



The weekend of July 26 2014

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to the Fleet Captain's First Mate Amy Lutz for the unusual sailing photo from a recent race.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

If you missed the Ladies Golf Outing last Friday, I feel sorry for you! It was a great day of fun, laughter, and even a LITTLE bit of golf!!

We had 6 teams come out this year to Diamond Lake Golf Course and it was a near perfect day! Comfortable temperatures and blue skies made it ideal conditions to play 9 holes.

I'd like to thank all our generous hole sponsors for making the outing such a success: Denise and Jeff Smitley — Industrial Pack Industries, Amy and Mike Lutz — Lutz Concrete, Good Patti and Rick Russwurm — Paramount Management, Lee Oswalt — Zimmy's Tavern, Phil and Sandy Vitale, Bob and Sue Waddle, Blair Garceau, Terry Curtis, and Bill Luecht.

Stacy Whiteman drove the water cart, Stan Pitakos kept us honest on hole 8 as we attempted "soccer golf" and our photographer, Bob "Sparky" Waddle

captured us all on film.

Winning teams were: 1st Place — Dana Soldato (1st time golfer!), Allyson Gills, Carol McCoy and Jackie Frews; 2nd Place — Lois Groszek, Judy Gibson, Sherri Turbinis, and Pat Guzzi; 3rd Place — (Tied) Amy Lutz, Carla Chester, Denise Trybula and me; 3rd Place — (Tied) Angela Bergan, Linda Bergan, Vickie Rogers and Blair Garceau; 5th Place — Barb Zesinger, Sue Waddle, Linda Curtis, and Deb Bolinger; 6th Place — Denny Weesner, Irene Steffen, Mardy Miller, and Lynn Decocker.

Many many thanks to all that helped me in pulling this all together, (Blair, Amy, Vickie, Sandy, Deb) and helping out at Lunker's to make it go smoothly. I couldn't have done it without you!! (I hope I didn't forget anyone, and I am so sorry if I did!) We will do it all again next summer, July 17, 2015! Hope you mark your calendars and come out to join us!

No wind last Sunday = No sailing! I

2014 Birch Lake Calendar

- July 25.....BL Men's Golf Outing
- Aug 2.....Corn and Sausage BLYC
- Aug 16 Camp T Hog Roast
- Aug 23BLYC Fall Dinner — Page 9
- Oct 18 Chili Cook Off
- May 2, 2015.....BLYC Spring Dinner
- June 27, 2015.....People's Regatta
- July 4, 2015 Fireworks
- July 5, 2015Pancake Breakfast
- July 17, 2015Ladies' Golf Outing

Dates subject to change.
Watch the Barker for updates!

missed not being out there to harass the sailors! (I think they were thankful for the break from me!) Instead we enjoyed a tranquil day on the lake with our families and friends. We all need a lot more of those kind of days to make us realize how very lucky we are here. I think we have such a wonderful and unique sense of community on this lake, unlike several other lakes in the area. I can't say it

— Birch Lake Notes —

enough ... I LOVE BIRCH LAKE!!!

Coming up the Men's Golf Outing July 25. I know Peter has done a lot of work to make this an exceptionally good outing for all the men golfers. Again, thanks Peter for taking on this event!

Corn and sausage August 2 at the BLYC. One of my favorite evenings! How can you not like it? Men cooking for you and beautiful ladies behind the counter! Just a reminder, if you want adult beverages that night, you need to bring your own. Tea and lemonade will be provided.

Fall dinner is coming. Read the Barker for information regarding times and ticket sales. I still have that shiny new quarter for anyone with information concerning the new vice commodore!

No one has come forward in the case of the missing Vera Wang shoes! Again, any information you may have will be strictly confidential and you will remain anonymous. Contact the Shoe Police at 476-2615.

So have fun on the lake, stay safe, watch for the pink lights and always remember ...

PINK ... it's not just a color, it's an ATTITUDE!!!!

~Bad Patty, Commodore 2014

Impeach the Commodore!

