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Birch Barker

Weekend of August 20, 2011

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Thanks (once again) to Mr. Bob for the closeup of the bumble bee on the pretty yellow flower (sorry, no color this week ...)

Procrastinating on an off week

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It's time to write my article and I can see 2 big old bass right out in front just off the pier. Ah but Phil will be wondering what to fill my space with if I don't send something to him tonight. I'm sure he'll be glad to have someone else to write this. Well as long as they don't wait until the last minute ... Hear that Pam? Knowing you; you already have all of next year's articles written or at least outlined.

Speaking of Pam! Have you gotten your tickets for the Fall Dinner? August 27th and at a bargain price of \$20 per person for a Polish feast. Come and show your support for the new administration. Pam will be introducing her Vice Commodore. I wonder why she wouldn't tell me who it is? We will also be filling the board with new members or old board members who will be re-upping for another term. See who represents your interest on your shore.

Sales Staff await your orders. Oh yes don't forget Camp T will be doing their Silent Auction that evening as well.

Hey Keith where were you Saturday last week? Karen and I tried to take you up on your Birthday beer. It was OK, we spent time with our other friends in the middle of the lake. At least for a short while. I got the Wave Runner home and covered it and the sailboat with seconds to spare.

The Van Huffels were awfully glad to have booked the Yacht Club as a backup location for an anniversary party. The Weather Channel called another one just right. Mike Lutz now knows why you keep all of the springs and install them on your boat lift's canopy. His started to become a rather large sail.

Here's hoping today (Saturday) will be calm and dry so we can all can enjoy one of the last weekends before summer comes to and end and the kids go back to school.

2011 BLYC Calendar

- Sat, Aug. 27Fall Dinner
- Sat, Sept. 10Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat, Sept. 10Sailing Awards
- Sat, Sept. 17-24Game / Card Party
- Sat, October 8Annual Chili Cook Off

Note: ALL dates and times are subject to change.

Watch the Barker for updates!

Yes, kids I said it back to school. By the time you read this many students will have already been enjoying just that. Please remember do not pass the school bus when the lights are flashing. WE want to have a safe school year. So we can all enjoy the wonders of Birch Lake.

Here's a sure sign that Fall is around the corner. Camp "T" has already pulled their piers and the swimming area is cleared. A big hand to all

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— Birch Lake Notes —

who helped last weekend with the Camp clean up. Hats off to all who lend a hand.

See you at the Fall Dinner.

-Still High and Dry Commodore



Sausage Fest returns

It's that time once again, the Kinzler's (west side) 5th annual Sausage Fest returns to the west side of Birch Lake Aug 19-21st. It's the growing and ever-popular, all-guys trip to the lake house. You may remember the waterskiing pirate and hot dog. This year we may be visited by the waterskiing dynamic duo. "Holy sausage fest Batman." We won the waterski con-contraption contest last year and our R&D team has been working feverously on this years' entry to defend our title. (Sorry Stu). Don't be alarmed if you see 30+ guys barbecuing in matching sausage fest t-shirts. So be on the lookout for the "dancing sausage" and our new laser light show at night.

You are welcome to stop by for a game of bags, beer darts & pong, and the coldest beer on Birch Lake!

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Brody Baucus, son of Bob & Sandy (north shore), who celebrated his 18th birthday this past Thursday (on the 11th) and just moved into Central Michigan University this past weekend.

Fall Dinner fast approaching!

Mark you calendars as Saturday, August 27th is the date of the Fall Dinner. The ticket ladies are ready with tickets for you to purchase. Remember adult tickets are \$20.00 and children tickets are \$8.00 (aged 5 to 10) for the delicious Polish Feast being planned.

Ticket ladies are: Le King (Northside); Karen Brovold (Westside); Sue Williams (Southside); Vickie Rogers (Cove) and Lynn Decocker and Patty Luecht (Eastside).

The new Vice-Commodore to be and I hope to see everyone at the Fall Dinner. Any questions (except who the new Vice-Commodore is), call me at 476-1080.

-Vice-Commodore Pam

Photo return

Note from the editor: many people over the year who have sent in photos for use in the Birch Barker have not made arrangements to have them

returned. I will take my stash of photos to the fall dinner ... if you want yours back, hopefully it will be among them.

