



Volume Fourteen, August 28, 1999

## COMMODORES COMMENTS

The 1999 Birch Lake Fall Dinner was held last Saturday. We had a full house, all of whom enjoyed the dinner catered by Jean and her helpers from Bonnie and Clyde. Thanks for the expert bartending - Marc and Ilene, Rick and Patti, and associate members Gary and Becky. I also need to recognize the help setting up and cleaning up, cheerfully provided by our neighbors Phil and Sandy (who have become lake regulars). During his swan song speech, Past Commodore Jim Beck recognized the many Lakers who have helped to "row the boat" through another summer. Judy Olson gave special awards to the patrons of Camp Tannadoonah. The Commodore's Trophy went to two couples: Bruce and Sue Wagner and Scott and Holly Troeger. Like all past rulers, Jim and Sally had trouble in that so many people are deserving and you can only pick one couple (or two)..... We probably protest too much about the work of Yacht Club office. The heavy lifting was done by Lakers of another generation - some are no longer with us. I have often felt we do a disservice in failing to salute the Past Commodores. For those of you who rarely stroll over to the plaque (now full), they are listed here:

1961-John Machalleck	1971-Bruce Harlan	1981-Chuck Fortino	1991-Bud Zessinger
1962-Bill King	1972-J. Beehler	1982-Earl Troeger	1992-John Gableman
1963-Seldon Foote	1973-Terry Montague	1983-Earl Troeger	1993-Rich Mullin
1964-Earl Troeger	1974-Bob Ross	1984-Herm Kruggel	1994-Bob Waddle
1965-Chas Purdy	1975-Joe O'brien	1985-Randy Welch	1995-Linda Curtis
1966-John Ball	1976-Bill Hayden	1986-Mike Machalleck	1996-Sue Wagner
1967-Dale Bratcher	1977-Judy Olson	1987-Ken Tate	1997-Scott Troeger
1968-Floyd Fulmer	1978-Dick Whiteman	1988-Dan Reynolds	1998-Al Cover
1969-Dick Cowen	1979-Roy Henderson	1989-Harold Cranmer	1999-Jim Beck
1970-Jack Troeger	1980-Dave Anthony	1990-Buzz Rasmussen	

Les, Cal and I are honored to join this group of men and women (and their families) who took a turn at the wheel. We enjoyed working with Jim and Sally as they steered our ship. They did a great job. We will try to maintain the boat speed. The state of our Yacht Club and of our Lake is good...

Bob King, Commodore

## NOTES ON UP COMING EVENTS

Football Starts! School Starts! Fall Starts!

## CAMP NOTES

At last Saturday's BLYC Fall Dinner, certificates were given to Birch Lakers who have given of their time and support to CampFire and Camp Tannadoonah. Bob Herm, Rick Russwurm, Dean Davis and Ben Wozniak were honored for spearheading and conducting the very successful Camp fund raiser. The \$13,000.00 that was raised is being used for needed equipment and repairs at the Camp. A big thank you goes to these four men and the many lake residents who contributed to this fund-raising effort. Other certificate recipients were John Scofield for his many hours of service at the Camp, Bruce Harlan for organizing and teaching sailing at each of the Camp sessions, and Ling and Don Harman for their hours of service and for chairing the 1999 Pancake Breakfast. The Camp received \$1760.00 from the proceeds of the BLYC Breakfast.

The board members of Campfire are very appreciative of these people and the many Birch Lakers who have helped to make the 1999 season a great one. We are looking forward to another great year in the summer of 2000.

Judy Olson  
Campfire Board Member

*Send us your camp memories*

## LAKE NOTES

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

Birch Lake Conservation Club was organized more than a quarter of a century ago. Thru the efforts of this early organization, Birch Lake was made an experimental lake with a resident conservationist. Trout were introduced to the lake but, after several years, it was found they were detrimental to the natural fish of the lake.

As the population of the lake increased, other interests, besides fishing, have developed such as boating and swimming. Also, the name of the Club was changed to Birch Lake Community Club.

The name of the organization was next changed to Birch Lake Yacht Club and the clubhouse was built on land donated by the Howards and financed by subscriptions, ranging from \$5 to \$500. With the new clubhouse, bingo and dancing became popular. Travel and fishing films were shown. Melon feasts and ice cream socials were enjoyed by all.

