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Birch Barker

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And the beat goes on ...

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The string remains unbroken. Every feature of every event just keeps getting better and better. Plus, the number of events seems to be growing also.

Last Saturday's Housewalk was my first. I expected I would probably like some of the homes. After all, the owners are my neighbors with whom I already share, in a big way, tastes and commitments to a certain common body of water. Boy was I wrong. Each and every house was beautiful. Most significantly each and every dwelling reflected the care and concern of its owners. It was obvious that each and every residence was, and still is, a labor, and a place, of love. A few were in danger of being so nice as to make one wonder if a sufficient amount of time was being spent outdoors on, or in, the water.

While each and every home was different, they were magnificent in their own ways. My compliments to the owners. You went through the time and effort to share your home with so many people you don't, or barely, know — almost like strangers

walking in off the street. After feeling the warmth of these domiciles and getting to listen to the owners describe their labors of love, I don't feel like a stranger anymore. The "walking in off the street" cliché isn't appropriate either because we instead walked off an armada of pontoon boats that had been brilliantly conceived and executed. Highly organized (timed routes and radio contact) cheerfully, efficiently operated by various captains, first mates, dock tenders, and more. In honor of the occasion no doubt, the lake combined with the sun and sky to take on one of its most beautiful hues of shimmering green with blue streaks interspersed throughout.

Monday's Wall Street Journal had a feature on a number of classmates at West Point who are now running our military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. These guys have nothing on Michelle, Vanessa, and Vickie. Evidence of this triumvirates' precision planning was everywhere: the right amount and mix of crafts for sale, entry and exit signs and arrows, floor protecting over-sox at each entrance, the litany of interest-creating articles in the Barker, tickets, booklets, beverages, walkie-talkies, the whole

2009 BLYC Calendar

AUGUST 1—BOARD MEETING 10 AM
August 1—Camp T. Hog Roast, 3 pm
August 7—Women's Golf Outing
August 8 —Corn & Sausage Roast
August 22—Fall Dinner
Sept. 5—Board meeting 9 am

For more info on any BLYC event, contact the Commodore at 476-1467 or 574-274-9580.

nine yards. On behalf of the entire lake community thanks to the three Commanders in Chiefs, the Rodriguezes, Mullins, Bruce Wagner, Bergans, Cowens, De Youngs, Quinlans, and Wozniaks for hosting, and to all the others who donated their time and talent to this outstanding event.

I never cease to be amazed by all of the extraordinary things all of the extraordinary people get done here at the lake. And yet there is still much more to come: golf outings, hog roast, corn and sausage roast, and Fall Dinner just over the next 3 weeks (4 weekends). Yes, to once again quote Sonny and Cher, "the beat goes on."

The line of literary winners we are sharing with you goes on as well. This

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week's selection was not only the first place winner in the "Four Seasons" category, but also was awarded the distinction of being the Alternate Grand Prize Winner as the second-best essay of all those submitted, chosen from the six individual category winners. In order to be even considered for the Grand Prize, entries had to be first selected a first place winner in one of the six categories of fine literature. (Editor's note: If you are hung up on the 250 word maximum limitation, stop reading after the first paragraph.)

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT BIRCH LAKE

Usually, when writing an essay, before I put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, I pre-compose in my head, while making the almost daily 100 mile 'there and back' to town. Keeping true to form, while on my last trek, I began to catalog all the things that make spring my favorite thing about Birch Lake. I mean, (except the bugs, of course) what's not to like? I smiled at the thought of little green buds determinedly emerging where only weeks ago they were covered with crushing chunks of ice. I love chatting with anxious neighbors that are putting in piers while shivering in waist deep water that just days before was crusted with a frozen black sheen. I anticipate the sounds of spring on the lake, the scream of the ice as it begins to shatter, that first boat motor roaring by, children's laughter as they run around the cottages while parents or grandparents air out linens that have been packed neatly away in plastic boxes protected from dust and furry friends over the long winter. Better still, I love the voices of favorite friends, the "trunk slammers" and

"snow birds" that we are loath to lose in autumn but with whom we remain virtually incommunicado the other six months. Beauty runs rampant with the early morning sun slowly illuminating the homes across the water. Discovering the return of humming birds and pterodactyl-like herons make me stop in mid stride to watch and wonder. I just love being witness to the waking of the lake as it comes alive each year.

But then I thought about summer. How could I prefer spring to the season that makes me the envy of all my non-lake friends suffering in the city? I am happy just thinking about the parade of neighbors circling the lake in boats of all types, circling and circling again, waving on every pass, or gathering like a gaggle of geese in the center to laugh, swim, perhaps imbibe a bit from coolers stocked with a favorite brew. And what about the Yacht Club parties, "flamingling" with friends, late night pontooning, bonfires, fireworks and the pancake breakfast. Summer's great.

Then again, fall slips gently in bringing a breathtaking panorama of color ringing and reflecting at the water's edges. Our narrow thoroughfares are blanketed in a layer of yellow, orange and brown and the chilling air hangs heavy with drifts of smoke. Fewer and fewer boats and cars bring solitude and a stillness that we year-rounders cherish.