-pv

Farewell Appreciation

We would like to invite everyone up to Tom's for a Farewell Appreciation on Sept. 5, 2011 from 10 am to 3 pm. Hot dogs and Cake on the menu.

-Becky Beers

Totes & Lunchbags begone ...

There are no more totes or lunch bags. Watch next year for the for the "Birch Lake Commemorative Product of 2012!" (suggestions welcome — contact Bad Patty at: pgalloway4@yahoo.com)

Unexpected Pets

There we were, dozing in our chairs around the campfire, gazing into the flames. The three of us had had a busy day of fishing and cleaning up after a supper of walleye pike. We talked briefly of the fish catch and the sequence of events of the day — the fire, the tent, the presence of mosquitoes at dusk, the clear sky, and the moon overhead.

We were paying attention to the perimeter of light that surrounded our campfire and the reflections off our nearby tent. Darkness closed like a blanket around us. We were contented and weary from the day. All of a sudden we were aware of movement somewhere in the darkness. As we adjusted our eyes

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in the dimmed light... there was a large rabbit, nibbling at the grass around the edge of the cleared campsite. Surprise!! There was another rabbit, then another, till there were fifteen or twenty rabbits, all edging closer and closer and all eating the short-cropped grass. We were completely surrounded by Snowshoe rabbits! When we made a move, they would scamper, almost flying, into identifiable pathways. Within minutes they were back. It was pretty funny to watch their quiet

return.

We speculated that there must be a multitude of rabbits in these Canadian woods. If we were very quiet and didn't move, the rabbits were at our feet. Moving very slowly we could squat and, with one finger, pet their necks while they ate. After the amusement waned and we were tired of our new-found pets, we retired into the tent for the night. The next night, ... guess what ... the same rabbits were back!

-Duffy Dufour



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— Barker kids of the Week —



ABOVE: 4th generation of Birch Lake Gablemans & Grandma Claudia Phipps. Left to right is Macey, Taylor, Parker, Grams and Layla.

ABOVE RIGHT: Cameron Petty with his puppy, Lola. Cameron loves swimming and riding his scooter as fast as he can down the North Shore!

BOTTOM RIGHT: Lily Bergan, age 1, granddaughter of Jim & Linda Bergan (Cove), had a sleep over at her grandparents' home recently ... As you can see, Gus always enjoys her visits.



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Katie Luecht (east side) was 18 on August 4th and has been coming to Birch Lake since she was 1 month old! Unbelievable!



Our beautiful grandchildren, Dominic and Alessandra (east shore) cheesing it up at hour house were just too cute to not be Kids of the week

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Camp Tannadoonah

Thanks to the volunteers!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who came out to Camp last Saturday and helped us with the cleanup! We don't generally have such an early camp clean up day, but this year we had a rental group that followed directly after our camp season ended, which meant that we had to leave some of the jobs we normally do at the end of the season undone.

I know that it was a busy weekend for many people, and we appreciate that people took some time on a Saturday to come give us a hand! We had a hard-working crew of about 20 people, including several Birch Lakers, and got everything done faster than I expected.

This week was the first week I spent in the Camp Fire office in my new role as Executive Director. It was a busy week trying to get the office organized and develop a fall work plan. First up is the Silent Auction to be held during next weekend's Birch Lake Fall Dinner at camp.

We have a lot of exciting items in

this year's auction, and we will be utilizing an open bidding format this year (unlike last year's closed bids). Last year's auction was a huge success, and we hope that this year's will be just as good or better!

Here are some of the items up for bid:

- Dinner for 8 at Camp Tannadoonah — prepared by Deb Taghon
- Bluegill Dinner at the DeCocker home — caught and prepared by Tom DeCocker
- One week at a condo in Florida — donated by Barb and Jon Rondot
- One—of—a—kind mailbox — painted by Deb Bolinger
- Three stained glass pieces — by Marty McKiernan
- Four tickets to the Nov 20th Bears game vs. the San Diego Chargers — donated by Chris Kolber
- Notre Dame athletics tickets — donated by Tom Nevala
- Four Club—Level tickets and a parking pass for the Dec 18th Bears game vs. the Seattle Seahawks— donated by Pat & Sue Williams

- Custom etched—glass pieces — by Amber Grundy
 - Four tickets to a South Bend Symphony Orchestra show plus a backstage pass
 - Studebaker Museum Tickets
 - Foursome with golf lesson from Signal Point Golf Club
 - Foursome with golf lesson from Juday Creek Golf Course
 - \$25 gift card to Corndance restaurant
 - Framed Artwork (photographs and paintings) from Tannadoonah campers
 - Framed Artwork donated by Bob and Leslie King
 - Apollo Marine Gift Certificates
 - Furniture piece by Ben Wozniak
 - Two Bottles of wine from Wyncroft Winery
 - Three—piece Power Tool set — donated by John and Lois Groszek
- We hope to see many Birch Lakers at the dinner next weekend!

