



Birchwood Lakes

# THE BIRCH LOG

August 2007

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## A BLCC THANKS...

Now that the lakes are back and we quickly want to forget what we all went through, lets us once again thank those who toiled for us out of a community spirit. Many took time off from their employer to work for gratis for BLCC, some for three years! Here is our list of **BLCC heroes & heroines**.

Ross Alber	John Fiore	Dave Maguire	John Rothwell
Tom Andreacci	Tony Giardina	Bob Mertzig	Joe Russomanno
Chris Bradley	Bob Gray	Bob Morgan	Steve Strauss
John Cirenza	Al Homann	Charlie Pratt	Kevin Wall
Steve Cohen	Tom Jenkins	Bob Ramsey	Steve Wilus
Mary Ellen Cronk	Carol Kontos-Cohen	Trudie Ramsey	Joe Zurzolo
	Mike Maher	Dave Reynolds	25 spouses



## ...AND A GRAND 4TH OF JULY COOKOUT TO CELEBRATE THE LAKES RETURN

The weather was perfect, the parade super, the sporting events fun, the food delicious, the neighborly chit chat absorbing. We had a very successful COOKOUT!!!! ...and we made a profit of \$1,120.00 for the Colony Club, pretty good for throwing it together so fast!!! Did it just happen? Not exactly! It took a village, a Birchwood Lakes Village. Special Thanks to Chris and Michelle Swift, Parade coordinators, Sandy and Guy Scott, Game coordinators, Tom Andreacci, Grand Marshall and Kevin Fennimore, Grill coordinator. General Thanks to Cathy and John Bloomer, Kevin Wall, Dan Ziomek, Brian Bilecki, Ken and Anne Buchanan, Michael, Andrew and Deanna Rock, Kathy and Rick Lawlor, Bob Moran, Peg Richards, Rita Baldoni, Al Homann, Anna and Joe Russomanno, Bernadette and Greg DiGatetano, John Rothwell, Bill Brown, Lisa and Tom Hulse, Carol and Steve Cohen, Frank Kenny, Bob and Trudy Ramsey and Bob Gray. And, of course, A BIG Thank you to all the people who contributed money. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was a wonderful party!!! Looking forward to next year's celebration!

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, August 13<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. The Officers and Directors will be making decisions for you. Why not express your ideas? For detailed info on the meeting format and future meeting dates, go to our website and click on "Board Meetings".

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.

*Christina Fennimore*

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## BABY AND PET SITTER AVAILABLE!

Pet sitting in your home - will walk your dog, feed your pet, let your pet outside. I can do both cats and dogs. \$5 per visit, walking your pet is an additional \$5. I'm a Birchwood resident and I'm 11 years old and I will have parental supervision at all times. I have completed a babysitting course and am certified by the American Red Cross. I also can be a mother's helper. Call Alicia Scott, 953-5640.

### Committees

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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 609-953-3222 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 609-953-3222.

## **BLCC GARDEN COMMITTEE SAYS THANKS!**



The BLCC Garden committee would like to thank those of you who donated plants over the past few months and all who purchased or ordered BLCC shirts during the fundraiser at the 4th of July picnic. For those of you who missed the shirt sale or would like to order more, we will have the following shirts in stock:

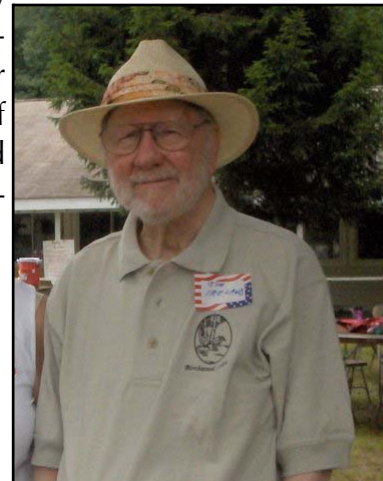
T-Shirts, \$12 ea., Sizes, S, M, L, XL

Golf Shirts, \$22 ea., only sizes M and L available.

Color pictures of the shirts may be seen on the BLCC website.

Contact Peg Richards at 609-714-8283

or Joan Miles at 609- 654-5500



## **NEW BEACH LOCKER READY**

Cathy Bloomer, VP of Recreation, is showing BLCC lifeguard Christine Anderson the safety gear BLCC has stocked in the new cabinet across the road from the beach. The cabinet is locked with a combination lock so that everyone has access who requests it. The combination is available by calling Cathy at 609.257.3150. Cathy's husband John and John Cirenza built the storage cabinet to make the safety gear more readily available to the lifeguard.



