

The  
Weekend  
Of

Sept 5,  
2020

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
**Birch Lake Yacht Club**



Thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north shore) for the cool sailing pic.

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

*Commodore's Comments #1  
Weekend of September 4, 2020*

**D**on last Saturday evening, August 29th at 7 pm, there was a peaceful transition of leadership of the Birch Lake Yacht Club from this year's Commodore John Patrick McGann to Vice Commodore Dr. Dan A. Waxman. It was not a disputed process, no hanging chads or recounts demanded. By a motion, a second and then a simple majority vote, I am now your Commodore until this time next year. Barb Cassidy is the new Vice Commodore and Mike Sheffieck and Deb Spratt will remain as our Secretary and Treasurer (Thank everything on high to you both for staying on). More on the Fall Meeting later in the Barker.

I would like to take this first run at the Commodore's Comments to talk about Past Commodore, Pat McGann. I met Pat at Camp Eberhart in 1967 when he was in Morris Lodge with my older brother Michael, and the next year, they were CITs together and then went on to become counselors. I followed them along the way and got to know Pat at camp but then also visiting

him in South Bend

Pat lived above the McGann Funeral home on Notre Dame Ave. that also housed their ambulance service. He was raised by his mother Ollie and his paternal grandfather Lewis who lived across the street. At the time I stayed at Pat's house, I thought it was very cool to have a 24 hour ambulance team onsite ready for calls and then the funeral home on the lower level.

Coming from a medical family with both of my parents physicians, I was used to the phone ringing at all hours, but at Pat's the sound of the radio calls coming in and the team rolling was quite exciting. Pat became an EMT and then a Paramedic so he was on the ambulance team since his early teens. Pat was quite an athlete, and at age 14 was Junior Olympian in Track and Field. In one meet he overjumped the landing pit in the long jump hitting a board that marked the end of the pit. That ended his track and field career and started is diving one. Pat was on the Varsity swim team at Adams along with Bob King whose event was backstroke and they racked up a number of victories together.

Pat liked to dive off of Coop's Tower at Eberhart, which is about 30 ft high. His best dive was a reverse one and a half (he would add a twist when he dove

## 2020

### Birch Lake Calendar

September 12 - **New Date** for BLYC  
Board meeting, 9 am

**Crockpot Challenge Canceled**  
July 16, **2021** - Ladies Golf Outing, 9 am  
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forward) which delighted the campers during the Fire and Water Pageant. Also, I remember him doing that dive one late night in a counselor swim after camp was over. That dive he did "Au Naturelle!"

Pat and I have been friends now for over 50 years, and he has taken care of the funeral arrangements for my mother, my in-laws and more recently my late brother in law Peter. Having a friend like him in times of extreme sorrow has been a blessing.

Therefore I salute you JP McGann. You have guided us through very uncertain and troubled waters with an always positive attitude and with kind and supportive words and actions. This was not the spring or summer anyone of us could have imagined and you never complained once on how this affected you as

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

went about the duties of being the Birch Lake Yacht Club Commodore.

As I sign off this first article, I need a tag at the end which I will borrow from a movie my brother Michael and I watched as kids. It was "Soldier in the Rain" with Jackie Gleason and Steve McQueen, and this was the line Jackie Gleason's character said to Steve McQueen as they were leaving each other. Michael and I always say this when saying goodbye, and I will substitute the word "Everyone" for McQueen's character's name, which was Eustis.

"Until that time Everyone, until that time."

~ Commodore Dan

## Fall Meeting 2020

Like all of our board meetings this year, the Fall Meeting was held virtually on Saturday August 29th.

Thanks to Chas Grundy who was our Zoom Sherpa and evening's MC as he guided us through the meeting and in and out of Chat rooms for some lively conversations. Our 1st chat breakout was to answer the question: "What was the best thing that has come out of this pandemic for you?" For many of us it was being able to spend much more time on Birch Lake which for me, has now turned into my Michigan office. The 2nd

breakout was: "What is the first thing you will do when we get past this pandemic?" I asked this question to one of my neighbor's young adult kids and the answer was "Lick a bar stool!" I don't know about that, but I want to go to a bar and enjoy a beverage with my wife Sharon and not have to wear a hazmat suit.

Pat McGann awarded the Commodore's Award to Chas for all his IT skills this summer hosting our online board meetings and other hard work behind the scenes and serving on the board. Pat also gave a special thanks to Bruce Wagner for his work in preserving our lake's water quality especially in the battle against purple loosestrife. I announced that Barb Cassady will be our new Vice Commodore and I am sure she will do great given her work this year on the ladies' golf outing with Jeannie Welch and as part of the weekly sailing fleet where she sails her MC.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Fall Meeting! We had members of the following families: McGann, Waxman(including my brother Michael in Kansas City), Cassady, Vitale, Sheffieck, Spratt, Troeger, Garceau, Luecht, Grundy, Trybus, Phipps, Butler and Dave Olson joined us too!

Here's to next year with some in

person group gatherings!

