

The
Weekend
Of

June 25,
2022

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



How many grandkids can you fit on a porch swing? The grandchildren of Claudia and Dennis Phipps (north side) enjoy their hot dog Thursdays at Birch Lake. Left to right are Parker, Finley, Macey, Taylor, Lakelee, Layla, and Foster.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

*Commodore's Comments #5
June 25, 2022*

This past weekend was the perfect summer weekend at Birch Lake. I hope all the fathers enjoyed a special Father's Day. The weekend was gorgeous with cooler temperatures, far less humidity and a sky so blue and clear that you just had to notice it. By the looks of the lake activity, many were out on boat rides, skiing, wake boarding, tubing, kayaking, swimming, and sunning. Even though the wind was temperamental, the sailors were still able to complete two races in the fluky conditions. This is what we wait for all the cold winter and wet, soggy spring – a glorious weekend.

One summer activity last week that made its debut this season was the Book Club hosted by Blair Garceau (East Side). Blair reported a dozen participants gathered for a lively discussion of the selected book choice. Please note that all are welcome to attend future Book Club dates.

This Saturday, join Vice Commodore Deb Hall and myself for a fun, relaxed night at the yacht club. The Commodore/Vice Commodore

Party will start at 7 pm. Bring your appetizer or dessert (Last name starting with A-M, bring an appetizer; last names of N-Z bring a dessert) and a contribution of beer, wine or soft drinks to "Stock the Bar." Our Key West theme will feature great island music, a frozen margarita machine serving up frosty drinks and lots of snacks and fun. Come join us and take the opportunity to meet up with old friends and make some new acquaintances.

To keep your July 4th weekend a little less hectic, place your pre-order now for the BLYC Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser. You can pre-order at birchlakeyachtclub.com for Friday pickup is July 1. Be thinking of what your boat entry song theme will be for the July 2 Boat Parade. And the Camp Tannadoonah July 3 Pancake Breakfast team can use more volunteers. More details in this Barker on all upcoming events.

Thanks to all the folks who have paid their dues; if you haven't yet, there is still time. I am so impressed with the way the Fireworks Fund thermometer keeps getting closer and closer to our goal. Nice job! Also, June 30 is the deadline to email Deb Spratt your BLYC Directory updates. Again, details on how to pay dues and submit Directory information in this issue.

Take care, be safe, and I'll see you

2022 Birch Lake Calendar

- June 25** - Commodore and Vice Commodore Party, YC, 7 pm
- June 30** - Deadline for submitting changes, additions for Birch Lake Directory. See P14
- July 1** - Nelson's Chicken Sale fundraiser, 11 am - 2 pm, Waxman's (east side)
- July 2** - Boat Parade, **FIREWORKS**
- July 2, 3 - July 4th Regatta** (rain day Monday, July 4 if needed)
- July 3** - Camp Tannadoonah Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11 am
- July 22** - Ladies' Golf Outing, Diamond Lake Golf Course, 9 am, Luncheon, See P 8
- July 23** - Family Picnic, BLYC, tba
- July 23** - Five Lakes MC Regatta, Indian Lake, details tba
- July 29** - Mens Golf, Pine View., 1 pm shotgun start, dinner & awards following
- Aug. 6** - Corn & Sausage Roast, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC
- Aug. 20** - Fall Dinner, BLYC, See P3
- Aug. 26** - Birch Lake Ladies Style Show & Luncheon, Woodfire, Dowagiac, See P 2
- Sept 11** - Sailing Awards, Frew's house, time tba
- Sept 17** - Crockpot Challenge, 6 pm, more details tba

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

July 9, August 6, and Sept. 10

All meetings start at 9 am @ BLYC

The Birch Barker will consider ads and editorial items for potential publication. E-mail items to sailorphil@philvital.com, mail them to me (or put them in the stone mailbox) at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). Contact Editor Phil at onlinebarker@gmail.com, or at 476-1680 (no text). Contact Commodore Barb Cassady, via email at barbcassady49@gmail.com or call 574-574-229-9815. **DEADLINE** is Noon on the Tuesday of the week before the publication.

— Birch Lake Notes —

out on the lake.

~Commodore Barb Cassady

Visit Key West Margaritaville

Join Commodore Barb and Vice Commodore Deb for the Annual Commodore/Vice Commodore Party on Saturday, June 25 at 7 pm at the Yacht Club for the Commodore/Vice Commodore's Key West/Margaritaville themed party. There will be Key lime desserts, margaritas on ice and lots of island music. (Now is the time to pull out that Hawaiian shirt)

Last name starting with A-M, bring an appetizer; Last names of N-Z bring a dessert. This party will also be our "Stock the Bar" party. We have enough liquor but can use beer and wine contributions.

There will be a prize for best dressed island attire.

