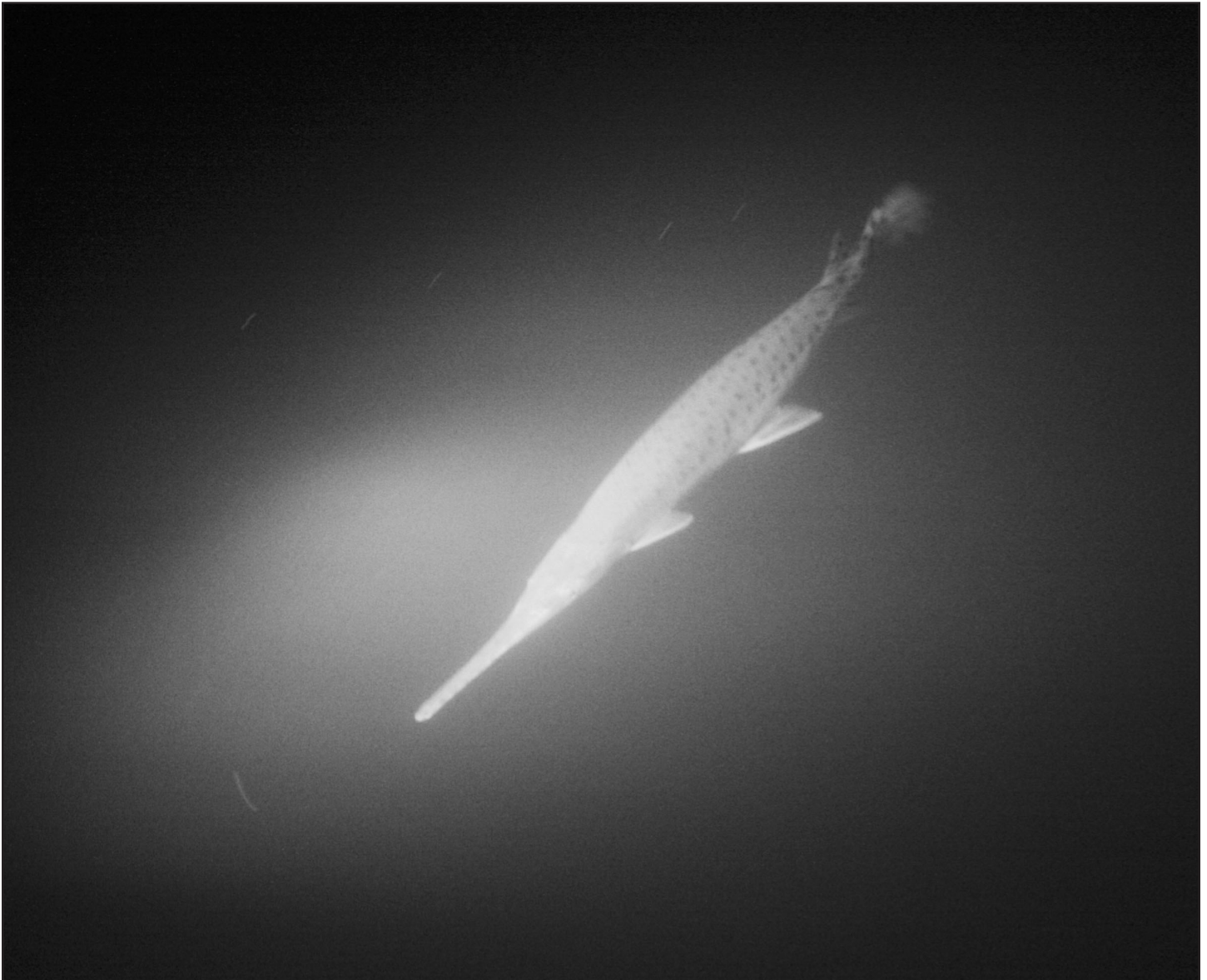


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Thanks to Chuck Horn who shot this great photo of a gar while out "shining" fish with some northsiders last weekend!

What a difference a day makes

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

After a cold and rainy Friday, we ended up with another beautiful 4th of July weekend. Not that we didn't have an issue or two with Saturday evenings nature show. Just an hour or so of rain, thunder and intense lighting provided the early fireworks. I enjoyed nature's display, but it sure made things hairy for our annual evening Lake Fireworks. Jim Bolinger, Mike Lutz, and I conferred with the Fireworks representatives, checked weather.com, and watched Rick

Mechlinburg, for nobody wanted to cancel our spectacular show. The fireworks were at the camp's beach and set up was under way, unfortunately the area was soooooo spongy that even with plywood brought in to cover the area, it was still unsafe for the fireworks crew. They had to be able to light the 8 inch shells and then RUN for cover. With the wet quick sand conditions this was a VERY unsafe situation. At 8:15 the fireworks were going to canceled and we had to guarantee a no wake zone in front of the camp for Sunday to be able fire off the fireworks the next evening. There was just no way we could do that (maybe in

2011 BLYC Calendar

Sat, July 9	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, July 9	Homeowners Meeting 10 am
Sat, July 9	House-walk
Sat, July 16	Spaghetti Dinner
Fri, July 22	Women's Golf & Luncheon
Fri, July 29	Men's Golf Outing
Sat, Aug. 6	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, Aug. 6	Corn and Sausage Roast
Sat, Aug. 27	Fall Dinner
Sat, Sept. 10	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, Sept. 10	Sailing Awards
Sat, Sept. 17-24	Game / Card Party
Sat, October 8	Annual Chili Cook Off

Note: ALL dates and times are subject to change.