~ Commodore Dan

## Turtle maintenance tip

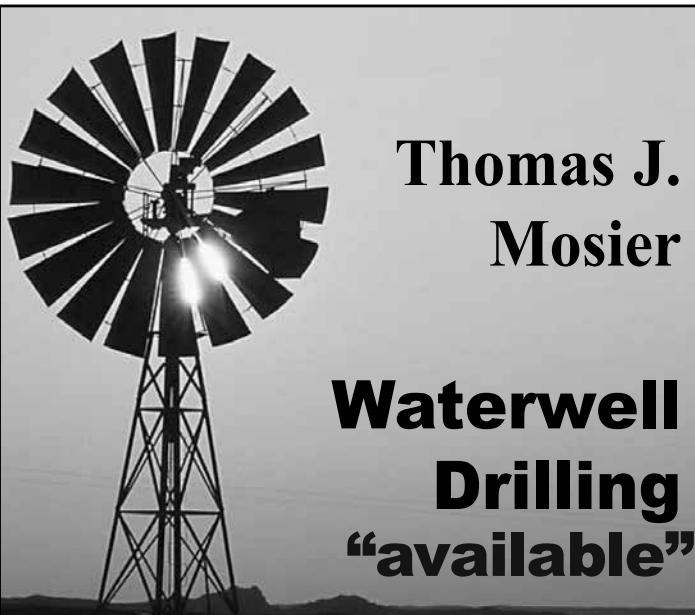
Thank you to the many homeowners who placed a "Slow Down" sign in their yards. It hasn't slowed every driver but people are noticing slower vehicles. As the lake traffic decreases during the colder months, it is suggested that the signs be stored away from the harsh winter weather. This may increase their usage for an extra year or two. Thanks again for helping to make the lake a little bit safer.

~Blair Garceau

## The Birch Barker

This is the last printed Birch Barker of the season. Thanks to all of the people who contributed this year, and to all of the people who helped with distribution. Special thanks to Bob & Sue Waddle for administrating distribution and for picking up the Barker at the printer so many times.

Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, I will be producing the Online Barker monthly during the off season and publishing it online beginning in October at <http://www.philvitale.com/Barker/index.htm>. People who have previously received the notifications about



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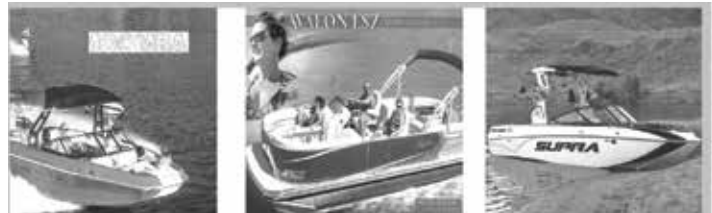
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~Editor Phil

## Crockpot Challenge canceled

It's with much regret, I have to cancel the annual crock-pot challenge for this October. I was holding onto hope, that we might be able to get it in, but the Covid-19 makes it too risky, and I would hate for any of our Birch Lakers to become exposed to something. So looking ahead to 2021, hopefully we will be in a much better position to enjoy gatherings again!

~Bad Patty, east side

## Big sale at the barn

Bob and Sandy Baucus (east side) have scheduled a big sale at their barn at 62490 Walnut Rd. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept 4-6, 8 am - 5 pm Fri and Sat., 10 am - 2 pm Sunday.

Baby clothes galore! Boys NB - 4t, Girls NB - 3t. Toys, coats, bedding, shoes, high chairs, walkers, swings, car seats. Men's and women's clothing. Houseware items, decorative items galore! Hard back books, 2 wheel chairs, 2 walkers, toilet seat riser, 2 desks, lamps and SO MUCH MORE!

## BLYC Labor Day Regatta

If conditions are agreeable, the BLYC Labor Day Regatta will take place on Saturday, Sept. 5 beginning at 11 am (watch for the marks) and Sunday, Sept. 6. We'll do our best to get in enough races to make a regatta.