The Fourth of July Boat Parade

Everyone loves a parade! The marvelous, stupendous, and fantastic Birch Lake Boat Parade will be happening Saturday July 2 at 4 pm. The theme this year is "A Song that Reminds You of Birch Lake." On those cold, dreary winter days, a song will come on and you'll think, "that reminds me of summers on Birch Lake." That song can be the theme for your boat! We want this

year's parade to be the best attended ever. Who will win the coveted "Grand Champion" award???. It could be your family!

If you don't want to decorate but want to join in the fun, just have your family name on the side of the boat and participate in the parade. Please stop at the Waxman pier on the east by 3:45 to register and allow the judges to see your boat. The line will form behind the Grand Marshal's boat which will lead the parade around the lake. Awards will be given out as you come back around by the judges.

And the Grand Marshal Is Coach Bill Doba!

Bill was born and raised in South Bend and graduated from New Carlisle High School. He attended Ball State University where he met Judy, his wife of 44 years. He started his successful football coaching career at Goshen High School, moving on to Angola and Mishawaka High Schools. He coached college football at Indiana University, Purdue University, and the Citadel and retired as head football coach at Washington State.

As the Doba family moved around the country for Bill's coaching career, the one thing they always looked forward to was their time at Birch Lake. They've owned two different cottages

on the south side over the last 31 years. His three children Scott, Kris, and Beth are regular visitors, along with his 6 grandchildren, Erin, Will, John, Sam, Taylor, and Parker.

Ladies Style Show and Luncheon

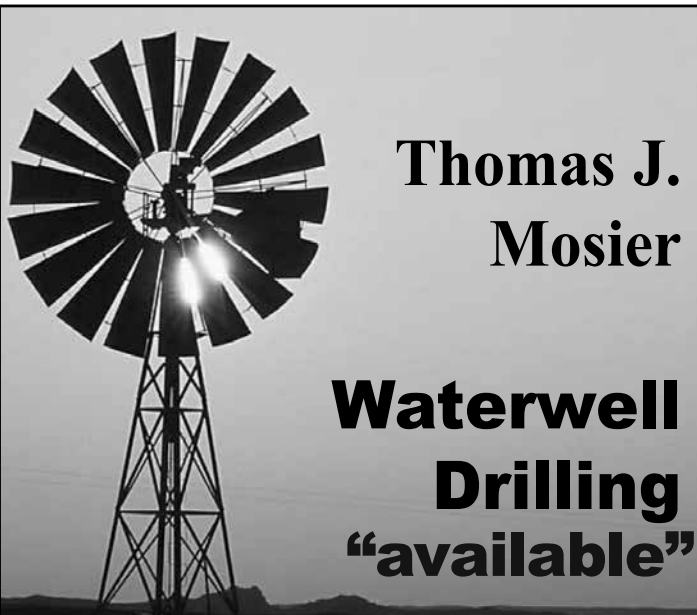
Mark your calendars for the Birch Lake Ladies Style Show and Luncheon on Friday, August 26. Lunch will begin at 11 am at the Wood Fire Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six lovely Birch Lake ladies will be modeling fashions from the Marshall Shoppe. Ticket information will be available soon.

2022 Dues, fireworks donations

In the midst of everything that has been happening in our world for the past year or so, the BLYC is still here and we still need operating capital. In addition, we still need contributions to the Fireworks fund. Please use the dues form in the Barker to submit your donations and/or fireworks contributions, or use the online link (birchlakeyacht-club.com) to pay your yacht club dues. Checks should be mailed to Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr. South Bend, IN 46637.

MEN'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The last Friday in July, 29. 1:30 pm shotgun start, \$75 each, \$300



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per foursome at Pine View Golf Club, 52065 Pulver Rd., Three Rivers, MI 49093. Be careful many GPS services lead you to a house on Marcellus Hwy, but you want to go north about 3/4 of a mile. Please show us how your foursome makes it fun and dress accordingly. Awards for best (craziest) dressed! The theme will be Olympic Gold Metal efforts. Our normal fare will be Chateaubriand, etc. Before July 10 please send your foursome names and checks to me, made out to BLYC, and mail to or drop in my mailbox at 63156 Birch Rd. Include your cell phone.

~ Pat McGann

Nelson's chicken sale fundraiser

Preorders may be picked up between 11 am and 12:30 pm on Friday July 1 at Past Commodore Dan and Sharon Waxman's, 63590 Birch Rd. Anyone wishing to purchase food that day may do so with cash only from 12:30-2 pm or until we are sold out. Advance orders may be made online at: birchlakeyachtclub.com

Anyone wishing to help may anytime from 10-2:30.

