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**BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB**

# Birch Barker

Weekend of September 4, 2010

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Thanks to Mr. Bob for the great end-of-summer water skiing photo.

## Truly a Birch Lake kind of event

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**W**hat a wonderful day and evening for the Fun Fest, Silent Auction and the Fall Dinner. It truly was a Birch Lake event! There were 138 to witness my first acts as Commodore and to welcome Pam Mullin as Vice-Commodore. If there hadn't been such a stellar team of ticket sellers (including Denny, Sue, Linda, Judy, Vickie, Le and the door to door ales women of Karen and Leslie), I do believe there would have been a much smaller number of Lakers —THANK-YOU!! I also want to give a huge thank-you to Karen, without whom it just might not have happened at least not as beautifully. For weeks she had sticky notes tucked everywhere I looked, the phone, fridge, car and bathroom. Post It will be in business for another week or two.

I also want to thank Phil and Sandy, Rich and Pam, Mike and Amy, Mike and Julie, Fry and Carol, Stewart and Deb, Chas, Amber and Avery, plus Amanda and Claire for ALL of their help

setting up on Friday night for the silent auction and decorating the dining hall for our dinner. It really did look beautiful! Thank-you Bob and Bob for the use of your golf carts and to Neil and Cal for being the drivers (Karen was worried someone would stumble in the dark getting to their cars. She forgot all about the stairs down to the lake. Sorry Amy). Thanks, also, to the clean up crew on Sunday (who were moving just a little slow) of Claire, Karen, Amy, Stewart and Deb and Mike.

I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner and got enough to eat and drink. Didn't Deb do an outstanding job on the appetizers? Imagine what she will create for the two dinners for eight that were auctioned off for \$1000 each Saturday. I'm glad that I am her wing man on that project. Dave and his serving staff did a nice job too.

With a successful year of events under our belt and another season of activities on the horizon, I'd like to take a brief moment and thank everyone who headed up the various functions: first Phil for all of his hard work in publish-

### BLYC Calendar

September 11 .....	Board meeting 9 am
September 18.....	Birch Lake Trivial Pursuit
October 9 .....	Chili cook-off
July 9, 2011 .....	House Walk
July 22, 2011.....	Ladies Golf Outing

ing the Barker —THANK-YOU. And THANK-YOU, to the team who picks up the Barker and delivers it to our doors. Thanks to Don and Lind and the Fourth of July pancake breakfast crew (Don and Lind are retiring from this event after the 2011 season), and Jim Bolinger for the Fireworks. Carla and Irene for the boat parade, Bernie and Blair for the corn and sausage roast, the North shore for the spaghetti dinner, Don Harman for cleaning the yacht club after all of our events and maintaining the club. If you haven't seen the new paint job, please take a walk up and see how bright and crisp the mural looks. I know that the sailors would want me to say thank-you to the Fleet Captain and his

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

bride for all of their hard work. Last but not least, to Bob Waddle for his stewardship as 2010 Commodore and to the Yacht Club Directors for all of your hard work. Thank-you goes out to Terry, Greg and P.J. who have agreed to stay on as Directors and to "Bad" Patty and Chas for agreeing to become Directors for the next three years. What a wealth of talent our Board of Directors bring to the table. I am so honored to be working with them.

Thank-you to everyone who worked on the Fun Fest and Silent Auction. In under 6 weeks, two successful events were planned, organized and implemented. Kudos to everyone!! I understand that over \$9800 was raised at the auction and that does not include the Fun

Fest entry fees and other monies given during the day. Also thank-you to everyone who generously donated items and bid on them. (Karen next time how about letting me do the bidding?)

I know that I have forgotten someone in my thank-yous and for that I am really sorry. I will try to do better in the coming year.

Even though these are my first and last comments for the 2010 season, don't forget that there are still two more functions at the Yacht Club this year. Sept. 18th is Birch Lake Trivia Night. Even if you don't have a team of 4 to 6 come anyway and Rich Mullin will place you at table. It is sure to be a fun filled night. Then on Oct. 9th we have the annual Chili Cook Off. Bring your unique Chili recipe to be judged by your peers or bring a desert to share. This is very tasty evening.

Be watching your mail in late April for the 2011 Spring Dinner invitation. If anyone has a suggestion for a place to hold the Spring Dinner, PLEASE give me a call at 476-8862. (I found a Post It on the refrigerator Sunday concerning this. ... Does anyone out there have any Valium?)

With Labor Day just around the corner and the kids going back to school, the lake takes on a whole new definition. It gets quieter, slower, lonelier and just a little bit sad for our friends and neighbor who aren't around as much. But I do have to say that living at the lake in the winter is as wonderful as living here in the summer — just different. If you haven't experienced a winter weekend and would like too, our pull-out couch is available.

Until next year,

-Commodore Stan

## — Birch Lake Notes —

### By The Labor of Many

Another great year in the books - The Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Officers, Directors and all those who help row the boat all summer long deserve kudos for another job well done. Sadly, of late we have forgotten the kids. Maybe Claire Brovold will consider serving as Junior Commodore next year?

Phil Vitale toils to publish this, our lakeland weekly. It's been 11 years since Phil first agreed to serve as Barker Editor! Did you know the hard copy Barkers are archived online? Go to:

<http://www.philvitale.com/> and click on Birch Barker, then select from the list to see issues from 2006-2010.

Thanks one and all!