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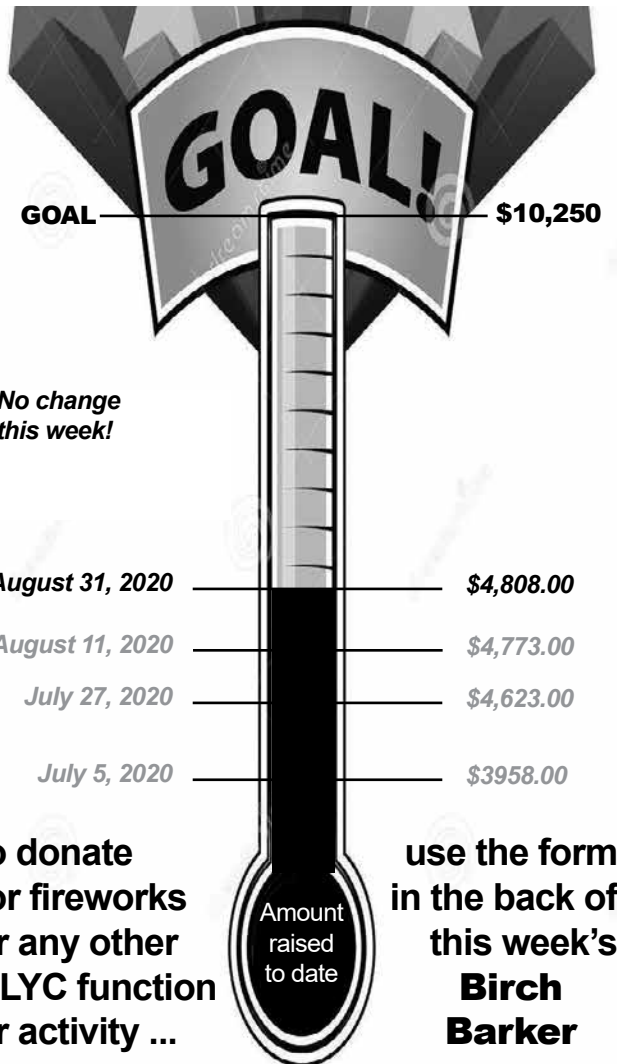
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### BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	23-Aug	23-Aug	Total	Point	Races	%
Race	20	21	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
<b>MC Scow/Sailor</b>					<b>Total MC Races=&gt;</b>	<b>21</b>
Scott Troeger #1489	2	1	28091	1561	18	86%
Barb Cassady #2506	1	2	27256	1514	18	86%
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	DNS	5782	1446	4	19%
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	22528	1408	16	76%
Vic Jones/ Tom Cassady	DNS	DNS	2756	1378	2	10%
Phil Vitale #500	3	5	27418	1371	20	95%
Bill Luecht #1579	4	4	24108	1339	17	81%
Pat McGann #1735	6	3	20987	1312	16	76%
Pat Welch #1979	5	6	21352	1256	17	81%
Sandy Vitale	8	7	18374	1148	16	76%
Amber Grundy	7	8	18927	1113	16	76%
<b>Sunfish/Sailor</b>					<b>Total Sunfish Races=&gt;</b>	<b>21</b>
Rick Russwurm	1	2	31060	1553	20	95%
Stewart Spratt	2	3	21840	1456	15	71%
Scott Temple	DNS	DNS	4340	1447	3	14%
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	12852	1428	9	43%
Steve Frew	3	1	28439	1422	19	90%
Peter Soldato	DNS	DNS	2817	1409	2	10%
Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	26714	1406	19	90%
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	1369	1369	1	5%
Bob Niezgodski	4	4	27611	1315	21	100%
Camille Butler	5	5	20843	1226	17	81%
Cole McGann Bell	DNS	DNS	3401	1134	3	14%
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	1089	1089	1	5%

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  
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# — Water Quality Report —

## End of summer 2020

**Y**ou might have noticed over the summer the listing and presenting of what we call the 6 commandments. These are issues and concerns and activities that we as lake dwellers should keep in mind as we further develop our properties and use the lake. We want to maintain this lake in as pristine and safe condition as we can, and believe that attention to these commandments will help permit this. Articles, explaining one each of the 6 commandments, can be found in six of this summer's previous Barkers. Further questions or comments can be directed to Paul Fallon.

We have talked about the shoreline extensively as it is both a buffer to what happens on the land as well as the ecological contact between water and earth. The buffer part is to keep things we do not want to get into the lake out of the lake and the ecological contact part is that a lot of the animals both large and small rely on a shoreline habitat for reproduction, early development, food sources, and shelter. Please look at the two web sites listed below as you think about what you might do to enhance your shoreline next year etc. ([www.mishorelandstewards.org](http://www.mishorelandstewards.org) and [www.mishorelinepartnership.org](http://www.mishorelinepartnership.org)).

As we tidy up this fall, some may want to do a little burning by the side of the road or (horrors) close to the lake. Should you feel absolutely compelled to do this, and we would encourage you to not do it, please after the fire goes out sweep up the ashes and bag them for the trash. The alternative is after the next rain you will see the effect of those ashes heading to the lake as ready to use fertilizer and minerals that will enhance extra plant growth.

Our role on the Water Quality Committee is somewhat simple in premise. (A) Survey the lake for invasive species and if something can be done about them to advertise this to the lake and set the proper procedures in motion. This is most evident for the Eurasian milfoil that would be clogging many acres of the lake in the

absence of this. Sorry there is nothing we can do about zebra mussels, but they have declined on their own the past few years. They can just as well rebound. We are closely monitoring both starry stonewort and hydrilla, two truly nasty invasives should they get into the lake. Tell friends you know that bring their boats from other lakes to make sure they properly clean them before launching them here. Also, should you take a boat or kayak to another lake, please properly clean it before placing in back in Birch. (B) Monitor the lake for evidence of increasing levels of nutrients that will age the lake prematurely and report on this to the lake community. (C) Ascertain the safety of the lake waters for the recreational activities we all enjoy and wish to have our children and grandchildren enjoy now and in the future.

In the future, just take some time to truly try and be aware of the lake. Especially in the spring when the water is clear, cruise around the shallows and drop offs and look at the diversity of plant life that exists in different parts of the lake. Keep pathways for the turtles to come ashore and lay their eggs. Provide cover at the shoreline for small fish to hide in, insects to come to, and frogs to lurk when the insects are around. Grab some decaying material from the bottom and put in a white pan and watch the life that springs from this. Have your kids try to learn the names of some of the aquatic plants. Hopefully, you can think of even more ways to become better aware of, and learn more about, our lake.