~ Pat McGann

Birch Lake Book Club

At our first summer get together had a wonderful discussion about The Betrayal of Anne Frank. It was great to see everyone! We wanted everyone to know that you are welcome to join these meetings anytime. We love to hear from everyone and their unique points of view. If you thought you needed to be invited, well this is your invitation!! We hope to see you next time.

For our July meeting we will be reading The Summer Cottage by Viola Shipman set in Saugatuck, MI. Thank you new member Jeanie Wiedenbeck for the suggestion. Details for the next meeting will be coming soon.

We're trying to update the Book Club email list. If you want to receive these emails please let Jackie Frew know. Thanks Jackie for taking on the management of the email list!! Her email is: seeitall8@gmail.com

We hope to see you in July!

2022 Birch Lake Fall Dinner Info

When: Saturday, August 20, 2022

Where & When: Birch Lake Yacht Club

5:30 – Appetizers, an assortment of cheese and crackers, fruits, and vegetables and dip

6:30 – Dinner Polish Sausage, broasted chicken, kluski noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet & sour cabbage, seasoned green beans, rolls and butter (catering provided by The Skillet, South Bend)

7:30 – Year-End Meeting

TICKET PRICE - \$25 per person

Tickets must be purchased in advance by using the birch lake yacht club app or by contacting Vice Commodore Deb Hall (cove). All tickets must be purchased by August 11. No tickets will be sold at the door or after the above date.

Birch Lake Yacht Club FIREWORKS FUND

Please note: Due to Inflation, costs have increased, and the fireworks show is more expensive. Please be generous!



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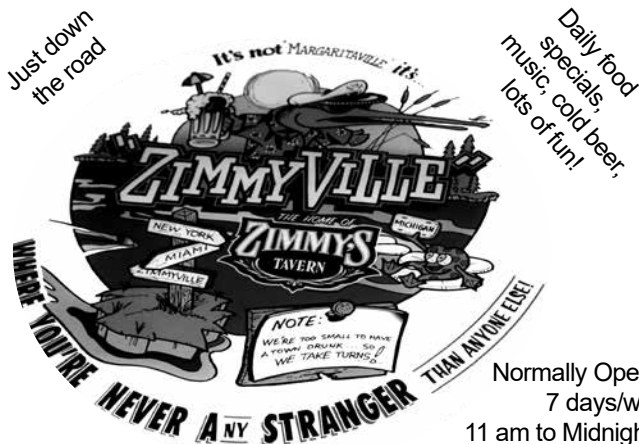
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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



BLYC Season Standings to date*

Date..... 19-Jun 19-Jun..... Total Point..... Races %
 Race..... 9 10 Points..... Average* Finished* Finished*

MC Scow/Sailor	19-Jun	19-Jun	Total	Point	Races	%
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	8000	1600	5	50
Barb Cassady #2506	5	6	10521	1503	7	70
Phil Vitale #500	4	2	10189	1455	7	70
Bob King #1199	3	3	2888	1444	2	20
Bill Luecht #1579	6	4	11489	1436	8	80
Pat Welch #1979	7	5	13570	1357	10	100
Pat McGann #1735	2	7	13345	1334.5	9	90
Amber Grundy	10	9	11069	1229	9	90
Sandy Vitale	8	8	8171	1167	7	70
Steve Frew	9	10	1985	992.5	2	20

Sunfish/Sailor	19-Jun	19-Jun	Total	Point	Races	%
Gail Turlock	DNS	DNS	3200	1600	2	20
Bob King	DNS	DNS	4721	1573	3	30
Pete Soldato	3	DNS	4565	1521	3	30
Rick Russwurm	1	1	14912	1491.2	10	100
Scott Sortal	DNS	DNS	7230	1446	5	50
Stewart Spratt	5	DNS	4186	1395	3	30
Steve Frew	DNS	DNS	11061	1382	8	80
Bob Niezgodski	2	2	12339	1371	9	90
Camille Butler	4	3	12450	1245	9	90
Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	6074	1214.8	5	50
Chris Scoffled	DNS	DNS	2381	1190.5	2	20
Jeff Walls	DNS	DNS	9471	1183	8	80
Tammy Walls	DNS	DNS	1089	1089	1	10

