

JUNE 2003

THE BIRCH LOG

BIRCHWOOD LAKES COLONY CLUB

JULY 4TH 2003 PARADE AND COOK OUT

On Friday July 4th, 2003, 20 Colony Club members in association with the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club Recreation Committee are throwing an Independence Day Party for Colony Club members and their guests. A 4th of July celebration ... compliments of your neighbors and fellow members.

The revival of this Birchwood Lakes tradition has been so well received and attended over the last three years, that one can now conclude that the tradition has been reestablished by a whole new generation ... it is truly a unique and wonderful event in which to participate. July 4th ... what a great day to celebrate everything great about America!

This past week, members received a self-addressed, postage-paid RSVP card inviting them to the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club Parade and Cook Out. The card asks for members to provide information that will assist the Party Planners with preparations. The RSVP cards have been a great help and, once again, an accurate and prompt response is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, all children will receive an honorary award just for participating in the running races and all members and their guests will get to eat, drink and be merry **as long as they RSVP.**

Schedule of Events

08:00 5K Running Race

11:00 Parade (Starts and Ends At Clubhouse)

12:00 Cook-Out On The Front Lawn Of The Clubhouse (Until 6:00 p.m.)

1:00 Children's Running Races At The Ballfield

1:45 Children's Swimming Races At The Beach

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, June 9th @ 7:30 PM

At the Clubhouse

The Birchwood Lakes Officers and Directors will be addressing the issues affecting our community. All members are encouraged to attend. Nonmembers who wish to join their neighbors in the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club, please come to this meeting. Your application will be taken at the meeting.

PAST BIRCH LOG EDITORS MOVING

Al Homann

When I heard that two of our past Birch Log editors were moving from Birchwood Lakes this month of June, I contacted them and asked them to do what we editors do, namely, ask people to write articles for the Birch Log. Here is what they wrote.

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2003 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	John Cirenza	953-8912
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	Clubhouse	
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Sandy Scott		Kevin Wall
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Chairperson	Ron Yulick	953-5380
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The Birchwood Lakes Colony Club

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B.L.C.C. BADGE POLICY

With payment of the annual dues, Birchwood Lakes Colony Club (BLCC) member households receive one (1) Member Badge for each family member and two (2) Guest Badges. Additional Guest Badges can be purchased at any time for \$1.00 per badge from the BLCC Financial Secretary.

Members and their guests are required to plainly display BLCC Badges when utilizing any of the BLCC amenities including the beach, tennis court, lakes and ball field.

For the safety of Members and their guests, a lifeguard is stationed at the beach during the summer months. The lifeguard has been instructed by the BLCC Board of Directors to check for current badges of all beach-goers. Those beach-goers who do not produce a current BLCC badge will be instructed to leave the beach.

For Member safety and Beach Rule and Regulation enforcement, a current list of active BLCC Member households and their Badge numbers will be used by the lifeguard for identification purposes.

Those members who would like to host parties of 25 or more people at the beach are required to complete a Beach Rental Agreement. The Beach Rental Agreement can be obtained from Kevin Wall at 654-6431. New Jersey State Law requires an additional lifeguard when more than 25 beach-goers are in attendance.

Visiting family and friends of Members may utilize the BLCC amenities without the presence of the host Member as long as Guest Badges are plainly displayed.

Members may not lend or relinquish their Member and/or Guest Badges to local residents outside of the community of Birchwood Lakes.

The Birch Log is published just prior to each monthly meeting and before any special meeting. Materials for the newsletter should be received 12 days before the meeting. Material may be faxed to 609-953-8429 but the preferred method is by e-mail to AHomann@aol.com. Your e-mail will be acknowledged within 48 hours. If you receive no acknowledgement, call 953-3222.

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- 2:00 Tug-of-War At The Beach
- 2:30 Canoe Race At The Beach
- 3:00 Softball Game At The Ball field, The Upper Lake Lions vs The Lower Lake Tigers

Event Details

The **5K Running Race** was such a success last year, we're doing it again. This year, the race will start at 8:00 am at the Clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the following 5 age groups: 20 and under, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50 and over 50. Those interested in running in the Second Annual BLCC July 4th Fun Run should contact member Richard Cobb at (856)-429-4464.

The **Parade** will start at 11:00 am (with parade participants arriving between 10:00-10:30). Medford Township Firefighters (with fire truck sirens sounding) will lead the way up South Lakeside Drive West, around both lakes and back to the Clubhouse. Members are asked to cheer the parade as it passes their home and then come to the Clubhouse by canoe or bicycle for the Cook Out and Activities. The Clubhouse parking lot and South Lakeside Drive (at the beach) will be closed to vehicular traffic between 10:00 am – 6:00 p.m.