-Mr. Bob

### Edwardsburg Food Pantry needs food — Food drive started!

The Edwardsburg Food Pantry had an unprecedented number of families seeking food last weekend, and the pantry was emptied. This weekend we would like to hold a food drive to help them. Please bring non-perishable items

to drop off points around the lake: Smitleys -West Side; Bolingers East Side; Magros North Side; Stacy Whitemans South Side next to the Yacht Club.

If you have any questions, please call Denise Smitley at 476-9000 or Linda Curtis at 476-2431. We will have boxes at our houses in which to place your food donations. We will also be collecting food at the Trivia Night and Chili cook-off.

While any non-perishable items are welcome, specific items that have been

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

requested include: Jello, pudding, paper goods, canned fruit, syrup, pancake mix, mayo, salad dressing, sugar, juice and coffee.

You may also send a check to The Edwardsburg Food Pantry C/O Our Lady of the Lake Church, 24832 U.S. Highway 12, Edwardsburg, MI 49112.

Thank you and God Bless You.

## Meijer on Grape teaming with Edwardsburg Food Pantry

The Meier store at 5020 Grape Road in Mishawaka is teaming up with The Edwardsburg Emergency Fund Food Pantry to restock its shelves.

Meier has designated The EEF as its "Simply Give" Partner for August thru Sept. 25th. Here's how the program works: Visit the store and find your way to one of the "Simply Give" displays. Take the Food Pantry Donation Card from the display to the register where the cashier will charge you \$10 or any multiple of \$5. After September the total of all such customer donations will be given to the Edwardsburg Emergency Fund in gift certificates that the food pantry can use to shop for needed goods to restock the shelves. Meier will give an additional corporate donation to the EEF at that time.

The number of customer donations will impact the size of the additional corporate donations from Meier. This particular program runs until September 25th and **ONLY** at the Meier store on

Grape Road.

## Birch Lake Calendars

The new Birch Lake 2011 pictorial calendars are now available for purchase at strategic locations around the lake. The calendar's photos were all taken by our talented group of resident photographers. At merely \$15 each, they would be great Christmas or birthday presents. Just having them around all year reminds us of the marvelous place we all share. You can pick them up at these locations: Karen Brovold (west), Vicki Rogers (cove), Linda Curtis (north/east), Judy Olson (east), Carla Chester (east) and Sue Williams (south). All profits from calendar sales will go to the Camp T camper-ship fund.

## A Merry Como Christmas

Before the first Jingle Bells, "The Company" gets you into the Holiday spirit with their annual "Singin and Dancin into the holidays." this year named "A Merry Como Christmas."

Tickets are

\$10 for seniors, and \$11 for adults and children. Production dates are Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, and 19, 20. Curtain time is 8 pm, and there will be a 7:30 warm-up time.

Shows are held at the Battell Center Theatre, 904 North Main Street, Mishawaka, IN. For information or to reserve tickets please call 574-258-1667 or check our website for more information: [WWW.thecompanyplayers.com](http://WWW.thecompanyplayers.com)

Tickets will be available to purchase at Battell Center during office hours 9-5, and we are taking reservations for parties of 15 or more. Those tickets must be paid for two days before show.

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-Tom DeCocker, East Shore

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Tim Liddell, East Side Hill

*"I needed a retaining wall at my new home on the hill (Kinzie St.) while it was under construction. I called Justin Nichols, and he came up and put it in for me. He does very good work!"*

-PJ VandeWalle, East Side Hill

*"Justin Nichols was working next door when I met him. I needed several trees removed and the stumps ground ... Justin can do it all."*

Ryan Gableman, East Side Hill

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Birch Lake Tote Bags for Sale — \$5 each!



*A Great Lake*

\*\*\* At only \$5.00 they make a great gift for college kids, grandparents, or the friend that has everything!!!! Show the world that we live on the GREAT LAKE!!! Contact Patty Luecht 476-2615. After Labor Day please contact Blair Garceau 476-9862 or Celia Fallon (I don't have her # with me now). Only about 60 left and when they're gone, they're gone. Don't be the only one on your side of the lake without a tote!!! \*\*\*

## TRIVIA NIGHT @ BIRCH LAKE

Who was buried in Grant's tomb? What was the color of Washington's white horse? If you "guessed" Grant and white in that order, then come to Trivia Night at Birch Lake.

What? - Trivia Night at Birch Lake

When? - Saturday night - September 18, 2010

Where? - Birch Lake Yacht Club

Why? - Why not!

How? - Get a team of 4 to 6. Register in advance (see form below).

How much? - \$5 per person for prizes

How come? - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place splits the pot - 60%, 30% and 10%!!!!

Tell me more ... There will be 10 rounds of 10 questions each, including such trivial subjects as....

- Sports Teams.
- Are You Smarter Than a 1st Grader?
- Do You Know Birch Lake???

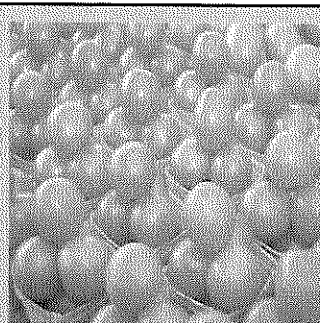
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND BEVERAGES.

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM. TRIVIA STARTS @ 6:45PM.

### Team Members (4-6 people)

1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____

Spaces are limited so please return to Pam or Rich Mullin on or before September 11 with your entry fee.



