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Birch Barker

Weekend of August 6, 2011

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Sarah Petty sent in this great shot from last weekend of Big Bird with his dinner ...

Corn & Sausage this weekend!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Tonight, Saturday August 6th, from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Yacht Club is the gastronomic spectacular Corn and Sausage Roast. Make sure to come hungry for after you choose your meat (of either hot dogs, brats, or chicken) there is still mixed fruit, cole slaw, baked beans, green beans, the sweetest roasted corn and a cookie, plus your drink of choice. Bring your appetite, your friends and neighbors for the last official event of this season at the Yacht Club. Tickets are purchased at the door.

Tickets will not be sold at the door for the Fall Dinner, August 27th, which will be held at Camp Tannadoonah. A Polish Feast catered by The Skillet is being served for only \$20 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Corn and Sausage Roast, from the sales agents on your shore, or call Vice-Commodore Pam Mullin at 476-1080.

This is the social event of the year that you will not want to miss for I will be turning the helm over to Pam, she will be revealing the 2012 Vice-Commodore and the Commodore Commendee of the Year will be awarded.

Not to mention, Camp T is sponsoring a Silent Auction during our banquet. I understand the Blue Gill dinner is on the agenda of items to be auctioned off again this year.

When I started editing and then ghost writing these comments, I couldn't wait until the season was over, for I hate to write. In fact, I would much rather shave my head bald than put pen to paper. But now that the Season is almost over I find that I am having fun with the Commodore Comments. My favorite past-Barker author was Sonny Waters. I have tried to emulate her style (and not other past Commodore's like J.E.'s). To me, she had an edge to her writing. She could poke fun at someone (usually B.S.), make innuendos,

2011 BLYC Calendar

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!

tell secrets (like Happy Birthday Cougar Vickie Rogers in the Cove) or mention Claire's name in her column 15 plus times. I also have tried to use the cartoon character Madeline as a role model, recognizing any repercussions from my comments would fall back on the Commodore.

Yes, in a way I am sorry my term and the season are almost over. Especially knowing that the pier will be

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— Birch Lake Notes —

coming in on October 15th (mark your calendar Mayor, eight weeks will go by very fast). So enjoy every single day of the of the remaining season, winter is just around the corner.

Just a little misty eyed that my term is almost over,

-Commodore Stan and Ghost Writer.

Condolences

Condolences go out to Julie Sheffieck (West Shore) on the passing of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday Lyn Caenepeel (West Shore) August 8th. So glad you got to celebrate it at the lake!! What number are we celebrating?

Congrats

Congratulation Jason and Jen Caenepeel on your 3rd Anniversary. How soon before we have great grand Canapeas at Weed Wood?

Welcome home

Welcome home Ben Garceau (East Shore)!!!

Waterskiing Challenge News

It appears that Stu Spratt has been forced to withdraw from this year's Birch Lake Waterskiing Challenge. Last year's second place finisher cited lack of

sponsors and inadequate funding for design, construction and testing. Stu commented, "If things change you can bet I'll be back in, time permitting."

Entry slots are still available. You all know the rules by now and all are welcome. Three judges are still needed. To enter contact Keith Kinzler at 815.693.2975 or Stu Spratt at 476.2113. The contest will be held on Saturday, August 20th.

Update on plans for Tom's

About a month ago I wrote to you telling I would be closing this fall. That I would give you a final date as soon as I

decided. If you have been up, you know that my supplies are going down, I have a good selection of groceries, but have started letting some of the slower sellers run down. I also still have a good amount of candy, but have also started the process of selling out of some items. I have decided that Monday, September 5, 2011, Labor Day, will be my final day open for business. After September 5, I will do go through things one more time and see what I think I can sell as a sale such as shelving, show cases, coolers and such. I will let you all know when that will be.

-Becky Beers

BLYC Fall Dinner

Saturday, August 27, 2011

Dining Hall at Camp Tannadoonah

Cocktail Hour at 6 pm — Dinner Served at 7 pm

The Polish Feast catered by The Skillet

Broasted Chicken — Polish Sausage

Kluski Noodles — Mashed Potatoes and Country Gravy

Sweet & Sour Cabbage — Seasoned Green Beans

Biscuits & Honey Butter — Assorted Cream Pies

Tickets are \$20/adult and \$8/child (aged 5-10) and can be purchased at the following homes around the lake: Sue Williams, Southside; Le King, Northside;

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Dear Birch Lake Friends:

We want to thank all of you for your kindness, gifts of food, memorial donations and being there for us during the sudden, unexpected passing of our sister-in-law Elizabeth (Libby) Rasmussen in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 23rd. Libby and her husband, Rob (Buzz's brother) came to visit for a family reunion with our family and Rob & Buzz's sisters, Sue (Rasmussen) Wagstaffe and Sally (Rasmussen) Lekens for the weekend.

Libby was a 1st grade school teacher, a vacation bible study instructor, an elder in United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL, a devoted wife and mother to her husband, Rob and three children: Amanda, Erik and Blake plus Grandmother to Camerin, Jayden, Vincent, Peyton and Jordan Rasmussen. Libby loved coming to Birch Lake over the years and said many times how peaceful it is here.

We cannot thank all of you enough for your thoughtfulness, prayers and generosity during this difficult time...you are all wonderful neighbors...