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

*Includes previous race data in totals

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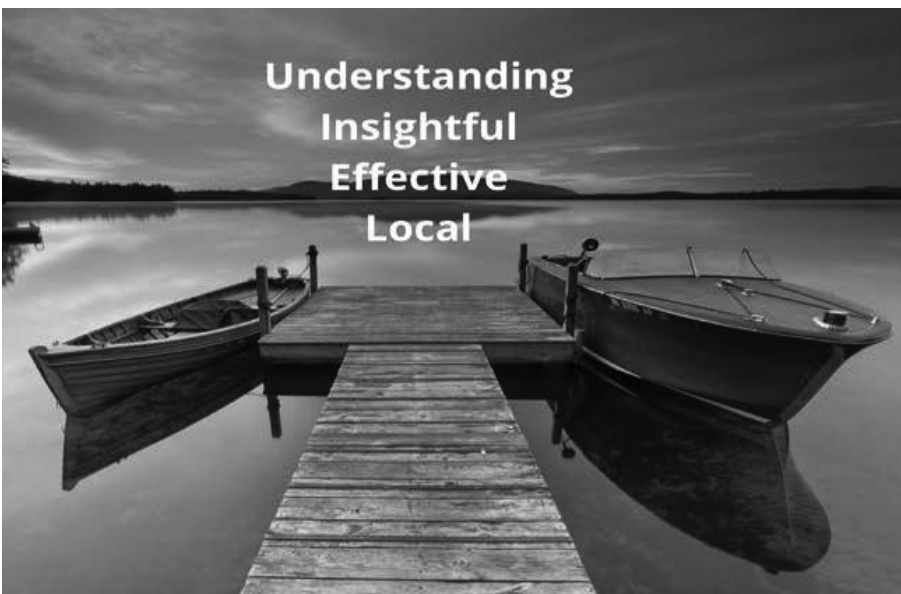
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Having had no sailboat races on June 12 due to light wind, a great turnout of 15 race-deprived sailors turned out on June 19. The wind was about 6 m.p.h., so not great, but good enough for us to break the sailing drought with two races out of the scheduled three, and then retire to enjoy the rest of Fathers Day afternoon.

In the MC class, Scott Troeger continued his winning ways with two first-place finishes. Phil Vitale and Pat McGann each scored a second place finish, while Bob King got third place in both races.

In the Sunfish fleet, Rick Russwurm edged out Bob Niezgodski in the battle for first place in two very close finishes. Bob Niezgodski and Cam Butler both continued to demonstrate greatly improved skills. Bob netted two second place finishes, while Cam picked up a third place finish. The other third place finish for the day went to Pete Soldato in his only race of the day before heading back to Cleveland, Ohio.

June 19 marked my first two races in the MC class—made possible by all of the great Birch Lake Sailors who, as previously mentioned in this column, set me up with an MC sailboat, boat lift, and plenty of support and helpful advice. Many thanks, my friends! I loved it! And I have lots of room for future improvement! In the second race, Scott Troeger was probably home eating lunch before I crossed the finish line. But that's OK, I love a challenge!



I didn't bring my waterproof camera out on the race course this week. Too much on my mind, trying to adapt to new conditions. Hopefully sometime soon. There are plenty of races yet to come this season!

Many thanks to Tom Cassady for setting the course; and to Bad Patty Luecht, Good Patti Russwurm, and Deb Hall who handled the Committee Boat!

~F.C. Steve

BLYC--CAMP TANNADOONAH JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

Camp Tannadoonah welcomed its first campers of the season this past week, and the waterfront was a popular place. Among the many activities taking place was sailing, and the BLYC-Camp Tannadoonah Junior Sailing Program is now in operation! I had previously been given an orientation by Amber Grundy, and then spent four days teaching at the camp during the first week. Other BLYC Sailors on the team are Commodore Barb Cassady, Pat Welch, Pat McGann, and Bob Niezgodski, with possibly more who may join us. We are currently scheduled to have a BLYC instructor in 38 percent of the camp's sailing classes this summer, and hope to increase that percentage. Four of us met recently at Pat McGann's house to discuss what was learned during the first week, and all of us will have been



updated before we teach.

Our BLYC Sailors work together with Camp Tannadoonah college-age sailing instructors. It's a great partnership, because the young instructors can learn from our racing experience, and then pass it along to many more young campers than we ourselves could reach. This past week, I worked with Mr. Ben and Miss Saige, and I was called Mr. Steve. Mr. Ben and Miss Saige love to sail and are great with the kids. As the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, so with thanks to Amber Grundy and her team at Camp Tannadoonah who took these wonderful photos, here are a few from last week.

~F.C. Steve



Camp Tannadoonah's excellent safety training protocol puts tipping training on the first day of camp, and before any sailing is done. At left, 8-year-old Logan, who has passed the required swimming test, learns how to right a capsized sailboat. Middle photo shows heading out from the camp. From left to right: Elizabeth, age 10, Miss Saige, Grace age 14, and me. Everyone takes a turn as captain, piloting the boat. Above: On a calm day, Mr. Ben is at the helm, showing Logan how to sail the boat.