Watch the Barker for updates!

Birch Lake House Walk Saturday July 9th - see page 6

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November, but not the 4th of July). We had started a phone round robin letting everyone know that the fireworks were ON, plus many lakers had family and friends in just for the day. What to do, oh what to do??? So we made an executive decision, and headed for high ground. Although the camps soccer field was wet, the ground was firm.

Unfortunately, some of the lower fireworks would be hard to see, but the show had to go on. Thank-you to everyone who made it happen plus Stewart Spratt and Bill Luecht for doing the after show clean-up just in time for the Pancake Breakfast

Thank-you to Mike and Amy Lutz and Phil and Sandy Vitale for chairing this very popular annual event. Over 550 hungry individuals were served a hearty breakfast in 2 1/2 hours. I think everyone who helped make this event a huge success, should have a BIG round of applause. Kudos, Kudos!!!

There is still time to get your House Walk / Art Fair tickets at the Wozniak barn (63021 Birch Rd., East side) starting at 11:00 a.m., Saturday July 9th. This is a fun event that you don't want to miss out on, plus you will be able to purchase Spaghetti Dinner tickets for the July 16th East Side Bistro at both the Wozniak Barn and Sheffieck tour home. So come out and peruse these 6 gorgeous homes with your friends and neighbors.

OK, so did you dust off your clubs

and square up your foursomes for the annual Women's Golf Outing and the Men's Golf Outing this past weekend? Ladies reservations need to be into Bad Patti by July 14th and gentlemen, The Mayor of Paradise Lake, Mr. Bob Baucus needs your reservations by July 20th. These are both Birch Lake scrambles, so you don't have to be a good golfer to have enjoy yourself.

Speaking of enjoying yourself, if you haven't ever been on the Sailboat Committee Yacht there is always space for riders. Just call Fleet Captain, Jeff Smitley at 476-9000 and he will match you with experienced Committee Sailboat personal. The committee boat gets an up close and unique vantage perspective, when one is sitting in the middle of the race course, something that can't not be appreciated from shore. (Karen thinks it's like watching an ice hockey game at Notre Dame, but with sailboats on Birch Lake.)

On thing that can be appreciated from shore is the sounds of laughter and squeals of delight from children (both big and small) playing in the water and our home has been graced with new friendships being forged between Payton, Thomas, Anny, Hailey, Sierra, Amanda and Claire. The thing these children have in common, is their love of the lake. When they get together next year, it will be just like yesterday to them. We can all take a lesson or two from the kids and forge new Birch Lake friendships,

enjoy our time on the water and laugh more.

Have a great week, I'm on vacation again!!! Hopefully my honey do list has been eaten by Scooter Russwurm and Spiderman Smitley.

-Relaxing Commodore Stan

Hey Bad Patti

Neighbors have spotted a large gar with a cell phone in it's mouth struggling to get a signal to call Cisco. Could that be your phone?

Spaghetti dinner

The Seventh Annual Birch Lake Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, July 16 from 6-8 pm at the Yacht Club. This year's menu will feature spaghetti with meat or spaghetti aglio et olio (garlic and oil), salad, bread, desserts and tea and lemonade (or bring your own drink of choice).

Tickets are on sale now for just \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids 3-10 years old (kids under 3 eat free). Tickets must be purchased in advance so the cooks can prepare enough for all diners ... no tickets will be sold at the door.

To get your tickets contact the Kings (north shore), Olsons (east shore), Machallacks (south shore), Sue Williams (south shore), Karen Brovold (west shore), Vicky Rogers (cove) or Sue Waddle (east shore).

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ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

To all of the people who attended the Pancake Breakfast last weekend, we want to say a big THANK YOU! With your attendance we raised \$2,475 for Camp Tannadoonah. All those who attended ate the famous Krusties pancake donated by Lind Harman, in memory of her late husband Don.

This year Mike and Amy Lutz along with Phil and Sandy Vitale volunteered to lead the most dedicated pancake-makin' crew through another well-manuevered day. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the hard workers who pitched in to help us out, and to thank the Fallons for donating the plates.

Thank you to Jim and Debbie Bolinger, Karen Brovold, Tom Rogers, Dick and Peggy Cowen, Paul and Celia Fallon, Payton Greene, Patty, Bill, and Katie Luecht, Katha and Mike Machalleck, Pam and Rich Mullin, Dave and Judy Olson, Stan Pitakos, Sue and PJ Vandewalle and their visiting weekend company Mark and Katy Bradford.

Again, many thanks to everyone for your participation and support for Camp T — What a wonderful family we have at Birch Lake.

