

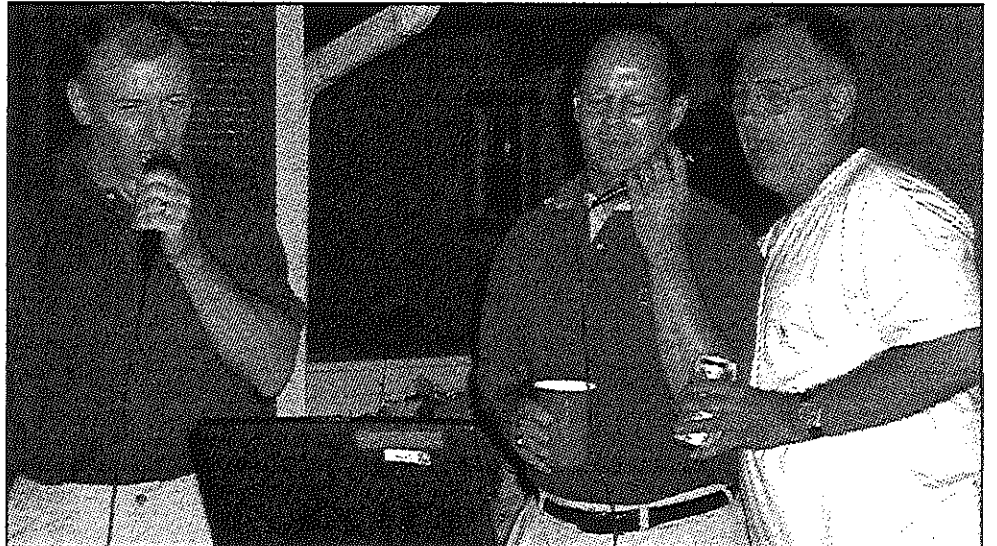
# Birch Barker

Weekend of June 21, 2003

## Lakers try out as latest American Idol Wannabees



If you had trouble sleeping last Saturday, it might have been the melodious crooning coming from the American Idol try-outs that took place on the south shore ... Thanks Wisemans. Thanks to the intrepid PattiCam, we have exclusive photos...



**H**ey there, hi there, ho there... We had a great weekend of (almost) summer last weekend, and lots of us were out on the puddle basking in the rays and playin' in the bays. The only Club function last weekend was the Kids Crafts ... sounds like they had a great time — here's the report:

"About 20 Birch Lake Kids joined us for KIDS CRAFT last Saturday. It was a great day for kids from around the lake to meet one another and take home some crafty Father's Day presents. The next kids weekend is tentatively scheduled for July 12th...theme to follow! As promised, the clever kids came up with some great jokes and riddles. By age, here goes:

Knock knock. Who's there? Orange. Orange who? Orange at the door!! (Meghan Russell, 4) (None of us got it either, but she laughed and laughed. It must have been funny!)

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Why can't the bike stand up on its own? (Answer: Because it's two tired!) (Connor Russell, 7)

A cat died and went to heaven, and God said, "What can I get you?" The cat said "a nice warm bed." A few weeks later, a couple of mice died, and God said, "What can I get you?" "We would like some roller skates", they said. God goes back to the cat and asks him, "Do you like it here?" The cat says, "Yes, I have a nice warm bed and meals on wheels."

More next week.

I couldn't resist those great jokes! This weekend is relatively quiet, too. Aside from a board meeting Saturday morning, the only community activity is the sail boat races Sunday (weather per-

mitting — see Page 4 for info).

If you're going to be in the lake for any period of time, beware the reappearance of Duck Itch (see Page 9).

It's time to get your foursome together for the men's golf outing (Page 9), and our annual fund raiser has kicked off with the arrival of the first batch of Birch Lake shirts and towels (see Page 10).

Stewart has been planning the Vice Commodore's party for next weekend — it's called "An evening in Paris." It will feature a wine tasting (please bring a bottle to share — and you might want to bring a wine glass if you don't want to get stuck with one of those "gauche" plastic Tommy Tippy cups), hors d'oeuvres (again, you are invited to bring a favorite), romantic French music and maybe even a beret or two. Hope to see you all on the Left Bank of Birch Lake!

Meanwhile, pay your dues, drive your boats counterclockwise (and safely), and have fun!