Sincerely,

*Linda, Buzz & Phyllis Rasmussen
The Rob Rasmussen Family
Sue and Steve Wagstaffe
Sally Lekens and Bill Adams*

BLYCO/ME

The rain went through on Thursday night last week and Friday ended up being another awesome day for the Birch Lake Open/Men's Event. (Do the acronym yourself).

Eighteen teams entered the 51st annual men's golf outing and all had a

great time. An excellent prime rib dinner was provided by Scott's Pig Roast and no one went away hungry.

Thank you to all that sponsored golf holes and donated prizes. Applause to our wonderful and beautiful kitchen staff that facilitated our dining experience. The Over-the-Top award goes to Sandy and Chelsie Baucus for all the time and effort they put in for us. Applesauce to our organizers as well, Rich Mullin - Prizes and sponsorships, Bob Baucus - Golf and Stu Spratt - Dinner.

The results of the hard fought competition are:

1st place / Team Baucus — Brody Baucus, Chris Eaton, Max Habicht, Dominic Razzano, 15 UNDER

2nd Place / Team Zesinger — Bud Zesinger, Spencer Rheinhardt, Terry Wiseman, Jeff Wiseman, 13 UNDER

3rd Place / Team McElwee — Artie McElwee, Art McElwee, Fred Freihofer, George Lang, 10 UNDER

4th Place / Team Levy — Ed Levy, Rick Doolittle, PJ Vanderwalle, 10 UNDER

5th Place / Team Kruggel — Herm Kruggel, Kevin Kruggel, Kurt Kruggel, Dave Heckaman, 9 UNDER

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HOLE # 6 / LONGEST DRIVE / BUD

ZESINGER

Thanks again to everyone that contributed and helped out. Next year there will again be some surprises and we will continue to anticipate a great turnout for a great event.

Get your fall dinner tickets

We will be having our Fall Dinner on Saturday, August 27 at Camp Tannadoonah with cocktails and appetizers starting at 6 pm with dinner beginning at 7 pm.

Our ticket sellers are ready anxiously for you to come purchase from them. Thank you to Sue Williams (Southside), Patty Luecht and Lynn Decocker (Eastside), Le King (Northside), Vickie Rogers (Cove) and Karen Brovold (Westside).

Please remember to purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets will also be available for sale at the Corn and Sausage Roast this Saturday and are \$20 per adult and \$8 for children aged 5 to 10.

Again this year, Deb Taghon will be creating appetizers of bruschetta, barbecue meatballs and asparagus wrapped in philo. The main course will be a polish feast catered by The Skillet with desserts being an assortment of cream pies. Coffee, tea, lemonade, beer and wine will be your drinks of choice.

Our bylaws require that an annual meeting be held each year as designated by the Commodore. Traditionally, this meeting is combined with our annual Fall Dinner at the end of the summer season. It also marks the departure of the present Commodore, installation of the new Commodore and the identity of

SLOW DOWN

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CHILDREN,
GRANDCHILDREN AND PETS**

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AND ON THE HILLS
TO AND FROM
THE LAKE!**

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— Birch Lake Notes —

my Vice-Commodore will be revealed. Plan to join us to enjoy the fellowship and companionship of your Birch Lake neighbors.

-Vice-Commodore Pam

Wild Ride

Mr. Yoder telephoned early one morning in 1955 requesting that I stop at his farm to see a patient. He was quite secretive about the nature of the call and would not divulge the type of patient I was to see. He lived on the edge of town so a brief visit would not be out of the way on my morning rounds of farm calls. I arrived and we went to the barn where, in one of the horse stalls, was the biggest buck deer I had ever seen. He must have had ten points on his rack of horns. Arrangements had been made with the conservation department for the Yoders to keep and feed this deer, which Mr. Yoder had done all winter. His desire was to neuter him and later in the year to convert him into a freezer supply of venison. We made a date to do the surgery in two weeks. I knew it might be a difficult job, but I really had no idea how hard it might eventually turn out to be.

I arrived Saturday morning well prepared with my cattle chute, surgical instruments and a good stout rope with a quick release on the end, which was a snap release eyelet loop. As I approached the deer, he eyed me with a nervous, flighty look. It was difficult to lasso him even though he was confined

to a medium sized horse stall. I was good at roping at that time and with the stiff nylon rope, which was almost as strong as cable, I was able to rope the deer around the neck. The next step was to open the stall door and pull him down the alleyway between the stalls into the chute and close the stanchion around his neck to secure him for surgery. He objected strenuously to the rope, pulling like a giant fish. He flipped here and there, jerking me with a great force as I skidded this way and that way around the dirt floor of the barn. He lunged, he bucked, he threw his head with a frantic look. Mr. Yoder moved in behind him and scared him toward me as I backed up, pulling him toward the chute. His airway was partially stopped by the lasso around his neck and when he needed air he would lunge forward enough to loosen the rope and gasp. This allowed me to get him closer and closer to the chute. I was holding on to any hand-hold with one of my hands and the rope with the other hand as he pulled me up and down the alleyway. Finally, I was able to get him partially into the chute. He braced himself like a mule, not budging another inch. I secured the rope while pulling on the taut portion. The need for air overwhelmed him again and he leaped forward into the chute. Now, all that was left to do was close the stanchion bars on the deer's neck to secure him, so I pulled the final six inches to get his head through the unclosed stanchion. His

horns, all ten, caught me in the chest. I did not want him to escape through the open barn door behind me so I held on to his head. I didn't fear injury, so I held on while the stag tried to gore me through my tough leather jacket. We rolled and turned. I was lifted into the air several times by his overwhelming strength, but I held on to his horns like bicycle handlebars. He finally tore loose from my grip and tried to escape through the open door at the end of the barn. The rope was still attached to his neck and I could see it trailing away as he made his move to escape. I made a wild grab for the nylon rope and held on. He dragged me around the barn floor, which was littered with slippery straw, until I could brace myself. We were again at a stand-off, but with Mr. Yoder's help we ran him back into the stanchion. This time we got him secured.