Commandment #6, explained in a very recent Barker, referred to the need for adequate donations to fund our Water Quality [WQ] program. As stated, should we ever run meaningfully short, likely our only option would be to request the township establish a Special Assessment District [SAD], which, once in place, the TOWNSHIP would run with OUR TAX dollars. Virtually all other Michigan lakes that are treated for invasive species [like



Birch Lake is] are financed by SADs, so we are truly unique. It is a huge blessing indeed that we have, ever since we started incurring substantial expense fighting invasives in 2007, survived on donations alone. Due to the past and current generosity [thank you very much] of the minority, we have paid our bills and have some reserves. Unfortunately, we don't and can't know if we have enough. We do know that more, and tougher invasives are coming our way, that much of our Eurasian milfoil is hybridizing, and that a particularly challenging invasive, Starry Stonewort, is now only a few hundred feet away, in the millpond into which our lake drains. This year 93 families contributed an average of \$70 for water quality efforts. The amount per family is certainly generous and commendable. Those giving are to be congratulated. What is disappointing, however, is that over 130 families [almost 60%] did not contribute at all! [ You don't have to be a member of the Yacht Club or the Homeowners' Association to donate to the one cause that ALL of us, undisputedly, have in common and benefit from.] Come on, would you that aren't doing so, please write a meaningful check, every year, for water quality? It's in everybody's best interests. Let's all pull together on this one. Thank you and best wishes to all for a safe and happy fall, winter and spring!

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*Aspen Whiteman, granddaughter of Ron and Staci Whiteman (south side) turns 2 on Sept 3. She came to see Mimi and Poppa for Mimi's birthday.*

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Daughter Mallory, son-in-law Doug and Patrick Welch (south side) celebrated Mallory's visit from Tampa with an across the lake "Lake Swim" (.66 miles, 34 minutes!) with their invaluable support crew of Jeannie and Merrill alongside in the pontoon.

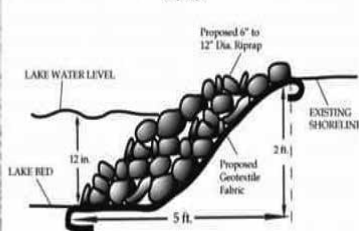
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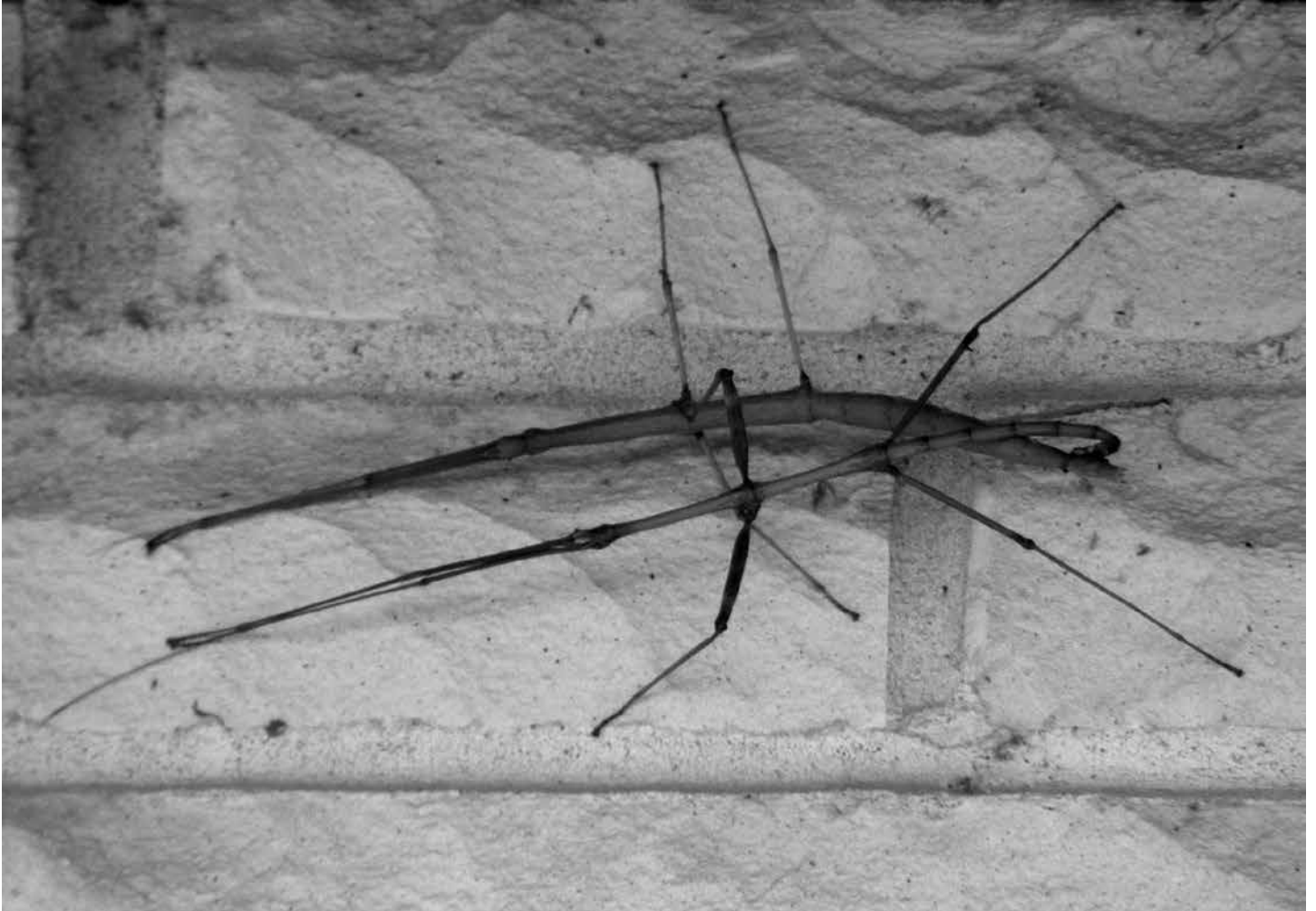