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— Water Quality Report —

Eurasian Milfoil is an aggressive tall growing exotic aquatic plant from Europe and Asia. It can grow 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 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 mammals. 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 the 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 2022 Progressive AE surveyed the entire lake for all types of invasive species at the end of May. Their survey turned up 1 acre of Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pond Weed on the east shore. They also found a small amount of Eurasian Milfoil near the public landing. Professional Lake Management treated the site on the east shore June 8. Progressive AE will do a second survey and determine whether the site at the landing will need to be treated. The annual program is important to keep the Milfoil under control and to detect any



other invasive species in the early stages to enable us to better control it. With your continued support, we can maintain this vital program. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

It's duck itch season

Swimmer's itch, also known as lake itch, duck itch, cercarial dermatitis, and Schistosome cercarial dermatitis, is a short-term, immune reaction occurring in the skin of humans that have been infested by water-borne schistosomatidae. Symptoms, which include itchy, raised papules, commonly occur within hours of infection and do not generally last more than a week.

A number of different flatworm parasites in the family Schistosomatidae are what cause swimmer's itch. These parasites use both freshwater snails and vertebrates as hosts in their parasitic life cycles. Mostly waterfowl are used as the vertebrate host. During one of their life stages, the larvae of the parasite, cercaria, leave the water snails and swim freely in the freshwater, attempting to encounter water birds. These larvae can accidentally come into contact with the skin of a swimmer. The cercaria penetrates the skin and dies in the skin immediately. The cercaria larvae cannot infect humans, but they cause an inflammatory immune reaction. This reaction causes initially mildly itchy spots on the skin. Within hours, these spots become raised papules which are intensely itchy. Each papule corresponds to the penetration site of a single para-

site.

The schistosomatidae that give rise to swimmer's itch should not to be confused with those of the genus *Schistosoma*, which infect humans and cause the serious human disease schistosomiasis, or with larval stages of thimble jellyfish (*Linuche unguiculata*), which give rise to seabather's eruption. Seabather's eruption mostly occurs in salt water, on skin covered by clothing or hair, whereas swimmer's itch mostly occurs in freshwater, on uncovered skin.

Since it was first described in Michigan in 1928, swimmer's itch has been reported from around the world. Some suggest incidence may be on the rise, although this may also be attributed to better monitoring.

Children may become infected more frequently and more intensely than adults but this probably reflects their tendency to swim for longer periods inshore, where cercariae also concentrate.

To prevent it, don't stand around in shallow, warm lake water. Staying out in somewhat deeper water and/or keeping moving such as when swimming, will usually prevent the parasites from getting you. When you or the kids get out of the water, towel off immediately



with a strong rubbing motion and then shower with soap and hot water.

Swimmer's itch typically clears up on its own within a few days, though in some cases the rash can last up to a week. In the meantime, you can control itching with over-the-counter antihistamines or anti-itch creams, such as those that contain calamine lotion. If the itching is severe, your doctor may recommend a prescription medication.

Orally administered hydroxyzine, an antihistamine, is sometimes prescribed to treat swimmer's itch and similar dermal allergic reactions.

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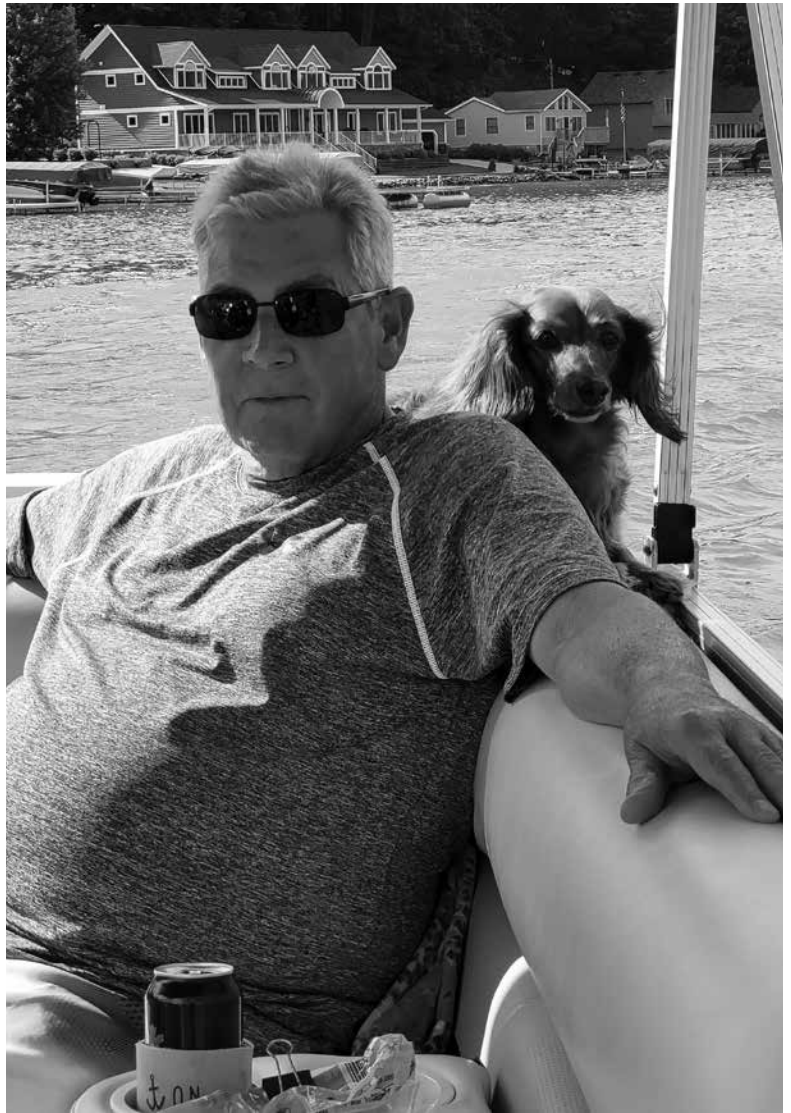
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— Barker Kids of the Week —

