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BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

# Birch Barker

Weekend of June 22, 2013

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Thanks to Mr. Bob for the cool sailboat race pic ...

## Spaghetti?

### Commodore's Comments

*Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind. "Pooh?" he whispered.*

*"Yes, Piglet?"*

*"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's hand. "I just wanted to be sure of you."*

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Commodore and Vice Commodore's party last weekend. As predicted, some fans of the school in Ann Arbor paid us a visit. Fortunately, they were very polite, decorated a table, and brought some excellent food. We had a good turnout, and we even got a visit from a number of camp counselors (thanks to Patty for inviting them). I can't remember the last time anyone danced during a Yacht Club party! We did find a pair of eyeglasses left at

the party. If you lost a pair, contact me. This Saturday is the Spaghetti Dinner at the Yacht Club. It's the last year that the East Side is hosting it, and they've promised another fantastic event.

In case you feel the need to show off this weekend, Wikipedia points out that "spaghetti is the plural form of the Italian word spaghetti." So you can try to look cool as you slurp pasta and inadvertently splash sauce all over your nice clothes.

When you get a chance, take a look at Birch Lake on Google Maps. They updated their imagery from just the last few months, and it's amazing how clearly you can see the scars where boat props struggle in shallow areas.

~ Commodore Chas

Question of the week:

Where is the deepest spot in Birch Lake and how deep is it?

### 2013 BLYC Calendar

June 22 .....	Sewer Plant Open House
June 22 .....	Spaghetti Dinner
July 6 .....	Fireworks and Boat Parade
July 7 .....	Fireworks rain date
July 7 .....	Pancake Breakfast
July 19 .....	Ladies Golf Outing
July 20 .....	Poker run
July 26 .....	Men's Golf Outing
July 26 .....	Ladies on the Lake
July 27 .....	Camp T Hog Roast
August 3 .....	Corn and Sausage Roast
August 17 .....	Fall Dinner
September 7 .....	Sailing Awards
September 14 .....	Card and Game Party
October 12 .....	Chili Cookoff

Note: ALL dates and times are subject to change.  
Watch the Barker for updates!

2013 Boat Parade  
Disney is the theme for the 4th of July boat parade for 2013  
The time has come again to start thinking about the 4th of July boat

The Birch Barker is always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. Please E-mail your materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, put the items in the stone newspaper/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore), mail to Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or any other materials returned. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200, or BLYC Commodore Chas Grundy, 269-476-7062. --Phil Vitale, editor

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## parade on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Disney parade is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 6th at 2 pm.

The activities will commence from Dick Bender's pier on the south side.

So get your creative juices going and let's have the best boat parade right here on beautiful Birch Lake.

Stay tuned for further details in upcoming issues of the Birch Barker

~ **Linda Curtis & Sue Waddle**

## Safety Alert: Giant Hogweed

Giant hogweed is an invasive plant currently growing in Northern areas of the country. The primary spread is in the Northwest in Washington and Oregon, and the Northeast in the New England area. In the Midwest, this plant has taken root in Michigan, Illinois and northern Indiana. Giant hogweed is especially dangerous due to the sap coating the entire plant. If the sap makes contact with skin or eyes, and is then exposed to any kind of UV light or moisture, it reacts in a way that inhibits our protection from UV light. What this means is that if an affected area is exposed to sunlight, skin can be severely burned and eyes can be blinded.

Attached to this email is a printable flier provide by the Michigan Department of Agriculture that includes a photo of the plant, examples of the kind of skin damage it can cause, information for how to



Duffy's Artwork — Thanks to Duffy Dufor (east side) for the cool paintings ....

work safely in the vicinity of the plant, and steps to take in case of exposure.

If you do happen to come across one, DO NOT touch it, but call 1-866 NO EXOTIC (1-866-663-9684). You will be asked for your name, address, phone number, what species you think you have seen, what county it is in and what you have seen. If you call after hours, please leave a message.