-Miss Amber-
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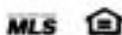
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Fleet Captain's Corner



A preview of fall sailing

Last Sunday we had a preview of fall with cooler temperatures and low hanging steel-gray clouds. If it was any cooler, lake effect rain would have been a possibility but thankfully we stayed dry. The wind was from the north, spilling over the Camp's cliff onto the water. It was fairly steady in pressure but was shifty throughout the course not just at the windward mark. It's been a long time since there hasn't been a day without drifter moments during the race.

In fact, there was one moment in the first race that was a definite attention getter. As the MC's were running downwind nearing the lee-

ward mark, a strong gust of wind hit a group of boats. It hit me first as I was the trailing boat. The sudden shift in wind direction caused an unexpected gybe. (For you landlubbers, that's when your boom suddenly moves from one side of the boat to the other side. If you don't duck quickly, you can get a good sized bump.)

We also experienced one of the few times a moving watercraft has a right-of-way over a sailboat. Chas's brother Dave Grundy "biked" out to the committee boat during the first race on a large tricycle paddle boat. We don't usually see human powered craft while racing, but it was no problem giving way. He tied up to the

Committee Boat Schedule

August 21	Mike and Julie Sheffieck
August 28	Karen Brovold
Sept. 3 (Regatta)	Karen Brovold
Sept. 4 (Regatta)	Karen Brovold
Sept. 5 (Rain Date)	Karen Brovold

committee boat and helped them for the rest of the day.

I want to thank My Lovely Bride, Chas, Amber and Avery Grundy and Dave Grundy for running the committee boat. Again, without volunteers, we can't have a race.

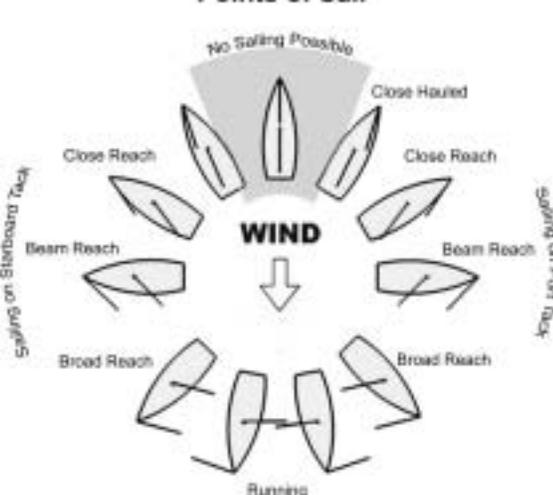
See you at the starting line...

-Fleet Captain Jeff

Season sailing standings

Date	14-Aug	14-Aug	Total	Season	Races	%
Race	16	17	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
Sailor						
MC Scow					17	
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	23078	1539	15	88.2%
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	3	25046	1473	17	100.0%
Bob King #1199	8	8	18029	1387	13	76.5%
Bill Luecht #1579	6	6	20567	1371	15	88.2%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	4	2	22607	1330	17	100.0%
Dave Olson #1979	DNS	DNS	13207	1321	10	58.8%
Phil Vitale #500	3	5	22143	1303	17	100.0%
Gib Eberhart #916	5	4	17504	1250	13	76.5%
Tom Howard #1713	7	7	16567	1183	16	94.1%
Rick Harman #379	DNS	9	1024	1024	1	5.9%
Sunfish					17	
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	DNS	DNS	23763	1584	15	88.2%
Stewart Spratt	1	1	15220	1522	10	58.8%
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	DNS	DNS	11712	1464	8	47.1%
Chris of the Scofields	DNS	DNS	5853	1463	4	23.5%
Erica Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	5707	1427	4	23.5%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	2817	1409	2	11.8%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	2	2	22234	1390	16	94.1%
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	DNS	DNS	2738	1369	2	11.8%
Peter Soldoto	3	DNF	13217	1322	7	41.2%
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	DNS	DNS	6482	1296	5	29.4%

Points of Sail



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.