Right: Marc Caenepeel (cove), enjoying a pleasant boat ride with Forrest Hall (cove).

Birch Barker Kids of the Week

*Want your kid to be a Barker Kid of the Week?
Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your
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Left: Aley Vitale-Richards, grand-daughter of Phil & Sandy Vitale (east side), gets to be a Barker kid of the Week just because I haven't published her photo recently and she is such a delightful young lady.



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Birch Lake Ladies Golf

Ladies! Our annual fun golf outing is Friday, July 22nd. Grab three of your besties and join us at Diamond Lake Golf Course. Tee off is at 9 am, with an enjoyable luncheon afterwards at the Yacht Club. You say you're not a good golfer? We don't care. It's a best-ball scramble so everyone can come and play without any worries. If you are unable to get a foursome together let us know and we'll help find you a great group of ladies who'll make it a fun day.

Just want to enjoy the lunch? There's space for that too. Check out the Ladies Golf Outing form in this Barker for more info or call one of us. Lunch should start around 11:30 or so. Come join us.

~Carol McCoy and Blair Garceau



Birch Lake Ladies' FUN Golf Outing

Friday, July 22, 2022

Diamond Lake Golf Course, Cassopolis

9 am Tee Off - \$40 per golfer

Please arrive no later than 8:30 AM

Fee includes cart and lunch

Box Lunch at Diamond Lake Golf Course following the Outing

If you don't golf but would like to join us at noon for lunch

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Registration Form

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your attention now turns to home, family and your private life. Many will be involved more than usual with a parent. Because of this, some of you will cocoon at home more and relax among familiar surroundings. However, you want to be physically active! Note: Something will make you happier on a daily basis. In fact, you will appreciate the beauty of your everyday surroundings more than you realize.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

The pace of your days will accelerate in the next four weeks. Errands, appointments, short trips and visits with siblings, relatives and neighbors! You're eager to enlighten others. You want to tell someone what you think about something. If you can squeeze in a little vacation - this is a great idea. Meanwhile, your ruler Venus, is moving into one of your Money Houses! This means you might get richer and you will spend money on beautiful things.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

In the next four weeks, you will reflect upon your values. You want to know, "What really matters?" You want greater control of your world through what you own. Meanwhile, the lovely news is that this week fair Venus moves into your sign to stay for the next four weeks. Good times with friends will be a priority. This is a great time for a vacation! It's also a wonderful time to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

This week, recharge your batteries for the rest of year. It's your turn to replenish and restore yourself. You will also attract important people and favorable situations to you. Ah yes, this is the power of the Sun! Actually, this is an empowering birthday month for you because this year, lucky Jupiter is at the top of your chart. (Happens only once in 12 years.) Jupiter makes you look successful! This is the classic time for a promotion or public recognition by your peers. Meanwhile, with Venus hiding in your chart, secret love affairs might flower.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The next four weeks are a time of limbo for you. Nevertheless, you can use this time to make plans for your new year ahead. What do you want to achieve in the next year? Set some goals. Goals give you more clarity in decision-making. Plus, they give you a sense of purpose. You will schmooze more with others, especially artistic, creative people. (Remember - write down some goals.)

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You will be more popular in the next four weeks. You will seek out friends, plus, you will also become more involved in groups, clubs and organizations. Your idealism will be aroused, which is why you might seek out charitable organizations or ways to help those who are less fortunate. Romance with a boss might begin. Someone will ask your advice about how to make something look better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Everyone will admire you and see you as super capable (even if you don't do anything special). Good lighting is everything! Now is the perfect window of time for you to make your pitch or go after what you want because you look so good in the eyes of everyone. Meanwhile, Venus might also create a romantic relationship with someone "different."

