

# THE BIRCH LOG

## **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

At the Clubhouse

The Birchwood Lakes Officers and Directors will be addressing the issues affecting our community. Members are encouraged to attend.

Nonmembers who wish to join the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club are encouraged to come to the meeting. Their application will be taken at the meeting.

## **LAKE LOWERING UPDATE**

*Mike Maher*

It is the intention of the Lakes Committee to raise the upper lake half way up from its present level the weekend of November 15<sup>th</sup>. If there are any members who are presently doing bulk-head/dock work or plan to do so prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>, and thus would be impacted by this change in lake level, please contact Lakes VP Mike Maher at 654-4760. The upper lake will be raised completely when the lower lake is raised at the completion of the sewer project on N. Lakeside Drive West or December 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first.

Lakefront members are once again encouraged to remove debris from the lake bottom adjacent to their properties in an effort to help maintain our lakes. If any member needs assistance removing a particular form of debris, they can call Lakes VP Mike Maher at 654-4760 and the Lakes Committee will assist with the removal.

## **BLCC 2003**

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

On Friday, November 21, 2003, The Birchwood Lakes Colony Club will be holding its Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Clubhouse and start at 8:00 PM.

Membership attendance at the Annual meeting serves several purposes. First and foremost, attendance is an expression of support for those who have volunteered to serve on the Board and Committees during the past year. The officers perform, to the best of their ability, the necessary duties that are required to carry out the business of the Club. Attendance at the Annual Meeting is one way of letting those who serve know their efforts on your behalf are appreciated.

Participating in the evolution of the Club by voting for those who volunteer to serve is a rewarding experience. The election of Officers for the upcoming year is the single most important task the Club performs. It is the guidance for the Club. This year we face the daunting task of determining how best to proceed on the lake bottom cleaning. It will be challenging trying to determine the line between what we would like to do and what we can actually do. Participation by a large part of the membership is necessary for this to be successful.

The Annual Meeting is an important meeting... and member participation is what makes it a success!

## 2003 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	John Cirenza	953-8912
Treasurer	Vivian Heiler	654-5507
Secretary	Sandy Scott	953-5640
V.P. Finance	Tom Jenkins	654-0786
V.P. Lakes	Mike Maher	654-4760
V.P. Property	John Rothwell	654-4678
V.P. Recreation	Patty Yulick	953-5380
Financial Sect.	Jim Whipple	953-1937

### Directors

Max Bieberbach	11/2005	654-8636
Chris Bradley	11/2004	654-2567
Gene Hinchey	11/2004	953-5411
Al Homann	11/2003	953-3222
Carol Kontos-Cohen	11/2005	714-2203
Andrew Meltzer	11/2005	953-3330
Kevin Wall	11/2003	654-6431

### Committees

	Clubhouse	
Chairperson	Valerie Wall	654-6431
Sandy Scott		Kevin Wall
	Lakes Restoration	
Chairperson	Ron Yulick	953-5380
	Membership	
Chairperson	Patty Yulick	953-2734
	Communications	
Chairperson	Andrew Meltzer	953-3330
Al Homann	Amy Phillips-Iverson	
	The Birch Log	
Editor	Al Homann	953-3222
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	Jack Seavy	

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## SANTA NEWS!

*Patty Yulick*

Yes Virginia, Santa Claus is coming to Birchwood! This party is really fun for the children. Santa will be here on December 6th. The fun begins at 2:00 PM with crafts and snacks. I will need help organizing the party and welcome any ideas, especially craft ideas for the children. Volunteers please contact me at 609-953-5380 by November 25th. To reserve your child's place at the party, please call by December 1st (or else you'll get coal in your stocking).

## MORE SANTA NEWS!

The BLCC Annual Christmas party is now scheduled for Saturday, December 13th. Did you miss it last year? It was a sell out! So you don't miss it this year, mark Dec 13th on your calendar now. Then wait breathlessly for more info that will be coming out on special flyers.



## HALLOWEEN NEWS

It was a howling good time, loved by all. The kids had a great time, and bobbing for apples was surely an all-time favorite. Look for this to become another Birchwood tradition. Special thanks to Christina Fennimore, Sandy Scott, Michelle Swift and Lori Young for making the party a success.