Around 1955, the first B.L.Y.C. fireworks display was shown on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, about the same time, the first boat parade was held. In 1965, the Yacht Club purchased a patrol boat and motor and the county and state furnished a Marine Patrol Officer. This same year, the Safe Boating Course was started at the B.L.Y.C. In 1968, the first rummage sale was held at the clubhouse to help the finances of the Yacht Club.”  
(Floyd Fulmer, 1970)

Sandra Krchmar

### BEST OF BECK'S BISTRO

#### Entree of the Week

#### CEVICHE de CAMARONES

2 lbs frozen or fresh shrimp  
1 med. Red onion, sliced thin  
1 or 2 chopped jalapenos  
1/3C chopped cilantro  
3 med sized tomatoes, finely chopped  
2C fresh lime juice (don't use canned or concentrate)  
1/4C olive oil  
1/2tsp salt or to taste

Rinse the shrimp with cold water, then drain off any excess water. Place shrimp in a non-reactive bowl and add all the remaining ingredients. Let stand in the refrigerator overnight, then drain off any excess liquid. Serve on a bed of lettuce and garnish with saltine crackers.



#### Drink of the Week

#### RUSSIAN BLOODFLAME

3 oz vodka  
3oz cinnamon schnapps  
2oz tequilla  
2oz cherry Kool-aid  
juice of 1/2 lemon

Shake vodka and schnapps, add lemon juice and tequilla, shake again and add Kool-aid and crushed ice. Serve in a tall glass. Sip slowly!!



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**COMMODORE, RETIRED, COMMENTS:**

As I look back on the Summer, I must admit, it went well. We had some great events this year, and wonderful weather...I think we got lucky! It's been a lot of fun for us but a lot of work as well. We'll probably be in withdrawal for a month or two. Thanks to everyone who helped us this summer and to all of you who supported the events! You are all responsible for our successful year. Please lend your support and help to Bob, he's a great guy and he will be a terrific Commodore. Thanks again to everyone.

**Jim and Sally Beck**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE LAKE OR... (this can't be real)**

**NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE**

**Here is a great offer!**

Anyone wanting a starts of Hastas or Corn- lilies are welcome to get some.....also collect walnuts in the fall.

Dorothy Parnell W330

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Peggy and Dick Cowen spent two weeks traveling in Alaska, cruising the inner passageway and seeing Vancouver, Victoria, and Seattle. Great grandmother Eldora and the Andriano grandchildren enjoyed Birch Lake and perfect weather while they were gone.

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**NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE**

One more week, and we're looking in the windows!!

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**NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE**

Don Harman and Bill O'Neil were "dethroned" after having a shuffleboard winning streak for over an hour last Sunday evening. The Olson's and Jones's have resurrected the shuffleboard court between their cottages that was put in by the Brown's and Kensill's thirty-five years ago. Many heated battles have been waged on the court and it looks like the tradition continues!

**NEWS FROM THE NORTH SHORE**

We believe that you are all saving yourselves, because you know that next year many of the Commodore's Comments will cover parts of your lives you would like to keep hidden!!

**NEWS FROM THE COVE  
(and thereabouts)**

By Sunny Waters

Hooray! Vivian Kolber has received a clean bill of health. Way to go, Vivian, now get in that kitchen and whip up your legendary meatballs for the Cove Party.

Speaking of which, this year's gala, the ninth annual, will be hosted by Tom and Vicki Rogers. Unfortunately, Notre Dame had the effrontery to schedule a game the same evening. Wouldn't you think they'd check with us first?

Deb and Larry McCay celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with a trip to Mackinac Island, staying at the Grand Hotel. Lauren and Remy went along for the ride. Congrats, McCays.

This past Sunday Jim Beck was honored at a dignified little brunch celebrating his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday. The festivities were held on Sandy Beach's porch. To whom it may apply, apologies if your children learned any new words. Guests included Gary and Becky Kinsella, kinfolk to Sally, Sandy and Sunny, although to the Kinsellas don't like to admit it. Another prayer concern is Beth Blackwood's mother

who is currently in Elkhart General Hospital. Hopefully, next week's Barker will have some good news to impart.

*Ed. Note: Thanks, Mom is doing much better*

**Sunny Salutes:**

Bob King, Commodore. No doubt about it, this young man is full of enthusiasm and ideas for next year's season in the sun. We are happy to have Bob, Leslie and Calvin at the helm but they are in need of helping hands to implement the many BLYC functions. Please consider volunteering. It's enjoyable, fulfilling and a great way to meet fellow Birch Lakers on a rolled-up sleeves level.