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Decide to act on your urge to do something different because you need a change! Einstein said, "I must be willing to give up what I am in order to become what I will be." Sometimes you need to give up the familiarity of your velvet rut to explore more of the world. This includes intellectual exploration, which is why many of you will choose to study or take courses instead of jetting off to new places. Fair Venus has just moved into one of your Money Houses, which means the financial or practical help you need or an inheritance might come to you! (Where there's a will, there's a way.) Romantic relations will be very affectionate and sexy!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is a lovely time for all relationships - love affairs, marriages, partnerships and professional relations with coworkers. Use the next four weeks to patch up difficult relationships and misunderstandings. Meanwhile, you will have more involvement with financial matters and shared property. This includes taxes, debt and inheritances. You will also feel emotionally passionate, and at times, even compulsive.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

It's been six months since your birthday, which means certain things in your life are culminating. Be smart, respectful and courteous when dealing with authority figures. (You'll be glad you did.) Some situations might not work out right now. Remember: Your first loss is your cheapest loss. Let it go. What is working needs to be incorporated in your life so that you move forward with growth and progress.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Grab that toolbox or briefcase because you're keen to work in the next four weeks. You're setting the bar high and you want to be productive! You want to make every action count. (Admirable.) Basically, you want to manage your life well. One quirky detail is you might have to work on behalf of others, which means you might not be your own boss.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Great news! The next four weeks will be full of social outings, fun vacations, romantic diversions, sports events and enjoyable activities with kids. Yes, it's your turn to play! Not only do you want to play and socialize with others, at a deeper level, you want to express the real you, especially your creative talents. You want the freedom to be who you are. Expect relationships to be more lighthearted and fun-loving! Romance in particular will sizzle! Many of you will also enjoy redecorating projects and doing something to make your home more attractive. You will want to entertain at home as well. Invite family over for good food and drink.

Birch Lake items of interest

The Moon for this Saturday

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

Illuminated Fraction: 0.070
2.8 days before new moon

208 days
before
New Moon

Sunrise: 06:06:50 AM
Sunset: 21:22:56 PM
Moonrise: 03:38:31 AM
Moonset: 18:36:02 PM
Daylight: 15 Hr 16 Min 06 Sec

Farm Animals

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Birch Barker Funnies



"I'll give you something for gas."



"Is the lady coming back, sir?"



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Me: No, I've always dressed this way.. 🤪



~Birch Lake Recipes~



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Sunrise salad – looks refreshing

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Original recipe yields 12 servings

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- 2 (10 ounce) packages frozen strawberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 medium banana, mashed
- 1 pint sour cream

Directions:

Step 1 - In a bowl, pour boiling water over gelatin, stirring to dissolve. Stir in frozen strawberries until thawed. Set aside.

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It's another hot week this week, and we're working hard to keep everyone cool and healthy. That means spending LOTS of time at the waterfront! We had three mandatory swim times last week to try to keep kids cooled off, and I'm sure we'll have a few this week as well.

Last week we had Fleet Captain Steve Frew at camp to help teach sailing. The campers had a great time, and we were excited to see your sailboats back out on the water for the first time in a few years. Not only did the campers learn a lot, but it was a great experience for our staff as well.

Thank you to Steve for helping organize this new junior sailing program, and for being our first volunteer of the summer. We're looking forward to having other Birch Lake sailors up here to help out the rest of the summer! We do still have spaces for more volunteers, so if you'd like to come up and help with a couple sailing classes for a week, please email amber@tannadoonah.org and I'll get you on the schedule!

We have nearly reached 1,200

registered campers for the summer, with 1,182 registered so far. We've seen a recent increase in new registrations coming in this past week, maybe related to kids being out of school and parents realizing they need to get them out of the house to do something! Our kids (Avery and Elyse) just got out of school on Wednesday last week (June 15)! They were so jealous of all their friends who got out of school around Memorial Day. Avery is gone all week this week on a trip to Washington, DC with his school, so he will have to wait yet another week to have his first week at camp for the summer.

It's been exciting to get back to our "normal" schedules at camp this year, with campers each having their own individual schedules and getting to choose their favorite activities. For the past two years we've kept the kids in "cohorts" of 10-12 campers and they had to stay together all week with their group. So there was less freedom to choose their activities. On the flip side, each cohort really got to know each other well during the week! The "normal" schedule means kids are moving around camp a lot more independently, instead of in big clusters with their cabin or cohorts. It's so fun to see all the activity and feel like things are back to the way it's been in the past!



Don't forget about the upcoming pancake breakfast at Camp T on Sunday, July 3 from 8:30-11 am. Cost is \$5 for ages 10 and older; \$2 for ages 5-10, and free for kids 4 and younger. If you'd like to volunteer at the breakfast, we can always use extra hands in the kitchen or helping in the dining room! Email me and I'll send you a link to the volunteer sign up. As always, we will have our Camp Trading Post open so you can stock up on your Camp T gear, too!