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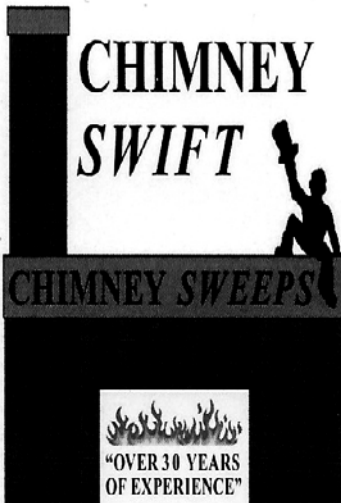
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# Blasts from the Past



*Left: Keith Weesner, Dick Bender, Ric Russwurm, Gus Eshleman together for the Mens golf outing in 1997.*

*Below: Bev Kruggel, Connie Troeger, Denny Weesner, Trudy Claro and Le King.*

photos submitted by  
**Ronni Eshleman**

*Below: In the days when tubing was, well, being towed on a patched truck inner-tube, one name dominated the water ski world: Cypress Gardens. In addition to slaloms (with a revolutionary tunnel), combos, shoe-skis and trick skis, they made a 29" impossible board called the SkiSkat with which one learned how to fall spectacularly.*

photos submitted by **Mr. Bob (King, north shore)**



## Submit a Past Blast!

*Come on, everyone's got a Blast from the Past photo from days gone by at Birch Lake ... want to share them with your neighbors?*

*Just send them to me ... You can mail your photo (with a SASE if you want the photo(s) back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095;*

*or you can put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (on the east side),*

*or email them to me at [Sailorphil@Philvitale.com](mailto:Sailorphil@Philvitale.com) ... Sorry, I don't text or Facebook ... :(*

# YOUR HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - That nasty moment midweek might manifest through sports for your sign. Be careful. It might also be a tough exchange with your kids, and it definitely could be a lover's quarrel. Go gently. Leave your big guns at the door. Meanwhile, something exciting will take place that could relate to your health. Or it might be something utterly delightful related to a pet. This breakthrough also might relate to your job or your work, especially if it involves the introduction of new technology or something scientific.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Upsets in your domestic world or squabbles related to home and family might take place midweek. Perhaps someone disagrees with your decorating ideas or your approach to making your home more beautiful? You might even have a nasty little moment with a guest, if you are entertaining? Your social plans might change suddenly. Please note: This could be an accident-prone time for your kids so be vigilant.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - Be mindful and aware of how you talk to others this week. Resist the urge to respond with sarcasm if provoked. Don't go looking for trouble. You might have a blow up with a friend or a member of a group. Meanwhile, something unexpected will occur at home or within your family. This could be a delightful surprise! It might be a new high-tech purchase for your home.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - This continues to be a fast-paced time for you - no question. The difficulty in relating to others might have something to do with money, cash flow and earnings for you. You might have a dispute with someone about money. You might be angry that someone spends too much money or owes you money? You might also be unhappy about something to do with a possession or something that you own. Someone close to you might be critical about how you handle your money? Bummer. However, this week something unexpected and exciting might occur.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Thankfully, Venus in your sign helps you to be charming and diplomatic with everyone; plus, you're taking more care with your appearance. (Incidentally this is a good week to buy wardrobe items.) Nevertheless, arguments with others might occur midweek. A quick flareup. Something nasty. It could relate to religion, politics or racial issues. You might have difficulty with someone older or someone in power about issues related to your job or your health.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Something going on behind the scenes might irk you midweek. You might be annoyed with someone but decide not to show it. (You will suffer in silence.) Issues related to kids, the arts, sports and vacation travel might also get under your skin. Patience will be your best ally. Meanwhile, something exciting will occur this week. You might be involved in new activities, making new discoveries in the world around you? More likely, you will be open and very frank about who you are when talking to others.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - You like to get along with others. (Your default mode is you're a people pleaser.) Nevertheless, midweek around Wednesday, you will have difficulties dealing with partners and close friends. You might have a brief fallout with someone. You might be at odds with an older family member. It could be anything. Do your best to minimize this because you don't like fighting with others.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Don't get your belly in a rash midweek because of difficulties with bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. It could happen. If so, think about your long-range objectives. You want to get along with these people, because when you get along with people in authority it makes your life easier. (You might also have a flare-up with someone related to your work or your job. Remember that patience is the antidote to anger.