To get the parade started in a most patriotic manner, we are honored this year to have 25 year Navy Veteran and disabled American Veteran Tony Giardina as the Parade Grand Marshall.

The Parade Grand Marshall will be followed by invited participants that include the Honorable Mayor Rudder of Medford, The Medford Village String Band, and local Boy Scout Troop 20.

Children are encouraged to participate in the parade as a group by decorating their bicycles in red, white and blue and arriving at the Clubhouse at 10:30 am. First, second and third prizes will be awarded to the most colorful bicycles (and participants). All participants will receive a 4th of July memento.

Her majesty, the BLCC Parade Queen, will also be riding high in a luxurious convertible come Independence Day. Mothers are asked to submit your daughter's name to Gale Rothwell (654-4678) by July 1st. Girls between the ages of 5-12 are eligible and must be willing to wear a tiara and sash. The winner's name will be selected from a hat on July 2nd. Good Luck !!!

Members are encouraged to get together with your neighbors and enter a float in the parade representing NW, SW, NE and SE Lakeside Drives. Buttonwood, Brookside and Birchwood Drives are more than welcome to enter a float of their own or join forces with SE Lakeside Drive.

Any member can have a float in the parade. And the definition of float is VERY broad. It could be as simple as someone doing a Mummers strut, a decorated vehicle, or a member exhibiting his or

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her entrepreneurial spirit by decorating their company truck. The options are limitless.

The **Cook Out** will begin at high noon and include all the fixings. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, watermelon, salads, water ice, beer and birch beer, and much, much more. For those who would like to donate a food item to the festivities, please refer to the list of menu items found in this month's issue of the Birch Log. Simply select an item from the list and give Evelyn Tanke a call at 714-0009 between June 20th – 30th to let her know what you'd like to bring. The number of side dishes worked out great last year, so we ask that some members donate a dozen frozen hamburger patties or make a contribution to the donation jar upon their arrival instead of bringing a side dish. However, if there is a traditional Independence Day dish that your family enjoys and you would like to bring it, please do. The Party Planners and invitees appreciate your interest in and willingness to assist with the menu. Those menu items listed in this month's Birch Log not selected by the Membership will be picked up by the Party Planners just prior to the Big Day.

Wait a minute...I think I can smell those burgers cooking! ... Can you?

Plastic ID wrist bracelets and name tags will be handed out at the Welcome Table adjacent to the grills. Please stop by upon your arrival to the Cook-Out and pick these items up for you and your guests. Cooperation is appreciated in order to help limit the number of party crashers, help members get to know one another and help the Party Planners get a feel for who and how many attended.

Keg beer and keg birch beer will be available for all attendees. Water will be available in the Clubhouse. Those who would enjoy other types of beverages (**B**ottled water, juice **B**oxes, **B**ourbon) are urged to **BYOB**.

The **Children's Running Races** will start at 1:00 p.m. and be held at the ballfield. Race events will include sprint, wheelbarrow, sack. The number of races for each event will be determined by the ages of the participants. All race participants who RSVP will receive an award.

The **Children's Swimming Races** will start at 1:45 p.m. and be held at the beach. Freestyle is the preferred stroke but any stroke that gets one across the finish line first is the right stroke.

The **Tug-of-War** will start at 2:00 p.m. and be held at the beach. Get a grip and dig in. Member Jim Whipple will be *pulling* this event *together*.

The **Canoe Race** will start at 2:30 p.m. and be held at the beach. With the starting line at a buoy anchored in line with the dock, the race participants will paddle around another buoy anchored half way up the lake and return to the starting buoy. This event has become a crowd favorite and promises to be close right to the finish.

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The **Softball Game** between the Upper Lake Lions and the Lower Lake Tigers will start at 3:00 p.m. This will be a 6-inning co-ed contest. The Upper Lake Lions lead the series 2-0-1. Take me out to the ballgame, Take me out to the crowd.....Good luck to all participants!

A Word of Thanks!

I thank the following members for participating in the organizational effort necessary to make the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club July 4th 2003 Parade and Cook Out possible:

Bill Brown, Richard Cobb, Steve Cohen, Landis Eby, Kevin Fennimore, Gene Hinchey, Jim Ireland, Tom Jenkins, Frank Kenny, Ray Murray, Jim Rock, Hank Rossell, Chris Swift, Guy Scott, Evelyn and Bob Tanke, Jim Whipple, Ron Yulich and Joe Zurzolo. If I have left anyone out, I apologize. In advance of the BIG DAY, I also thank those members who plan to contribute both time and/or \$\$ in the days just prior to the 4th. Your assistance will help to make this year's celebration a success.