Fellow Birch Lakers arise! After last Sunday's horrible lack of wind for the sailors and the overcast, gray day that followed, I call for action! Shouldn't



Thanks to Stacie Whiteman for helping out at the Ladies Golf Outing!

the Commodore be held responsible? She should have done something! What, was she, sleeping all day? We all spend a lot of money to have a place here, and we don't expect this kind of mediocre weather in the middle of July! We deserve more! I think it's time to consider impeaching the Commodore — and that's only because tar & feathers and lynching are illegal in Michigan!

~Miss Demeanor

Corn & Sausage Roast – August 2, 2014 – Be Prepared!

It's almost here! The event you've been waiting all summer for is just around the corner! Get your taste buds ready for the annual Corn & Sausage Roast, next Saturday, August 2. From 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Yacht Club we'll be serving delectable meals consisting of

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Men's Golf this Friday (July 25)

The Birch Lake Yacht Club's annual Men's Golf Outing will begin with a shotgun start at Noon at Sauganash Country Club in Three Rivers. Please arrive early enough to check in.

Fall Dinner is coming!

A big thanks goes out to Mary Karceski (north shore) for handling ticket sales for this year's Fall Dinner on Saturday August 23. Her responsibilities include finding volunteers to handle ticket sales for their respective shores and selling tickets at the Corn and Sausage roast on August 2.

So far, she has recruited Vickie Rogers to sell tickets in the cove and west shore, Good Patti Russwurm for the north shore, Sue Waddle on east shore and Sue Williams on the south shore.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the

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door. Look for the full page announcement in the Barker for more information on this event.

~VC Fry

DNR's fishing-friendly website

With the summer moving right along, the DNR has set up a website that can help you find great places to go fishing. The Family Friendly Fishing Waters section of the website www.michigan.gov/fishing connects you with many local fishing opportunities.

The website features a map of Michigan; just click on the county you are interested in fishing and you will be provided with a list of one or more family-friendly locations to fish.

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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



Doug and Judie Eichorst entertained Judie's 8th Grade Class from St. Joseph's, Mishawaka. The group was celebrating their 61st reunion at "We Luv It" on the south side.

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— Barker kids of the Week —



Grace Elizabeth Gibbs; she and parents Danny & Carly Gibbs visited Carly's parents PJ and Sue Vandewalle (east side) at Birch Lake for the first time at 3 weeks old July 12th! All three had a wonderful time!



Steve Waxman (brother of Dan Waxman, east side) with his kids Mary, David, Walter and William. Visiting from Kansas City and going to Camp Tannadoonah for 2 weeks!

**Send in your
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— Barker kids of the Week —



The adorable grandson of Peter and Denise Trybula (east side), Brayden Joseph Trybula, 5 mos. It was his first visit to the lake and he definitely plans to bring his parents back soon for more pontooning on our beautiful lake.



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Action Halted — No Wind!

As you may be aware of, we did not sail last weekend due to the lack of wind. The winds were so light that it would have been difficult to get the boats to the starting line, let alone complete any races. We will hope for better conditions this weekend and for the rest of the season.

We are still looking for some volunteers for the committee boat, so if you have any spare time on Sunday mornings in the next month or so, please give Amy or myself a call so we can set you up with a great entertainment opportunity.

I need to thank everyone that has been on the committee boat, Harold, Steve and Julie for setting the marks, Jeff for tallying the scores, Amy for getting the info to everyone and to Phil for taking the time edit and get things in

the Barker. Thanks to everyone without you it couldn't happen!!

Until next week,
~Fleet Captain Mike

Committee Boat Assignments for the upcoming Races

July Races
27 — *Bad Patty*

August Races
3 — *Bad Patty*
10 — *Bad Patty*
17 — *Committee boat needed*
24 — *Committee boat needed*

Labor Day Regatta
August 30 — open
August 31 — open
Sept. 1 — open



Committee Boat volunteers are still needed to help start races. It's fun, It's easy; will train! Call Mike or Amy at 476-2843.

2014 Weekly/Season Sailing Results

Date	13-Jul.....	13-Jul.....	13-Jul.....	Season Total	Season
Race	19.....	20.....	21.....	Points.....	Average.....