Jim and Sally Beck

Outstanding job, simply outstanding.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

That's it for now. Next week's column (last of the season -GASP!) will feature the sweet talk of Sandy Beach, advice for the lovelorn from B.S. and purely superlative journalism from me. ALSO, recipes for all that seaweed that washes up on your beach.

DON'T MISS IT!

Toodles, darlings

Sunny

**Another Note From The Cove...**

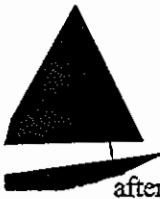
We're proud of team Kelly! It was witnessed by many that Rachael, Tess, Joe and Matt Kelly were pulled up together, skiing slalom behind the family boat. It was "Cypress Gardens" at Birch Lake.

Submitted by proud Mom and Dad

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**Loving Memory of Dad (Cisco) and Friend**  
  
The summer was not the same;  
The cove has felt a void in our lives without your presence.  
We have missed your smiles, your willingness to always lend a hand and your great stories.  
You had a way about you that always lit up the cove.  
Yes we all miss you and the summer was not the same.  
You see... you made the cove one big, happy family with your presence.  
Our memories of you will be in our hearts forever, for you were a big part of our lives.  
We love you and miss you.  
  
Linda

Thank you, Linda. Your thoughts are deeply felt by all who knew and loved him.



## BLYC SAILING NEWS

No wind on Sunday morning, therefore no races. This was probably for the best, because on the morning after the Fall Dinner, even the sound of the wind gently rustling a sail might have been excruciating to certain of the sailors.

Next (and final) Season Races: Sunday, August 29 at 11 a.m. (Ind. time), 12 p.m. (Mich. time).

Labor Day Regatta: Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5 at 11 a.m. (Ind.), 12 m. (Mich.), with Monday, September 6 (Labor Day) as a possible make-up day.

Trophy Ceremony: Monday (Labor Day), September 6, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. at the BLYC, subject to rescheduling if a race needs to be sailed on Monday.

Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain



August 23, 1999

*Past Commodores of the Birch Lake Yacht Club gave special help to Birch Lake. Their support of the water quality committee assisted the Cass County Health Department in the program that eliminated a residential sewage pollution problem for all Birch Lake property owners.*

*The Health Department program ended in 1994 which brought about the beginning of the on-going Lake Management Program recommended by Michigan Lake and Stream Associations.*

*Because of the Birch Lake Yacht Club and its Past Commodores' support and understanding, issues involving water quality continue to be resolved by the water quality committee for the good of Birch Lake.*

*It is with appreciation to the Birch Lake Yacht Club that this water quality committee welcomes our new Commodore, Bob King.....  
Below is a poem written by Gertie Temple as an expression of Birch Lake.  
It was written for Bob King back in 1979 when he told me about the greatest time he and his sister ever had with their mom and with their dad - "Bill"*

He has a smile so familiar to me  
I want to shout, "Hi Bill"  
I watch him as he walks on the snow  
That leads to the top of the hill.  
I heard him say  
he will not nap today --  
"might miss a magical sight"  
And so it goes with my friend, Bill  
From morning until night.

Crystal branches frame a silver moon  
And bow to December's face.  
Fog rolls in from the southwest shore  
To mingle and erase  
The smoke from the smoldering log  
Within his fireplace...

Crystal branches frame a morning sun  
Snow blocks it from it's view  
The beginning of a snowbound day  
His smile comes warmly through.

*Snowbound is a happy sound  
A happy memory  
Of the time that he was snowbound  
With his family.  
It was the greatest time his son will say  
He and his sister ever had  
The greatest time, his son will say  
With mom With dad*

The drifting mounds on the sculptured snow  
The temperature dips to a very low  
They decorate their Christmas tree  
The reflection of its beauty, I clearly see  
Is like the beauty of their care  
And of their love for me.