But winter, ah, winter has a beauty unparalleled as we wait for the day that no open water is evident. Nothing inspires the awe of nature like a morning walk or drive under branches bowing down, each heavy with its frosting of thick, white snow, making every road a scene from a Christmas

card. Then a village of ice people mushrooms near the landing with huts, tents and buckets dragged onto the ever thickening new ice. We stay on the lookout for the yellow truck - will he come this year? It's a topic of lake conversation. Our new winter traditions, the East Side Crawl, the New Year's Eve party as well as Dan Waxman Annual 50th Birthday party and Tuesday night dominoes give this hard season lovely milestones for which to look forward while we wait for the thaw.

Still driving to town, I faced the fact that if I am to name just one thing that I must define as my favorite about Birch Lake for me is definitely the life of freedom and beauty that I am allowed to lead here, and better yet, have the honor and privilege of sharing with my family and friends.

Happily Submitted by,

-Debbie Bolinger

Thank you Deb for taking the time to put this piece together and for sharing it with us.

Holly received another dues check last week. We are now up to 155 paid members. Very good, but we can do better.

By the time you read this, I will have seen a number of you at the Men's Golf Outing. I hope to see the rest of you at today's (8/1/09) Camp T. Hog Roast. What a nice gesture on behalf of the Camp and Campfire. Good deeds just keep begetting more good deeds, don't they? It reminds me of a Sonny and Cher song...

Until next time, together let us continue to protect and enjoy the miraculous healing waters of Birch (God's favorite) Lake.

-Paul Fallon, 2009 Commodore

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Change in meeting time

In order to accommodate the stragglers expected from Friday's BLYC Men's Golf Outing, the Board of Directors has agreed to delay the board meeting start on Saturday, August 1, by one hour ... so the meeting will begin at 10 am.

Homeowners Association

The annual meeting and election of directors of the Birch Lake Homeowners Association will take on Saturday, August 1, following the BLYC Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Boat safety inspection

Sgt. Philip Esarey, the head of the Marine Division of the Cass County Sheriff's Department will conduct a boat safety inspection Saturday, Aug. 1 from 1 to 4 pm at the pier of Sheryl Papandria and Dan Covey on the east side. The inspectors will be looking for the following items:

1. Boat Numbers
2. Registration/Documentation
3. PFDs
4. Fire extinguisher
5. Ventilation
6. Backfire flame arrester
7. Sound signaling device (horn)
8. Navigation lights
9. Overall boat condition

Sgt. Esarey's crew will be inspecting power boats and providing a sticker to those that pass. Those that do not pass will not be ticketed, but the owners will be given the information on



Thanks to the crew of "Sistahs" who "manned" the Bad Patty last weekend to help Bad Patty herself start the weekly sailboat races ... incidentally, those are the sailboats playing around in the background ... From left, Katie daugherty from Chicago, Good Patti Russwurm, Major Russwurm, (who isn't a sistah, by the way), Deb Taghon and Karen Brovold.

how to bring their boats up to standards.

Thanks neighbors

Thanks to the Millers on the west side for retrieving our lost but now found canoe. Can't believe the oars were still in it!

-Joe Hogoboom

Thanks!

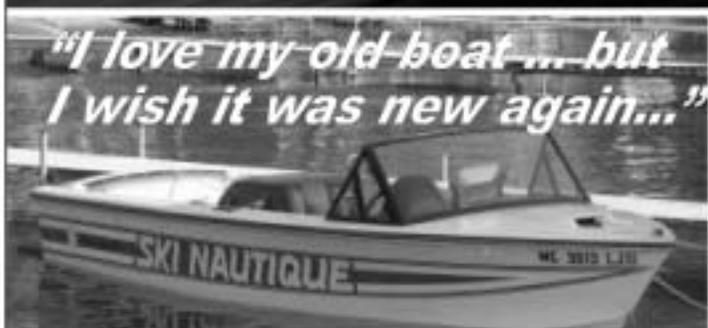
A big thank you to all those who toured the 2009 Birch Lake House Walk. We so enjoyed meeting and visiting with all of you. Your many kind and gracious comments meant so very much to us. It was a pleasure getting to meet a few more wonderful Birch Lakers. We hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we did. With our

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appreciation.

-Jim & Linda Bergan & Bruce Wagner

Corn and Sausage Roast

Mark Your Calendar! The Corn and Sausage Roast will be held on Saturday, August 8, serving food from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Once again we will be serving grilled chicken breasts on a limited basis, so come early if brats aren't your thing. Our combo meals include your meat choice, corn, four sides, cookies and one beverage. The donation can will be out for additional canned drinks. Prices are: \$5 for a hot dog meal, \$6 for a bratwurst meal, and \$7 for a chicken breast meal. See you there.

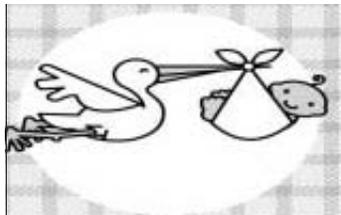
Baby Shower Open House for Chas and Amber

Sunday, August 30th — 2 to 5 pm at Birch Lake Yacht Club — ALL are welcome! Join us for appetizers, drinks, cake and a visit with the parents to be.

If you are interested in being part of a group gift

please call: Cove: Vickie Rogers 476-2383
Northside: Amy Lutz 476-2843
Eastside: Blair Garceau 476-9862
Southside: Katha Machalleck 476-2642
Westside: Karen Brovold 476-8862

Chas and Amber are registered at Babies R Us and Target.