Water Quality Committee Report

Chlorophyll graphs, Loosestrife

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

Last week the graphs for the chlorophyll concentrations from 1999-2010 and the corresponding Carlson Trophic Indexes were somehow transposed in the communications.

Terry Dugan produced the product based on a single lesson from his youngest son and thus was on the early slope of the learning curve.

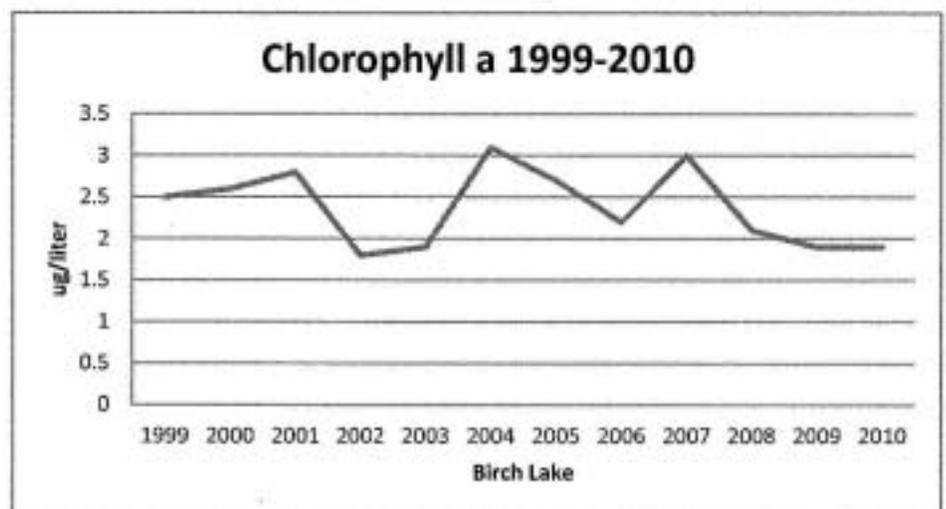
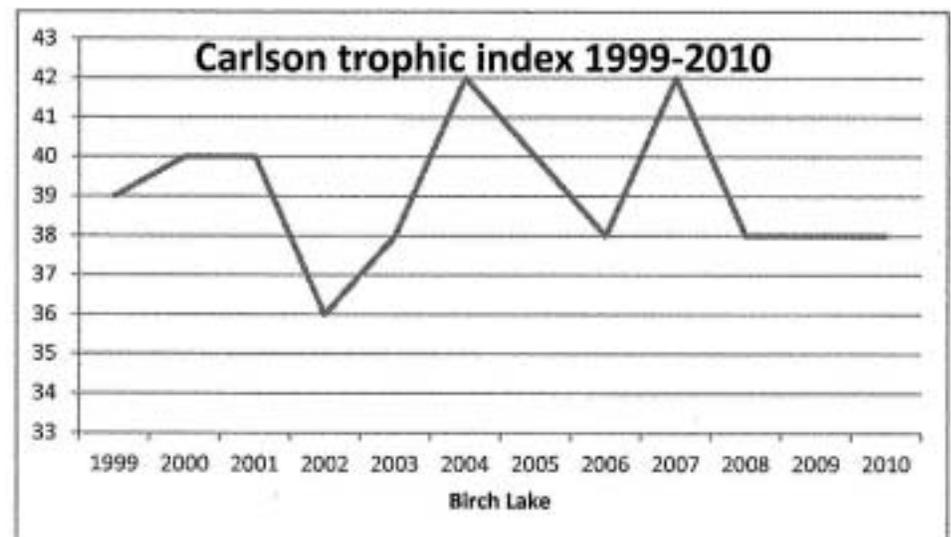
The graphs on this page should more properly represent the data discussed. Again, although the chlorophyll concentrations bounce around a bit, they are still in a range indicating good lake health and fit into the oligotrophic boundary.

The key is they are not increasing yearly and the last two years were some of the lowest. The corresponding Carlson Trophic Index scores for the chlorophyll levels are also on the shoulder of oligotrophic to mesotrophic, and again without any indication of increasing.