## FLYER'S TICKETS AVAILABLE!

2nd Level, 3rd Row, End seats  
 Near BLUE line—Goal Flyers shoot at twice  
 \$110.00 per pair (Face value)  
 Many games available  
 Call Kelly or Dave Maguire 609-654-8483

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. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, at 7:30 PM, in the Clubhouse. 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.

## **AND THE NOMINEES ARE...**

The Nominating Committee has presented to the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club Board a complete slate of candidates for this year's election of Officers and Directors. Members can find the slate of candidates listed in the notice of the annual meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting in addition to those approved by the Board. Officer terms are for one year, 11/03-11/04.

President	John Cirenza	VP Finance	Bob Morgan	VP Property	John Rothwell
VP Lakes	Mike Maher	VP Recreation	Patty Yulick	Financial Sect	Jim Whipple
Treasurer	Vivian Heiler	Recording Sect.	Sandy Scott		
New Directors	Christina Fennimore			Kevin Wall	11/03-11/06
Directors	Chris Bradley			Gene Hinchey	11/01-11/04
Directors	Max Bieberbach	Andrew Meltzer		Carol Kontos-Cohen	11/02-11/05

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## **LAKE BOTTOM TESTING**

*Ron Yulick*

The numbers are in.... The laboratory analysis of our numerous test samples has been completed and we have received the data. As a matter of fact, we received over 700 pages of data! What does the data contain? For that, BLCC has been offered help by Gene Hinchey and Matt Przybyciel. They have the expertise to examine the data and point out where, if at all, we are beyond the levels specified by the Pinelands Commission and / or the State DEP for the depositing of the material locally without treatment. We hope to have a preliminary report in time for the Board meeting on Monday. The results from this bottom testing will give us an indication of the cost per cubic yard for material removal. Clean bottom material means a short haul to a local disposal site. Contaminated material means a long haul to the Burlington County landfill near Columbus plus a charge per cubic yard for their accepting the material. The tipping fee depends on the exact pollutants.

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## **FALL ED ECK DAY 2003**

*John Rothwell*

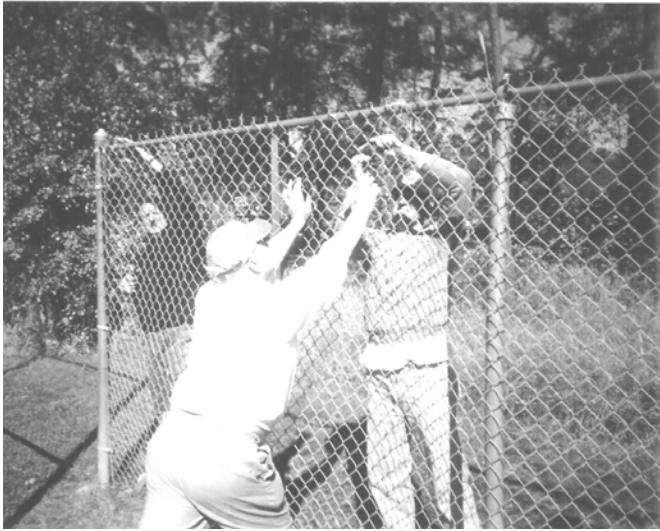
On behalf of the BLCC Board of Directors, I thank those members who participated in this year's Fall Ed Eck Day. Everyone did a fantastic job! A few even got their pictures taken. See page 4.

The maintenance and upkeep of the clubhouse and the common areas is dependent upon volunteers lending their time, energy and know-how throughout the year. Without volunteers, the assets of the Club would deteriorate and improvements would not be accomplished.

Those members who were unable to attend Fall Ed Eck Day and who would like to volunteer to complete some of the tasks still pending, can call John Rothwell, VP Property, at 654-4678. I would be happy to review the list of jobs and the effort required to complete them.

Thanks again to those who volunteer not only on the Ed Eck Days but also throughout the year. Your interest in the continued success of the Club is greatly appreciated.

## **ED ECK DAY, FALL 2003**



Don't fence me in! Somebody isn't going to get out. Will it be Don Ayres, Randy Holberg or

What a racket! Bike rack gets a shiny new coat of paint from Peg Richards.



How do you make a walk from a pile of stones? Its easy! You declare an "Ed Eck Day" and be sure to bring the kids! Andre & Dianna Dubbeling get assistance from their daughter.