The first phase of the surgery was done. Next was neutering him which we did with me standing on my head, hanging from the top bar of the portable chute. That was four hours work for ten dollars. The work I did could be called acrobatic surgery.

I called a month later to see how the buck had come along. Mr. Yoder said the surgery was fine, but his horns had fallen off. Apparently the castration had caused a hormonal change and he could not sustain the growth of that beautiful rack that had nearly done me in.

-Duffy Dufour³

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Last week of summer camp

It's the last week of camp! By the time most of you read this, we'll have wrapped up our 2011 summer camp season. But if you're reading on Friday night, come on out for our end of the summer candlelight ceremony at the lake! We should be coming down the stairs sometime between 9:15 and 9:30 to serenade those who are out in their boats by the pier.

The theme this week was Renaissance Week. On Sunday night we played Capture the Crown, followed by a huge game of "Ride that Pony." Tuesday night was a Battle Royale, including Ball Wars and a Tug of War, followed by popsicles (it was hot!). Wednesday we did some water-jousting, and water relay races.

And on Thursday night we jumped off theme to have a Cardboard Boat race. Each team was given a cardboard box and a roll of duct tape, and had 30 minutes to construct a boat. Then they selected a member of their team to try to paddle the boat across

the shallow part of our swim area. The team whose boat was the fastest (and didn't sink!) won.

We finished the summer with a total of 585 campers for the season. That's an increase of 90 from last year's total of 495, and an increase of 235 from my first summer at camp in 2006! If you look at total beds filled (includes staff children and spots that we donated to various programs), we had a total of 647 campers over the course of the summer. There were 483 unduplicated participants (counting each unique child once, even if they attended more than one week).

Of those 647 campers in the grand total, 76 campers received full or partial financial assistance through our campership program. The average amount received was \$278.87 (about 65% of the camp fee of \$425). We raised a grand total of \$23,392.79 for the campership fund this year.

In addition, we donated 20 spots to the Camps 4 Champs program. The Camps 4 Champs program selects

children from the South Bend Center for the Homeless and the Boys and Girls Club of St. Joe County to attend camps around the community each year. This is the 4th year we have participated in the Camps 4 Champs program.

For the summer, we had a total of 249 male campers and 398 female campers. Campers came from 12 different states (IN, IL, MI, CA, FL, GA, KS, LA, OH, SC, TN, & WV), and 5 different countries (US, Belgium, The Netherlands, China, and the United Kingdom)! The average age of our campers was 11.09 years, and the average camper was going into 6th grade.

Now that camp is coming to a close, I hope to spend a lot more time out on the lake, and hope to see more of our wonderful lake neighbors! Have a great weekend!