Again, it will be interesting to follow both of these graphs when we have another ten years of data. Within the next couple of weeks we will provide information on dissolved oxygen in the lake and what that has and can tell us about the health and aging of the lake.

Purple Loosestrife Management Program

The Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started the Purple Loosestrife Management Program in 2000. The program has been very effective, in 2000 we had 10 sites located on all shores of the lake some of which were very dense. We continue to monitor for Purple Loosestrife each year and remove the plants that we find. The plants bloom toward the end of July and into September. If you see the plant or suspect it call a water quality member to check it out. So far this year Bruce



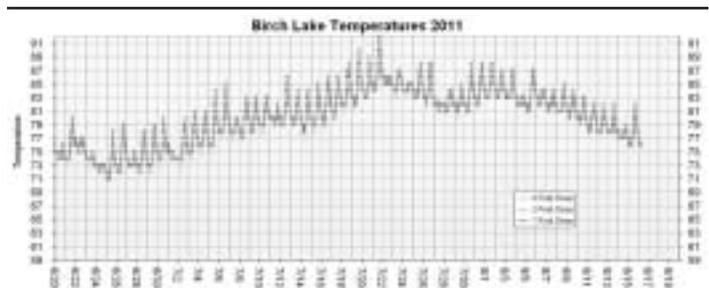
Wagner has removed about a dozen plants at 3 sites on the west shore.

Purple Loosestrife is a plant that was accidentally introduced to the United States and then distributed as an ornamental. It is most easily identified during the flowering season from July to September. This spiked purple flower can be seen in ditches, streams, rivers, wetlands, and other moist shallow water sites. This plant is an upright, hardy perennial, four to eight feet tall and most often found in a group. These plants form dense stands that quickly replace native wetland plants. Purple Loosestrife will grow from the roots of an established plant, however the plants

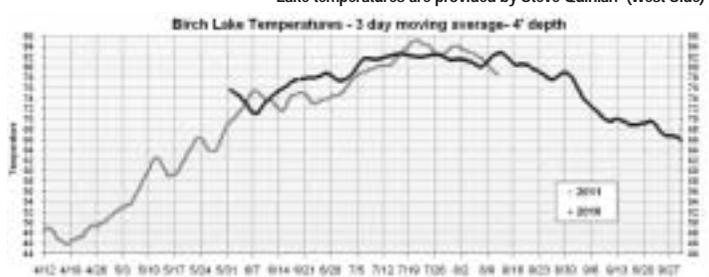
spread mainly by seed. Having up to 300,000 seeds per stalk, these tiny seeds can live in the soil and water for many years and can be transported great distances by humans, animals and water.

2009-2010 Water Quality Report

The 2010 Water Quality Report on Birch Lake prepared by Dr. Wallace E. Fusilier, Consulting Limnologist with Water Quality Investigators of Dexter, MI, is now available online at the bottom of the same page as the 2011 Barkers ... go to <http://www.philvitale.com> and follow the links to the newest printed Birch Barkers!



Lake temperatures are provided by Steve Quinlan (West Side)



Stu's Star Stuff

Interesting facts about Neptune

Neptune is brightest for the year and remains in the sky all night. But the fourth-largest planet is so far away you need a telescope to see it.

After the discovery of Uranus in 1781, astronomers had a difficult time accurately describing the planet's orbit. Uranus seemed to be pulled by the gravity of an unseen planet. Working independently, two mathematicians calculated the position of such a planet and passed it on to astronomers. When German astronomer Johan Galle aimed his telescope at that position in 1846, he quickly detected the new world.

Galle had discovered the solar system's fourth-largest planet. It is a soothing blue-green orb that looks like a giant marble spinning through space. Its color is the result of methane in its upper atmosphere, which absorbs red light, allowing us to see only the blue end of the spectrum.

Neptune probably has a rocky core wrapped in a layer of frozen water and other ices. The core is fairly large, so Neptune is actually the third most massive planet in the solar system. Traces of other elements form clouds at the top of its thick atmosphere. Neptune's rotation stretches the clouds into bands that completely encircle the planet.

We can't see a lot of features in Neptune's

atmosphere, but the features that astronomers can detect appear to come and go in a hurry. When the Voyager 2 spacecraft flew past Neptune in August 1989, for example, it discovered the Great Dark Spot -- a dark, oval-shaped storm system as big as Earth. But when Hubble Space Telescope looked at Neptune five years later, the Great Dark Spot had disappeared.