It is the hope of all the Party Planners that this year's Independence Day celebration not only carries on a unique Colony Club tradition but also helps to maintain old friendships and start new ones. It gives all of us great pleasure to see families, friends and neighbors come together in celebration of our nation's most glorious holiday.

Cheers

John Rothwell

YARD SALE SATURDAY!!!

Our community wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 7th, from 9am to 2pm. Signs for the yard sale have been placed in strategic locations. If anyone feels that they have made out well due to the Colony Club advertising the yard sale, please feel free to donate a few dollars to help cover the costs of the signs, etc.. For further information, contact Patty Yulick @953-5380



LAKES RESTORATION

Ron Yulick

On 5/21/03 a request for specific testing requirements for our sediment analysis was issued to the DEP. We are requesting the removal of approximately 46,950 cubic yards of material from the various locations, which will be trucked to Township property off of Gravelly Hollow Road. In addition, a tentative date has been sent to the 4 contractors to meet for the bid requirements/parameters in the next 2 weeks. Hopefully by the July or August meeting, we will have the cost requirements for the proposed dredging plan.

THE CONTRACTORS CORNER

If you are looking for a good contractor that is affordable, we just used JND Contractors, 856-810-9986. We were pleased with him. His first name is Josh. Sandy Scott, 953-5640.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

We had a great turnout with people bringing different appetizers and snacks for each other. Special thanks to Tom Jenkins for the music and Ann Buchanan and Sandy Scott for helping. A lot of new faces were there and we got to know a few more of our neighbors

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SIDE DISH MENU ITEMS

Potato Salad (10 lbs.), Quantity 5 (50 lbs. Total)
Macaroni Salad (10 lbs.) Quantity 4 (40 lbs. Total)
Fruit Salad (10 lbs.) Quantity 10 (100 lbs. Total)
Chips and Dips
Desserts

If members would like to volunteer to bring any of the above items to the celebration (1 quantity each), please call Evelyn Tanke at 714-0009 between June 20th-30th.

VANDALS STRIKE AGAIN

You don't have to go to Baghdad to find vandals. Vandals kicked out a lot of the slats on the children's slide platform at the beach. We have roped it off until we can repair it, again!

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When Editor Al Homann asked me to write about my experience as Editor of the Birch Log my mind drew a blank....so many years ago! I recall that at a meeting of the Birchwood Lakes Women's Auxiliary I agreed, in a moment of weakness, to take on the job. This would have been in the latter years of the 70s and into the early 80s. The format was very simple—I dogged people to get articles to me (this has not changed, I'm sure!) and then typed up the pages. Bob Meyer's real estate office kindly ran off the copies. Ruth Corbett was a big help, I recall. There was a big sigh of relief each time they had all been delivered. We are so very fortunate to have Al as editor and the professional issues he produces.

Mary Ann Crommelin

Auf Wiedersehen, adieu, ciao, aloha, but not the dreaded g___e word. We leave Birchwood

BIRCHWOOD LAKES HOME FOR SALE

We're moving to Pennsylvania, sadly, but would like to sell our 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home on a double lot...for under \$300,000! Mary Ann & Paul Crommelin, 10 Birchwood Drive. 654-6774.

AVALON BEACH HOME FOR RENT

Immaculate, completely renovated ranch in quiet neighborhood.



Three bedrooms, sleeps 7. Two full baths, LR, big kitchen, dining area, front & back decks. Central a/c, full size washer & dryer, microwave, dishwasher, ceiling fans. Off street parking, outside enclosed shower, gas grill. 2 blocks to beach and close to town. POSITIVELY no smoking & NO pets.. Please contact Nora Zurzolo, 609-654-2734, for available weeks and prices.

Lakes with a mixture of excitement and sadness. So many years, 21, so many friends so many great times, so many memories!! South Carolina (and the DiFabios) beckoned us to "come on down". We did, we bought, we're building.

When we first saw the Birchwood community, we knew at once that this is where we wanted to spend good years of our lives. We were welcomed and embraced by the environment and the people here. Having spent many fun years being active in our oasis, we got to know intimately what makes Birchwood Lakes a jewel.

Having the pleasure of publishing the Birch Log for seven years was a hoot! Hope you enjoyed reading it half as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Thank you good friends and neighbors for memories that will never fade.

Gerry Poinsett

P.S. Janet and Ed Briggs are your new neighbors, please help them to experience the Birchwood charm.