-Miss Amber
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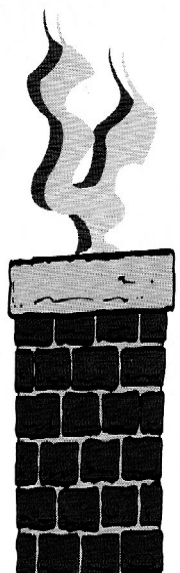
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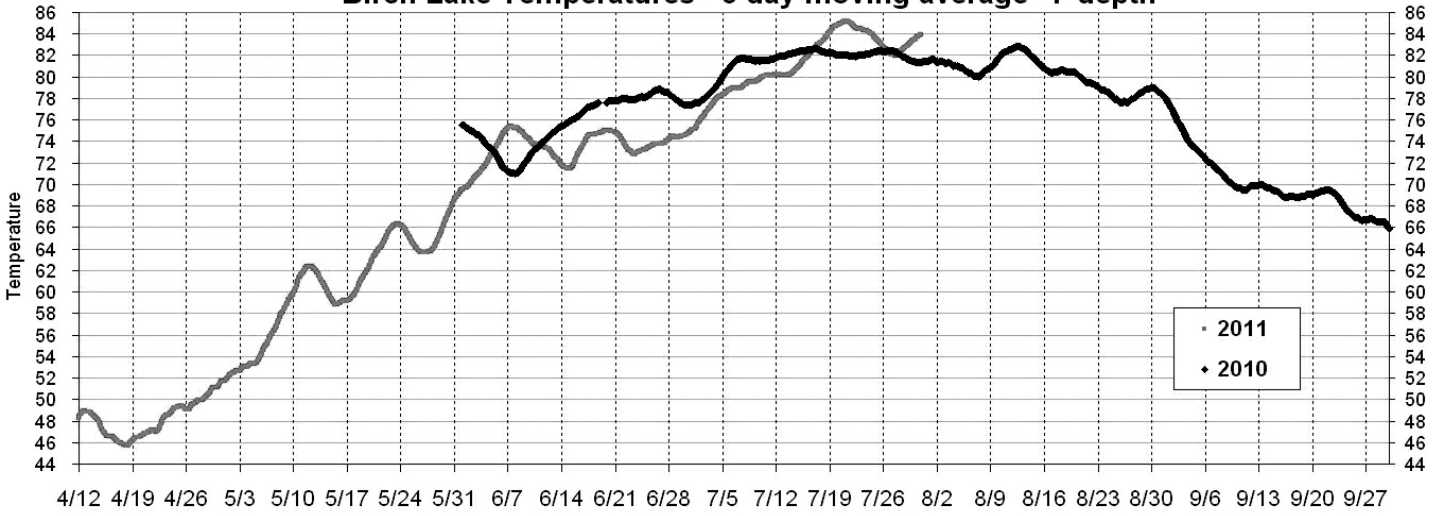
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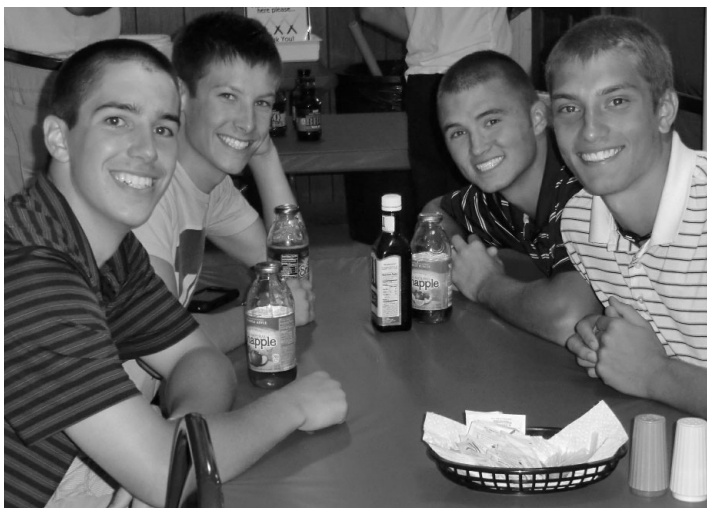
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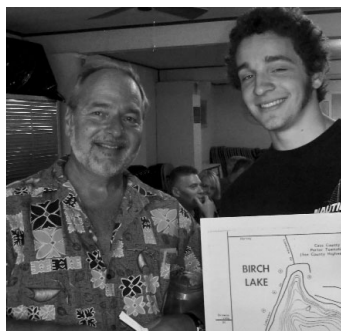
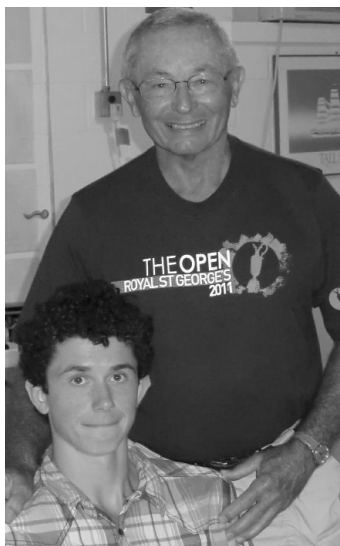
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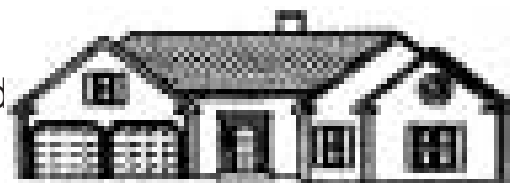
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— Barker kids of the Week —



Cameron McCay, granddaughter of Judie & Doug Eichorst, puts her art skills to work by redesigning the Birch Lake Welcome sign. Cameron teaches art in Abeline, TX.



Ben Petty reels in a bass! Ben is the third generation Birch Barker deliverer in his family. He is preceded by his mother, Sarah Wolf (Abernethy) Petty, and his grandmother Anne (O'Brien) Abernethy.. All delivering the barker on the North shore. Ben is the oldest of the 3 Petty boys!

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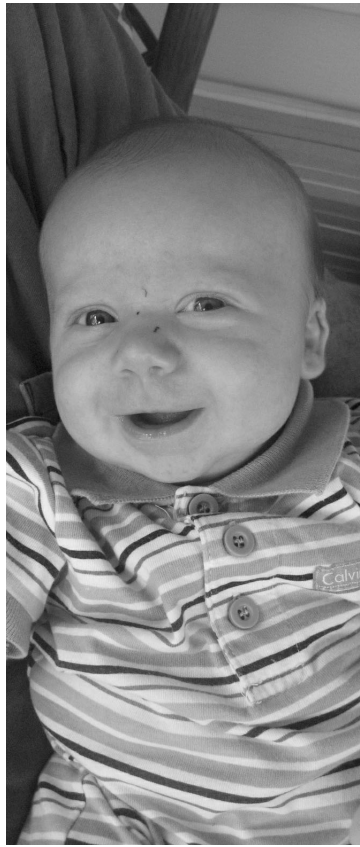
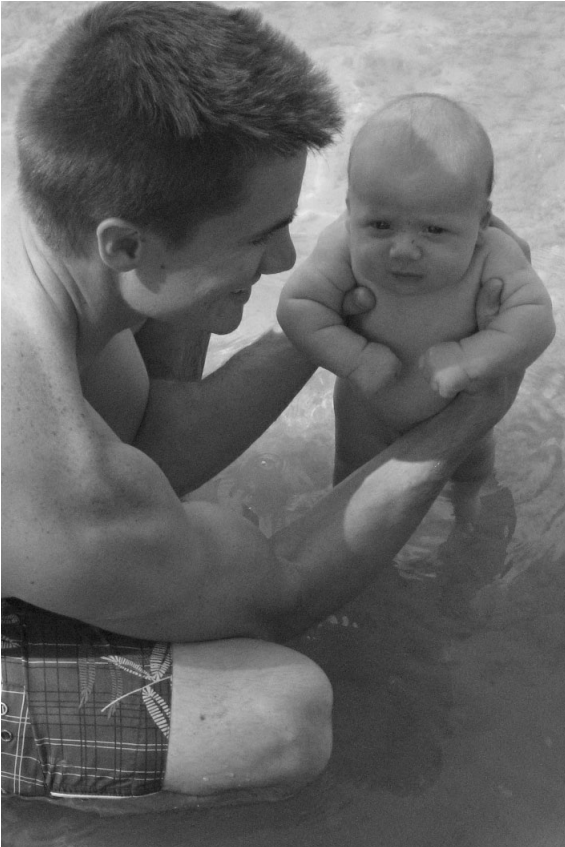
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— Barker kids of the Week —