MC Scow/Sailor

Scott Troeger #1489.....	1.....	4.....	1.....	26732.....	1572.....
Jeff Smitley #2002.....	3.....	1.....	2.....	26938.....	1497.....
Phil Vitale #500.....	4.....	3.....	3.....	22739.....	1421.....
Bob King #1199.....	2.....	5.....	4.....	23617.....	1389.....
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412.....	6.....	2.....	5.....	27120.....	1356.....
Bill Luecht #1579-3/4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	23285.....	1294.....
Gib Eberhart #916.....	7.....	7.....	6.....	17837.....	1274.....

Sunfish/Sailor

Stewart Spratt.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	18890.....	1574.....
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue).....	2.....	2.....	3.....	16737.....	1522.....
Brad Davis.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	11791.....	1474.....
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow).....	3.....	4.....	5.....	21378.....	1425.....
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue).....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	4186.....	1395.....
Herb Cleveland.....	4.....	3.....	4.....	11110.....	1389.....
Peter Soldoto.....	5.....	5.....	2.....	12185.....	1354.....
Chris of the Scofields.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	2525.....	1263.....
Bill Butler.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	12276.....	1228.....
Nick Anderson.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	9739.....	1217.....
Camille Butler.....	DNS.....	6.....	6.....	15454.....	1189.....

Legend:

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** are 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.



— Water Quality Report —

Why is our lake cloudy?

As part of our water monitoring program we weekly measure the transparency using an approximately 8" diameter (secchi) disc with alternating quadrants of black and white that is lowered into the lake with a tape measure. The depth at which the disc is no longer discernible is measured and recorded.

Every year, the lake starts out in the spring with good clarity followed by increased cloudiness during summer. Normal transitions have been from in the area of 30+ feet in the spring to around 10 feet or maybe a little less in the summer.

This year we had an incredible reading of 50 feet in the spring which is almost 10 feet below what we have seen since doing these measurements.

However, in the recent couple of weeks the lake has taken on a truly cloudy appearance with a secchi disc reading of only 6 feet.

In addition to the direct transparency readings, we also do monthly chlorophyll measurements, which indicate the amount of algae that are

growing (typically in response to increased sunlight and warmth). Increased algae would mean more particles in the lake and reduced transparency. Chlorophyll levels, and thus algae levels, have not been going up over the years and therefore would not seem to be a cause for increased cloudiness.

We will not know about this year's chlorophyll levels until winter, when we receive those test results from Michigan Lakes and Streams.

Another potential reason for the increased cloudiness is that this is a very hard water (water with a high mineral content) lake. As a spring-fed lake, water leaches through the limestone below, dissolving calcium on its way to the lake. This calcium can then combine with carbon dioxide that has been previously dissolved in the lake in the form of bicarbonate, resulting in relatively insoluble calcium carbonate that will eventually fall to the bottom, mix with clay, and produce marl (which we have in abundance).



This year we had truly impressive rains a few weeks ago which could have increased the amount of dissolved carbon dioxide brought into the lake from the atmosphere. That, combined with our lake's high level of available calcium and the seasonal warming waters (which accelerate the process), could have created a calcium carbonate "bloom." This would not necessarily appear white but grayish or greenish when combined with the normal increase in green algae in the lake.

The above theory, or educated guess, is just that but does have a good chance of being at least part of the explanation of what is happening in our lake. The most recent pH reading is 7.8 (or slightly alkaline) which indicates a higher potential bicarbonate concentration. Also recently, the water definitely tested "hard", indicating high mineral (most likely calcium) concentrations. The rest is chemistry.

We look forward to getting this year's chlorophyll data which will help clarify this story.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2014

Social Hour 5:30
Appetizers

Dinner Served 6:30

Fall Dinner Menu:

<u>Baked Lasagna*</u>	<u>Roasted Italian Vegetable</u>
<u>House Salad</u>	<u>Ciabatta Bread</u>
<u>Lemon Mousse</u>	<u>Lemonade</u>
<u>Water</u>	<u>Coffee</u>

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Year End Meeting 7:30
Meet the new Vice Commodore

Ticket price: \$18.00

Tickets must be purchased in advance

For tickets, contact Vickie Rogers for the cove and west shore ,Good Patti Russwurm for the north shore, Sue Waddle for the east shore and Sue Williams for the south shore.