*-Amy, Mike, Phil & Sandy
the Pancake Breakfast Team.*

Boat Parade

The 2011 Birch Lake boat parade was a little shorter this year, but the 8 participating boats were awesome. It was amazing to see the creativity and hard work that our neighbors labored on. The boats circled the lake behind

Norm Monroe, Cottage 133 on the East Side, arrived on 4th of July weekend from his home in Idabel, Oklahoma with his oldest son, Tom (Lake Tapps, Washington). This is Norm's 48th consecutive summer at Birch Lake. Later in July his second oldest son, Robert (Bellingham, Washington) will be coming to enjoy the Lake. Norman John (the third in a string of 5) and family will be coming from Broken Bow, Oklahoma later in July. Mindy, the only girl in the tribe, and her family, also from Broken Bow, hope to drive up as well and certainly Tim, the youngest, now residing in Florence, Kentucky, will be around as he usually is throughout each summer. All the family is looking forward to a great time at the cottage seeing friends and family again. We all wish that wife and mother, Nancy, was still with us for a swim in the pond!



our very deserving Grand Marshall's, Dave and Judy Olsen.

The entrants/winners were:

- Best Retro - Eshleman family
- Best Cartoon Theme-Mullin, Brown, Scheuer, and Potter families
- Best Wedding Party-Stitz family
- Best Summer Fun Theme-Groszek family
- Best Floral Display-Lindzy family
- Best Hawaiian Theme-Henderson family
- Best Birch Lake Camp-Lutz family
- Best Hollywood Theme-VanHuffel family.

It was a tough decision, but the judges finally named **Best Floral Display** as the overall winner.

Many thanks to Dick Bender for the use of his covered pier, and for being such a gracious host. Thanks also to our

judges Sandy and Bob Baucus, Rick and Patti Russwurm, and Linda Rasmussen. Participants and viewers alike all enjoyed the show!

And, don't forget, it's not too early to start getting ideas for next year's event!

Editor's note: due to technical difficulties we were unable to retrieve photos of this year's parade ... we'll try to have them next week ... pv

Homeowner's Association

The Birch Lake Homeowner's Association will have its annual meeting on Saturday, July 9 at 10 am (following the BLYC Board Meeting). There will be a brief update on the Williamsville Drain Project, and Porter Township Trustee Steve Northrup will provide information on the Shavehead Lake sewer problem resolution and discuss

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roads and road repair funding. The group will also discuss proposed new signage for the lake designed to slow traffic down on our roads. All Birch Lake homeowners are invited to attend.

American Flag

The American flag flying at the Machalleck's over the 4th of July weekend is one that was flown at the American Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq on January 1, 2011. Lt. Col. Steve Fillenwarth, US Army (Southside) completed a year's tour of duty in the Middle East. He brought the flag back and presented it to Cmd. Mike Machalleck, US Navy, Retired. Many thanks to all the men and women serving in our military.

Save the Date!

Camp Tannadoonah and Camp Fire USA invite you to the 3rd Annual Hog Roast to celebrate another wonderful year and thank our supporters on July 23, at 4 pm. The event is Free (please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Pulled pork sandwiches and drinks will be provided). No RSVP is needed.

Silent Auction

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Silent Auction at last year's BLYC Fall Dinner! Our vice commodore, Pam Mullin, has graciously allowed us to host the auction at the dinner again, on August 27. This year, we're dropping

the Health Fest events and the bidding will be open (everyone can see the bids). Proceeds go to Camp Tannadoonah.

We are looking for creative, unique, and interesting items for the auction. We also need volunteers to help us collect and label the auction items. Some of you will remember the hand-crafted items, exotic experiences, and spectacular dinners from last year. These were some of the top items, and people are already looking forward to them again.

If you have an idea or an item to donate, please contact us at 574-234-4145 or info@riverbendcampfire.org.

Birch Lake Memories ...

Hello, My name is Joanne Postema and I have a two-fold reason for sending you this message.

Are you aware that a long time Birch Lake native passed away recently? If you Google Nancy Harvey Waddell, you will find her obituary. It would be good if you could post that in a future issue of the Birch Barker as many residents will surely remember her and be saddened to hear of her passing.

I just recently (quite by accident) found your online addition of the Birch Barker and last night spent several hours reading through many of them. I was filled with nostalgia and sweet memories of growing up at Birch Lake!

I'll just relate a few...

It was 65 years ago in July that I

was delivered by a Dr. Fred Reed at Three Rivers Hospital and brought home to live in a tiny trailer home that my parents had parked on a lot they rented next to the home of Ruel and Margaret Harvey (the above-named Nancy's parents). Dr. Reed was their next door neighbor.

While I don't remember those first few years I have pictures of myself as a baby napping on a blanket in their yard, and sitting and splashing in the shallow water in front of their house. The first trip I ever took (as noted in my baby book) was a boat ride on Birch Lake!

My parents were Rhyner and Wilma Scholma. My dad worked for the Michigan DNR as a research biologist and Birch Lake was one of the lakes that was being researched by him. His job was to ride around the lake in his boat and to ask fishermen if he could take fish scale samples from their catches. There may be some old timers who remember him.

At some point in the fifties my folks bought a cottage up on the (Nun-u-Kumuk ??) hill where we lived year-round until he was transferred in 1962. I believe they sold the home to a John & Roma Went.

One of my not-so favorite memories is the 99 steps we had to go down and up each day during the school year to catch a school bus to Constantine.

My dad helped build those first

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steps, which I'm sure have been replaced many times in the 50+ years since then. My dad passed away two years ago at age 96, and to his dying day enjoyed telling of his years living and working at Birch Lake to anyone who was interested.