-Commodore Phil



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Note: All times in the Barker are IST ( Indiana Standard Time) unless stated otherwise

# Birch Lake Notes

## John Scofield passes away

We have received news that John Scofield (west side) passed away this week. Viewing will be today from 11 to 2 at VanGilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, 300 W. Madison, followed by a 2 pm burial service.

Our sympathies to the family.

## West side/Cove news

Dick and Peggy Cowen are settling in to their "new" house in the cove (replacing the old Cowen cottage built in 1946). Peggy is recovering nicely from her unexpected surgery. (Thanks to all who sent well wishes.) Dick is back to playing more golf. Warmer weather has finally arrived. So — let a great Birch summer begin!!

Retirees like us need the quiet, no/little maintenance lifestyle we now have in the new home Duane Gundy (Gundy Builders) designed and built for us. His many touches to keep the old Cowen cottage "feel" alive, like using our felled oak trees for flooring and stairs, the old knotty pine for wainscoting, etc. together with the new openness and updated features blend perfectly for our needs.

Even being in Florida during the winter building time, we felt comfortable as Duane kept us informed and involved. We'd highly recommend Gundy for any major building project. (He also did some of the yacht club's remodeling.) His creativity, diligence, attention to detail and

BLYC Calendar			
June 21	Board Meeting 9 am	July 25	Men's Golf Outing
June 28	Vice Commodore's Party "A Paris Evening"	July 26	Board Meeting 9 am
July 4	Fireworks	July 26	Garage Sale
July 5	Firework Cleanup	July 30	Women's Tea (tentative)
July 5	Boat Parade 3 p.m.	Aug. 8	Women's Golf (tentative)
July 6	Pancake Breakfast	Aug. 9	Corn and Sausage Roast
July 19	Bad Patty Punch Party and Marc's Fancy Pants Dance	Aug. 16	Board Meeting 9 am
		Aug. 23	Fall Dinner

**PLEASE NOTE: All parties at the yacht club will begin at 7 pm Indiana time ... unless otherwise noted.**

honesty were evident daily.

The new owners of our old place, Carmen and Debbie Soldato and 3 sons, are young enough to stay on top of the bigger property. They will be a great addition to the Birch Lake family.

We're finally ready for visitors, so come see us.

**-Dick & Peggy Cowen**

## Mollenkopfs visit Birch

Evan and Sally Mollenkopf are renting Helen Koontz's house on the east side. They are friends of Dick Bender and Jan and Dick Reed. Jan is the daughter of Helen Koontz. The group all graduated together. Dick and Evan ran around together. What a time that must have been. If you go by, stop and say "hi."

## Jim Blue among nominees

The Private Eye Writers of America announced its nominees for the 2003 Shamus Awards. Books and short stories published in 2002 were eligible.

PWA was founded in 1981 by Robert J. Randisi. Past Presidents have included Bill Pronzini, Sue Grafton, Sara Paretsky, and Lawrence Sanders; currently the organization is headed by Max Allan Collins.

Blue was nominated in the Best P.I. Short Story category for *Setting Up the Kill* (Hand Held Crime, Summer 2002).

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# Birch Lake Notes

## Longtime resident succumbs

Our sympathies to the family of Jean M. Hunt, 87, a longtime Birch Lake resident, who passed away at her home after an illness. Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Keim of Birch Lake, a son, Timothy Burchell of Pensacola, Fla., a sister, Wanda Winiarski of Battle Creek (formerly of Lazy Lodge, Birch Lake), and two brothers, Matthew Klimek of Birch Lake, and John Klimek of Chicago.

## Animal Rescue needs clicks

The Animal Rescue Site is having trouble getting enough people to click on it daily to meet their quota of getting free food donated every day to abused and neglected animals. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on "feed an animal in need" for free. This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors and advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate food to abandoned/neglected animals in exchange for advertising. Here's the web site! Pass it along to the animal lovers you know: [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com)

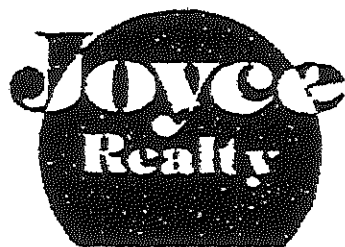
## Apologies to Machallecks

Addison Grace Machalleck was born April 29 to Brian and Kris Machalleck. Grandparents are Mike and Katha Machalleck, and great grandparents are John Machalleck and the late Arline Machalleck. I incorrectly listed her name as Allison. Apologies to all...