## Sewer Plant Open House

Ever wonder how an effluent sewer plant works? The Porter Township Sewer Plant will have an open house June 22 from 10 am thru 2 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

## Your Help is Needed!

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# — Birch Lake Notes —



Yay!! It's Spring!! Time to get ready for Mosquito invasions. ;-) Here's an easy & pleasant repellent recipe you can make at home:

- Combine in a 16 oz bottle:
- 15 drops lavender oil
- 3-4 Tbsp of vanilla extract
- 1/4 Cup lemon juice.
- Fill bottle with water.
- Shake.

Ready to use. Make some extra to gift to your neighbors, family & friends. (Trust me.. it'll be appreciated!)

flush any type of wipes, diapers or feminine hygiene products into the sewer system. These items get tangled in the grinder pumps and in lift stations causing maintenance problems that could be avoided. Problems like this may cause replacing pumps or other mechanical parts which may necessitate increasing the maintenance rate. If problem causing items are not flushed into the system the cost of maintenance and thus the sewer maintenance rate may be maintained.

#### Online content

The printed Birch Barker is online this season, ... go to [www.philvitale.com](http://www.philvitale.com) and follow the links.

The Michigan Lakes & Streams May Newsletter is also available at on the Printed Barker page.

#### Advertising in the Barker

We are still (and always) accepting both display and classified advertising for the Birch Barker (see page 17 of today's Barker).

Classified ads are free to members of the BLYC (non-member rate is \$5 per ad). Email your classified ads to the Barker at [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com).

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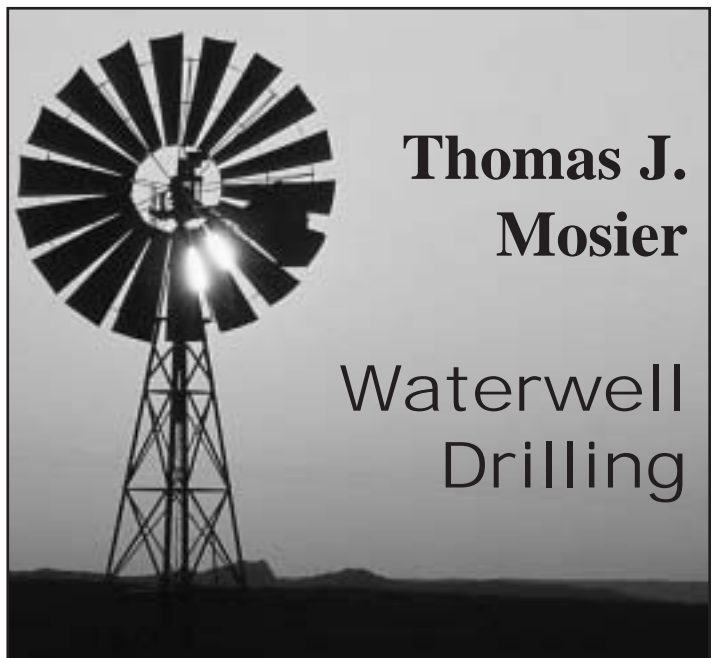
#### Barker Deadlines

Please be advised that the deadline for submitting information for any particular edition is always the Tuesday of the week before publication (example: the deadline for materials for the June 29 issue is Tuesday, June 25) ... thanks.



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- 1 gram of yeast
- 2-liter plastic bottle

**HOW:**

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2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.)

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# — Water Quality —

## Eurasian Milfoil treated

**E**urasian Milfoil is an aggressive, tall growing exotic aquatic plant from Europe and Asia. It is capable of growing to the surface in up to 10 to 15 feet of water. At the surface it forms a dense canopy of vegetation over other plants. Many native plants may be reduced in abundance by the Milfoil canopy. It also conflicts with many recreational activities. In dense conditions it is a serious localized and lake wide problem. It is not a significant food crop for waterfowl, other birds or aquatic mam-

als. It readily regenerated from detached fragments and spreads rapidly. Consequently this plant can form dense colonies covering much of a lake's shore line out to a depth of about 20 feet.