Some more of my favorite memories are:

■ Swimming from our pier all the way across Birch to the other side with Toni King following in a row boat. (When I see pictures of the lake now I can hardly believe I actually did that — I must have been crazy!)

■ Having relatives with speed boats visit so I could go skiing! (We were too poor to own one of our own.) And I'm not sure of the name of the wonderful lady who lived on the lake next door to our easement who would also invite me to ski- the daughter's name was Sue. (Glenton, maybe?)

■ Watching the sailboats racing from afar on week -ends.

■ Riding bikes around as much of the lake as we could travel on with bikes.

■ Watching fireworks over the lake on the 4th of July!

■ Ice skating in the winter...

■ And I too, helped to gather news for and deliver the Birch Barker at some point; memory is kind of fuzzy as to who actually produced it back then.

I have only been back to Birch Lake a couple times since moving away but now think I might try to find a cottage to rent next summer so I could revisit some of those old memories and introduce my now adult children to Birch Lake. There still is no lake that I have found during the years to compare! Didn't realize how much I missed it. Thanks for reading this long e-mail.

-*Joanne Scholma Postema*

Second annual waterski contraption challenge

Defending, undefeated, all-time champion Keith Kinzler is putting his title on the line by inviting all comers to challenge him once again in a wacky waterskiing contraption contest.

There are only two

rules...

1.) You have to be towed at speed. This isn't the boat parade.

2.) There are no other rules.

Last year second place finisher Stu Spratt's entry was under-engineered and not thoroughly tested but it is rumored that he will try again with a different and secret variation. All are welcome to participate. No entry fee required.

Judges will be announced at a later date and the coveted prize awarded accordingly. The date will be whatever weekend Sausage-Fest is, sometime in August, so everyone still has plenty of time for planning and testing.

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BLYC House Walk/Art Fair 2011

Birch Lake Home Tour This Saturday!

After weeks of preparation, the much anticipated day of the Birch Lake home tour and art fair has arrived!

The event kicks-off Saturday at the Wozniak barn at 63021 Rd. at 11 am with several local artists and vendors displaying their work. We will have free refreshments and several drawings going on throughout the day. The house walk will begin at 12 noon and the last home tour will begin by 2 pm at the latest in order to finish by 3 pm, so please plan accordingly.

From the barn, the tour will begin across the street and a free boat shuttle service will whisk you from home to home at your leisure every few minutes.

Ticket sales have already exceeded our expectations and all proceeds will be going to Camp Tannadoonah for camperships (underprivileged children). If you have not purchased your tickets in advance, tickets will be on sale at the barn for \$20 a person.

On display at the barn will be: several jewelry artists with their custom made jewelry, pottery with Birch Lake logos, photography, custom made wood pieces and more. Be sure to stop by and get your free mini chair massage!



Photo by Carol Dugan

Art in the Barn: 63021 Birch Rd.

There will be several local artists and business representatives at the barn presenting their work from 11 am- 4 pm. On display will be: several jewelry artists with their custom made jewelry, pottery with "birch lake" logos, custom wood pieces, and photography.

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Don't forget to enter our drawings! We will have several drawings throughout the day from spa services, to custom jewelry, plus many more surprise items!

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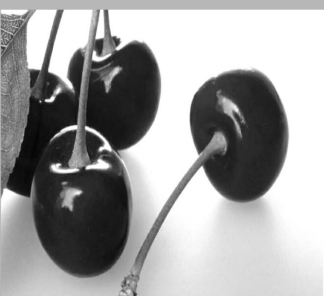


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— Barker kids of the Week —



Above ... Lindzy and friends always look forward to the pancake breakfast.

Brett (above and at right) who's people are Diana & Ron Betzer (south shore on the hill behind Bender) is just a big kid but I guess we can call him a pooch ... According to Diana, Brett hates being dressed up, but after 9 years he knows he might as well sit and get it over with ... Diana made Ron a whole scrapbook of him. Happy 4th, Brett ...



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What a weekend!

What a fabulous 4th of July weekend! For the Regatta, we were able to complete five races over two days. Winds were light to painfully light on Saturday. The forecast for Monday was very questionable, but surprisingly the breeze filled in and we finished with the best winds of the weekend.

The winners of the winners of the Fourth of July Regatta are Bob King in the MC Class and Rick Russwurm in the Sunfish. Congratulations to them both. Since the races count for Regatta scoring and Season scoring I've included both. For the Regatta scoring, lowest point total wins. For the Season scoring, highest average wins.

Seriously, I have got to stop hurting myself. On Sunday between racing days, I slipped off my sailboat while putting on its cover and hit the edge of the dock with my side and back. It feels like I may have a cracked rib or two. I couldn't sail on Monday so I went onto the committee boat to help and make the call on the number of races to run in the uncertain winds.

I want to thank Karen Brovold and Steve Plaia for running the committee on both sailing days. My sister Cassie and husband Blair, My Lovely Bride, and Wrigley assisted on Saturday. Julie Plaia helped on Monday. Thanks to all of them. Also, an honorable mention to Fred

Committee Boat Schedule

July 10.....	Patty Luecht
July 17.....	Bob & Sue Waddle
July 24.....	Patty Luecht
July 31.....	Plaia/Brovold
August 7.....	Karen Brovold
August 14.....	Amber & Chas Grundy
August 21.....	Open
August 28.....	Karen Brovold
Sept. 3 (Regatta).....	Karen Brovold
Sept. 4 (Regatta).....	Karen Brovold
Sept. 5 (Rain Date).....	Karen Brovold

Freihofer who volunteered but was erroneously informed that there would not be enough wind to sail.