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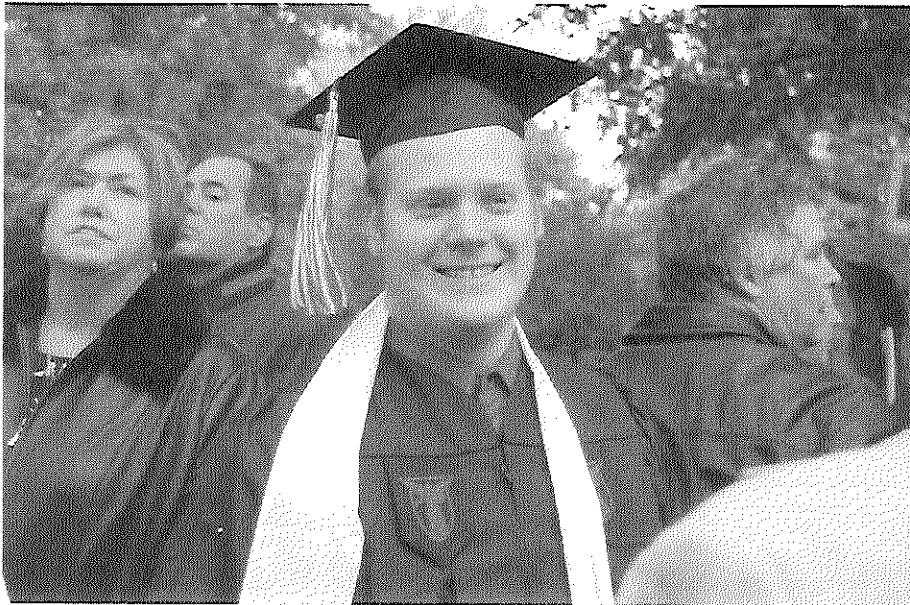
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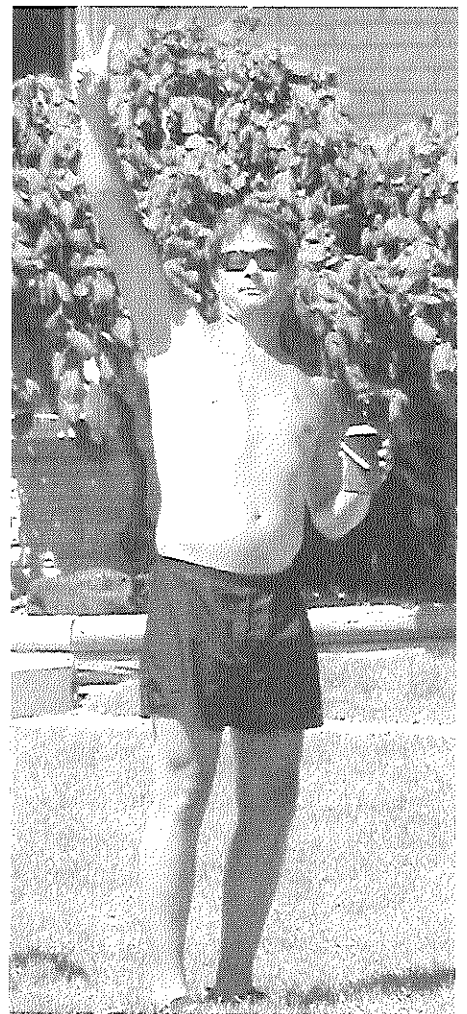
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# — Barker kids of the Week —



ABOVE: Bob Niezgodski (son of Kathy and Ron Niezgodski, West side) graduated from Ball State University in May with a degree in Urban Planning, part of their architecture program. He's now working for NIRPC in Portage, IN (it is a 3-county area planning area planning commission). The Niezgodski family is having a party for him (slightly delayed) over the Labor Day weekend, so hopefully the partying won't be louder than the rest of the lakes' doings. We're very proud of him ... CONGRATULATIONS BOBBY!!

-Kathy & Ron Niezgodski

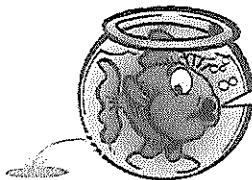


AT RIGHT : Thanks to Mr. Bob for sending this great photo in memory of our good friend and neighbor, Steve Cranmer

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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~

## Jell-O Magic Mousse

Something extra fun for this Labor Day weekend.

P.S. Requires very little labor!

### JELL-O Magic Mousse

Children will love this magical mousse and since this delicious dessert serves so many people, it's a great choice to serve at your next party.

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups boiling water
- 1 pkg. (8 serving size) JELL-O Brand Gelatin, any red flavor
- 1 (16 ounce) container COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided

#### Directions

1. Stir boiling water into dry gelatin mix in medium bowl at least 2 min. until completely dissolved. Reserve 1 cup of the

whipped topping; refrigerate.

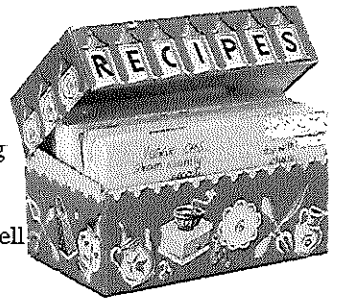
Add remaining whipped topping to gelatin; stir with wire whisk until whipped topping is completely melted and mixture is well blended. (Mixture will be thin.)

2. Pour into 6-cup glass bowl sprayed with cooking spray.

3. Refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight. Top with the reserved whipped topping just before serving. Store any leftovers in refrigerator.

#### Footnotes

- Substitute
- Prepare as directed, using JELL-O Brand Lime Flavor Gelatin



## WORDSEARCH — Fall Dinner/Funfest/Auction

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## Don't believe the weathermen ...