We began monitoring aquatic vegetation in Birch Lake in 2001. We were part of a Michigan Lake & Stream program that mapped the aquatic plants in Birch Lake. Howard Wandell provided professional assistance to the Birch Lake Water Quality Committee. The mapping project revealed that Birch Lake had a

moderate plant population consisting of a good variety of species none of which dominated. At that time the survey determined that we did not have Eurasian Milfoil.

In 2007 Eurasian Milfoil was discovered at three sites. Progressive AE provided professional assistance and is still under contract.

For 2013



Progressive AE surveyed the entire lake for all types of invasive species in late May. Their survey turned up a total of 1-1/4 acres of Eurasian Milfoil at two sites, one by the landing and the other at the north end of the east shore. Professional Lake Management has already treated the sites (on Tuesday 6/11/13) and Progressive AE will do a second survey.

This annual program is important in order to keep the Milfoil under control and to detect any other invasive species in the early stages to enable us to better control them. With your continued support we can maintain this vital program, and avoid having to deal with the acres of invasive species that are currently challenging so many other lakes.



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# — Barker kids of the Week —



Cam Petty (north shore) was working the knee board last week. Cam is 8 this summer!

## Kid of the Week

The Birch Barker will try to print (and usually does) all photos of kids (of any age), pets and even the occasional bug, swan, duck or other lake critter as long as the photos meet our rigid decency standards. Please email photos to [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com) and accompany them with the names and any other identifying or pertinent info ... thanks!

John Luecht, the son of Bill and Bad Patty Luecht (east side) conducts his fellow students in the Danville High School Wind Ensemble in the performance of his original composition, "American Reunion." This photo and a story about John appeared recently (on the front page) in the family's hometown newspaper in Danville, IN. The story is at: <http://flyergroup.com/local/x1076952545/Autistic-teen-finds-voice-in-music#sthash.1URz9H8>



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# — New Kids on the Lake —

## Meet Bob & Kelli Bienz

by KYLE BERNACIAK

Bob and Kelli Bienz, along with their two young sons Braden and Brody, are some of Birch Lake's newest faces. In the lake tradition of providing unrelenting hospitality and rich camaraderie, it is an honor to introduce the Bienz family to my fellow lakers. So, please stop by their pier or give a friendly wave on the road next time you run into one of them. We are very excited to have you as our neighbors.

Here's a little more about them:

**Q:** How did you learn about the lake/ how did you come across your recently purchased land?

**A:** A friend that lived on Kinsey St. (Ryan Gableman) mentioned an open lot for sale so we jumped on it knowing we eventually wanted to build our next house. There were a lot of people interested in the lot, but luckily we won the

bid and purchased the lot in 2008.

We couldn't start building until we sold our first house (Diamond Lake area) and that didn't happen until the fall of 2009, so we started building December 2009. Bob owns his own construction business, (Diamond Construction) and he built our entire house. We moved in Memorial Day Weekend 2010.

**Q:** What was your first impression of the lake?

**A:** We love that this lake is a community oriented place, everyone is so friendly and it is just a nice place to live. We love having lake access as well because my husband likes to fish and we like to go out on our pontoon and enjoy the summers on water. The lake is so refreshing and so relaxing. Our 2 little boys (Braden - 4, Brody - 2) like to swim at the pier as well. We also like living up on the hill on Kinsey St. because our

view is amazing, overlooking the lake, and the traffic is minimal which is nice.

**Q:** Have the neighbors and fellow lakers been friendly and made your move to the lake inviting and smooth?

**A:** Everyone is so friendly, whether you are driving by or taking a walk around the lake. We love living in this area. Our neighbors up on Kinsey St. have been more than welcoming and we really enjoy all of them.