See you at the starting line...
-Fleet Captain Jeff

4th of July Regatta results

Date	2-Jul	2-Jul	2-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	Total
Race	1	2	3	4	5	Points
MC Scow						
Bob King #1199	5	1	1	1	2	10
Scott Troeger #500	1	2	2	6	4	15
Bill Luecht #1579	4	3	5	3	1	16
Dave Olson #1979	3	4	*	2	3	22
Phil Vitale #500	6	5	4	7	5	27
Harold Cranmer #2412	9	6	6	5	6	32
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	7	3	*	*	32
Tom Howard #1713	8	9	7	4	7	35
Gib Eberhart #916	7	8	*	*	*	45
Sunfish						
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	1	1	5
Mike Lutz (Yellow/White)	3	3	2	4	4	16
Peter Soldato (Red/White/Blue)	4	4	3	*	*	27
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	2	2	*	*	*	28
Stewart Spratt	*	*	*	2	2	28
Chris of the Scofields (Blue/White)	*	*	*	3	3	30
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	*	*	*	5	*	37

Regatta Scoring

This regatta was scored using the Low Point System as specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, Appendix A.

For this Regatta all races are counted. For each race, a boat's finishing place is her race score.

A boat which did not compete or did not finish in a race (marked * above) is given a score equal to the number of boats competing in the series plus one.

Season sailing results

Date	2-Jul	2-Jul	2-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	Total	Season
Race	7	8	9	10	11	Points	Average
MC Scow							
Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	2	6	4	16678	1516
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	7	3	CB	CB	16293	1481
Bob King #1199	5	1	1	1	2	10217	1460
Bill Luecht #1579	4	3	5	3	1	15304	1391
Dave Olson #1979	3	4	DNS	2	3	10755	1344
Phil Vitale #500	6	5	4	7	5	13986	1271
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	9	6	6	5	6	13783	1253
Gib Eberhart #916	7	8	DNS	DNS	DNS	9781	1223
Tom Howard #1713	8	9	7	4	7	10221	1136
Sunfish							
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	1	1	17363	1578
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	2	9207	1535
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	2	2	DNS	DNS	DNS	8895	1483
Chris of the Scofields	DNS	DNS	DNS	3	3	2888	1444
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	2817	1409
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	2738	1369
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	3	3	2	4	4	13641	1364
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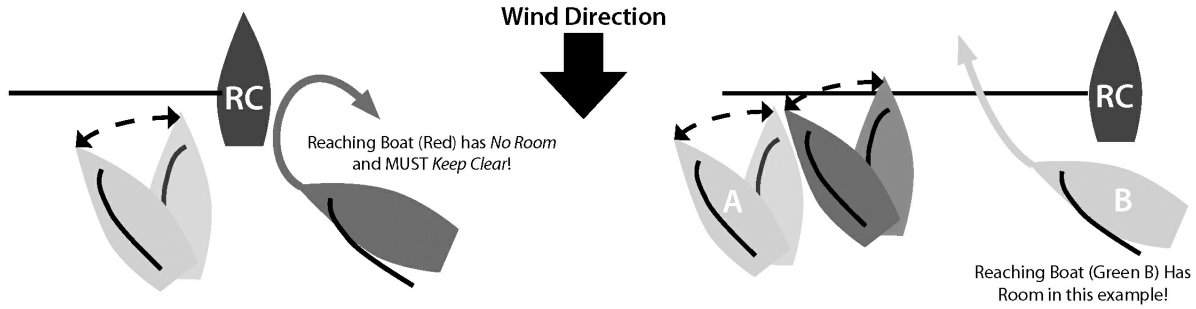
DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season.; DNF (Did Not Finish), DSQ (Disqualified) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place). DNF, DSQ not counted 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 Crew - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

Basic rules of sailboat racing

No Barging at Start

A *Leeward* boat has *Right-of-Way* at the start and is allowed to sail above her *Proper Course* to shut-out any boat heading into the start before the start signal. After the start signal, the *Leeward* boat must assume her proper course.

Basically, any boat to leeward that you can potentially hit should be considered a brick wall.



REACHING BOAT (RED) IS BARGING!

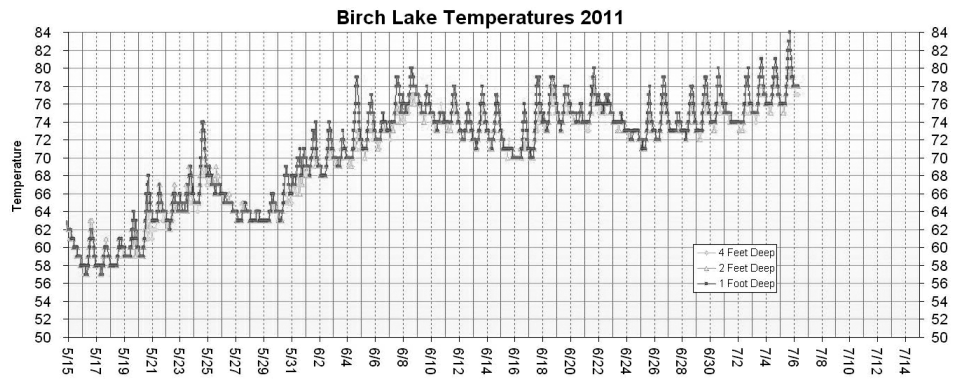
Before the start signal, Green has the right to go "head-to-wind" and force a *Windward Overlapped* boat (RED) over the start line or into a position that it must avoid the Committee Boat or Start Mark by turning away.