**H**ave you ever realized that you were making a mistake but couldn't change things as it was already too late? All of the weather predictions I had read said south winds at 9 mph by race time. Boy, were they wrong. I kept expecting the wind to fill in as predicted, so Harold and I set the marks out based on the forecast. I know that many of you were surprised that we were setting the marks, but came out anyway. By the time I recognized the wind was going to stay very, very light for the start of the races, it was too late to get to shore and call anyone to push off for an hour. I really should remember to bring my cell phone and call list before getting on Harold's pontoon. The light winds did not entice enough Sunfish sailors to come out to qualify for an official race (minimum needed are 3 boats per class). Erica and Mike, who did come out, stayed and sailed the course for fun.

Both Phil and I healed up enough to sail again. Bob, however, hurt his knee in last week's second race and took our place on the committee boat. Like any athletic competition, you can get injured if things don't go right. Whether it's getting your tiller extension caught, slipping on a line, or having a quick 90 degree wind shift catch you and your boom by surprise, things can go wrong very quickly. (Note I've experienced all of these things this year.) Between the second and third races, Dave Olson scared the committee boat when he had cut his head and was bleeding profusely down his face. As his Facebook posting recounts: "The sailing world needs to change the



Thanks to Chas and Amber Grundy for this great photo of a light-wind MC race from last weekend (despite what the weathermen said ...)

name of the horizontal spar on a sail boat from "boom" to "thunk" because that's the sound it makes when it wants to occupy the same space on this planet where my head is." Dave did compete in the third race so hopeful he will be ready to go this weekend. With a bit of luck, Bob will heal up enough to join us as well.

So far this year, we have had 33 MC and 29 Sunfish races. Finishing two-thirds of the races is necessary to qualify for the season final standings. As a reminder, just like the 4th of July Regatta, the Labor Day Regatta will be scored two ways and will be included in the season standings.

The end of the season Sailors' meeting and awards ceremony will be held on Labor Day at 10:00 AM unless we race that day. If so, it will be at

2:30 in the afternoon as I'll need a few minutes to crunch the scores and prepare the award certificates. Final season standings will be published in the online edition of the Barker.

Thanks to Chas, Amber, and Avery Grundy, Bob King and my Lovely Bride for helping me run the committee boat. My Lovely Bride and I want to reiterate our appreciation to all that have helped us this year. The daunting task of finding volunteers every weekend was perhaps the most worrisome part of my becoming Fleet Captain. We are grateful that so many people stepped forward and made sure that the races could happen. You all have made my job much easier.

See you at the starting line....

*-Fleet Captain Jeff*

### 2010 BLYC Sailing Season Results

Date	29-Aug	29-Aug	29-Aug	Total	Season	Races	%
Race	31	32	33	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
<b>MC Scow</b>						<b>33</b>	
Scott Troeger #1489/500	2	2	3	38979	1559	25	75.8%
Bob King #1199	CB	CB	CB	39679	1417	28	84.8%
Harold Cranmer #2412	6	6	2	43828	1370	32	97.0%
Jeff Smitley #2002	7	4	1	39791	1326	30	90.9%
Phil Vitale #500	3	3	6	37100	1325	28	84.8%
Don Harman #582	8	5	4	36815	1315	28	84.8%
Dave Olson #1979	5	1	7	37521	1294	29	87.9%
Bill Luecht #1579	1	7	5	38046	1268	30	90.9%
Gib Eberhart #916	4	DNS	DNS	38593	1245	30	90.9%
<b>Sunfish</b>						<b>29</b>	
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	35560	1546	23	79.3%
Erica Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	34774	1512	23	79.3%
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	DNS	26849	1492	18	62.1%
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	DNS	DNS	DNS	31192	1418	21	72.4%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	33692	1404	22	75.9%
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	25672	1351	19	65.5%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	DNS	DNS	DNS	34531	1328	26	89.7%

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season. DNF (Did Not Finish), DSQ (Disqualified) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place). DNF, DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed. CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total. Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.) Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted

# Stu's Star Stuff

## Interesting stuff ...

**F**irst, some interesting stuff...

### Great Dates

~525 BC: Pythagoras proposes that Earth is a sphere.

~250 BC: Aristarchus infers that the Sun is much larger and farther than the Moon.

~1543: Copernicus's *De Revolutionibus* posits that the Sun, not Earth, is the center of the solar system. (He was wrong...read on.)

~1609: Galileo's telescopic observations reveal Venus' phases, Jupiter's moons, surface markings on the Moon.

~1755: Immanuel Kant proposes that the solar system formed from a collapsing cloud of gas and dust.

~1962: Mariner 2 flies past Venus; first successful mission to another planet.

~1969: Man walks on the Moon.

This summer we enjoyed a trip through the solar system; our home sweet home. A middle-aged star, planets large and small, moons of almost endless variety, and a whole lot of leftovers make up our own little cosmic oasis of light and life. It's an oasis that we are still striving to understand — and that humans may someday explore in person.

In the winter of 1504, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus watched as the planets Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn grouped close together in the evening sky. As he tracked them from night to night, he was troubled, because the

planets bunched closest to each other about 10 days later than predicted by reference tables of planetary motions.

The tables, compiled centuries earlier, presumed that Earth was the center of the universe, with the Sun, Moon, planets, and stars all orbiting our planet in complex patterns. As Copernicus tried to decipher why the tables were wrong, he discovered that it was more than just a case of faulty numbers: The perceived layout of the universe was wrong.

Copernicus realized that Earth and the other planets orbit the Sun, the Moon orbits Earth, and the "fixed" stars are all far, far away, and, most importantly, that Deb was actually the center of the universe.

Copernicus started a revolution in human understanding of the solar system and Earth's place in it.