Camp T hog roast

Hey, Birch Lake! You're invited to attend a hog roast to help us celebrate the completion of the Murphy Memorial Sports Complex and thank all of our friends, volunteers, and donors. There's no fee to attend, just bring a dish to share.

What: Hog roast — we'll supply the hog, soft drinks,

beer. We'll also have games and a bonfire.

When: August 1, 3pm-10pm, (5pm: Dedication of the Murphy Memorial Sports Complex)

Cost: Free! Please bring a side, snack, or dessert to share.

Where: Camp Tannadoonah - <http://tannadoonah.org/directions>

Who: Camp Fire friends and supporters and their families (kids welcome).

Email chas@grundyhome.com or call 574-315-0217 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

-Chas

Lake Story

Of course I wanted to go fishing. The weather was just fine. Brilliant morning sun and a smooth lake surface with long shore shadows made it perfect. I rowed quietly to my favorite fishing spot and dropped my heavy anchor. It was about 200 yards from shore and I heard a fish jump near me. I felt good about my prospects. Another fish made a splash near my boat. Then another, then later, another. Then another. What's happening? Is this coincidence? The next splash made me suspicious that someone was throwing something from the shore to make those splashes. Looking toward the shore I saw nothing, but I did yell, "What's going on here?" There was a quiet interval and then a response — "Fore!".

-Duffy Dufour

Fall Dinner is fast approaching!

August 22nd, the date of the fall dinner is fast approaching. We have been consulting with Carrie Rogers of Chic Eats Catering and have come up with a tantalizing menu for the Fall Dinner. Last week we told you we were going south of the border for new taste treats. Well, here's what we came up with.

For appetizers there will be Spicy Jalapeno Bean Dip, Fresh Guacamole, Mango Salsa and Mini-Empanadas. For dinner there will be a "build your own" taco bar with both Fish and Chicken and Peppers for fillings. Mexican Rice and Green Chili Corn Bake will round out the dinner menu. Desserts will come from the array on our Mini-Sweets table.

The cost for our Prix Fixe menu is only \$20 per person. Seating at the yacht club is limited, so we will be selling tickets in advance. Tickets will be available at the Corn and Sausage Roast and from any of the yacht club officers and directors that are listed in each Birch Barker. A cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. We will also be having an election for yacht club directors and last but not least, the new Vice-Commodore designate will be introduced. I can hardly wait! Hope to see you'all there.

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— Birch Lake Notes —

HOUSE WALK

Last weekend drew over 150 people to the house walk and art fair. Through the efforts of the seven homeowners and the pontoon drivers, we had dozens of people say this was "the best home tour ever." Between the boat rides and the name tags, many people made new friends and acquaintances!

We would like to thank the seven homeowners who so graciously opened their homes to everyone. Thanks once again to the: Rodriguezes, Mullins, Bruce Wagner, Bergans, Cowens, DeYoungs, and Quinlans. Without you this event would not have been possible!

Huge thanks to Phil Vitale for printing our articles and laying out the brochure, and to the Wozniaks for printing it and letting us use their Barn for the event. Many thanks to Carol Dugan for taking the homeowners pictures. Thanks to the homeowners



helpers: Le King, Blair Garceau, Mardy Miller, and to the family members who lent a hand. What a great job the pontoon drivers did — gracias to the organizers Tom Rogers and Gordon Seyfarth and their team of: "Bad Patty" and Bill Luecht, Bernie Garceau, Dan Waxman, Bob Waddle, Dick Cowens and cousin Ray Meixel, Jim

Bergans and his grandson Jimmy, Bob King, and to the pier assistants Gordon Seyfarth and Ken Troyer — again many thanks — you helped make the afternoon very enjoyable!

Also, many thanks to our ticket sellers: Vickie Rogers, Denny Weesner, Bev Kruggel, Linda Curtis, Judy Olsen, and Michelle Seyfarth. I hope you all had a chance to grab some munchies they were tasty! A big thank you to the following bakers: Nina Frurip, Fran Welch, Patti Russwurm, Doreen Wos, Sandy Klappauf, Vanessa



Wozniak, and Michelle Seyfarth.

We would like to thank the following vendors who contributed over 15 items for our drawings: Satori Salon and Spa, Sandy and Rachel's Massage Therapy, Chickadees Gift Shop, Cheyenne Lawn Care, Carol Dugan, and Darlene Troyer.

Again, a huge thank you to all of you for helping make this event such a success, if we forgot to mention you, we apologize. ***We raised \$1540 which will go towards the Water Quality testing fees.***

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— Barker kid of the Week —



At left are Neil Troeger (east side) with his buddy, Valentin Gelugne. Valentin's parents rented the Ball's cottage the summer when the boys were three years old. Our family kept in contact with the Gelugnes after their move to Atlanta and their eventual return to France when Valentin was seven. Valentin is spending two weeks with us and the rest of his family will arrive in August to spend a couple of days at Birch Lake before travelling to the east coast. Photo provided by Holly Troeger.



Above, 2-year-old Lyla Boecher thinks hanging out at G&G Russwurm's house is pretty cool ... Photo provided by G-Good-Patti.

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Big smiles at (and in) Birch Lake — left to right: Laura Pastor, Elena Pastor (sisters from Zaragoza, Spain), Sarah-Elizabeth Horn (Carmel), Whitney Horn (Indianapolis), Cal King (north side), Evan Horn (Chicago), and Betsy Haldrup (Carmel). Cal King is the grandson of Bill and Le King, and the son of Bob and Leslie King. Photo provided by Chuck Horn of Carmel, IN.