LEEWARD BOAT (GREEN A) HAS RIGHT-OF-WAY RED MUST KEEP CLEAR OF GREEN A!

Green A has the right to go "head-to-wind" to force Red over the start line before the start signal. Green A is not close enough to committee boat to shut-out Green B.



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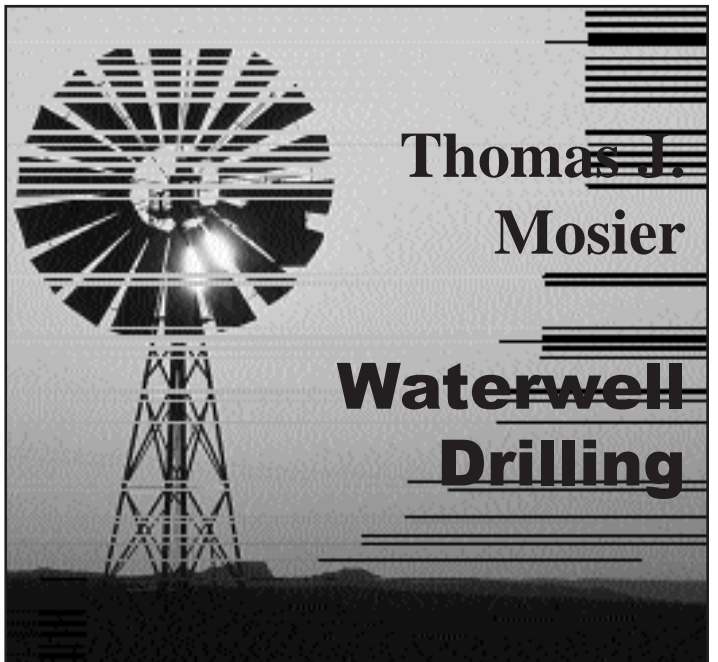
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The Royal Family

Three royals can be found in the night sky and their story is like a soap opera.

Cepheus, king of Ethiopia, was married to the beautiful Cassiopeia, and together they had a daughter, Andromeda. Although his name is most well-known in connection with his daughter, Cepheus was placed in the sky of his own right: He voyaged as an Argonaut with Jason on the quest for the Golden Fleece.

Cassiopeia was the beautiful wife of Cepheus, king of Ethiopia, and the mother of Andromeda. She is most famous in connection with the myth of her daughter, Andromeda. The queen made the mistake of bragging that she was more lovely than the Nereids, or even than Juno (Jupiter's wife - remember?) herself. The goddesses were, needless to say, rather insulted, and went to Neptune, god of the sea, to complain. Neptune promptly sent a sea monster (possibly Cetus?) to ravage the coast.

The horrified king consulted Ammon, the oracle of Jupiter, who said that Neptune could be appeased only by sacrificing Cassiopeia's beautiful virgin daughter, Andromeda, to the monster. Andromeda was duly chained to a rock on the coast, fully exposed to the monster. Fortunately for her, the hero Perseus happened to be flying by on his way back from killing the Gorgon Medusa.

When Perseus saw the princess, her arms chained to the hard rock, he would have taken her for a marble statue, had not the light breeze stirred her hair, and warm tears streamed from her eyes. Without realizing it, he fell in love. Amazed at the sight of such rare beauty, he stood still in wonder, and almost forgot to keep his wings moving in the air. As he came to a halt, he called out: "You should not be wearing such chains as these--the proper bonds for you are those which bind the hearts of fond lovers! Tell me your name, I pray, and the name of your country, and why you are in chains."

At first she was silent; for, being a girl, she did not dare to speak to a man. She would have concealed her face modestly behind her hands, had they not been bound fast. What she could do, she did, filling her eyes with starting tears. When Perseus persisted, questioning her again and again, she became afraid lest her unwillingness to talk might seem due to guilt; so she told him the name of her country, and her own name, and she also told him how her mother, a beautiful woman, had been too confident in her beauty.

Before she had finished, the waters roared and from the ocean wastes there came a menacing monster, its breast covering the waves far and wide. The girl screamed. Her sorrowing father was close at hand, and her mother too.

They were both in deep distress, though the mother had more cause to be so.

Perseus tells Andromeda's parents that he'll kill the monster if they agree to give him their daughter's hand in marriage. They of course give him their consent, and Perseus kills the monster. (His exact method of doing so varies in different versions of the myth. Ovid has Perseus stab the monster to death after a



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drawn-out, bloody battle, while other versions have the hero simply hold up the head of Medusa, turning the monster to stone.) Andromeda is freed, and the two joyously marry.