Above (left and center) Clark Williams enjoyed his first visit to Grandma and Grandpa's house and celebrated his 2-month birthday with a swim in Birch Lake! Clark is the son of Matt and Colie Williams and grandson of Pat and Sue Williams.

(at right) Erikka (niece of the Russwurm's) and her BFF Abby came in from Ohio to enjoy an awesome girls day

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Nice to finally race again

It certainly was nice to finally race again. When I looked at the forecast and saw the high pressure system sitting overhead, I was expecting to scrub the races for a third week in a row. When we made the decision at 10 am to delay the start, I thought that Sunday was going to be a repeat of Saturday's no wind at all during the day. However, Harold said he could just barely see a breeze setting up on the northeastern shore. Sure enough, it did develop over the next hour. Never underestimate a seasoned Birch Lake sailor's trained eye at spotting wind.

The breeze was fairly steady at about 7 MPH during the first race. It lightened up during the second. Not the best, but we've sailed in worse.

After not sailing for 2 weeks we'll take what we can get. The wind was also even shiftier than normal, oscillating between due south and due west. It definitely had us scratching our heads as we set the course. We need to align the course into the prevailing winds but we also need to decide which side to place the offset (or Gybe) mark. Given the shape of the lake, it can make things tricky.

I wasn't the only one not expecting to race. We started the MC's on time, but had to wait for a few sunfish to arrive. The delayed start caused both classes to share an upwind beat to the windward mark. Mixing the classes can really hurt the smaller Sunfish's wind when the much larger MC crosses to windward. (Sorry Rick

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

for gassing you, but I was trying to catch Scott.)

I want to thank Karen Brovold, Julie and Steve Plaia and his brother Paul for running the committee boat. Again, without volunteers, we can't hold a race.

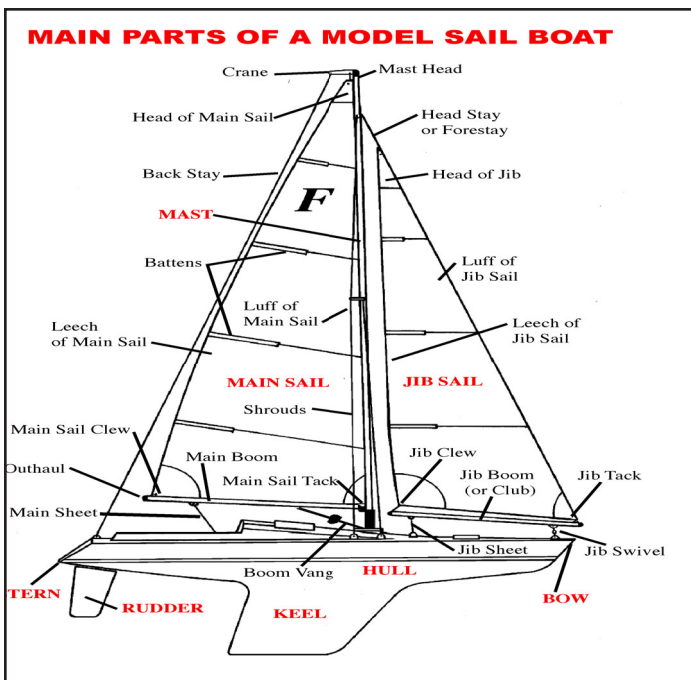
See you at the starting line...

Season sailing standings

Date	31-Jul	31-Jul	Total	Season	Races	%
Race	14	15	Points	Average	Finished	Finished

MC Scow					15	
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	19878	1529	13	86.7%
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	6	22081	1472	15	100.0%
Bob King #1199	6	3	15851	1441	11	73.3%
Bill Luecht #1579	DNS	DNS	18117	1394	13	86.7%
Dave Olson #1979	DNS	DNS	13207	1321	10	66.7%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	3	2	19717	1314	15	100.0%
Phil Vitale #500	5	5	19403	1294	15	100.0%
Gib Eberhart #916	7	7	14839	1237	11	73.3%
Tom Howard #1713	4	4	14255	1188	14	93.3%

Sunfish					15	
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	23763	1584	15	100.0%
Stewart Spratt	3	4	12020	1503	8	53.3%
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	DNS	DNS	11712	1464	8	53.3%
Chris of the Scofields	DNS	DNS	5853	1463	4	26.7%
Erica Vitale (White)	2	2	5707	1427	4	26.7%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	2817	1409	2	13.3%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	4	3	19192	1371	14	93.3%
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	DNS	DNS	2738	1369	2	13.3%
Peter Soldoto	DNS	DNS	10404	1301	6	40.0%
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	DNS	DNS	6482	1296	5	33.3%



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.