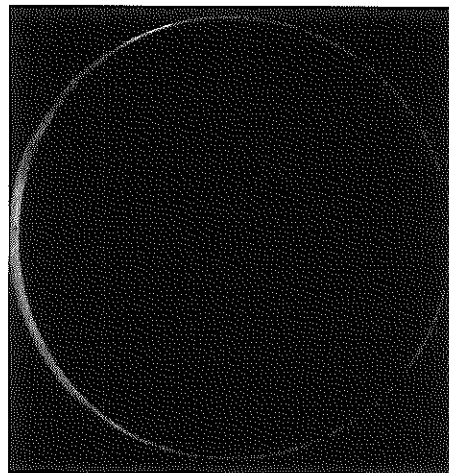
I've tried to show everyone that astronomy, and science in general, can be for everyone, not just guys in white lab coats. It doesn't take any science background to step outside and enjoy the crescent Moon, the planet Venus, or the bright stars in the night sky, only an interest in the universe around us and a curiosity about what it all means.

I want to thank everyone that takes the time to read the stuff that I submit each week. While my passion may have slightly diminished over the last 10 or so years I still get enough comments about this column to provide sufficient encouragement to continue

doing it. And I am glad to know that there are so many folks out there that find the beautiful and amazing night sky here at Birch Lake so fascinating.

Have a good fall and winter everybody and we'll see you again in the spring. Until then, bundle up and get out there and enjoy the show. It's free you know, all year long.

-Stu Spratt



### The Moon for Sept. 4, 2010

At Midnight, US Central time)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.138

3.1 days before new moon

# Stu's Star Stuff

## Star Stuff Corrected

### *critiqued and corrected by Sunny Waters*

As much as I have enjoyed reading Stewart Spratt's weekly contribution to the Birch Barker I feel an obligation to inform fellow readers of the misinformation which has been doled out routinely by Stewart who obviously has stars in his eyes; the wrong kind.

To begin with, Pleiades has been described as a cluster of stars about 400 light-years away. What on earth (little touch of humor there) could this man be thinking?

The Pliedes is a Russian Olympic synchronized swimming team, as everyone knows, just as we also know that Copernicus is a childhood illness. Don't we all remember having our little ones inoculated?

Stu goes on to label Lagoon Nebula as a famous stellar birthplace. Anyone under 90 knows

that Lagoon Nebula (pronounced: "Nayboolah) is a hot Reggae artist, Jarnaica's finest.

And, in conclusion, Meteor Showers are scaled-down bathroom fixtures designed for small areas and RVs. They also meter water flow to unburdened septic tanks, hence the name.

B.S. and I love ours.

Sorry, Mr. Spratt. I certainly did not intend to defame you but my dedication to precise journalism motivated me.

Let's do lunch.

Your friend,

-Sunny Waters

\*Milky Ways for dessert - tee hee

*editor's note: This article originally appeared in the mid 1990s in the Birch Barker. It was written by long-time Birch Laker, Sue Wagner and was sent to me recently by her husband.*

*Thanks for the great memory Bruce!*



Guest writer Sunny (Stars on the) Waters



# BIRCH LAKE HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** Mar 20-April 20 This is an excellent time to review or clear out old files, tidy your desk, reorganize your work space and take care of any unfinished business at work, so that once. Be ready to start new projects, sign new deals and move forward in your work. It is also an excellent time for you to reassess your eating habits and your exercise regimen to make sure that you are doing what you can to maintain your health, fitness and physical well-being.

**Taurus** April 21-May 21 This is a good time to make sure you are getting a good balance of exercise and relaxation to maintain your well being. You might have a tendency to indulge more in sweets and other comfort foods right now, too, especially if you are feeling frustrated, stressed or overworked at your job. Reassess the balance of work and fun in your life. Make sure you take time to express your creativity and also making time for recreational activities and entertainment. Playing and having fun isn't just for children.

**GEMINI** May 22-June 21 Your focus seems to be on home and family right now. This could also be a good time to do some remodeling, renovating, redecorating or reorganizing in your home. You will find great pleasure in expressing your creativity, attending sporting events or other entertainment, participating in recreational activities and just playing with the children (or like a child).

**CANCER** June 21-July 23 For better or worse, home and family are very important to you. You may find that your mind keeps going back over past events, decisions, choices or mistakes. The point is not to dwell on the past or get stuck in it, but to learn from it, so revisit, rethink, review and re-evaluate now so that you learn from the past and have greater clarity.

**LEO** July 23-Aug 23 It seems that your mind is very busy these days with some important and perhaps life-changing decisions or choices. Take time to carefully

weigh the pros and cons now. You are also concerned about issues of equality and fairness. It is particularly important to take your time with any financial decisions, and best to put off any financial decisions, including any major purchases.

**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sept 23 Take a deep breath and relax. You may feel energized, enthusiastic and full of ideas, but now is not the time to move forward. It is time to reconsider your choices and options, research the possibilities, reassess and re-evaluate your current situation and where you want to go from here. Weigh any financial decisions very carefully because you need to be sure that your accounts are balanced now and to take into consideration the long-term ramifications of any financial decisions.

**LIBRA** Sept 23-Oct 23 You may be feeling a little impatient, frustrated or annoyed, particularly if you are not getting what you want when you want it. Your sign tends to be more passive-aggressive in getting your needs and desires met and this would be a good time to check your reactions in that regard. It is extremely important that you take responsibility for your behavior and to be accountable for your actions. You can gain a great deal of wisdom and maturity over the next two years. It will test your integrity.