**Q:** What is your favorite lake activity?

**A:** Bob likes to fish, whether in the summer or in the winter, but we also enjoy hanging out at the lake, going for pontoon rides, swimming down at the pier, or even just taking a golf cart ride around the lake.

*If anyone knows of new faces on the lake and needs help introducing them to neighbors, feel free to email me at [kyle.bernaciak@hope.edu](mailto:kyle.bernaciak@hope.edu) or put a note in my mailbox (cottage #157).*

# SLOW DOWN

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# BIRCH BARKER FUNNIES



PONDERISMS (some things to think about)  
 I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.  
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# Fleet Captain's Corner



## Sailing Birch Lake

Another fine Sunday morning sailing on our wonderful waters. Winds were from 5 to 12 mph, depending on where we were along the course.

The winds were typical, one minute coming from one direction, the next minute another, and the speed of the winds mimicked the direction.

As always I want to thank our committee boat participants, Bill and "Bad Patty" Luecht and my wife Amy for their time starting the races and compiling race results! I would also like to thank Jeff Smitley and Harold Cramner from setting the marks and course each week, they make all this possible.

If anyone out there has an MC or a Sunfish and would like to come out for a little Sunday fun, you are more than welcome to join us — once you try it you will be hooked! Just a reminder, all of us started with our first race!

Again, if anyone would like to help with the committee boat, please con-

tact "Bad Patty" or myself, for a great Sunday morning adventure!!

Thanks, Fleet Captain Mike  
~Fleet Captain "Mike"

COMMITTEE BOAT:  
June Races  
June 23 — OPEN  
June 30 — Bad Patty

4th of July Regatta  
(these dates may change due to the Pancake Breakfast. Please watch for updates.)

July 6 — OPEN  
July 7 — OPEN

July Races  
14 — Bad Patty  
21 — OPEN  
28 — OPEN  
August Races

4 — Bad Patty  
11 — OPEN  
18 — Amber and Chas  
25 — OPEN



We need volunteers to help with the Committee boat!

To sign up to do (or help with) the Committee Boat for Sunday sailing, contact Mike Lutz via email at: [mmtlconcrete@aol.com](mailto:mmtlconcrete@aol.com) or call him at 476-2843.

Labor Day Regatta  
August 31 — OPEN  
Sept. 1 — Bad Patty  
Sept. 2 — OPEN



## 2013 BLYC Sailing Season Results

Race	4	29	40	Total	Point
Date	16-Jun	16-Jun	16-Jun	Points	Average
<b>MC Scow</b>					
Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	3	4565	1522
Bob King #1199	3	3	4	4257	1419
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	1	2	9138	1523
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412				4340	1447
Phil Vitale #500	5	4	1	8599	1433
Gib Eberhart #916	4	5	5	6926	1385
Bill Luecht #1579	-1	-1	-1	8591	1432
<b>Sunfish</b>					
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	4800	1600
Sandy Vitale (White)	5	5	2	8755	1459
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	2	4	3	8666	1444
Stewart Spratt				4569	1523
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	4	3	5	8222	1370
Peter Soldoto				4034	1345
Bill Butler	3	2	4	8009	1335

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.

-1 - indicates Committee Boat participation

# Stu's Star Stuff

## There You Have It

The Milky Way galaxy is most significant to humans because it is home sweet home. But when it comes down to it, our galaxy is a typical barred spiral, much like billions of other galaxies in the universe. Let's take a look at the Milky Way and then we'll be done.

A glance up at the night sky reveals a broad swath of light. Described by the ancients as a river, as milk, and as a path, among other things, the band has been visible in the heavens since Earth first formed. In reality, this intriguing line of light is the center of our galaxy, as seen from one of its outer arms.

As previously mentioned, the Milky Way is a barred spiral galaxy, and about 100,000 light-years across. If you could look down on it from the top, you would see a central bulge surrounded by four large spiral arms that wrap around it. (Cultural aside...In space, or in the universe, is there a top or bottom or up or down?) Spiral galaxies make up about two-thirds of the galaxies in the universe.