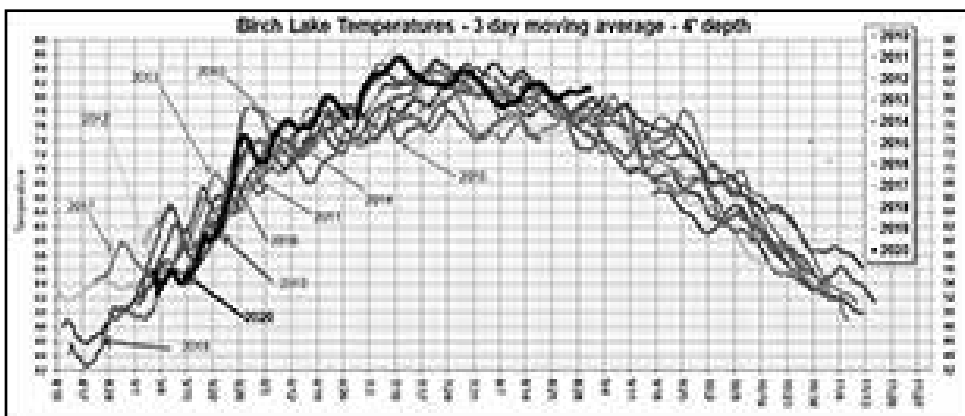
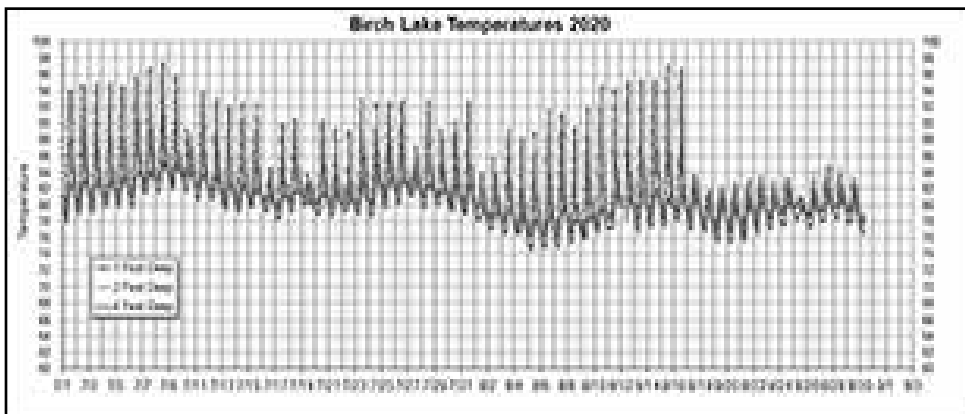
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Ever the philosopher about far-ranging topics, you might find yourself in an argument with someone midweek. It could be about politics, religion or racial issues. It might be about a foreign country or travel plans? An authority figure might squash your financial ideas or create obstacles for you. Be patient with kids and romantic partners this week. Meanwhile, something unexpected will impact your reputation among your peers. You might be in the limelight!

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - You like to plan for a secure future ahead. Therefore, you might have a squabble with someone about shared property, inheritances, debt, taxes or something to do with your partner's wealth. It might relate to something going on at home or within the family. Stay chill because no one thinks better when they're angry. You might also have a surprise opportunity related to medicine, publishing or the media?

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Relations with others will be testy midweek. Squabbles with daily contacts, siblings or relatives might erupt. You might also be at odds with someone older or someone in authority. Meanwhile, a surprise about joint finances or resources that you hold with someone else might occur. News about an inheritance or insurance might surprise you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - At this time you are thinking more about partnerships and close friendships. Furthermore, this opposition allows you to be more detached and objective about observing your own needs and wants in a relationship and how you relate to others. This is a good thing. Meanwhile, midweek you might have a squabble with someone related to work or your health or even something to do with your pet. Maintain your cool. The most exciting thing this week is that a partner or close friend will surprise you! They might say or do something that amazes you. Or possibly, you will meet someone new.

## Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

### The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.850  
4.1 days after full moon



**Sunrise: 07:13**  
**Sunset: 20:06**  
**Moonrise: 20:20**  
**Moonset: 11:21**

Daylight: 12 hrs. 53 mins. 17 secs.

# Birch Barker Funnies

**Tips on how to  
fall asleep in a  
living room chair:**  
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**1. Be old**  
**2. Sit in a chair**

**DOES ANYONE KNOW  
WHICH PAGE OF THE  
BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO  
TURN WATER INTO WINE?  
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.**

**This will be the first  
year we're not going  
to Hawaii because  
of Covid-19.**

**Normally we don't  
go because we can't  
afford it.**

**I told my suitcases  
that there will be no  
vacation this year.  
Now I'm dealing with  
emotional baggage.**

Status Update:

**"It's nice outside I  
think I'll sit out on  
the patio"**



207 mosquitos liked  
your post

**IF YOU'RE PAYING \$3.00  
FOR A BOTTLE OF  
SMART WATER,**

**IT ISN'T WORKING.**

**It turns out that  
when asked who  
your favorite child  
is, you're supposed  
to pick one of your  
own. I know  
that now.**  
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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



*Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge*

## Barbecued Pineapple

**S**erve in a bowl or a banana boat with pineapple on either side and a scoop of ice cream or two on top and drizzled with juice glaze. You may substitute juice (1/2 cup) for the sugar and rum part of the marinade.”

