought in by stage. Union was the supply center for a considerable area and had two general stores, a blacksmith shop, repair shop, implement shop, taverns, a carpenter, and an undertaker. (Bowman's History of Porter Twp. Cass Co., MI)

Sandra Krchmar

#### NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

Life is getting too quiet! Are you resting over there?

#### NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Julie either "broke" or "wore out" Dad Ball's barge last Thursday. Thanks to Jim Foos for the tow!

We've discovered Zebra Mussels on rocks and clams. Has anyone else?

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Ed Note: It was overlooked in our listing that Tom & Julie(Ball) Lacy are contributing Yacht Club members. If anyone else was overlooked, please contact Jim or Sally Beck.

#### NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

The Welcome Sign has been out at the Harmans. Starting the end of June with a visit from high school classmate, Peggy Neece Loftin. Peggy is from Hixon, TN and was in town for our high school reunion. (Not saying which one). Barb and Vel DeKeek from St, Petersburg, FL were here 4 days over the 4th of July weekend. Vel was happy to have the chance to sail in the regatta. Vel is a two time National Champion in his Hobie Class. Finally Carl Molthop from St. Petersburg, FL and Mary Ann Broadway from Ft. Madison, IA were visiting for six days. Poor Don couldn't get a word in . We were thankful for the good times and weather and are looking forward to a visit from Abby and Tyler for one week each before school starts.

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Kevin Dobosiewicz was surprised as he was greeted last Saturday by family, friends, and neighbors for his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Sandy, his wife, set everything up while Kevin was at work. When Kevin got home he found his yard full of balloons, tables, chairs, and tons of food. You did a great job Sandy and all had a wonderful time. By the way Kevin, HAPPY BIRTHDAY and may you have 50 more!

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Within the last year we have had a plant thief visit Kinsey St. Roma Went had a flowering bush dug out of her yard and the Dobosiewiczs had a young tree taken from their property.

We hope the thief does not return for the neighborhood patrol will be watching to discuss with them why they think they can pick up our plants for free!

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The Eastside was quiet over the weekend! The loudest sounds came from the Golden cottage as Marc repeated "never again would he drink so much" in between moans, groans, and a lot of nausea. Other Eastsiders left the Jimmy Buffet Party, sober and enjoyed Sunday without hangovers!

As usual, Anthony Sacco came up with another great line while visiting the (recovering) Golden. He asked Marc where his wench was! (Saccos had visited Medevil Times a few week earlier).

Anyone else miss KARAOKE?

from Gabby

#### NEWS FROM THE NORTH SHORE

Correction...Charlie Taylor and family are from Mishawaka, not Elkhart. He went to school with Bob King. You may have seen Charlie this past week out fishing in his new boat.

Don't know if there's any fish left in the lake or not.

#### NEWS FROM DA COVE

#### By Sunny Waters

It has been fairly quiet this past week so a little fabrication may be required to flesh out this column.

However, B.S. and I (for those of you who may have forgotten that stands for Beloved Spouse--- most of the time) have been hopping. Grandsons James and Tyler Kruk stayed with us while they attended day camp at Tannadoonah. We're suffering from withdrawal pain but also understand why God created young parents.

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#### SPOTLIGHT ON BILL AND RITA LYZEN

The exclusive interview was held on the Lysen's beautiful porch. Bill, ever the bon vivant, was in tuxedo and Rita was tres chic in her designer beaded gown which depicted a heron snapping up a small bluegill. We sipped Dom Perignon and nibbled beluga while the hosts discussed the joys of Birch Lake. They have a special fondness for the Fourth of July; the celebration, camaraderie and general hoopla! They enjoy, as well, the peace of reading on the porch overlooking the emerald water of the Cove.

Thank you, Lyzens.

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A rather unpleasant letter was received from Mr. Jeremiah B. Frogge, regarding the article about him in last week's Barker. He feels it wasn't stringent enough and, to make matters worse, while he and Mrs. Frogge were enjoying their favorite dinner, fly au jus, a large hand reached down and scooped him up. This will never do.

On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Frogge and their son, Tad P., please have a heart. We want them to stay here.

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Last week, while pulling B.S. on skis behind our canoe, we spied an alarming incident. Several people were shampooing in the lake. Please, friend, discontinue the pollution immediately. To paraphrase and old favorite, we won't jetski in your bathtub if you don't shampoo in our lake.

Well friends, hope this will mollify you until the next issue.

Have a lovely week and Carpe Diem (that's not a kind of fish).

Sunny

Jim and I would like to thank everyone for all their kind thoughts and good wishes. It was really nice to be back at Birch Lake and relax and enjoy the company of good friends.

Would like to congratulate our son Joe on his engagement to Tracy. There plans are to marry in the year 2000.

Linda Bergan

#### **BEST OF BECK'S BISTRO**

Entree of the Week Margarita Chicken

½ C nonalcoholic Margarita Mix 3T lime juice

1 clove garlic crushed

3 to 3 1/2 lbs chicken cut up

Mix Margarita mix, lime juice, and garlic in plastic storage bag. Add chicken, seal and refrigerate at least 1hr. (not more than 24). Remove chicken from marinade; reserve marinade.

Heat grill or coals and place chicken skin side up on grill. Brush with marinade and sprinkle with salt. Cover and grill 15 min. Turn chicken, brush with marinate, sprinkle with salt. Cover and grill 20 to 40 min., turning occasionally until chicken is no longer pink. Use med heat.