By most accounts, Cassiopeia was quite happy with the match. In some versions of the myth, however, the queen objects to the marriage and is turned to stone when Perseus shows her the head of the Gorgon Medusa.

Although she was placed in the heavens by Neptune, the sea-god saw fit to humiliate her one final time (and for all eternity). He placed her so that she is seated on her throne, with her head pointing towards the North Star Polaris. In this position, she spends half of every night upside-down.

All three members of the family may be found in the northern sky; Cepheus and Cassiopeia are quite close to the northern celestial pole. Cepheus is generally represented as a robed king with a crown of stars, standing with his left foot planted over the pole and his scepter extended towards his queen. Andromeda is represented in the sky as the figure of a woman with her arms outstretched and chained at the wrists.

The stories continue and the show never ends. Let's get out there and enjoy it while it's still free.

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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) — Someone you work with may be withholding valuable information. You may jump from the frying pan into the fire if you make a move this week. Take positive action. Don't let someone take the credit for a job you did. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) — Do not let others exhaust you financially. Curb your mood swings; they could result in loneliness. This is not the best time to take a risk, to gamble or spend money you really can't afford to part with. Work on legitimate financial deals that may enable you to bring in some extra cash. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Travel will be favorable. Emotional upset at work will set you back. You must not let fellow workers take advantage of your fine talents. Read some books on self awareness. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Your sensitive nature will allow others to read you well. You can make headway in the workforce if you put your mind to it. Your charm will attract someone special. Home improvement projects will enhance your residence and bring the family closer together. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) — Remember that no one can walk through your door if there's

someone standing in the doorway. You may find yourself changing plans for some form of entertainment. You may have personal problems, but professional duties might be pressing. You might just as well let others do their own thing. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) — New emotional connections can be made through business contacts. You could be misinterpreted if you're not careful. You can learn from those who have had similar experiences. Be aware that minor accidents or injury may prevail if you are preoccupied. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) — A little overtime may help you reduce the workload. Finish overdue paperwork and catch up on letter writing and reading. Don't fall into the trap. Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) — Losses are likely if you aren't careful where you leave your valuables. Your partner may be reluctant to tell you how they feel. Problems with large corporations or institutions are apparent. Any intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) — Expect to have problems with the ones you love. Listen to the advice given by others. You should consider getting your whole family involved in a project at home. Losses are likely if you have left your financial affairs in other people's hands. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) — Protect your interests legally if necessary. You will have original ideas for ways to make extra money. Don't settle for less than the best. You can offer your mate a commitment or promise that will help stabilize your personal life. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) — You will be in a high cycle regarding work. You can meet new friends who will let you know just how valuable you are. Control those desires to cast your fate to the wind. Career changes may not be your choice right now, but in the long run they will be to your advantage. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Don't let your work and your personal life interfere with each other. Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made. You need to look into ways to change your self-image. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

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~Birch Lake Recipes~

Stuffed Jalapeno Firecrackers

We had these at a neighbors house this past Holiday weekend. Yum! Bring your tissues because these are HOT!
Goes well with any Beer.

Prep Time: 15 Min
Cook Time: 20 Min
Ready In: 35 Min

Original Recipe Yield 24 stuffed jalapenos

Ingredients

- 12 jalapeno peppers, halved lengthwise
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- Cajun seasoning, or to taste
- 12 slices jalapeno bacon, cut in half
- toothpicks

Directions

Preheat the oven's broiler and set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source.

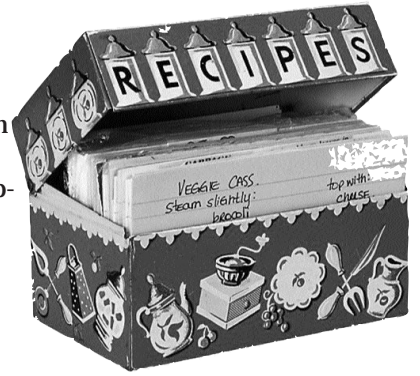
Fill the jalapeno peppers with cream cheese.

Sprinkle the Cajun seasoning on top, then wrap each stuffed jalapeno with a slice of bacon.

Secure with a toothpick.

Arrange the wrapped jalapeno peppers in a single layer, face down on a broiler rack.

Broil in the preheated oven until the bacon becomes crisp, 8 to 15 minutes on each side.



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Get your team together, dust off the clubs!

Tee off at Spruce Ridge July 22, at 9 am- Scramble

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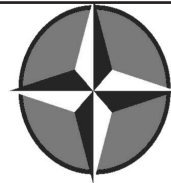
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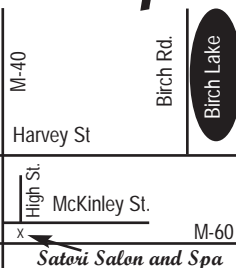
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Kicking off a magical week

We're back from our 4th of July break, and off to a HUGE week. The current session of camp is called Super Week because the kids arrive on Wednesday and stay 11 straight days (until next Saturday). It is combined with our Mini Week session (3 days: Wednesday to Saturday) and Harry Potter Week (starting this Sunday).

We have 79 campers for Mini Week, which is the largest Mini Week I can remember. Thirty-six of those 79 are staying for Super Week. On Sunday we welcome an additional 81 campers, bringing us to a total of 120 for Harry Potter Week! I am pretty sure that this is the largest week we've ever had at Camp Tannadoonah!