WHAT TO DO IF A FOUL OCCURS

IF YOU ARE FOULED

1. Avoid Contact!
2. Hail the word, "PROTEST" to the boat that you believe created the foul.
3. Raise a Red Protest Flag somewhere visible from your stern
4. At the finish, notify the Race Committee that you plan to issue a protest giving the name and/or sail number of the offending boat.
5. Once onshore, find a race official to fill out the appropriate paperwork.

Water Quality Committee Report

Phosphorous

Water Quality Program

Water Quality Committee Lake Management Report

Terry Dugan, Rick Russwurm, Gordon Seyfarth, Bruce Wagner, Paul Fallon, Chairman

As we have explained previously, the reason we have participated in and continue to participate in water quality testing programs is to evaluate the state of the lake over time, i.e. to see if there are trends indicating concerns or possibly even improvement. Two weeks ago, the article on transparency stated it is affected by productivity (the level at which a lake can support plant and animal life), as well as calcium carbonate precipitates (which result from the acidic spring waters passing through limestone deposits before entering the lake bottom). The graph included with that article indicated a very slight overall trend for increased transparency over the years, which could be considered positive. This data would suggest no general increase in overall productivity, i.e. plant or algal growth and thus a slow to negligible aging of the lake, at least from this measurement.

Productivity, the process by which all lakes eventually hyper-eutropy and essentially die, is a function of light, warmth, and especially available nutrients. One of the key limiting nutrients to algal growth is phosphorous. We have harped on this over the years and pleaded each year that you do not add phosphorous containing fertilizer to your lawn as this would just run off and end up in the lake. In the past, poor septic systems and dry wells had also been a source of phosphorous in the lake. Fortunately, our human source of phosphorous pollution to the lake has changed in two positive major ways in the last 20 years. The first was the almost entire overhaul of the septic systems and dry wells around the lake to meet code, largely to the credit of Gert and Bob Temple. The second factor was the eventual abandonment of the septic systems and dry wells as residents connected to the new sanitary sewer system.

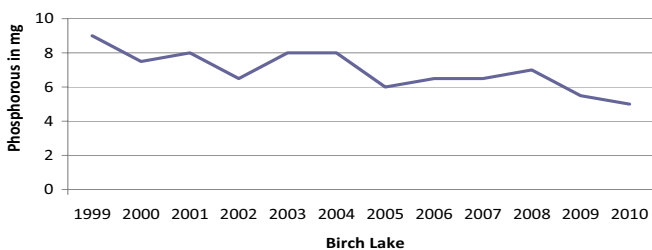
Phosphorous data is only available from the CLMP program from 1999 to 2010. This is shown in a graph below. As with the secchi disk readings, we see what looks like a general trend to the good with slightly lower phos-



phorous readings. The data in the graph is the mean phosphorous level from both spring and summer samplings. In the desire to classify, the average phosphorous level in what would be considered oligotrophic (typically deemed most desirable of the four classes) lakes is 8 mg/m³. So while our mean secchi disk readings might slightly fit more in the mesotrophic (typically deemed second most desirable) category, these phosphorous readings put us in the oligotrophic (most desirable) category. Again, the key will be to follow this over the years so as to inform the lake community of what changes are observed and what their causes might be.

Next, we will look at another measure of productivity, chlorophyll.


Average Phosphorous 1999 - 2010



1999.....9	2003.....8	2007.....6.5
2000.....7.5	2004.....8	2008.....7
2001.....8	2005.....6	2009.....5.5
2002.....6.5	2006.....6.5	2010.....5

2009-2010 Water Quality Report

The 2010 Water Quality Report on Birch Lake prepared by Dr. Wallace E. Fusilier, Consulting Limnologist with Water Quality Investigators of Dexter, MI, is now available online at the bottom of the same page as the 2011 Barkers ... go to <http://www.philvital.com> and follow the links to the newest printed Birch Barkers!

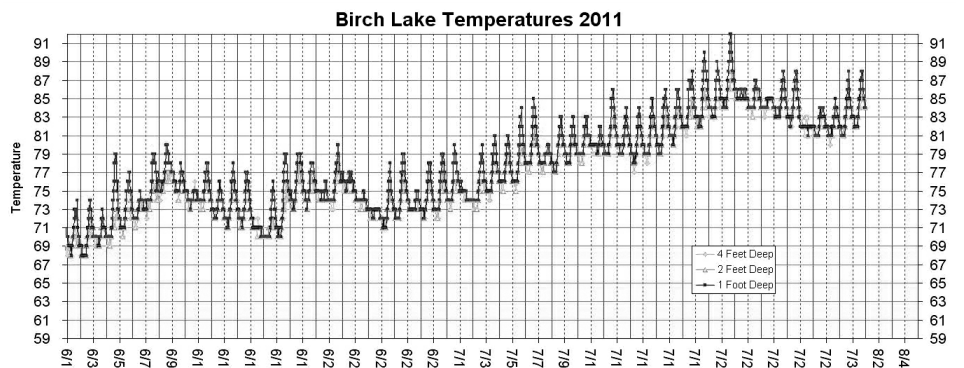


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Stu's Star Stuff

What's the deal with Juno?