#### Drink of the Week Sour Apple Martini

3 oz. Absolut Vodka

½ to Ioz. Apple Pucker

Green apple slices

Fill shaker with ice cubes - Pour vodka over ice & shake. Add apple pucker & stir gently. Strain into chilled Martini glasses. Garnish with apple slice.

SEND IN YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES...

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#### STAR STUFF

Once it gets dark enough in the evening, the Milky Way will dominate the sky. This milky stream spans the sky from north to south. On and around it are some of the most famous constellations of the heavens. One of my favorites is Sagittarius, the archer. In Greek mythology, it wasn't just any archer, but a centaur named Chiron, who was master of the bow. A centaur was a creature, half man and half horse. They were, as a rule, a rowdy bunch, given to carousing and drunkenness, not unlike many humans we know. However Chiron was different. He was gentle, learned, and a skilled surgeon. He was given the task of raising the young Hercules. He, of all the centaurs, was immortal. However, in a battle along side Hercules, he was incurably wounded. Some stories tell of how Zeus allowed him to die; another story has Chiron placed in the sky as the constellation Sagittarius..

Finding a centaur in the stars here is rather difficult, but it is easy to spot the stars of this constellation by seeing other figures. Look for the shape of a teapot in the southern sky about an hour after sunset. It is an upright and stout little teapot. Four stars to the east, or left, form a handle. The upper stars form a triangular lid on top. On the right is the spout. What's really neat is that the Milky Way appears as steam rising from the spout. As the night wears on, the teapot will tip, pouring tea on the southwestern shore of the lake. On nights when there isn't much moonlight, look for the teaspoon just above the lid of the teapot.

Coming soon..."the Dog Days"...Keep looking up Stewart Spratt

#### 39th 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 39th Annual Birch Lake Open

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## Birch Lake Joins <u>C</u>OOPERATIVE <u>L</u>AKES MONITORING <u>P</u>ROGRAM

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 third element of the program—CHLOROPHYLL.

#### What is Chlorophyll?

Chlorophyll is used to measure algal piomass potential for photosynthesis and growth. It is one of a number of green pigments in all plants (leaves). Chlorophyll is in the cells of algae - the beast within. Chlorophyll monitoring was added to the CLMP last summer as a Pilot Study because it is a more complex indicator to measure than phosphorus and clarity.

#### Was the Pilot Study successful?

Yes. Volunteers from 40 different lakes accepted the challenge with careful sampling and sample handling. Data showed good quality which indicated that methods, sample handling and tests worked well. The Study was expanded to include 68 lakes.

## How did the BLYC Water Quality Committee become one of the new participants?

The water quality committee signed up, and signed up on time. Proactive! Got our name in early! ML&SA provided our name to Ralph Bednarz, DEQ. He along with Don Winne and Pearl Bonnell, ML&SA, coordinate the CLMP.

### What is the purpose of the expanded Chlorophyll Study?

Monitoring for Chlorophyll is a high level of environmental monitoring. It may be the best indicator of *productivity*. Bob Temple, volunteer; monitors for Chlorophyll. He received his instructions, recording forms, and equipment from Ralph Bednarz, DEQ. Mr.Bednarz conducted training sessions at the ML&SA 38th Annual Conference held at Boyne Mt., Mi. in April of 1999.

In the next issue we will continue to discuss CHLOROPHYLL.

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

The amount of algae in my water can be estimated by measuring Chlorophyll concentration. Bob Temple collects the algae. Ralph Rednarz looks for the Beast within. I do not fear the Beast because you stopped feeding the algae when you replaced your faulty septic system and you stopped fertilizing with phosphorus.

#### **BLYC SAILING NEWS**





Not only was there wind, but it came from the North for a change. This permitted a course with the tacking legs along the lake's longest axis, from the Southeast corner to Tannadoonah. It's also the first time this season that the starting line has been on the Fleet Captain's side of the lake, so he could sleep in a little later. Bob King apparently came directly from the Vice-Commodore's party and arrived on the course one minute before the start only to have his halyard come loose and drop his spar and sail in the water. At that point, Bob must have felt very much like Van de Velde on No. 18 at Carnoustie, and probably expressed similar sentiments, although in a different language.

Rick Harman continued the family tradition by winning both MC races. Tom Howard similarly dominated the Sunfish class with two well-sailed firsts. The team of Steve and Chad Plaia officiated on the committee boat.

The July 18, 1999 race results and standings are:

Class	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points Average	
MC				
Don Harman	2	3	1541.41	
Rick Harman	1	1	1498.50	
Harold Cranmer	3	4	1490.08	
Bruce Harlan	4	2	1436.11	
Sunfish			J-40	
Tom Howard	1	1	1515.75	
Scott Troeger	2	2	1508.66 Jan	
Bob King	5	3	1477.58	
Dave Olson	3	5	1377.08	
Jim Bolinger	4	4	1345	
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	1296	

Next races: Sunday, July 24, 1999 at 11 a.m. (Ind. time), 12 m. (Mich. time).

Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain

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Editors Note: John & Jody Meyers reported 100 percent success with their Barker ads.

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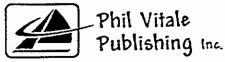
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