We have all sorts of magical Harry Potter activities planned for the week ahead, including wand-making, a Tri-Wizard Tournament, Quidditch, and more wizarding fun. The campers will be sorted by a sorting hat into houses for the various competitions, and we'll have a costume ball on Friday evening during dinner.

We have an awesome camp staff this summer, and I know they'll do a great job handling this huge week. They better be ready, because the next 3 weeks are all going to be over 100 campers. Our current total is 535 for regular campers, which is 40 ahead of last year's final numbers. That is 103 ahead of where we were on this date last year, so projecting from last year's final total of 495 and adding 103, that puts us at 598 for the summer. So it looks like 600 is still a goal we can reach! Keep recommending Tannadoonah to all your friends and relatives to help us get to 600!

We had a fantastic turn out at the pancake breakfast last weekend. Thank you to all of the 500+ people who came out to support camp and eat a great breakfast. And a huge thanks to the wonderful crew of volunteers who set up, cooked, and cleaned up for the event. It was perfect as usual! If you didn't get a chance to come to the breakfast, but want to get some Tannadoonah apparel (tie-dye t-shirts, purple hoodies, or other stuff), just stop by Camp or give me a

call!

During Harry Potter week, we're offering some great special activities. For the second week this summer, Terry Dugan and Tori Troeger will be running a week-long science camp. In addition, Mr. Chas will be offering guitar lessons to 8 lucky campers. This is the first time we've ever offered guitar lessons, and we're looking forward to being able to have it two different weeks this summer. The second session will be led by Mr. Bill Karban, whose wife will be teaching science and soccer as well. They are coming up for Gameshow Week (July 24-30).

We hope to see many Birch Lake faces at our 3rd annual hog roast to be held on Saturday, July 23rd starting at 4pm. This is a free event, with tons of food, fun, and friends. Just bring a dish to pass and join us at camp for the unveiling of the Legend Tree, a brand new tradition at Camp Tannadoonah.

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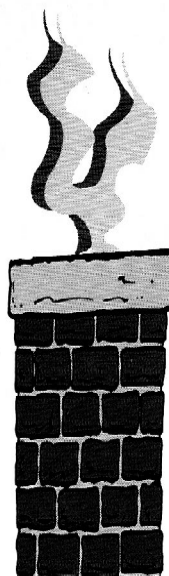
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Creative Memories scrap booking items for sale. Items are all priced at cost to reduce my inventory. I have everything including adhesive, tools, paper, albums and cricut cartridges. I can also scrapbook for you or if interested can hold a crop night. Call Diana Betzer at 574-274-3260 located on Benders Hill.

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Full set of ladies golf clubs, includes cart, shoes. Asking \$300. 476-2298.

For sale: **Queen size mattress and box springs**, gently used, \$50. Please call me at 476-8885

Birch Laker Carol Dugan has for sale, **artistic photography**. Cards, matted work, and giclee canvas work is created. Custom orders are welcome. Carol is a member of the Three Rivers Artists Guild, has been juried into numerous shows, and has work included in the permanent collection at the new facilities of Michiana Hematology and Oncology. Carol can be reached at 476-2814 or online at CDugan5310@aol.com.

Toro CCR 3650 snowblower, electric start, 6.5 HP, red, hasn't been used in a few years (no snow in FL), \$350.00 (was \$741 new in 12/03) Sparkybob 476-2293

FOR RENT

Spacious Birch Lake home for rent. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, screened in patio for bug free beautiful evenings. Non-smokers only. Minimum 2 week rental - monthly rates available. Contact Doreen 630-816-3374.

Beautiful **3 bedroom cottage** overlooking the beautiful shore of Birch. (That means you would be on

the north shore looking across the lake.) New well and indoor plumbing. Contact Stewart at 574.514.0667.

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FOUND

Floating in water - 25' to 30' graphite **cane pole**. Fish released!! Call Welch's 476-2370

Found: **a pair of reading glasses** in the road behind 63486 Birch Road. Call Olson, 476-2125.

LOST

Lost: A Delta ski, with blue, orange, and possibly another color. Lost at the end of last summer. An ad was posted previously in the Barker, from the person who had found it. If you still are holding on to it, please give me a call. Lindsey Price 574-612-4867

WANTED

Donated items (and services) we can sell at the upcoming silent auction which will be held during the Birch Lake Yacht Club's Fall Dinner (to benefit Camp Tannadoonah). Contact Commodore Stan or Amber Grundy

Wanted to buy: Pre-owned 120 inch boat lift with canopy. Contact Stewart at 269.476.2113 (land) or 574.514.0667 (cell).

Looking for a ride. Attention sunfish owners — If anyone has a boat that needs to be exercised on Sunday mornings I would be happy to accept the mount. Naturally if I come in the money I would expect to receive a small percentage of the purse. Contact Stewart at 476.2113.

Want a classified ad in the Barker? It's easy! Email sailorphil@philvital.com ... mail to Birch Barker, c/o Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095, or put it in a plastic bag and put it into one of the two newspaper tubes of my cool new stone mailbox (thanks Duane!) at the above address on the east side of Birch Lake ...



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