The Milky Way does not sit still, but is constantly rotating. As such, the arms are moving through space. Our sun and solar system travel with them. The solar system travels through space with the rest of our portion of the galaxy at an average speed of 515,000 miles per hour, or around

15 miles per second. Even at this rapid speed, the solar system would take about 230 million years to travel all the way around the Milky Way.

Not only is the Milky Way spinning, it is also moving through the universe. Despite how empty space might appear in the movies, it is filled with dust and gas and other galaxies. The massive collections of stars are constantly crashing into one another, and the Milky Way is not immune.

In about four billion years, the Milky Way will collide, as I gratuitously mentioned last week, with its nearest neighbor, the Andromeda Galaxy. The Andromeda Galaxy is obviously not the most careful of drivers. It shows signs of having already crashed into another galaxy in the past. The two of us are rushing towards each other at about 70 miles per second. When we collide, we will provide a fresh influx of material that will kick off star formation anew.

As late as the 1920s, astronomers thought all of the stars in the universe were contained inside of the Milky Way. It wasn't until Edwin Hubble discovered a special star known as a Cepheid variable, which allowed him to precisely measure distances, that astronomers realized that the fuzzy patches once classified as nebula were actually separate galaxies.

When you look up to find the Big

### The Moon for June 15

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.999

0.2 days until full moon



Sunrise: 6:09am

Sunset: 9:23pm

Moonrise: 9:34pm

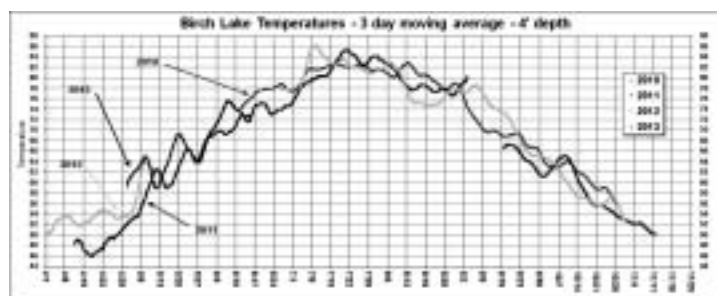
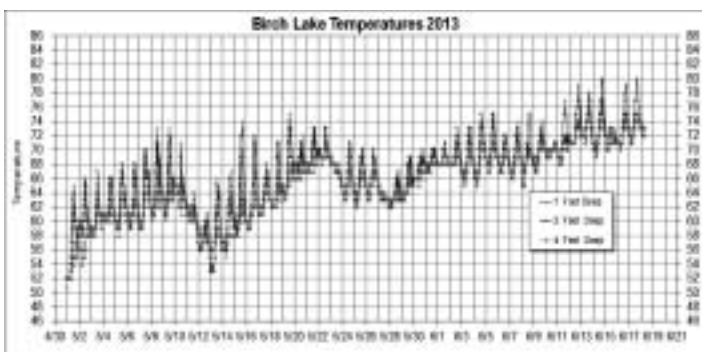
Moonset: 6:27am

Full Moon: 7:33am

Day length: 15h 14m

Dipper, the Tea Pot, Leo the Lion, Orion or any of the other familiar constellations we see from the lake you are looking at a part of our home galaxy. The Milky Way contains over 200 billion stars, and enough dust and gas to make billions more.

Sorry for the mix-up last week. Look up and see the show. It'll go on without me. Same price.



Water Temperature charts provided by Steve Quinlan (west side)



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- \* team prizes and contests
- \* dinner only, \$28 per person
- \* dinner includes 10oz. prime rib, side salads, corn on the cob.
- \* lunch **not** included but the club has complete restaurant and beverage service available.
- \* prizes awarded during dinner.