Voyager also found that Neptune produces more heat than it receives from the Sun. One theory says that a "rain" of liquid hydrogen falls onto the planet's core, releasing heat as it falls.

Several rings of rocky material that is darker than chimney soot encircle Neptune. The rings may have formed when a comet slammed into a small moon, destroying both the comet and the moon. The debris then spread out to form rings. Today, this material is merging to form larger clumps. Within about 10,000 years, the ring material may coalesce to form a moon -- a moon reborn from the ashes of its own demise.

Some other interesting facts include - Distance from Sun - 2.8 billion miles, diameter - 30,776 miles, length of day - 16 hours 7 minutes, length of year - 164.8 Earth years, known moons - 13.

Look for Neptune (with your telescope) to

The Moon for Aug. 20th

Illuminated Fraction: 0.554

0.6 days before last quarter



the lower left of Jupiter this evening. Jupiter rises in the east not long after night fall and is the brightest object in that part of the sky. Saturn is currently fading in the western evening twilight but next week the Moon, Mercury, and Saturn line up left to right very low in the west about 30 minutes after sunset. You may need binoculars to see the planets. Until next week, enjoy the show. It's free, and one of the many reasons I love Birch Lake.

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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

You will be full of energy and you need to find something constructive to do. Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. You will want to take off and have some recreation. Your generous nature could be taken advantage of. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

Your energetic personality will make you the center of attention at social gatherings. You may not be too pleased with the actions of those you live with. Your ideas are good and career moves can be realized. Your ability to deal with others will help you accomplish your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Try to stay calm and do the best you can. Make sure all of your travel and driver's documents are in proper order. You will learn valuable information if you travel this week. Be careful; you may upset someone you live with if you don't consult with them. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You will be able to communicate well this week. Dazzle them with your intellectual conversation. Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. Passion is inevitable and commitments can be made during the heat of the night. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. You will accomplish the most in the work environment this week. Concentrate on work or make changes to yourself. If you want to make your mark, try to get involved in projects that will bring you some glory. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

It will be important that you have your priorities straight. Resist the temptation to gamble. Risks will not be profitable. You can mix business with pleasure to get favorable results. Things will be hectic and family members will be erratic. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Do not let the reactions of others get you going. Just be yourself. Try not to overspend on luxury items. Investments may be misrepresented this week. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Things will be emotional with your mate. You need to make your lover feel wanted, not like a piece of the furniture. You can surprise members of your family, which in turn will bring you a pat on the back. You will enjoy travel and getting together with peers. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Be careful when dealing with superiors. Your sensitive nature will allow others to read you well. Uncertainties about your personal life are probable. Uncertainties about your personal life are probable. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Get involved in competitive sports. Friends will appreciate your attention and playful nature. Pleasure trips will ease the tension between you and your mate. Don't hesitate to visit someone who hasn't been well. Ideas may sound good, but be careful if people are just looking for handouts. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Take care of any pressing health problems. Make love, not war, and all will be fine. Look into events that you might find interesting, and compromise by doing a few things that you both like to do. Sudden changes regarding colleagues may surprise you. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Don't let others know about your private affairs. You can have a great time if you go out with the one you love. Your personal life will be disrupted if you have been too busy with business. Minor health problems could result through exhaustion. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

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- 1/4 cup brown sugar
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- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
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- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 (6 ounce) salmon fillets

Directions

1. Whisk together the brown sugar,

olive oil, soy sauce, lemon pepper, thyme, basil, parsley, and garlic powder in a bowl, and pour into a resealable plastic bag. Add the salmon fillets, coat with the marinade, squeeze out excess air, and seal the bag.

Marinate in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour, turning occasionally.

2. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat, and lightly oil the grate.

Remove the salmon from the marinade, and shake off excess. Discard the remaining marinade.



3. Grill the salmon on the preheated grill until browned and the fish flakes easily with a fork, about 5 minutes on each side.

— BIRCH LAKE WORDSEARCH —

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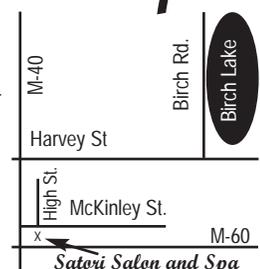
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