4 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 fresh pineapple
- 1/4 cup rum
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- Add all ingredients to list

### Directions

1. Peel the pineapple and, leaving it whole, cut out the center core. Slice into 8 rings, and place them in a shallow glass dish or resealable plastic bag. In a small bowl, mix together the rum, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves. Pour marinade over the pineapple, cover, and refrigerate for 1 hour, or overnight.
2. Preheat grill for high heat. Lightly oil grate.
3. Grill pineapple rings 15 minutes, turning once, or until outside is dry and char marked. Serve with remaining marinade.



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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

It's the end of summer and the last Barker of the year. What a strange year it has been. Like everyone, we're all hoping that 2021 will be a somewhat more normal year for all of us.

It's a special year at camp next summer. We are celebrating our 100th anniversary of Camp Tannadoonah in 2021. We are planning an alumni reunion weekend in September 2021! If you or someone you know is a Camp Tannadoonah, Camp Kiloqua, or Camp Fire alum, and would like to be on our list for more information about the reunion, please email me at [amber@tannadoonah.org](mailto:amber@tannadoonah.org)

The Camp Fire Girls of South Bend held their first summer camp in 1921 on Pleasant Lake in Edwardsburg, MI. The first 2 summers they called it "Wohelo Camp", and adopted the name Camp Tannadoonah in 1923. The first few years, the camp was led by Col. and Mrs. C. Seymour Bullock. Col. Bullock was the director of recreation for the City of South Bend, and his wife led the Camp Fire Girls.

The name Tannadoonah was chosen from the Camp Fire Name Book (published in 1915) which detailed lists of Native American words and their English meanings. According to the Name Book, "Ta na doo nah" means "lives out of doors." Over the years, camp legend has evolved and we say that Tannadoonah means "a gathering of friends, on a hill, above a lake, among the trees."



In 1930, Camp Fire purchased a piece of property on Birch Lake, previously owned by Dr. Ersom Cunningham and his family. The family had a farmhouse at the top of the hill overlooking Birch Lake, and a guest cottage. They called the house "KathMarDo Lodge," named for their 3 oldest daughters, Katherine, Margaret, and Dorothy. The original farmhouse is still in use today, as Main Lodge, and the guest cottage is now our craft building and camp store!

Camp Fire moved an old schoolhouse from Edwardsburg to Birch Lake, and attached it to the back of the lodge to serve as the dining hall in those early years. Between 1930 and 1938, they built six small cabins along the edge of the hill overlooking the lake. Four of those six original cabins still are in use – Rotary, Exchange, Exchangettes, and Luta Koda. The other two, Demolay and Wallace, have been replaced over the years.

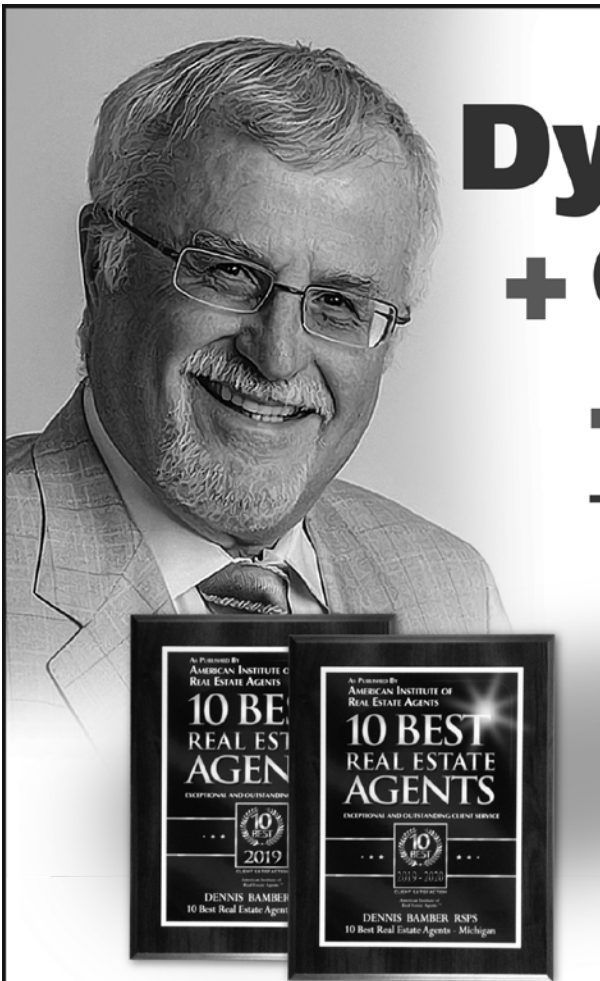
In 1938, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Morris

donated the funds to build a new lodge. This cabin had sleeping space for up to 24 girls upstairs in two bunk rooms, a kitchen and dining room downstairs, a large gathering space with a huge stone fireplace, a library, and a room for the counselors to live. Morris Lodge is still used today, though due to fire code changes, the campers now sleep downstairs, and the staff sleep in the rooms upstairs. We are in the midst of a major restoration of this building.

In 1954, Laura B. DeRhodes left ¼ of her estate to the Camp Fire Girls of South Bend. The council used those funds to construct our Dining Hall building, which seats up to 200 people and has two beautiful fireplaces. The original mid-century modern tables and benches are the same ones we still use today! The kitchen was state of the art in 1954, with a cast iron South Bend Range, a Hobart mixer, and Hobart Potato Peeler – all of which we still have! A complete kitchen renovation is the next goal in our facilities plan, after Morris.