## Babies? We've got one!



Kelly Elizabeth Eichorst was born on May 5, 2003 (Cinco de Mayo Day, Mexican Independence Day ... big in Texas). She was born in Midland, TX to our son, Doug II and his wife Karen Kelly Eichorst. She was their No. 4, so she's greatly loved and spoiled by her three siblings, age 14, 11 and 5. She was 7 lb., 13 oz. and 20-3/4". If you'd like a picture you can feel free to cut this out of the Barker! She is the great, great granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Bradley and Mr. Clyde Douglas; great granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Eichorst; granddaughter of Doug and Judie Eichorst, all Birch Lakers.



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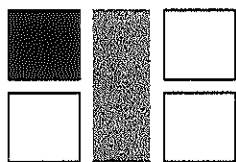
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# BLYC Sailing News

## SAILORS GET A BREAK — WEATHER COOPERATES!

The weather finally cooperated and we were able to get in three races last Sunday despite a late start (we almost scrubbed the races, but the wind picked up right at 11 am). Due to the light wind and short course, we didn't put out the intermediate mark for the "B" fleet, and all the Sunfish sailors ran the entire course.

Thanks to Jim and Sally Beck and Bruce Wagner who manned the committee boat.

If our new-found weather luck holds, we'll do it again this Sunday. We're going to try to sail at 11 am, and if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll try again at Noon.

Hope to see you all out on the water.

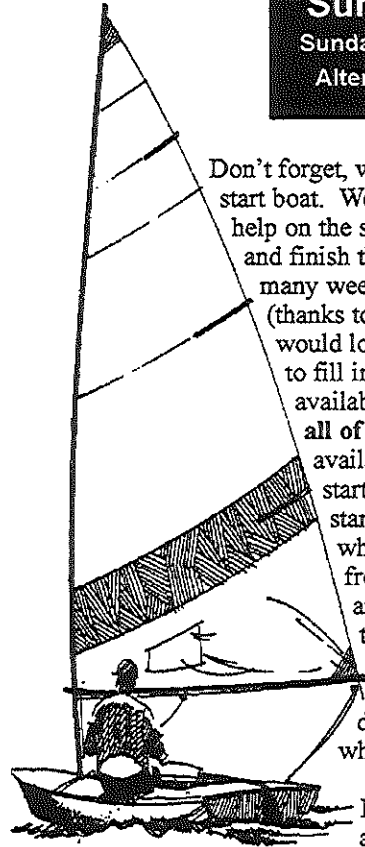
*-Harold Cranmer, Fleet Captain*

Here are the results of the first week of competition:

Sunfish:	1st race	2nd race	3rd race
Jim Bolinger	2	3	3
Dave Olson	3	2	1
Chad Plaia	6	7	DNS
Rick Russwurm	4	1	4
Erica Vitale	5	5	6
Sandy Vitale	7	6	5
DeWayne Weaver	1	4	2

MCs	1st race	2nd race	3rd race
Harold Cranmer	4	3	1
Don Harman	1	2	2
Scott Troeger	2	1	DSQ
Phil Vitale	3	4	3

This Week:  
**Sunday Races**  
Sunday, June 22 11 am  
Alternate start: Noon



Don't forget, we still need help on the start boat. We have to have people to help on the starting boat to begin and finish the races. We have many weeks covered already (thanks to the Becks), but we would love to have other boats to fill in when they aren't available and people to help all of the starters. If you are available to help on any starting boat, or if you can stand in for us once in a while, we'd love to hear from you. All supplies and equipment (except the boat) will be furnished; we'll even provide training if you don't know how the whole thing works ...

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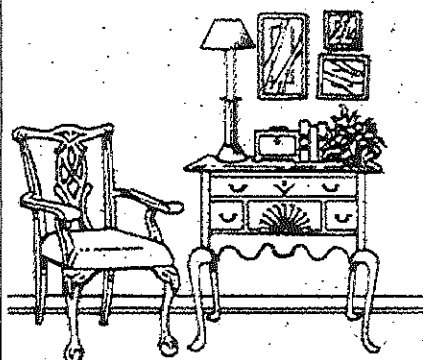
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# Personal Watercraft operators take note...

Sgt. Dan Covey of the Marine Division of the Cass County Sheriff's Department has sent the following sunrise/sunset chart for the operators of personal watercraft

(PWC, or Jet Skis).