**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 22 There is a great deal going on at the subconscious level for you and this seems to be affecting your inner balance. Overwork, overindulgence or over-doing it in any way is likely to take its toll on your physical health now, possibly manifesting as liver-related issues, sciatica, headaches or infections. In order to get to the bottom of any health issues you will need to address the subconscious, long-term patterns that have led to the physical manifestations.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 22 Planetary influences are increasing the level of stress in your life, particularly when it comes to dealing with authority figures. With

You would be wise to reconsider your career path or reassess your career strategy and plans for achieving your goals in life. If you are questioning your career path, now is the time to research the possibilities and re-evaluate your long-term goals and objectives. Feedback from friends or groups can help you with a more balanced perspective.

**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19 You tend to be more comfortable when you have a routine or a schedule, and when you know the rules of the game and the parameters in any given situation... especially if you are the one making the rules and setting the parameters. You do like to be in control, or at least to believe that you are. Review, reassess, re-evaluate and revise your beliefs about yourself and the world. You could have some very powerful and positive changes in your life over the next few years, but you will have to be able to surrender to them.

**AQUARIUS** Jan 19-Feb 19 Whether you are dealing with the physical, emotional or spiritual aspects of your life, you are more aware now than ever that they are all inextricably connected, in fact, everything is connected. You will find that you do best with natural holistic healing systems which recognize this interconnectedness. With Mercury currently retrograde in Virgo you may be dealing with joint finances, loans, debts, taxes or inheritances. It is best not to sign any documents now, but a good time to review any such financial dealings.

**PISCES** Feb 19-Mar 20 Communications with others can be a little challenging with more glitches and mix-ups than usual. If you do have unresolved issues with a partner or others, this is a good time to bring them up again and to try to see them from a different perspective. You could be having second thoughts about your partner or a relationship, but now is not the time to make any decisions. It is a great time to rethink, reassess, review and revise your ideas about what your expectations are when it comes to relationships.



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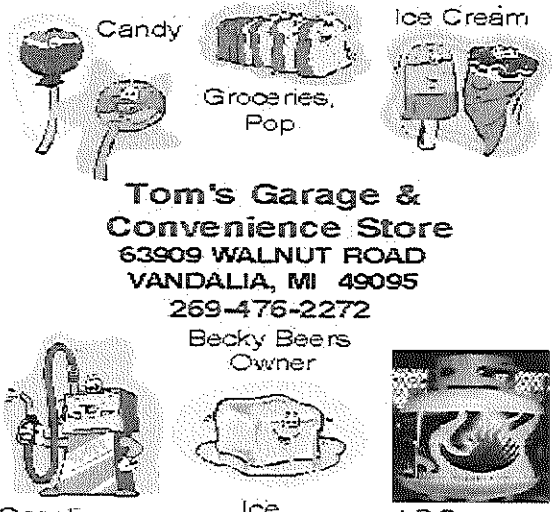
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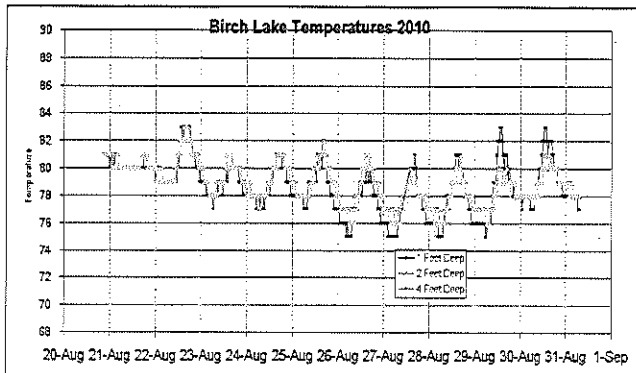
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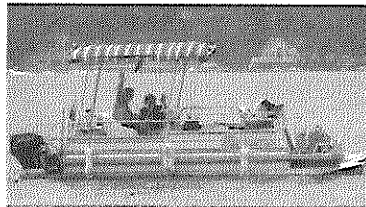
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Thanks to everyone who contributed to another great year for the Barker. This year's writers, photographers, columnists, transporters, carriers and deliverers did a spectacular job this year and everyone on the lake

benefits from — and appreciates all of your efforts!

Secondly, special thanks to Ben Wozniak, Dan Waxman, Terry and Carol Dugan, Katie Luecht and Cal King for the help with the Fun Fest Events (even though some of them were under-attended). Special thanks to Denise and Karen and everyone else who pitched in to make the Silent Auction last weekend such a smash.

And finally, thanks for putting up with me as Barker editor for another year ... keep watching your email boxes for the first Online Barker ... (if you've changed your email address since last year, please email the new addy to sailorphil@philvitale.com

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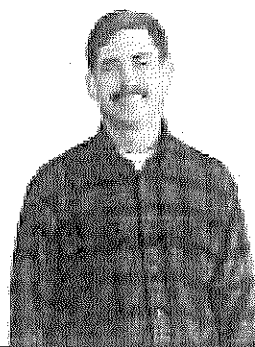
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# Camp Tannadoonah

## Hard to believe it's over

It's hard to believe that it's the last Barker of the year already! It seems like just last week that we were moving our stuff over to camp and getting ready for the start of the summer.

We want to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped plan and all those who participated in the Fun Fest and Silent Auction this weekend. It was a great success, and we are very thankful for all of the contributions we received. Thank you to those who donated items, spent time organizing the event, bid on items, helped distribute items and collect donations, and helped with the cleanup! We really appreciate all that you guys do to help camp.