Over the next 65 years, we have added additional sleeping cabins, a shower house, and a year-round office building. But much of the original camp from the 1930s-1950s remains! We are excited to celebrate our 100th anniversary next summer, and bring back many campers, staff, and Camp Fire kids to see camp again.

~Mrs. Amber



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This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake



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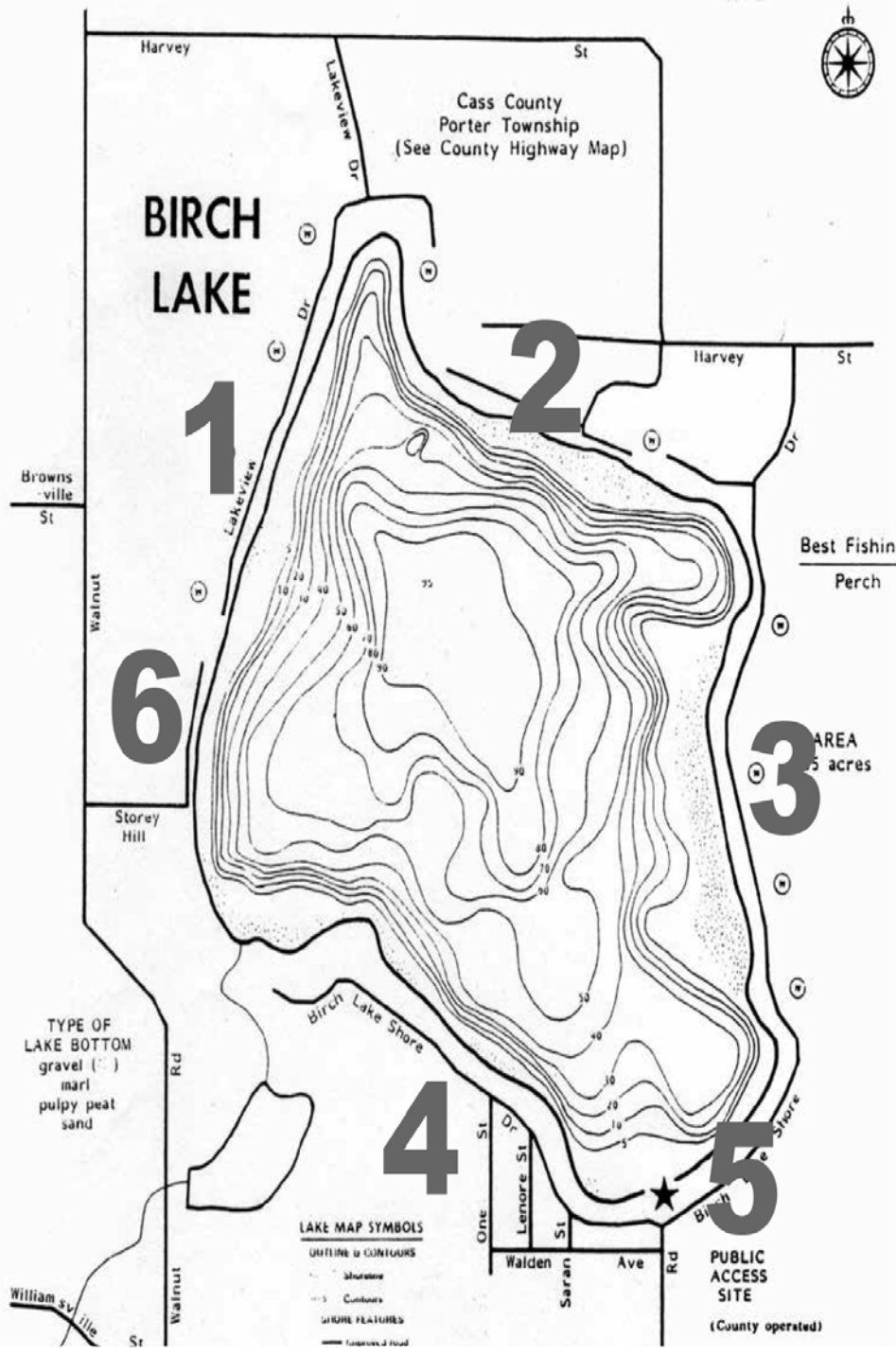


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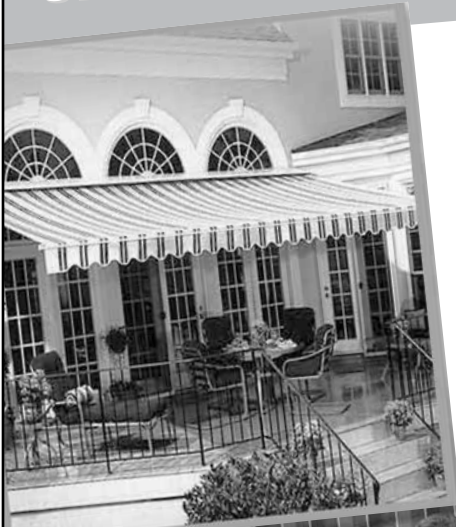
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