BIRCH LAKE

Last Board Mtg of the year will be held 09/11, 9:00am - Club

**Various 1999 ideas / plans:**

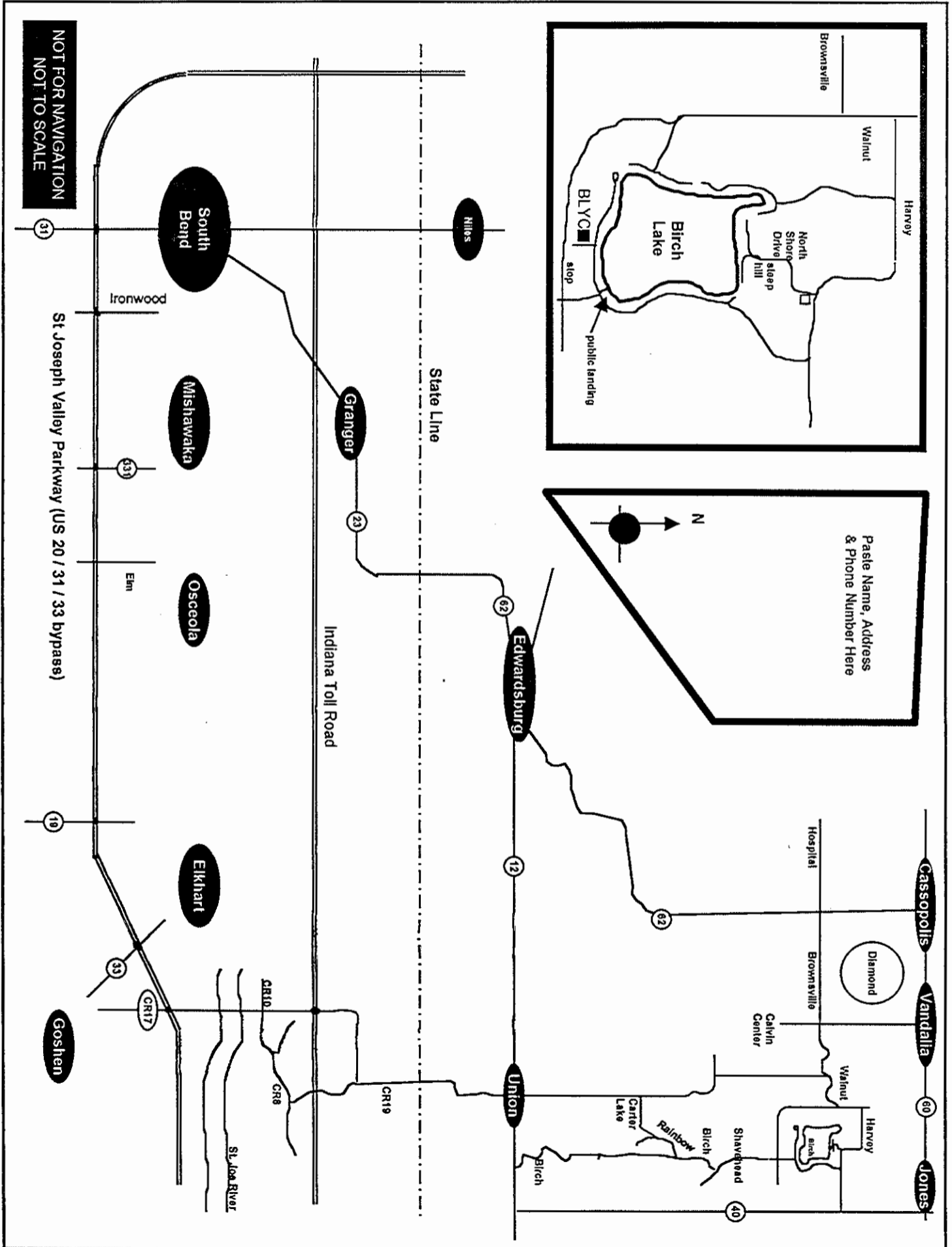
- \* Club Improvement Day / Hog Roast - Bonfire / Close Club
- \* New Years Eve Party / Cornerstone - Time Capsule
- \* BLYC goes online with it's own website!
- \* Members build entry for Louis Vuitton series

**Various 2000 ideas / plans:**

- \* New location for Spring Dinner / to be announced asap ...
- \* Members vote to revise BLYC Bylaws at Spring Dinner
- \* Programs, toys & playground (minimal) for kidz
- \* Y2k fireworks will be increased by 25%
- \* BLYC entry wins Louis Vuitton Cup, then the Americas Cup, plans next Defense for Birch Lake in the year 2003 (Sunfish)

Watch the BLYC entry sail forth to victory in the Louis Vuitton challenger series then beat Black Magic Team in Americas Cup. Limited coverage will air on ESPN2, lots of news is now online, check [www.new-zealand2000.com](http://www.new-zealand2000.com) & watch the online broadcasts posted by Quokka Sports at [www.americascup2000.org](http://www.americascup2000.org).

**Many Lakers have asked for a copy of the map I send to buds every July 4th. There was room in this Barker, so it is included for your use. The creator makes no warranty as to accuracy, etc.**





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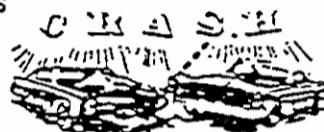
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