Want your kid to be a Baker Kid of the Week?

Your kid can be in the Barker if you send pix to me (via email) along with their name(s) and pertinent info. If you don't email, make sure the info is legible and not too long because I have to retype all that stuff from scratch (and I'm not a very good typist ... and I'm even worse at proofreading stuff I type). -Editor

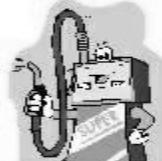
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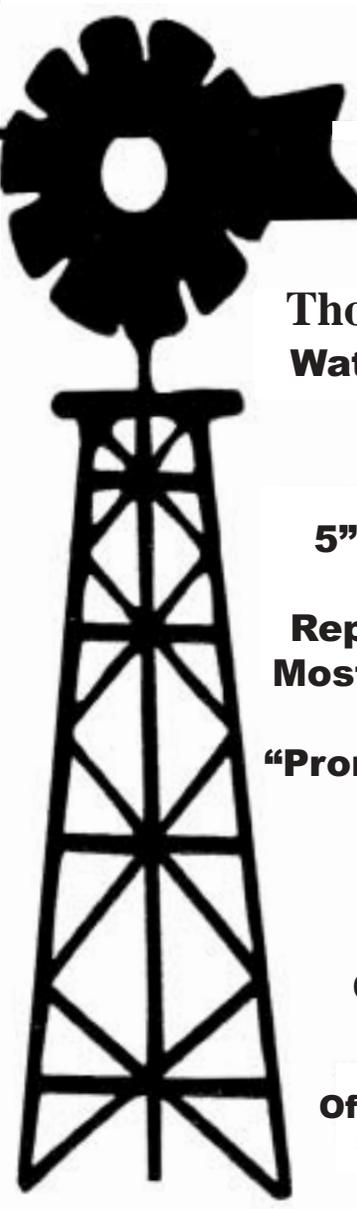
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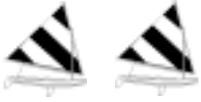
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Fleet Captains' Corner



Could everybody hear the announcements from the committee boat last Sunday? I'm talking to you people over at Shavehead; I know everyone at Birch could hear just fine. I hope it wasn't too loud for the Birch Lakers who were trying to sleep in — I understand there were some heavy heads around the lake after a certain progressive dinner party on Saturday. But anyways, thanks, Yacht Club, for the new PA system.

We had a great day of racing Sunday - the wind was strong and steady, and there were a lot of sailors out on the water. The races were fast and exciting, and nobody tipped over. What more could you ask? Missing from the fun were Jeff Smitley, who had his eyes lasered, and Harold Cranmer, who had his, well, never mind, but he was able to set the marks out for us on Sunday. Thanks, Harold. Hope both you guys are out there sailing this week. Thanks also to Earl Troeger for giving Tom a tow.

One of the best things about being Fleet Captain (besides the cool flag that I get to fly on the pontoon boat) is the cool people that I get to sail with. I got e-mails from two of the sailors this week, and both of them were asking that their scores be reduced because they felt it would be unsportsmanlike to accept the scores that they were given! What gentlemen they are! I have two responses to them: (1) you got the scores you did because you earned them, and (2) next year when you're the Fleet Captain, you can...