**Michigan law states that PWCs must be off the water one hour before sunset and may not be back on the lake until one hour after sunrise.**

Covey also notes, "We enforce this with great vigor!! You cannot operate until 8 o'clock Michigan time!"

Please note: the times listed below are **Indiana time** —

you may add one hour if your watch is set on Michigan time (but remember — **be off the lake one hour before sunset, no matter what!**).

June	Rise	Set
21	4:05am	7:22pm
22	4:06am	7:23pm
23	4:06am	7:23pm
24	4:07am	7:23pm
25	4:07am	7:23pm
26	4:07am	7:23pm
27	4:08am	7:23pm
28	4:08am	7:23pm
29	4:08am	7:23pm
30	4:09am	7:23pm

July	Rise	Set
1	4:10am	7:23pm
2	4:10am	7:23pm
3	4:11am	7:23pm
4	4:11am	7:22pm
5	4:12am	7:22pm
6	4:13am	7:22pm
7	4:13am	7:22pm
8	4:14am	7:21pm
9	4:14am	7:20pm
10	4:16am	7:20pm
11	4:16am	7:20pm
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17	4:21am	7:16pm
18	4:22am	7:16pm
19	4:23am	7:14pm
20	4:23am	7:14pm
21	4:25am	7:13pm
22	4:25am	7:12pm
23	4:26am	7:11pm
24	4:28am	7:10pm
25	4:28am	7:10pm
26	4:29am	7:08pm
27	4:30am	7:07pm
28	4:31am	7:07pm
29	4:32am	7:05pm
30	4:33am	7:04pm
31	4:34am	7:03pm

August	Rise	Set
1	4:35am	7:03pm
2	4:35am	7:02pm
3	4:37am	7:01pm
4	4:38am	6:59pm
5	4:39am	6:58pm
6	4:40am	6:57pm
7	4:41am	6:56pm
8	4:42am	6:54pm
9	4:43am	6:53pm
10	4:44am	6:52pm

11	4:45am	6:50pm
12	4:46am	6:49pm
13	4:47am	6:47pm
14	4:48am	6:46pm
15	4:49am	6:44pm
16	4:50am	6:43pm
17	4:52am	6:41pm
18	4:52am	6:40pm
19	4:53am	6:38pm
20	4:55am	6:37pm
21	4:56am	6:35pm
22	4:56am	6:34pm
23	4:58am	6:32pm
24	4:59am	6:31pm
25	5:00am	6:29pm
26	5:01am	6:28pm
27	5:02am	6:26pm
28	5:03am	6:25pm
29	5:04am	6:23pm
30	5:05am	6:21pm
31	5:06am	6:19pm

September	Rise	Set
1	5:07am	6:19pm
2	5:08am	6:17pm
3	5:08am	6:16pm
4	5:10am	6:14pm
5	5:11am	6:12pm

6	5:12am	6:10pm
7	5:13am	6:08pm
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19	5:25am	5:47pm
20	5:26am	5:46pm
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23	5:29am	5:40pm
24	5:31am	5:39pm
25	5:32am	5:37pm
26	5:33am	5:35pm
27	5:34am	5:34pm
28	5:35am	5:32pm
29	5:36am	5:30pm
30	5:37am	5:28pm

**October**  
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# Stu's Star Stuff



Although last weekend felt as if summer had finally arrived, it officially begins today in the northern hemisphere at 3:10 p.m. EDT (a.k.a. Michigan time, if that's where you are) — a moment called the solstice, which means "Sun stands still." The Sun is farthest north for the year, and for a few days it appears to rise at the same point, so it "stands still" before heading south.

When we say that the sun is at its farthest point north, we mean relative to the constellations. The Summer Solstice used to happen in the constellation of Cancer, which is the reason we call the latitude where the sun appears overhead today the Tropic of Cancer. Now the sun

is actually among the stars of Gemini, the Twins.

At about latitude 42 here at the lake, the sun doesn't quite make it exactly overhead. Because of the high arc the sun makes as it crosses the sky each day our days are very long. Come winter, when the sun is much lower in the sky and has a shorter distance to travel from horizon to horizon, our days are many hours shorter.

Several constellations that are associated with summer are climbing into view in the east, while those associated with spring are dropping from view in the west. Late tonight Leo, the lion, one of the most prominent spring constellations, can be found plunging head-first toward

the western horizon. As Leo drops lower in the sky, three important constellations of summer climb higher: Lyra, the harp; Cygnus, the swan; and Aquila, the eagle.