The mens' and ladies' outings are looking for donations of door prizes. If you have access to logo merchandise that could be donated to one or both, please contact Bill Holleman at [wildbillh24@aol.com](mailto:wildbillh24@aol.com) or Chas Grundy at [chas.grundy@gmail.com](mailto:chas.grundy@gmail.com) for Men's Outing or Bad Patty Luecht at [pgalloway4@yahoo.com](mailto:pgalloway4@yahoo.com) for Ladies' Outing

Last year we had 60 golfers participate. I'm sure there are more golfers out there..

- \* **Send entries to** Bill Holleman or Chas Grundy 63258 Kinsey St. Vandalia Michigan 49095 or Phil Vitale 63174 Birch Road, Vandalia, Michigan 49095

## 2013 BLYC Men's Golf Foursome Information

Team Captain:

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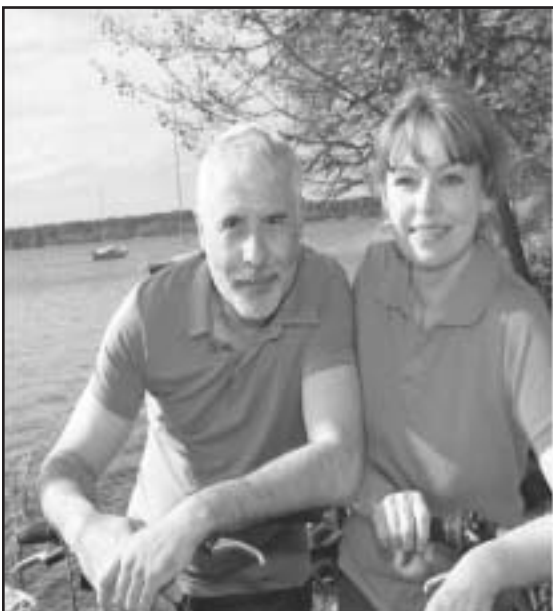
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**TAURUS** — (Apr. 21-May 21) — Try not to upset others with your plans. Be careful not to take on other people's problems. You may find yourself in a financial bind. You will communicate easily and should be able to accomplish all that you set out to do. Don't make accusations unless you are completely sure that you are correct. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**GEMINI** — (May 22-June 21) — New emotional connections can be made through business contacts. Don't go out of your way, and don't let these unexpected guests cost you money. Don't hesitate to look for alternatives that will enable you to raise the kind of donations you need to do the job right. A better diet, exercise, or a change to a relaxed atmosphere could be ways to soothe your nerves. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**CANCER** — (June 22-July 22) — Fitness or weight loss programs will help your self esteem. Unexpected changes in friendships could occur. You might not be as reserved on an emotional level as you'd like. You can sell your ideas to those who have the money to back them. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**LEO** — (July 23-Aug 22) — You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. This will not be the day to have minor surgery. You will have the discipline to make changes you feel are necessary. Channel your energy into projects that will enhance your home. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**VIRGO** — (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — Someone you care about may not be too well. Residential moves will also be advantageous for all concerned. Try to do things with children that will enable you to bond closer to them. Your sensitivity toward those you love will capture their hearts. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**LIBRA** — (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Equilibrium in your romantic life is likely if you treat your partner well. You need to clear up some important personal documents before the end of the year. Try to keep a low profile. Compromise will be necessary. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**SCORPIO** — (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep your mind on your work and stay away from situations that could ruin your reputation. Difficulties with females you live with could cause emotional stress. Travel will promote new romantic encounters and additional cultural knowledge. You may be sensitive about friends and their situations. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**SAGITTARIUS** — (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) — Spend some time with the one you love. Pleasure trips will be satisfying. You will be too quick to point your finger at your mate. Keep calm. Someone around you is bouncing off the walls. Look into ways to make your home more comfortable. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**CAPRICORN** — (Dec 22-Jan. 20) — Family trips or projects should be on your mind. Try not to take everything so seriously. Time spent with family, children, or good friends will be regenerating and positive. Join a club to work off that excess energy; but consider ways of doing that without spending the money. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**AQUARIUS** — (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) — Someone may be trying to take advantage of you. Interaction with colleagues will only be upsetting. Major moves will be emotional and not necessarily to your benefit. Opportunities for romance will develop through activities with large groups. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**PISCES** — (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Any intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. Make residential changes that will lift your spirits. You could be quite erratic regarding your personal relationship. Opportunities to meet new lovers will evolve through your interaction with groups or fundraising functions. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~