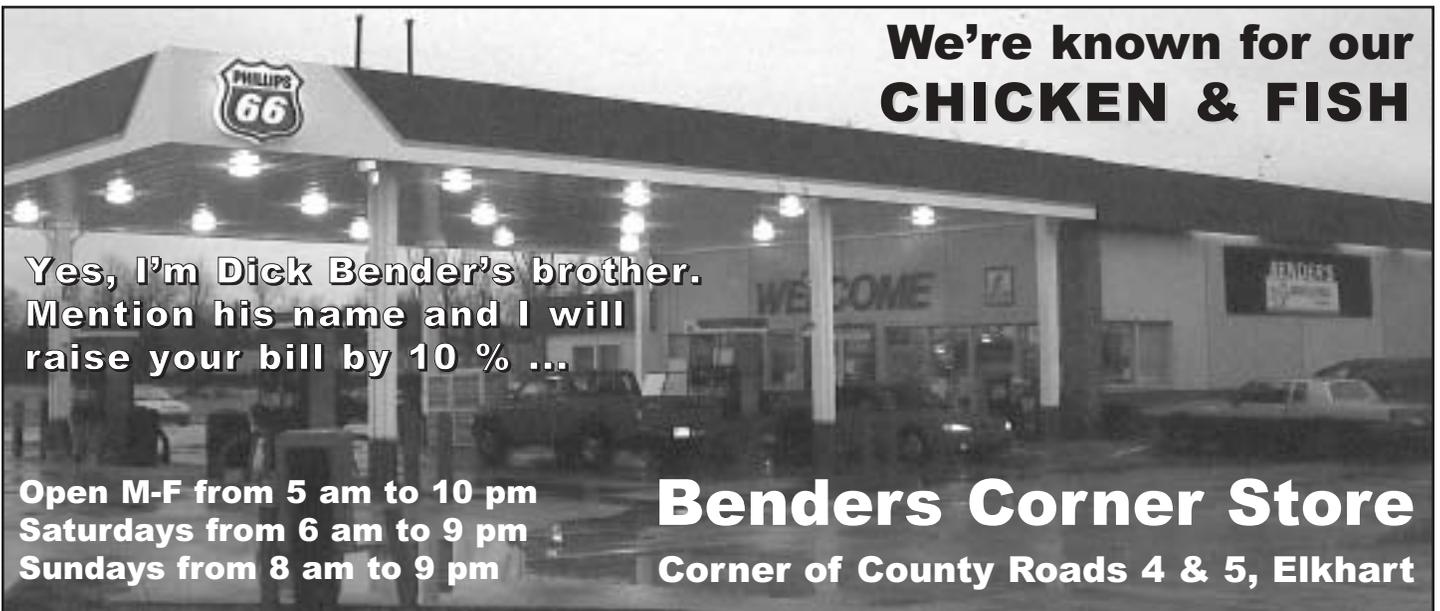
2008 BLYC SAILING SEASON RESULTS

Date	26-Jul	26-Jul	26-Jul	Total	Season
Race	10	11	12	Points	Average
MC Scow					
Scott Troeger #1489	5	2	DNS	7617	1523
Rick Harman #379	1	1	3	7469	1494
Bob King #1199	2	3	1	10219	1460
Harold Cranmer #618	DNS	DNS	DNS	11653	1457
Jim Bolinger #1735	DNS	DNS	DNS	4259	1420
Tom Howard #1713	DNF	DNS	DNS	12545	1394
Don Harman #582	3	5	2	6926	1385
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	DNS	DNS	6840	1368
Phil Vitale #500	8	4	6	13495	1350
Dave Olson #1979	4	7	4	13073	1307
Gib Eberhart #916	6	6	DNS	13955	1269
Bill Luecht #1579	7	8	5	11998	1200
Sunfish					
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	11200	1600
Erica Vitale (White)	2	2	2	9205	1534
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	4563	1521
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	7453	1491
Eric Odenwald (Blue/Yellow)	3	3	3	7220	1444
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	4	4	4	10838	1355
Mike Lutz (Yellow/White)	5	5	5	3888	129

The "Sistas" - Patty, Patti, Katie, Deb, and Karen - served as the race starting committee. I was afraid that, with the new PA system, they might get carried away and try auditioning for "American Idol," but instead they carried out their assigned duties in a solemn and reserved manner, as befits the time honored sport of sailing. Thanks, girls!
-Bill Luecht, Fleet Captain 2009

COMMITTEE BOAT SIGN UPS

8-2	Jim & Sally Beck, Bruce Wagner
8-9	Available for You!
8-16	Bob & Sue Waddle
8-23	Stan & Karen
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~Birch Lake Recipes~



WOW! The Vitales hosted one leg of a progressive dinner this past weekend and 20+ people threatened to hide all my cook books if I didn't put his soup in as recipe of the week.

Phil's Cioppino

Ingredients:

¾ cup butter
2 onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 bunch fresh parsley, chopped
2 (14.5 oz) cans stewed tomatoes
2 (14.5 oz) cans chicken broth
2 bay leaves
1 tablespoon dried basil (or a handful of fresh basil)

½ teaspoon dried thyme
½ teaspoon dried oregano
1 cup water
1-1/2 cups dry, red wine
1 pkg grouper (fresh or frozen)
1 pkg red snapper (fresh or frozen)
5 small lobster tails
1 pkg snow crab legs and claws
24 live Maine mussels
24 live clams
1-1/2 lb shrimp

Directions:

Boil lobster tails and snow crabs approx. 20 minutes. Plunge them into cold water. Remove meat from shells and chill in refrigerator.

Over medium-low heat melt butter

in a large stockpot, add onions, garlic and parsley. Cook slowly, stirring occasionally until onions are soft.

Add stewed tomatoes (break them into chunks as you add them). Add chicken broth, bay leaves, basil, thyme, oregano, water and wine. Mix well. Cover and simmer 30 minutes.

Stir in seafood then bring to a boil. Lower heat, cover and simmer 5-7 minutes (until clams open). Ladle soup into large bowls and serve with warm, crusty bread and dry, red wine.

Makes 13 approx. servings

Not a drop was left for me to try. Yes, I'm pouting.

-Good Patti



BIRCH LAKE LADIES GOLF OUTING



August 7, 2009 9:00a.m. Shot Gun
Start

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Ladies, it's time to start gathering your team for the Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. We will be teeing off at 9:00 a.m. at the Sauganash Golf Course in Three Rivers then heading back to the yacht club lunch.

We are asking each team to donate a basket to raffle. We will also be raffling off the centerpieces as well as having a 50/50 drawing.

Lunch includes: veggie tray, cheese crackers, chicken caesar salad, mixed green salad, rolls, butter, mixed berries with frangelico cream, water, iced tea and chardonnay.

Any questions please call Amy Lutz at 269-476-2843. Donated items can be dropped off to Amy Lutz or Carol Freihofer.

2009 Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing

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Checks should be made payable to the B.L.Y.C. and can be dropped off to Amy Lutz.

Tannadoonah Tidbits

Just one more week of camp to go! It's hard to believe how fast this summer went. This past week was Zoo Week at camp, and the focus was all about animals. We have a camp puppy and 2 camp turtles this summer, plus I brought one of our cats up to camp to visit.