The brightest star in each of these constellations forms a point of the Summer Triangle, which will grace the evening sky throughout the summer and well into fall. At midnight, the triangle is well up in the east. Its brightest star, Vega, is highest in the sky, with Deneb to its lower left, and Altair a little farther to its lower right.

Next week, did somebody say "standard" time?

-Stewart Spratt

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# The clock is ticking for some lakes, and unresolved problems are killing them

According to Michigan Lake & Stream Associations, one of many unresolved problems in Michigan lakes is bad septic systems leaking phosphorus and fecal coliform into the water.

### Testing the Water - How's our lake water?

Septics are no longer contributing abnormal amounts of phosphorus to the lake and abnormal amounts of fecal coliform to the lake.

In July, 2002 Tony Groves, M.S., Water Resources Director, Progressive Architecture Engineering prepared an environmental assessment of Birch Lake. He provided pertinent background information on Birch Lake and its watershed. He acknowledged that the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program indicates that Birch Lake exhibits excellent water quality.

Fecal coliform is NOT a problem. Results from the shores of Birch Lake in the summer of 2002 ranged from less than 2 per 100 ml to 11 per 100 ml. Birch Lake is so

clean!!!!

Phosphorus is NOT a problem. Test results of 2002 indicate that Birch Lake is so low in phosphorus that the lake is placed in the top quality trophic range - Oligotrophic.

Excessive amounts of phosphorus in the water can create conditions where plants consume all the oxygen and fish die. When water conditions allow these tiny plants to multiply into a full-blown algae bloom, other aquatic plants can die from a lack of sunshine creating inches of decaying matter which uses up the oxygen. Full-blown algae blooms are ugly and stink. There are NO full-blown algae blooms at Birch Lake. Chlorophyll is the Beast within the algae. Test results indicate that there is NO beast at Birch - only beauty.

Oxygen is NOT a problem at Birch Lake. Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program indicates that Birch Lake has a substantial supply of oxygen.

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There is NO decline in water clarity at Birch Lake. There are absolutely NO bad signs.

Using the Secchi disk, clarity is measured at our lake and other lakes. In some lakes, if you can see more than 10 feet through the water, you are looking at a pretty clear lake.

### Testing the Water - How's our lake water?

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-Gertie Temple



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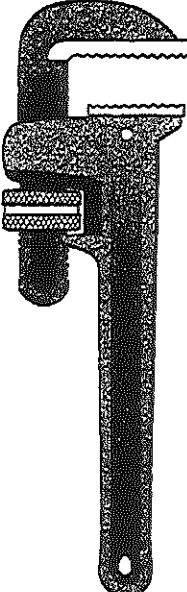
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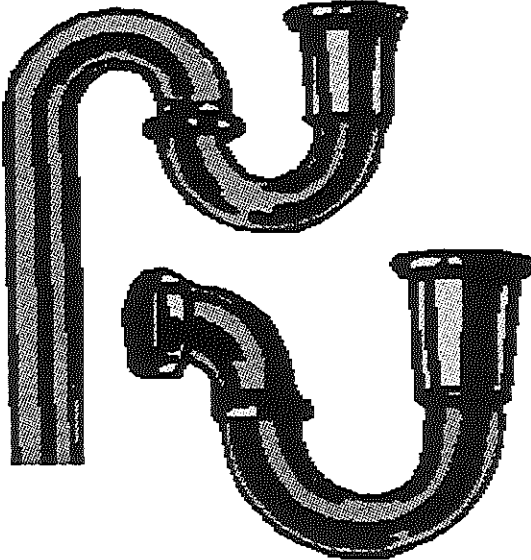
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However, scientists now believe that saturated fat, not dietary cholesterol, is the culprit (eggs don't have much saturated fat). Eggs are an excellent source of protein and B vitamins, which help you feel energetic.

Egg yolks may delay some systems of aging. They contain high concentrations of the antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin, which may ward off vision problems like cataracts.

**Fatty Fish** - Salmon, fresh tuna, herring, mackerel, sardines, and lake trout are important foods for a healthy heart. Couple of key vitamins in fatty fish are B vitamin niacin which releases energy from carbohydrates and B-6 which helps maintain a healthy immune system.