— Dana on Drugs —

How to set a wound

by **Dana Soldato**, PharmD

Have you ever known anybody who sliced open their foot trying to catch a turtle for the 4th of July Turtle Races? Have you ever slipped on a sleeping bag and cut open your leg? Have you ever tried to shave your face or legs and ended up with a bleed? Have you ever found yourself needing to know first-aid and you didn't know what to do?

If you answered "yes!" to any of the above questions, then this is the article for you!

First things first: If you cut yourself and there's blood, you need to stop the bleeding. To stop a bleed, use a clean cloth and apply direct pressure to the site until bleeding stops. Applying pressure to a wound will constrict blood vessels which allows for activation of the body's natural clotting mechanism. To speed up the process, utilize the power of gravity and elevate the wound above the heart. After about 15 minutes of applying pressure, the bleeding should naturally stop.

After the bleeding has stopped, the next important thing to do is to disinfect

the wound and prevent infections. To clean the wound, use water to rinse the wound for 5 minutes. I used to think you could use 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, or iodine for disinfecting wounds, but turns out that can delay healing and injure the tissue. Once the wound is clean, apply triple antibiotic ointment or cream (Neosporin®) to the injured skin and cover with a sterile bandage. Repeat this process at least once daily until the wound is completely healed.

If a wound looks really dirty, is deep, or has jagged edges, please go to the doctor because you might need stitches or a tetanus shot! You should get a booster tetanus shot at least once every 10 years.

If trying to decide between a cream vs. ointment, creams absorb quicker, but rinse away easily. Ointments

are oily by nature and do not rinse off with water so they stay on the skin for a longer period of time. Most people prefer creams because they feel less "greasy."

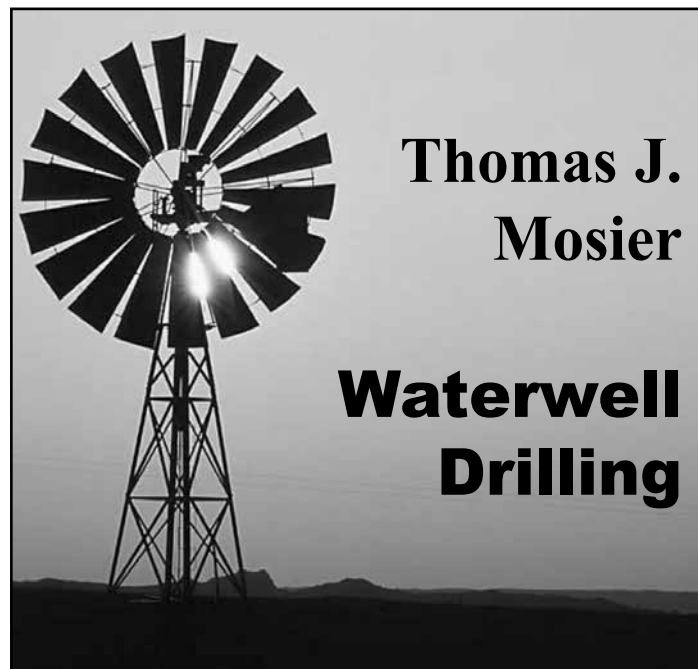
However, ointments may be best for cuts because they will stay on the skin longer and will act as a barrier against dirt and infections. If your wound is due to a burn, use Neosporin® cream because the ointment will actually hold in your burn.

Thanks for reading!



Unfortunately black and white doesn't do this awesome sunset pic justice.

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STU'S STAR STUFF



The Summer Triangle

The Summer Triangle soars directly overhead in our sky just now. In the east after dark here at the lake on these July evenings, look near the horizon for Altair, the brightest star in the constellation Aquila the Eagle. This is the bottom star of the Summer Triangle; that is, it's the last of these three bright stars to ascend over the horizon. Cygnus, the swan is another corner of the Summer Triangle.

Aquila represents an eagle, the thunderbird of the Greeks. There are several explanations for the presence of this eagle in the sky. In Greek and Roman mythology, the eagle was the bird of Zeus, carrying thunderbolts which the wrathful god hurled at his enemies. But the eagle was involved in love as well as war.

The constellations of the eagle and the swan are linked in an account by Hyginus, some old, obscure Greek dude. Zeus fell in love with the goddess Nemesis but, when she resisted his advances, he turned himself into a swan and had Aphrodite pretend to pursue him in the form of an eagle. Nemesis gave refuge to the escaping swan, only to find herself in the embrace of Zeus. To commemorate this successful trick, Zeus placed the images of swan and eagle in the sky.