Instead of "counselor hunt" this week, we had an "animal hunt." Each counselor had to choose which animal they wanted to be, and hide in a spot around camp that would suit that type of animal. So if they chose to be a bird, they had to hide somewhere up high. One counselor said he was a skunk, and his hiding place was in the dumpster! Ick!

We also had a talent show this week, which was a fun opportunity for campers to show off their unique talents. Some campers sang songs or danced, and other formed small groups to do skits or performances.

Tomorrow (Saturday the 1st) is the big Hog Roast up here at camp. Come on up anytime after 3 and join us for some great food. Bring a dish to pass — we'll be providing the meat and drinks! Plus you can check out the great new tennis courts up here.

Next week on Thursday night (August 6th) we will be serenading the residents on the north / northeast and the cove / west shores. We plan to leave camp around 7:45 pm, so if you want to hear our campers and staff sing you some camp songs, come on outside to see us!

Friday night (August 7th) is our LAST night of camp. As many of you know, the last Friday night of the summer we do our candlelight ceremony at the waterfront. We have our final council fire of the season, and then proceed to the waterfront with candles, which we then set afloat in the water. Generally we start coming down the waterfront stairs sometime between 9 and 9:30pm on Friday night. Come on out in your boats to see this awesome tradition.

It looks like we're going to finish up this summer a short of

last year's numbers, as we currently have 420 registered campers, and we finished last season with 457 campers. However, it was still a great summer, and we're pleased to have crossed the 400 camper mark for the second year in a row. I'm already looking ahead to next year and planning some of the themes and activities. If you have any fun suggestions, be sure to let me know!

We do still have openings for the last week of camp (starting Sunday) and are offering some great discounts. So if you have a camper who might want to attend, give me a call or send me an email as soon as you can! The theme for the week is "Fairy Tales and Super Heroes."

We're looking forward to wrapping up the 2009 summer with a really awesome week at camp!

-Miss Amber



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Ryan Gableman, East Side Hill

Stu's Star Stuff

Twinkle, twinkle little star

When you step out under a dark sky, one of the first things you notice about the stars is the twinkling. This rapid-fire change in brightness and color is caused by Earth's atmosphere — an ocean of air that bends and splits the starlight.

But a star can actually do some “twinkling” on its own -- it just takes a while.

The scorpion is in the south at nightfall, marked by its bright orange “heart,” the star Antares. A line of three stars to the upper right of Antares represents the scorpion's head. One of these stars, Delta Scorpii, is actually a system of several stars.

Delta Scorpii is an example of the above mentioned twinkling and is one of three stars that represent the head of the celestial scorpion. It's actually a system of perhaps four stars. The brightest of the bunch is much hotter, brighter, and more massive than the Sun. Even from its distance of about 400 light-years, it's quite easy to see.

But over the last decade, the star has sometimes grown even easier to see. At times, in fact, it's about twice as bright as normal.

That's because Delta Scorpii spins on its axis almost a hundred times faster than

the Sun does. That makes the star bulge outward at the equator, so instead of a ball, it's shaped more like a pumpkin.

Sometimes, this high-speed rotation flings hot gas into space. The gas forms a glowing disk around the star, making it appear brighter. Over time, the disk cools and fades. But then another eruption makes it brighter again. So Delta Scorpii produces its own brand of “twinkling” -- the kind that takes not seconds, but months or even years.

Another interesting star in the constellation Scorpius is Zeta Scorpii. (Cultural aside - Stars in a constellation are named in order of their brightness, Alpha Scorpii being the brightest (in this case a.k.a. Antares), followed by Beta Scorpii, etc...) The star Zeta Scorpii marks the junction between the body and tail of the celestial scorpion. Binoculars reveal that it is really two stars. They are not related, though. Zeta-2 is about 150 light-years away, while Zeta-1 is up to 6,000 light-years.

Antares, the “heart” of Scorpius, is the bright orange star just to the right of the Moon this evening. The star is so large that if it took the Sun's place in our solar system, it would swallow the four innermost planets, including Earth.

Look for Scorpius tonight right over

the middle of the south shore. Follow the pattern from the head at the west end, down through the heart, Antares, and along the curving tail toward the east, ending with the two stars often referred to as “the cat's eyes”. And as always, enjoy the show. It's free.

-Stu Spratt



The Moon tonight:

The Moon for Aug 1, 2009
Illuminated Fraction: 0.876
3.7 days until full moon

BIRCH LAKE HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20)

Major moves will be emotional and not necessarily to your benefit. You can't help everyone. You're in a high cycle for romance. Secret enemies will be eager to spread rumors about you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-may 21)

You may exaggerate your emotional situation. Investments may be misrepresented this week. Sudden changes regarding your circle of friends could prove interesting and stimulating. Use your charm, but don't be phony. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Opportunities to get ahead are evident. Not everything you hear will be legitimate. You will need to finalize important deals this week. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You will be best suited to doing things around the house or inviting friends over for a visit. Residential moves will be in your best interest.