~Mrs. Amber

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Birch Lake Directory

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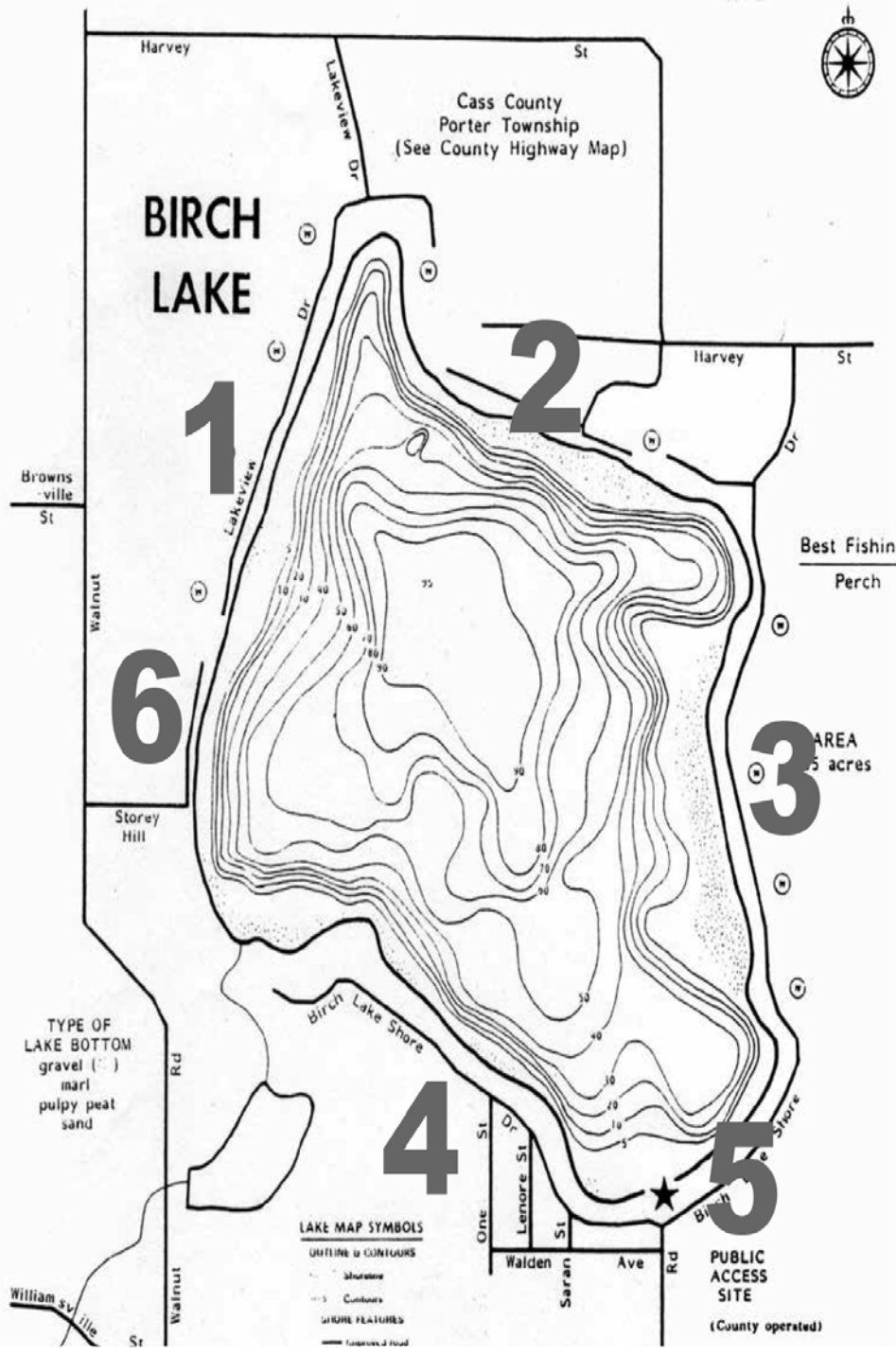
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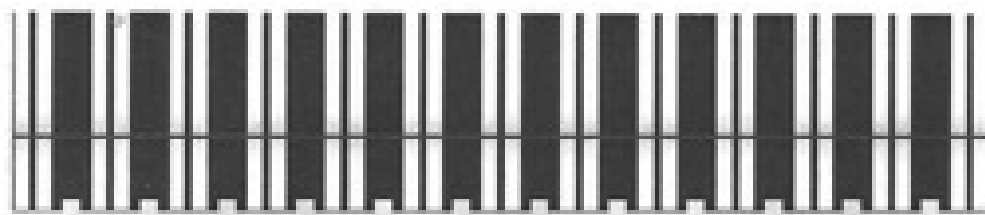
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