According to another story, Aquila, the pet eagle of Zeus, showed the gentler side of his nature when he carefully carried up the beautiful Greek boy Ganymede to Mount Olympus to be cup-bearer to his master.

However, in yet another story considering the myth surrounding Prometheus, the ferocious, darker side of Aquila is very evident. Prometheus was one of the last Titan gods who became an advisor to Zeus. He was protective of humankind and,

seeing how they suffered because they had no fire, stole a ray from the Sun which he smuggled down to earth in a hollow stem. Zeus did not believe that man was worthy of such a gift and was furious that Prometheus had acted without his permission. The well-meaning Titan was chained to the side of a mountain, stripped naked of his garments and was continually attacked by Aquila. Since he was immortal, his dreadful wounds healed themselves every evening, only to be opened up again the next day by Aquila. After many years Prometheus was saved by Hercules, who agreed with his kind deed to mankind. Using his bow and arrow, he killed Aquila, who was then placed by Zeus to soar in the heavens.

Look for the three bright stars of the Summer Triangle any night this month. Vega and Denab are nearly straight overhead, while Altair is much farther east. Remember — Vega and Denab overhead, Altair is “out there.” Tequila can be found most any night near the constellation Flamingo on the eastern horizon.

There's a bunch of other stuff up there too and you don't need me anymore to find it or tell you what it is. You also know that the show is free and always will be.

*~Stu Spratt
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50 Years
at Birch Lake*

The Moon for this Saturday

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

Illuminated Fraction: 0.189

3.2 days after last quarter



Sunrise: 6:31am

Sunset: 9:09pm

Moonrise: 6:25am

Moonset: 8:42pm

New Moon: 6:43pm

Day length: 14h 38m

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Aries (March 21-April 19) Your life will get so much better! This eight-month sojourn of Mars in Libra (instead of six weeks every two years) has been most unusual. The last time something like this occurred was 1982. In the next few weeks, you will feel more tolerant and patient in partnerships and close relationships, as well as more lighthearted and fun loving. Would I kid you?

Taurus (April 20-May 20) This month your focus turns to home, family and your domestic world. This is a wonderful time to entertain at home. Invite the gang over for good food and drink. For some, an interaction with a parent could be significant. But in the months ahead, all of you will start to think of ways to improve where you live by either going all the way and buying a new home entirely; or by renovating your current home and acquiring special, beautiful things that make you feel more affluent.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) You hit the ground running this month because the Sun in Leo accelerates your daily pace with a busier schedule. Short trips, increased interaction with siblings, neighbors and relatives, plus conversations with everyone will keep you active. Some of you will read and write more than usual as well. Plus, you will start to work hard in your job because you will take pride in what you're doing. In fact, in the next 6 to 8 weeks, you will have lots of energy to work.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You will feel a shift of energy in two areas this week. The insane chaos and tension that plagued you for months at home will diminish. Ironically, this tension from home translates to an upbeat energy with vacations, entertaining diversions, the hospitality industry, sports events, romantic liaisons and playful times with children.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You will attract people to you as well as favorable circumstances. You will also feel a strong need to express yourself and that's just fine. When it's your birthday month, your first duty is to yourself. (Because if you don't take care of yourself, you will be of no use to others.) Increased chaos and activity at home will occur in the next six weeks. Just cope as best you can.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your people skills and ability to relate to others are becoming stronger. The position of Mercury and Venus makes you social, charming and diplomatic, especially with younger people, artists and creative types. It will empower those of you who sell, market, teach, act and write because you will be eager to put forth your ideas.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get ready for a popular month ahead. Accept all invitations. Join classes, clubs and organizations. Friendships will be important and you will examine the role they play in your life. Socialize extensively because your association with others will benefit you. As you study your friendships, remember that the people you associate with are a reflection of yourself. You will also sense a desire to earn more money. Primarily, you want to make your possessions work for you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Mars moves into your sign this month, and it's a good thing. It energizes you and makes you focused, proactive and ready to defend yourself. It heralds increased activity in your life and gives you the energy to work hard so you can show the world what you can do. In the month ahead, the Sun will be at high noon, which is the only time all year this happens. This creates a flattering spotlight on you and makes people think you're the cat's meow. Connect the dots. This is your hour!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This year has been a bit difficult with friendships. This is now a thing of the past. History. How wonderful to know that your relations with others will be happier and smoother - for years! Meanwhile, you want to travel and see new places and meet new faces. Do anything that gives you a change of scenery and a chance for some enlightening adventure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