The Fall Dinner on Saturday night was a wonderful success as well! I don't remember ever attending a Fall Dinner that was so well-attended. The dining hall looked beautiful, and it was great to see so many friends and neighbors throughout the evening. I'm sad that we won't see many of you again before you close up your cottages.

I wanted to quickly recap the summer again. We had a grand total of 571 camper beds filled for the summer. That's a 16.5 percent increase from last year, and 54 percent increase from my first summer (2006)!

Overall, we were just shy of 75 percent full for the summer, and we had two weeks that were completely full. We were able to give financial aid to a total of 93 campers, compared to 66 last year, and just 5 my first summer.

Thanks to the generosity of our lake neighbors, we were able to raise nearly \$25,000 to support Camp. These funds will help us overcome the deficit in our budget, and will allow us to start next year with a better outlook. We're still not completely out of the woods yet, due to a lot of accumulated debt, but we're moving in the right direction!

Even though the summer camp

season is over, we're not completely closed down yet. We still have some upcoming events at camp:

Fall Camp Weekend (September 17-19). The Fall Camp weekend is a mini weekend filled with summer camp fun. The cost is \$75 for the whole weekend (or \$50 if your camper only wants to attend one night).

Family Camp Weekend (October 1-3). The cost is just \$25 per family member, and campers of ALL ages can attend! Join us for a laid back weekend of outdoor fun.

We also have work days tentatively scheduled for October 3 and October 23. If you're able to come out and help us close up camp for the fall (even for just an hour or two!), let me know so we can get you on our volunteer list.

Thank you again for all that you do for Camp Tannadoonah! We're already working on next year's schedule, and June can't get here fast enough!

### Thanks from Chas!

THANK YOU! To everyone who participated in this weekend's Fun Fest and Silent Auction, as well as those who generously volunteered, donated, or otherwise contributed — we are grateful for your support.

The events raised \$10,812, with additional donations of \$6,000 coming in this weekend. This was a very successful event and will go a long way toward ensuring that camp remains an active part of our lake community.

As we've said before, our work is not done. We still have challenges ahead, financial and otherwise, and we will continue to tackle these. With hard work and your continued support I am optimistic and excited about the future.

Thank you,

*Chas Grundy, President,  
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# Camp Tannadoonah

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Item #.....Desc.....Winner

51 .....New Orleans basket .....Terry and Carol Dugan  
 72 .....Ducks photo.....Sheffieck  
 73 .....Fisherman photo.....Tammy DeCloedt  
 74 .....Swan photo.....Rasmussen  
 75 .....Herons photo.....Mullin  
 99 .....Canoe sign .....Kuhn and Temple  
 1001 .....Condo .....Karen Brovold  
 1002 .....Utility Trailer.....Troeger  
 1003 .....Birch Table.....Sheffieck  
 1004 .....Coach Kelly autograph ....Rasmussen  
 1005 .....Stained glass.....Machalleck  
 1006 .....Camp dinner #2.....David Boesler  
 1006 .....Camp dinner #1.....Kuhn and Temple  
 1007 .....Bears tix.....Tammy DeCloedt  
 1008 .....Bears tix.....McCay  
 1009 .....Colts #1.....Tim Shide  
 1010 .....Colts #2.....Luecht  
 1011 .....Vacuum.....Bruce Wagner  
 1012 .....Fire ext.....Furrip  
 1013 .....Fire ext.....Ed Chester  
 1014 .....Fire ext.....Bill Butler  
 1015 .....Dugan prints .....Kaenagy  
 1017 .....Golf.....Sharpe  
 1018 .....Basilica photo .....Rasmussen  
 1019 .....photo helmet.....Julie Cooney  
 1020 .....photo tunnel.....Max Marquez

1021 .....photo glory.....Barb Rondot  
 1022 .....photo celebrate.....Barb Rondot  
 1023 .....photo coach .....Tom DeCocker  
 1024 .....golf bag.....Ed Chester  
 1025 .....LP gas.....Carole Larsen  
 1026 .....budget blinds \$50 .....Kuhn and Temple  
 1027 .....Bluegill dinner .....David Boesler  
 1028 .....Sailing painting .....Tom DeCocker  
 1029 .....Mail box .....Denise Smitley  
 1030 .....Men's bike.....Linda Bergan  
 1031 .....Women's bike .....Paul Fallon  
 1032 .....Apollo Marine.....  
 1033 .....South Shore print.....tied, still resolving  
 1034 .....Turquoise necklace.....Furrip  
 1035 .....Cubs tix.....Deb Taghon  
 1036 .....Como christmas.....Goodin  
 1036 .....Como christmas.....Laura Elliott  
 1037 .....\$25 martin's .....Ken Kinzler  
 1040 .....Necklace.....Sue Felix  
 1041 .....Hydraulic jack .....Stu Spratt  
 1042 .....Coy heron painting .....Lutz  
 1050 .....ND v Stanford .....Glenn Geiser  
 1051 .....ND v Pitt .....David Whitfield  
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**2 Bedroom 2 Bath Condo** — Newly renovated. Located on Tierra Verde Island just south of St. Pete Beach. Situated on the beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. The complex offers views of the Sunshine Skyway from the pool and hot tub. Clubhouse has Big Screen TV, Pool Table and Fitness Facility. 3 mins. from award winning Fort DeSoto. For rent by month or season. Weekly rentals negotiable. email: Barb Rondot at [babsdot@verizon.net](mailto:babsdot@verizon.net)

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## FOR SALE

**THEY ARE HERE!!! Birch Lake Tote Bags!!!** Eco-Friendly and large sized! Only \$5.00 while supplies last!!! Not available in stores! Show your Birch Lake Pride!!! Contact Bad Patty 476-2615; Delivery Available

For Sale: **Honda Harmony EN 2500 portable generator.** In excellent condition and runs like new. Asking \$375.00. Call Bob Groszek @ 1-708-227-2147.