We've been hearing a good bit about Juno lately. What's the deal with her anyway?

Juno, daughter of Saturn and Rhea, was sister and wife of Jupiter (sister AND wife?). Though the poets agree that she came into the world at the same birth with her husband, yet they differ as to the place. Some fix her nativity at Argos, others at Samos, near the river Imbrasmus. The latter opinion is, however, the more generally received. Samos, was highly honored, and received the name of Parthenia, from the consideration that so eminent a virgin as Juno was educated and dwelt there till her marriage.

As queen of heaven, Juno was conspicuous for her state. Her usual attendants were Terror, Boldness — Castor and Pollux, accompanied by 14 nymphs; but her most inseparable adherent was Iris, who was always ready to be employed in her most important affairs: she acted as messen-

ger to Juno, like Mercury to Jupiter. When Juno appeared as the majesty of heaven, with her sceptre and diadem beset with lilies and roses, her chariot was drawn by peacocks, birds sacred to her; for which reason, in her temple at Euboea, the emperor Adrian made her a most magnificent offering of a golden crown, a purple mantle, with an embroidery of silver, describing the marriage of Hercules and Hebe, and a large peacock, whose body was of gold, and his train of most valuable jewels. There never was a wife more jealous than Juno; and few who have had so much reason: on which account we find from Homer that the most absolute exertions of Jupiter were barely sufficient to preserve his authority. (Sound familiar anyone?)

There was none except Apollo whose worship was more solemn or extensive. The history of the prodigies she had wrought, and of the vengeance she had

taken upon persons who had vied with, or slighted her, had so inspired the people with awe, that, when supposed to be angry, no means were omitted to mitigate her anger; and had Paris adjudged to her the prize of Beauty, the fate of Troy might have been suspended. In resentment of this judgment, and to wreak her vengeance on Paris, the house of Priam, and the Trojan race, she appears in the Iliad to be fully employed. Minerva is commissioned by her to hinder the Greeks from retreating; she quarrels with Jupiter; she goes to battle; cajoles Jupiter with the cestus (an ancient battle glove) of Venus; carries the orders of Jupiter to Apollo and Iris; consults the gods on the conflict between Aeneas and Achilles; sends Vulcan to oppose Xanthus; overcomes Diana etc. This girl had an attitude.

She is generally pictured like a matron, with a grave and majestic air, sometimes with a sceptre in her hand, and a veil on her head: she is represented also with a spear in her hand, and sometimes with a patera (a broad shallow dish used for drinking), as if she were about to sacrifice: on some medals she has a peacock at her feet, and sometimes holds the Palladium. Homer represents her in a chariot adorned with gems, having wheels of ebony, nails of silver, and horses with reins of gold, though more commonly her chariot is drawn by peacocks, her favorite birds. The most obvious and striking character of Juno, and that which we are apt to imbibe the most early of any, from the writings of Homer and Virgil, is that of an imperious and haughty wife. In both of these poets we find her much oftener

The Moon for Aug. 6

Illuminated Fraction: 0.588
0.8 days since first quarter



scolding at Jupiter than caressing him, and in the tenth aeneid in particular, even in the council of the gods, we have a remarkable instance of this.

If, in searching out the meaning of this fable, we regard the account of Varro, we shall find, that by Juno was signified the earth; by Jupiter, the heavens; but if we believe the Stoics, by Juno is meant the air and its properties, and by Jupiter the ether: hence Homer supposes she was nourished by Oceanus and Tethys: that is, by the sea; and agreeable to this mythology, the poet makes her shout aloud in the army of the Greeks, the air being the cause of the sound.

Crazy stuff. Look up and let your imagination run away. The show never ends and it's always free. Where to go from here? Perhaps a meteor shower?

-Stu Spratt

Sunrise: 6:42am
Sunset: 8:58pm
Moonrise: 3:02pm
Moonset: 12:02am
First Qtr: 6:09am
Day length: 14h 16m



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ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20) Do not allow colleagues to hinder your ambitions. You may have been too nice to a friend who just wanted to take advantage of you. Real estate investments could be to your advantage. You'll have great insight. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) You are best to concentrate on your professional endeavors. Be sure to take care of the needs of youngsters. You will get out of shape easily if you don't keep on top of things. Be careful; you may upset someone you live with if you don't consult with them. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Curl up with a good book or go for a drive in the country. Don't let your work and your personal life interfere with each other. You may have difficulties finishing projects you start. Physical work or exercise should be part of your schedule. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Avoid overloading your plate. Do not jump to conclusions concerning your romantic partner. You can make sound financial investments if you act fast. Relationships will become stronger. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your personal life is going through a state of confusion. Luck is