## Crock Pot Beer Chicken



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs skinless, boneless chicken breasts (I used 8 breasts, 4oz ea)
- 1 bottle or can of your favorite beer (I used Guinness)
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

### INSTRUCTIONS

Place all ingredients in the crock pot, and cook on high for 4-5 hrs, or low for 6-8 hrs.

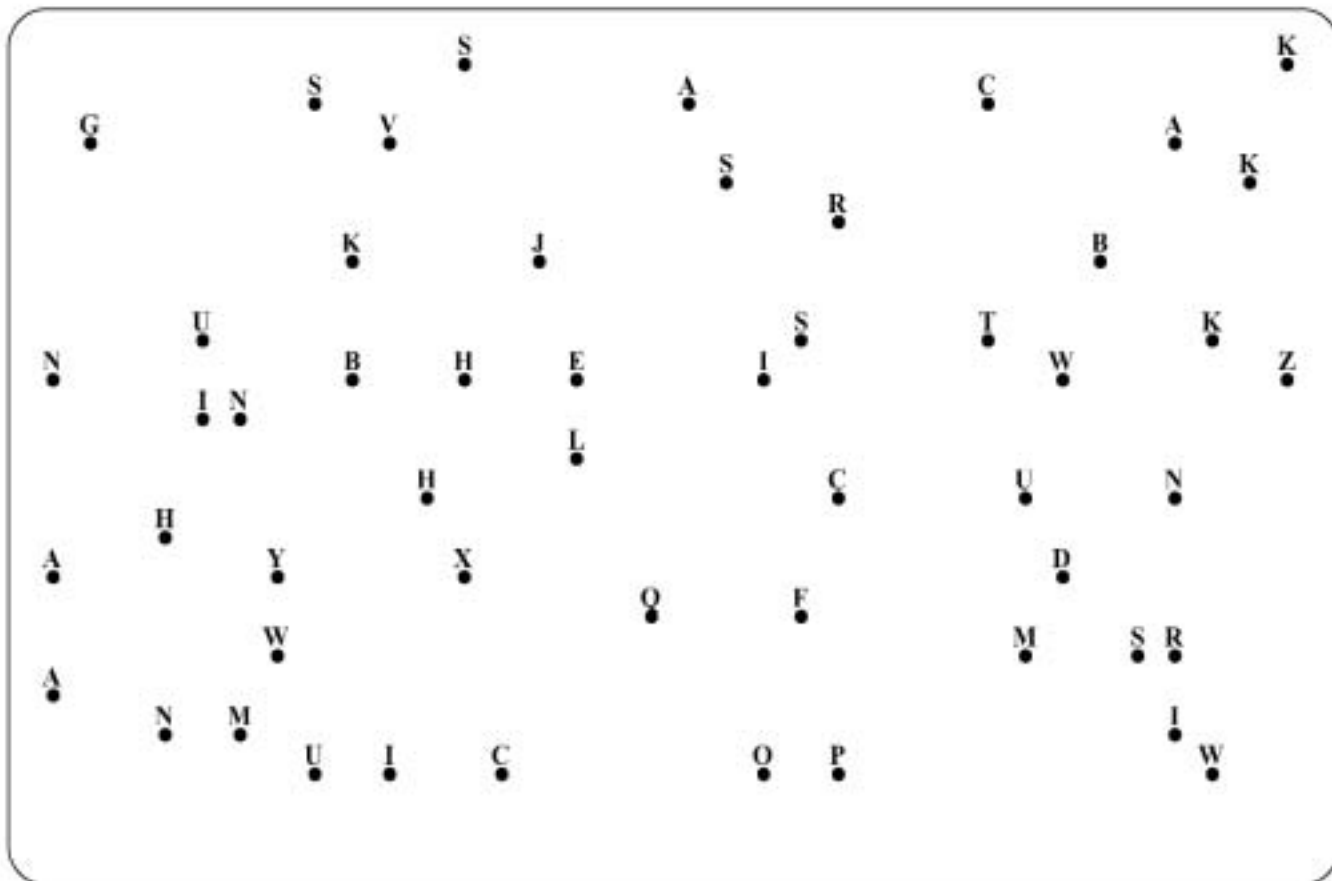
Feel free to change out the spices and herbs and use whatever you'd like.