FOR SALE: **Melges MC Sailboat #581**, original owner, yellow deck and trim with varnished wood spray rail and tiller. Two sails, full cover, 1000# aluminum Shore Station lift. Custom MC trailer. Beautiful condition. \$3K complete. Rigged and ready to sail. Bruce Harlan 574-340-0345

For Sale - **MC Sailboat No. 618** - a proven winner - fast and ready to race (2 Sails) - \$1500 Ph 476-2170 or (574)-264-6817

**"Old Towne" Canoe for sale.** New condition. Blue Color. Fiberglass. Includes new paddles. All for \$450. Call Bud at 476-2526

For Sale: **18 foot aluminum canoe and 2 paddles**, great for lake cruises and fishing. Can be seen on the road side of Wee-Wood Cottage, 62839 Lakeview Dr., West Shore. Asking \$150. Make check payable to Marc Caenepeel and drop off to Stan Pitakos, two houses down the street.

For Sale: **Hunting, fishing, building site on Curtis Lake.** 17+ acres + 500+ feet frontage on lakefront. Land contract possible. Call Dave at 476-9846.

For Sale: **Lakefront lots and up to 600+ ft. frontage + 20+ acres on Paradise Lake.** Land contract possible. Call Dave at 476-9846

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Used **Aqua Cat 12' Catamaran.** Trailer and lift included. On the lake, can sail it home. For information and video clip go to : <http://www.americansail.com/> \$250 OBO, call Dave or Terry Carroll @ 574-850-0359

**Truck cap, silver/pewter.** Fits GMC, Dodge or chevy crew cab pick up. Great condition. Also; **100 amp temporary electrical hook up** for new construction. Complete with pole, board, meter receptacle and outlets. Both offered at 25% of original cost. Call Major @ 476-2126

**Thermador Stainless Steel Double Convection Oven.** Cutout width: 28 1/2". Cutout height: 51-1/8". Model # SCD302TS. \$1395. (New: \$2985) No warranty. Thermador 48" Professional series **Stainless Steel gas cooktop** consist-

ing of 4 burners, a griddle and an indoor grill. Matching Professional series stainless steel wall mount hood, blower and 12" back-guard. Model # PCS484G. \$2400. (New: \$4830) No warranty. Bosch stainless steel **dishwasher.** Model # SHU 5300. \$425. (New: \$875) No warranty. Amana Stainless Steel **refrigerator** with pull out bottom freezer. Refrigerator door is a single door. Touchmatic Electronic Controls. Model # B136CAR3. Approximately 80" tall. \$1500. (New: \$3200) No warranty. GE Profile Stainless Steel 1.8 Cu. Ft. **Countertop Microwave**, 1100 Watts. Model # JE-1860SB. \$100. (New: \$225) No warranty. Builder's never been used Jenn-Air stainless steel **side-by-side refrigerator.** Model # JS42SEDBDA measures 82 1/2" tall, 41 1/2" wide and 25 1/4" deep. \$2950. (New: \$5950) No warranty. Call 260-710-0333. **Deb Balyeat**

## LOST

Please have the north side of the lake — east of Camp T. watch in the shallows for a lost **handle to a wind surfer kite.** It looks very similar to a ski handle and has line attached. We would appreciate a call if found — Ed Levy — 574-286-0436 or 269-476-9575.

Lost: **Dark green boat fender;** call Phil, 476-1680

Lost: at some Yacht Club function, year **unknown...Serving spoon with "American Hospital - Paris"** on the handle. Someone must have this in their drawer and to this day doesn't know how it got there. Contact Stewart Spratt at 269.476.2113.

## FOUND

**Delta Pro Series 222 ski,** white with black, blue and orange trim. If it's yours, call 476.8807

Found on the lake bottom at the end of the pier: a **Men's Medium Gray Tee**, front: Brookfield Authentic Original Soccer, Back: Brookfield Indoor Soccer Complex EST 2001. Call Weavers, 476-2869

Found: At BL Golf Open) ... **Golf club head cover, black, number 3.** Call Stewart at 476.2113.

## WANTED

Wanted - **used Kayak.** Dana (Russwurm) 574-532-0198

Looking for someone to **play tennis with** at Camp Tannadoonah, preferably level 3.5 or above. Please contact at [Clboesler@aol.com](mailto:Clboesler@aol.com)

Wanted: **Centerboard and rudder** for a newer style Sunfish. The kids want to sail; **riding mower** in need of a good home for the summer? Willing to cut your grass. A **small trailer** to haul the mower around in. At least 4ft by 6 ft. Please contact me if you have any of these items. Bill at 574-340-5559.

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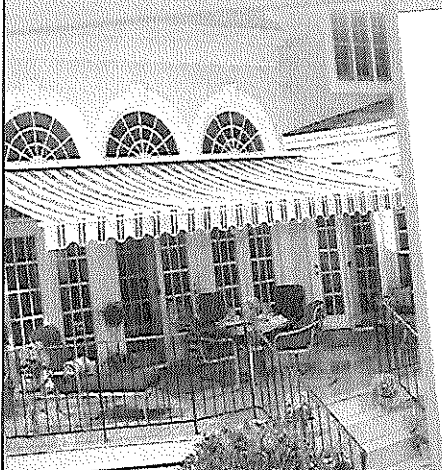
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