Fatty fish is a wonderful source of protein which helps form muscles, hormones, genes, immune cells, brain chemicals, and countless other substances that we rely on. Fatty fish provides protein without the harmful saturated fat found in many other high - protein foods.

But wait, that's not all! There are two omega-3 fatty acids in fish - docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) - aids in prevention of asthma, depression, heart disease, high blood pressure, psoriasis, and rheumatoid arthritis. Salmon, sardines, and mackerel are excellent sources of bone-building vitamin D.

**Flaxseeds** - You may not have heard of flaxseeds but these humble seeds are one of the few plant sources of

omega-3 fatty acids, which (as you already read from above) are linked to decreased rates of heart disease, stroke, depression etc.

Flaxseeds also contain lignan, a phytoestrogen (a plant estrogen that mimics estrogen in your body) that's thought to improve cholesterol profiles. A recent clinical trial found that postmenopausal women who ate 40g of ground flaxseeds daily for three months lowered their total cholesterol by 6 percent. Lignan may also help reduce circulating estrogen, a risk factor for breast cancer, and inhibit breast tumors.



You can find flaxseeds in natural food stores. They need to be ground to digest them. I prefer to by it in an oil form which also contains omega-3 fatty acids but not lignans (unless they are added). The oil oxidizes easily, so refrigerate it and don't cook with it. Instead drizzle a teaspoon or two on salads or vegetable dishes. Its nutty tasting and yummy.

**Figs** - With the highest overall mineral content of

any of the most common fruits, figs provide significant quantities of bone-building, blood-nourishing, and body-protecting properties.

They help prevent cardiovascular disease - and hemorrhoids too. The polyphenols in them neutralize damaging free radicals and help to prevent chronic diseases. Dried figs have up to 50 times more polphenols than most other popular fruits and veggies. The Ficin in them has mild laxative properties that add to the fruits ability to relieve constipation and the soluble pectin fiber in figs lowers blood cholesterol. Lastly, the potassium helps reduce blood pressure, as well as the risk of heart attack and stroke.

I know your already reaching for your car keys to go out and stock up on all these power foods.

"G"et ready for next week's smelly but powerful foods.

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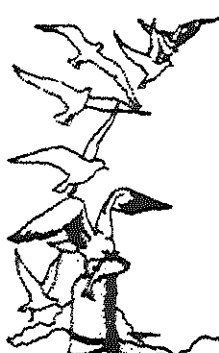
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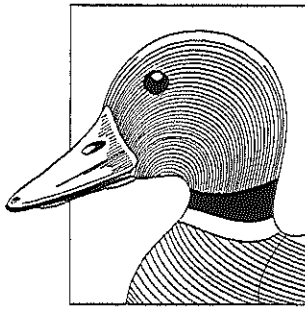


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# It's time to beware the dreaded *Duck Itch!*



Some call it swimmer's itch; some call it duck itch; some call it %s@###! Whatever you call cercarial dermatitis, you probably also call for some Calamine Lotion or Benedryl...

### What is this itch thing?

Duck or swimmer's itch is a patchy red pinpoint skin rash associated with itching on the parts of the body that have been in the water. It is usually not severe. After the initial itching it will disappear without treatment. The itching occurs within 48 hours and may last up to 7 days. The major, although not the only, cause of swimmer's itch are trematode parasites of aquatic/migrating birds. The life cycles of these parasites involve snails as the first host and aquatic birds or some mammals as the final host.

The larval parasite called a "cercaria" is released by aquatic or amphibious (moves both on land and water) snails and causes dermatitis when it mistakenly penetrates a person's skin rather than its rightful host, usually a duck.

Treatment options said to help include washing immediately in salt water, acetic acid (vinegar), methyl alcohol or dilute (1:10) household

ammonia. Benadryl spray helps reduce itch and pain, and may kill the nematocysts.