In the coming month, your focus will be on shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt and anything that you own jointly with others. This could be the reason that you feel competitive with someone in the coming month. You certainly want to formulate goals and actively pursue them. You can release some of this tension by enjoying physical activity, especially physical sports with others.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

For the next month, you are going to need more sleep. You want to work hard to achieve something. Ideally, you will prefer to be your own boss. If not, you might find yourself in conflict with authority figures or others who share your projects. Be aware of this so that you can be diplomatic.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

After much angst concerning inheritances, shared property, debt and the wealth and resources of others, you are going to shift your focus to something that is much more fun. Travel opportunities and the chance to explore avenues in publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education will open up for you. The next six weeks will open your eyes in a fresh way and teach you something valuable. This week the Sun moves into the part of your chart that makes you want to work efficiently, effectively and productively because you want the most bang for your buck.

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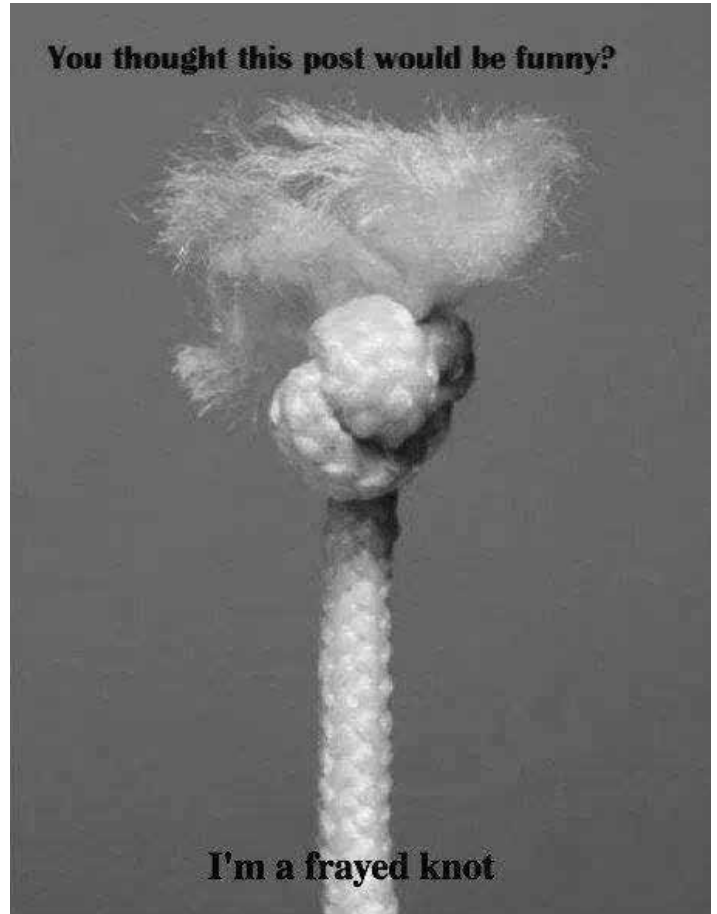