with you, regardless of the financial venture. You will have problems with coworkers if you are too extreme about doing things perfectly. You will find that you are able to clear up a number of small but important details. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Think twice before you agree to take on any new projects. Be sure to pay attention to your bank account. Uncertainty regarding your mate may emerge; reevaluate what you see in each other. Watch your tendency to live for the day and to spend too much on entertainment and children; it could set you back. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) You need to look into ways to change your self-image. You can expect opposition from family as well as colleagues. Try to take some time to listen to their complaints, and in turn, do something to appease them. Don't make accusations unless you are completely sure that you are correct. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful not to confuse issues when discussing matters at hand. You will be relentless when it comes to getting yourself back in shape. Be careful not to come on too strongly. Education may be the answer. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sudden romantic encounters are likely, but discretion is a must. Don't be afraid to make a move if you aren't happy. You can make major decisions regarding your professional direction. You are ahead of your time, and trying to stay in one spot could be asking too much. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 20) Romantic opportunities are evident if you get involved in large groups or organizations. You will get out of shape easily if you don't keep on top of things. Secret affairs will only lead to deception. Your own small business on the side could ease your financial stress. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) A quiet restful day just staying in bed or catching up on reading will be your best bet. Self-improvement projects will payoff in more ways than one. The battle continues. Bring work home if it will help you get caught up. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) This could be the cause of a dispute that may result in estrangement. Be careful not to come on too strongly. Talk to your mate about a vacation and discuss the expectations of your relationship. Your temper may get the better of you if a colleague has tried to ruin your reputation. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

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- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 cup Sour Cream
- 1 cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 1/3 cup sliced black olives
- 1 tomato, chopped

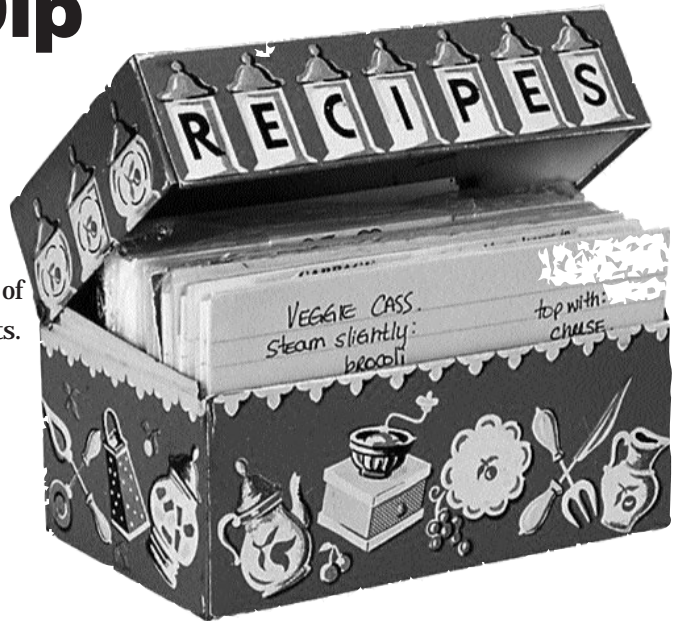
Make It

MIX beans, chili powder and cumin; spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate.

TOP with layers of remaining ingredients.

REFRIGERATE several hours.

SERVE WITH Nacho Chips



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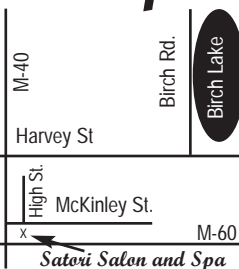
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Toro CCR 3650 snowblower, electric start, 6.5 HP, red, hasn't been used in a few years (no snow in FL), \$350.00 (was \$741 new in 12/03) Sparkybob 476-2293

16 ft 1986 Blue Fin Fishing Boat RUNS GREAT! Includes Trailer and Boat Cover, 25 hp Johnson Tiller Motor w/ Electric Start. Black Boat with Carpet Floor, Diamond Plate Bow & Newer Batteries, Front Trolling Motor w/ Foot Pedal, Fish Finder, Big Livewell, Pioneer Detachable Face CD Player, Cooler, Fishing Rod Storage & Bilge Pump. Stored Inside Garage During Winter. Call or Text Ray at (574) 309-8373

FOR FREE

Fallons have a box of **Diatomaceous Earth** (Swimming Pool chemical) free for the taking. First come, first serve. 63600 Birch Road. Word of advice, it does not defeat millipedes. They are still winning the war.

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.

Three bedroom cottage on Birch Lake's beautiful north shore. New well with wonderful drinking water

and indoor plumbing included. No mosquitos. Contact Stewart at 574.514.0667.

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FOR SALE CHICAGO/LAKEVIEW AREA TOWN-HOME — 3 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, hardwood floors, marble baths, Granite/maple/stainless eat-in kitchen, attached garage and tandem parking spot. Short walk to Lake Michigan and Wrigley Field! Questions and price info. please call Dan Soldato 574-514-5175.

FOR SALE — 40' frontage + .88 acres on North end of Birch Lake. House is 640 sq ft, year-round, but needs work. Will entertain all serious offers starting at \$175,000. If interested call 269-476-9846 or 269-244-8907.

FOUND

FOUND MONDAY: **One white pontoon bumper** washed up after storm, Lacy's #98 (south side) Found: **a pair of reading glasses** in the road behind 63486 Birch Road. Call Olson, 476-2125.

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.

Sponsors Wanted — The Sausage-Fest Waterskiing Challenge of 2011 needs contestants and, in 2010 second place finisher Team Spraghton's case, sponsors. There are no entry fees and no restrictions on rules other than how fast you are towed. Contact Stu Spratt for entry/sponsorships at 476.2113 or Keith Kinzler for entries.

Wanted — Looking for a resident of Birch Lake, with a pleasant personality, hard working, well organized, must be able to delegate, easy to work with and willing to go back to the Birch Lake Yacht Club for the great events and times experienced. Position — Vice Commodore 2012. Contact Vice Commodore Pam Mullin if interested and qualified!
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