Be careful not to lead someone on if you truly have no interest. Romantic opportunities are evident if you get involved in large groups or organizations. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Travel will stimulate your need to experience exciting new things. Be careful what you consume this week. Involvement in groups will be favorable and lead to valuable information. Exercise is always a good way to relieve stress. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)

Residential moves will be hectic and may be unsatisfactory. Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Your partner may push buttons that infuriate you. Overindulgence may be a problem. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Make sure to arrange in advance to spend quality time together. Your ability to talk circles around your colleagues will help you forge ahead in

the workforce. Don't start a dispute unless you're prepared to accept irreversible results. Your best efforts will come through investments concerning your home. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Keep important information to yourself. Social get-together will bring you in contact with intelligent new friends. Get together with friends who like to participate in indoor sports. Your sensitive, affectionate nature will capture the heart of anyone you are attracted to. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Your lover will be extremely sensitive and now will not be a good time to make changes that they won't like. You should want to feel good about yourself and your goals. Your diplomacy will be of utmost importance this week. You must not lead someone on or show interest in them for the wrong reasons. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Matters pertaining to work must be completed before you leave. Take

time to make physical improvements that will enhance your appearance. Visit friends or relatives you rarely see. Work hard on improving your living quarters. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Don't overspend on entertainment, on children, or make poor investments. Your ideas may be a little ahead of their time; don't push them, instead just continue working on development. Have a heart-to-heart talk with family and find out what the problems are. Those you work with may have little consideration for the underdog. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

You can pick up valuable information if you listen to those with more experience. Your hypnotic eyes will capture the hearts of those who interest you. This will be a good day for research and for sitting down with some good, informative reading material. Find out what they're up to, and see if you can pick up where you left off. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

Water Quality Committee Report

Water Quality Program
 Water Quality Committee Lake Management Report
 Rick Russwurm, Chairman;
 Terry Dugan, Gordon Seyfarth, Bruce Wagner



Testing at the Inlet

The other day we decided to do a little experiment regarding what happens to the E coli that has been identified in the inlet stream from the northeast corner. We have always been able to find E coli in the stream, but folks in the area obviously may be concerned about what is happening in their area within a few hundred feet of the inlet.

The other day we sampled (1) the stream, (2) next to the closest pier to the south, and (3) near the closest pier to the north. Additionally, samples were taken directly from (4) the mouth of the stream less than a foot into the actual lake.

All samples were duplicates and analyses were conducted as described previously using the Coliscan Easygel system from Micrology Labs with incubation at 95 degrees for 24 hours. All data is in the form of colony forming units per 100 ml.

The two stream samples (1) showed counts of 600 and 780 respectively. All of the samples taken from (2) south and (3) north of the inlet had no detectable levels of E coli. The two samples (4) from the mouth of the stream were at 100 and 120.

Thus, almost immediately upon entering the lake the water from the stream is sufficiently diluted to dramatically lower the E coli counts.

We are following up with the labs at Michigan State to see if we can further identify the warm blooded source of the E coli, or at least rule out an agricultural input. We hope to have information as to whether they have appropriate mark-

ers and the costs associated with the tests shortly.

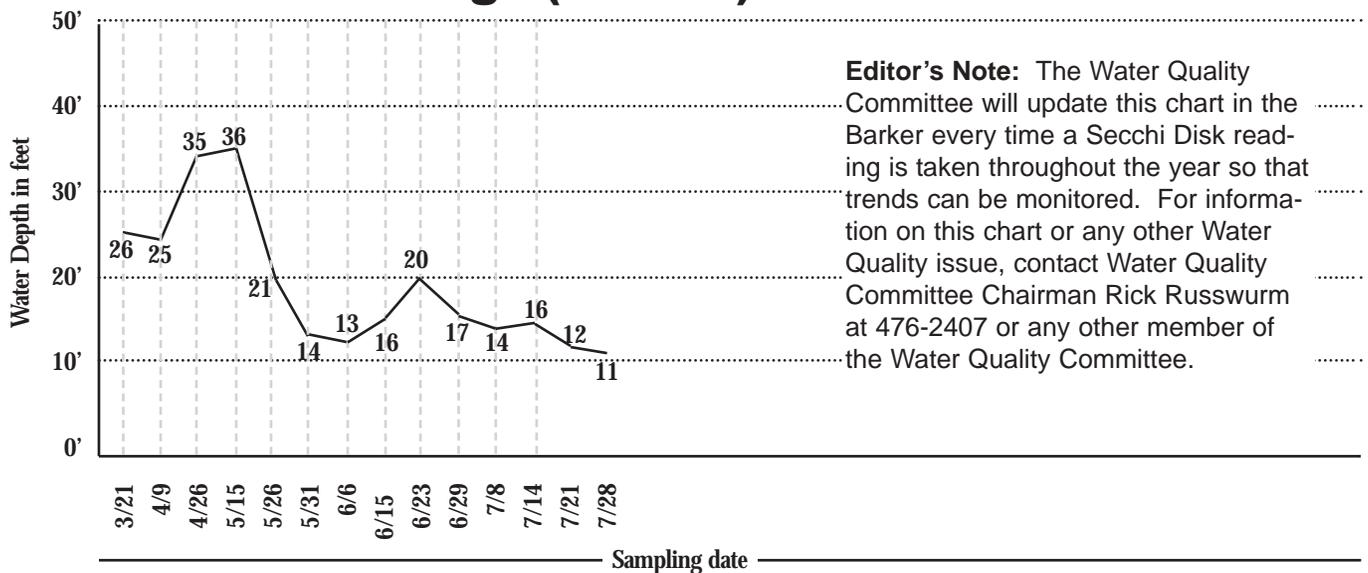
In the next week or so, we will do another full lake survey for E coli and immediately report the findings.