Preparation time: 5 minute(s)

## —BIRCH LAKE WORDSEARCH PUZZLE—

Connect the dots to form words.  
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# Camp Tannadoonah

## Princess T joins us ...

If you get your Barker before 7 pm Friday, come on out for our end-of-the week camp fire down at the lake! Princess Tannadoonah will be paddling in to light the first Council Fire of the season down at the waterfront.

We had an adventurous first week with 75 campers. The theme was All Star Sports Week, so on Sunday evening we had a Soccer tournament. The counselors decorated the dining hall with goal posts, chalk lines on the floor and a soccer goal.

Monday night was cookout — and we got all our cooking done just in time for the surprise thunderstorm that rolled in around 8 pm!

Tuesday night we had a series of different sporting competitions — a tug of war, relay races, a basketball tournament, and a gaga ball tournament.

Wednesday night we played Capture the Flag, which is always a camper favorite.

The first week is always an adventure, as we work out all the kinks and figure everything out. We had a bit of a rough start to the week, with some boat problems, our camp health software not working properly and some plumbing

and electrical problems. But everything sorted itself out and we were able to get everything up and running. Many thanks to Jim Bolinger, Ron Whiteman, and Mike Lutz for helping fix things and loaning us equipment!!!

We've also had two volunteers from the lake who have been working on landscaping up at camp — planting flowers, weeding the flower beds, and taking care of the gardens. Thank you to Judy Olson and Martha Ponsler for all their help!

If you have a chance to come up to camp sometime, check out the new signs at the Murphy Sports Complex, near the waterfront stairs, and in the flower bed by the dining hall. Mr. Tony Laskowski arranged to have them routed and then painted and installed them, and they look awesome. We're also in the process of getting a new sign made for the end of the camp driveway!

Next week we have another medium-sized group, with 76 campers registered so far. The theme is Hollywood Week, and we have lots of fun stuff planned. We are offering a new program this year, called Glee! It's a musical theater class, led by Brittany Gableman

and Claudia Phipps. We also have a new CSI Adventure program next week, with many mysteries to be solved.

Our total numbers for the summer are trending a bit behind last year now. We have a total of 526 registered campers, which about 45 behind this date last year. The past two weeks have been very slow for registrations this year, and they were very busy last year. We ended the summer last year at 706, and are shooting for a similar number this year, so we have some work to do! Please keep recruiting your camp-age friends and family!

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Hog Roast, taking place on July 27th up at Camp! There's lots of great food, live music, and awesome company. This year we hired a camp photographer to make sure we get great shots of every activity each week. She's doing an amazing job so far! Check out the camp pictures online at <http://flickr.com/photos/tannadoonah>. Miss Laura posts new photos daily.

-Miss Amber

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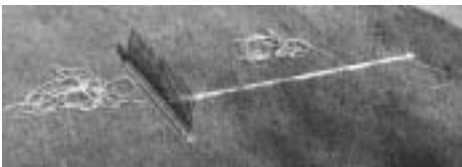
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