### Where does it occur?

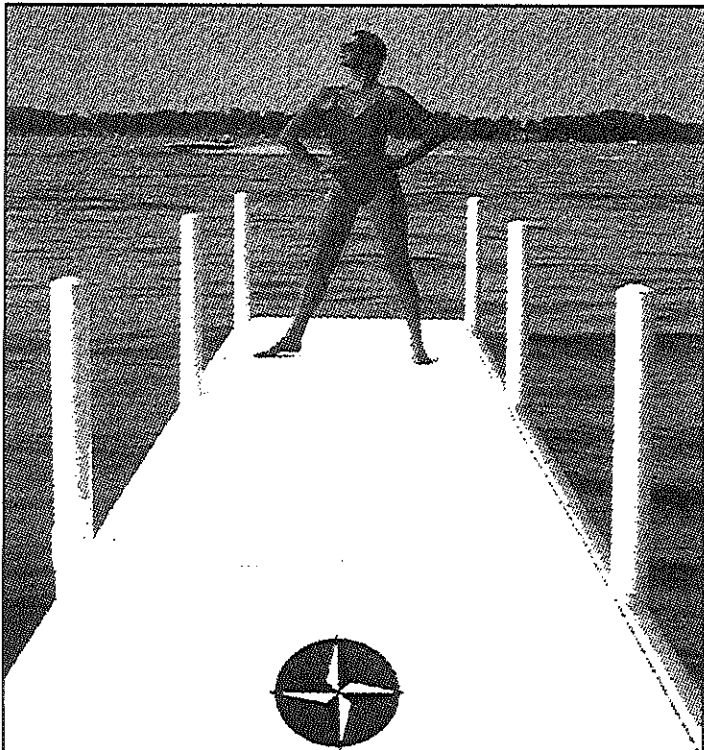
The appropriate question might be, "Where doesn't it occur?" At one time or other in the past 70 years, since it's major cause was first identified in Douglas Lake, Michigan, it has been reported in almost every country in the world.

### When does it occur?

Swimmer's itch occurs when, 1) the water temperature reaches the appropriate level for snails to reproduce, 2) migrating aquatic birds infected with the trematode parasite return from their winter habitats and 3) the frequency of swimmers and bathers reaches its peak during this period.

The best confirmation of the cause is based on knowing from other people that swimmer's itch occurs in the place where one swam or entered the water.

For more info see:  
[http://www.aocd.org/skin/dermatologic\\_diseases/swimmers\\_itich.html](http://www.aocd.org/skin/dermatologic_diseases/swimmers_itich.html)



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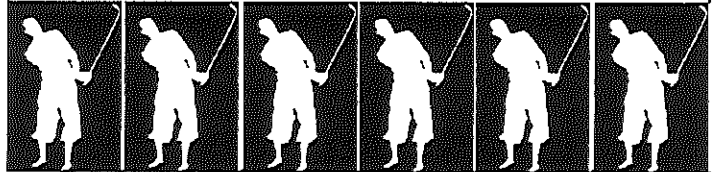
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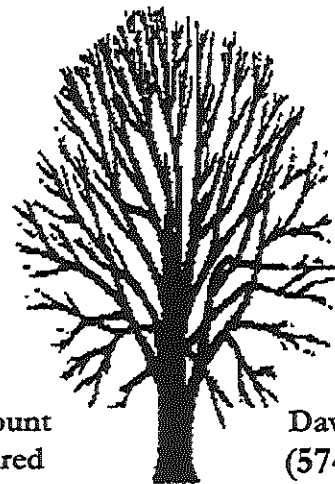
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We will have these items at the Vice Commodore's party on Saturday, June 28, or you can contact Denise Smitley (west shore) at 476-9000.

### And more to come!

But that's not all. Next week we'll introduce the Jerzee Sweatshirts that will be embroidered with a heron and "Birch Lake" as well as the new T-shirts and tank tops.

Watch the Barker next week for full details!

### Don't forget the skier Safety Flags!

We are taking orders for the bright yellow "Skier-Down" flags being produced as a Junior Achievement project by northsider Nick Freihofer. The flags are available for just \$5 each, to equip the mandatory ski spotters in your boat. The flags can be purchased from the Freihofers at 476-9823, or from board members or officers of the Club. All proceeds will be donated to the Birch Lake Yacht Club.



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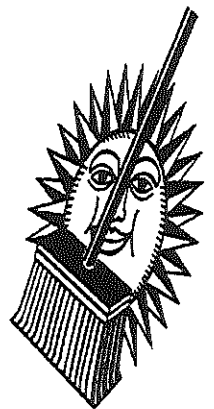
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## Directory Corrections

Bruce and JJ Harlan's home address in the directory was incorrect. It should read 52922 Camellia Drive.

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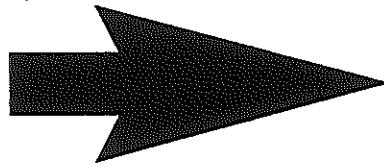
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