At this point we are quite pleased to report that with the exception of the stream all sites tested have been undetectable with the exception of a very low count at the public beach. A diaper was found in the water in that area the other day, not associated with the original test, but may be symbolic of what might occur in that area.

Secchi disk reading July 21 = 12 feet

Secchi disk reading July 28 = 11 feet

Secchi Disk readings (to date) on Birch Lake in 2009



Editor's Note: The Water Quality Committee will update this chart in the Barker every time a Secchi Disk reading is taken throughout the year so that trends can be monitored. For information on this chart or any other Water Quality issue, contact Water Quality Committee Chairman Rick Russwurm at 476-2407 or any other member of the Water Quality Committee.

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REFLECTIONS

A good walk spoiled?

Many years ago when I was newly married, someone gave me a set of golf clubs. I don't remember who it was, but the clubs were nice, new with pretty dark red woods sporting the autograph of some golfer that had my same first name. The bag was also new and bright orange. For the times, they were pretty fashionable, I guess. I think I went golfing about two times before deciding it was not for me. Golf involved the sun (I burned easily), exercise (I was resistant), and perspiration (does anyone like that?), all things that I was not crazy about then, or now, to be truthful.

I put away my clubs and didn't look at them again for many years. They traveled with us as we moved from Mishawaka to Osceola, back to Mishawaka and then to Birch Lake. Occasionally I would see them and think that, maybe I should sell them or give them away, but I always changed my mind.

A few years ago, after I retired from my job in town, my mother suggested we play, and I agreed. Of course, it was a disaster! I think I probably tripled par on 9 holes, lost a couple balls in the underbrush and reconfirmed my original opinion that anyone that liked the game was nuts. But I did go again that summer — not doing any better but maybe starting to appreciate the beauty of the surroundings if not the actual game itself.

In the summers that followed, I began to play a couple times each year with friends here

at the lake and this frustrating game began to be enjoyable for many reasons other than the playing of it. Last summer I was able to play one or two afternoons each week with my son and the game became a bond that was truly special. The crowning glory of last summer was the Ladies Birch Lake Open when I was able to spend an extraordinary day playing the game I love to hate with my mother, my daughter and my best friend of 35 years on my team. We didn't finish in first place, but we weren't in last place either —or maybe we

were, I can't remember, but it didn't matter. I was with the people I love, laughing, walking in beauty, driving like a maniac with a cool breeze blowing through my hair. I didn't care what the score was, or how old my clubs were — for me the game was the time spent with those special to me.

I still tell myself that I will get better with practice, but I really don't care. I'm going to enjoy every

game I am able to play because who knows how many I have left? At least I won't have to look back one day and say, "How come I never golfed when I had the chance?"

To all the men and women playing in this year's Birch Lake tournaments, I hope each of you have the time of your life, and don't play for the score, or worry over your slice or your terrible putting, just play because it's one more opportunity to make a memory with friends and family.

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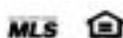
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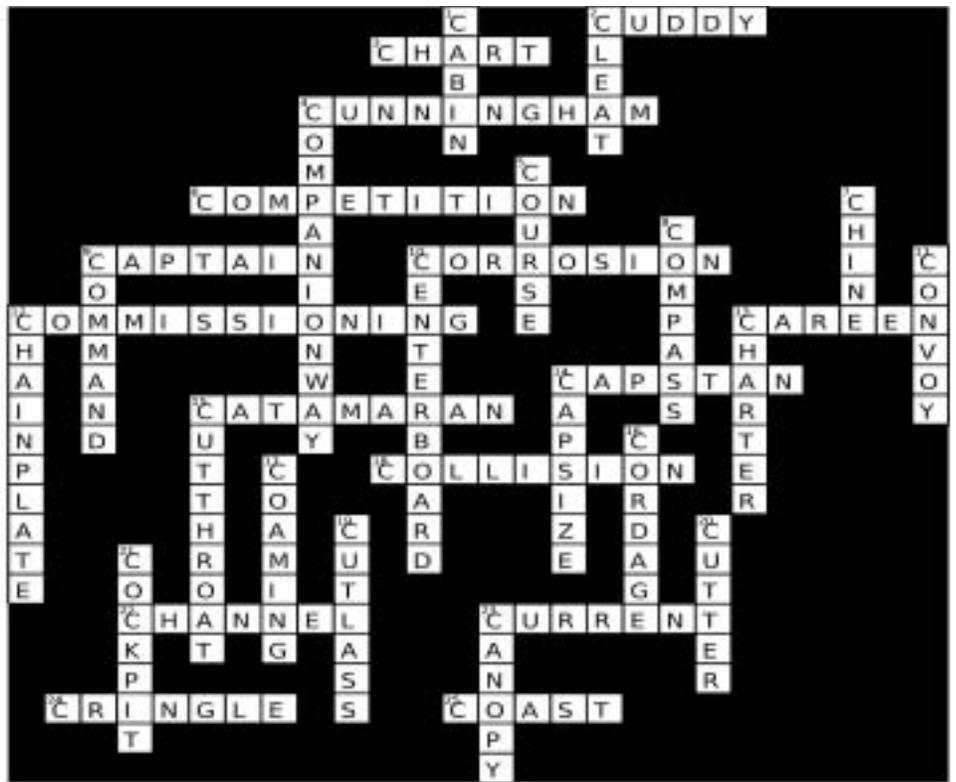
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 - 24 SAIL CORNER RING
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