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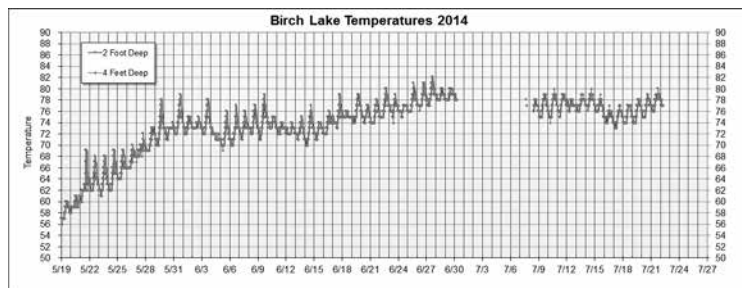
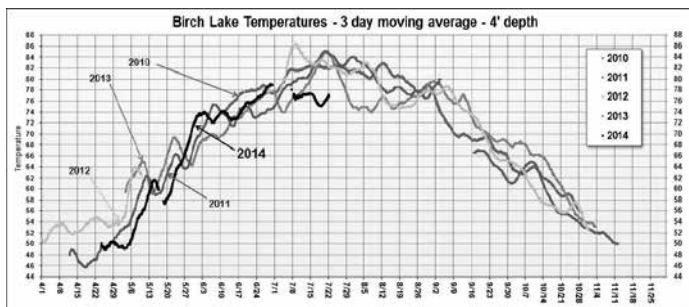
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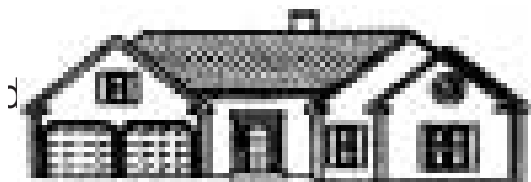
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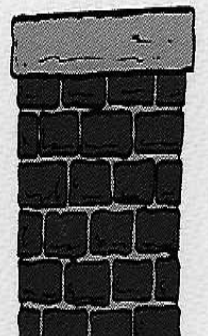
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- salt to taste
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- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

Directions

Season salmon fillets with lemon pepper, garlic powder, and salt.

In a small bowl, stir together soy sauce, brown sugar, water, and vegetable oil until sugar is dissolved. Place fish in a large resealable plastic bag with the soy sauce mixture, seal, and turn to coat. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

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The Legend of Tannadoonah

Many moons ago, when the Great Oak, which stands guard over our cooking fires, was but a tiny sapling, a young Indian scout made his way silently through the forest. The birds chattered to him as he passed, and farther away a mother deer and her young fawn stared at him curiously.

Suddenly the scout found himself on the brink of a high hill and far below through the trees he could see the deep blue of a hidden lake. What a beautiful sight! Yes, he thought, this is the perfect place for the new village of my people. And he hurried off to tell the others of the place he had found. Soon there was a small Indian village on the top of the hill that overlooked the lake.

The Indians were happy in their new home. Game was plentiful and the lake was filled with fish. Their corn grew tall in the clearing they had made. From the birch trees that grew in the forest they took bark for their canoes. The people sang as they went about their work, and the children played happily

in the forest – catching frogs in the little streams or chasing chipmunks down the hill. It was a good life and the Indian village prospered.

Then one day things began to change. The great rains, which in other times had sent their waters down upon all the land, stayed in the heavens. Mother Earth became brown and dry. Soon the Beaver, the Raccoon, and the Great Stag took their families to other parts of the forest. Times were hard in the Indian village. The people quenched their thirst in the clear waters of the lake, but there was little food to be found. We must leave this place, the people declared. We must find a new home.

“Ah,” said the old chief, “have you forgotten your happiness by the Lake of the Birches? The great spirits have been good to us and before many moons have passed they will bring good times once more. When the Summer Sun is old and has lost his power, the rains will come again. Until that day, let us go out into the forest to seek for the Beaver and the Great Stag. Each family will go its own way. When the rains come, we will return once again to our home by the Lake of the Birches.”

“Ah, you are wise, great chief,” the people replied. “Let us begin for the

journey.” And so each family set about gathering its belongings. The tools, the cooking pots, and the fishing nets – all were made ready for the journey. Then, just as they were ready to set out, the chief called the tribe together. A silence fell over the group, as they waited to see what parting message the chief would have.

When he spoke, his voice was strangely quiet. “My people,” he said. “We are about to set off into many scattered places. Our feet will touch new paths, and our eyes will see new parts of the forest. Each family will go its own way – seeking food and shelter along the trail. But we must not forget the good life we have had here – the life to which we will return. And now let us go. May the good spirits watch over you until we meet again at Tannadoonah – the place of the gathering of friends upon a hill, beside a lake in the woods.”

After many moons the tribe did return to their home on the hill by the lake in the woods and they spent many happy years together. And so it is today, a Tannadoonah camper carries the spirit of Tannadoonah in their heart.

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