## **MEDFORD MILERS AT BLCC**

With our beautiful lakes back, the Medford Milers now practice in the lower lake. Shown in the photo to the right are Patti Ann Finch and Teresa Battin as they finish their three day a week, one mile swim from Zurzolo's dock to Jackson Road and back. Normally joined by Nora, Joe and Guy Scott, they practice for tri-athlons. Joe Zurzolo just completed the Lake Placid NY Ironman tri-athlon in just 12 hours 34 minutes. This race included a 2.2 mile swim, a 112 mile bike competition and a 26.2 mile run. There are approximately 20 members in the Medford Milers Club.

## **CLUBHOUSE NEWS**

Kevin Wall reminds would be renters that a quick call to your homeowners insurance company can usually get you coverage for renting the Clubhouse at little or no cost. With the lake and beach back, and with the tennis, basketball, softball and horse shoe courts ready, what are you waiting for?



## **BIRCHWOOD LAKES COLONY CLUB 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, Spence Quill @ 654-6826. For boat stickers, call Carol Cohen, 714-2203.

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 the BLCC Rental Committee, chairperson Valerie Wall, 654-6431. New Jersey Sate 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.

Beach Rules posted  
by the lifeguard stand





### **5 MORE BENCHES**

Since the May issue of the Birch Log displayed the first 10 benches, five more benches have been donated to the Club. This brings to 15 the number of benches placed around the lakes creating a park like and rustic neighborhood scheme. Picnic tables, canoe racks, launching docks, benches and landscaping are all creating a newer, better than ever Birchwood Lakes. Approximately 50 members are active in one or more activities with BLCC. We are so blessed!



### **TUTOR SOUGHT**

I am a Birchwood Lakes resident looking for a computer tutor to help me re-learn computer use. If you are interested, please call David Laufe at 654-6089 or email me at [mblaufe@verizon.net](mailto:mblaufe@verizon.net).

### **PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE**

during July and August at the beach  
for BLCC Members.

Would you like your child to learn how to swim or become a better swimmer in a great location? Our head Lifeguard Jeff, who is also a varsity swim coach, is enthusiastic about working with children ages 4-18. The fee is \$10 per half hour session. He has flexible hours so call Jeff today at 856-630-6533

### **AVON CALLING**



Now in Birchwood Lakes, your own local Avon rep. I'm Deanna Rock at 39 S Lakeside Dr West. Call me for a display of Avon's full line, 953-7644. Need an extra helping hand around the home for Spring cleaning? Call me, Deanna, at 953-7644.

# **4TH OF JULY COOKOUT SPORT EVENT WINNERS**

## **TUG OF WAR**

Children Age 11 & under

Winner: Lower Lake

Children Age 12 & up

Winner: Upper lake

Adult: Female

Winner: Upper Lake

Adult: Male

Winner: Upper Lake

## **SACK RACE**

Age 6 to 8

1st place: Andrew & Kyle Scott

2nd place: Justin Young & Luke Russomanno

3rd place: John Swift & Mitchell Donadieu

Age 9 to 11

1st place: Wyatt Rothwell & Mathew Fennimore

2nd place: Alicia & Andrew Scott

3rd place: Olivia A, a visitor & Katie R, a visitor

Age 12 & up

1st place: Michael Condon & Dan Parker

2nd place: Mike Rock & John Cirenza

3rd place: Andrew & Nick Rock

## **3 LEGGED RACE**

Age 6 to 8

1st place: Andrew & Kyle Scott

2nd place: Justin Young & Like Russomanno

Age 9 to 11

1st place: Wyatt Rothwell & Mathew Fennimore

2nd place: Alicia & Andrew Scott

3rd place: Olivia A & Katie R

Age 12 & up

1st place: Michael Condon & Dan Parker

2nd place: Mike Rock & John Cirenza

3rd place: Andrew & Nick Rock

## **PIE EATING**

Age 9 to 12

1st place: Luke Russomanno

2nd place: Patrick Russomanno

3rd place: Caroline Ristine

Age 12 & up

1st place: Mike Rock

## **WATER BALLOON TOSS**

1st place: Shaina Schneidereit & Christina Scott

## **SWIM RACE**

Age 6 to 8

1st place: Leigha Schneidereit

2nd place: John Swift

Age 9 to 11

1st place: Christina Salese

2nd place: Kyleigh Swift

3rd place: Alicia Scott

Age 12 & up

1st place: Mike Condon

2nd place: Dan Parker

## **KAYAK RACE**

Age 10 to 12

1st place: Shaina Schneidereit

2nd place: Patrick Russomanno

3rd place: Eileen Kenny

Age 12 & up

1st place: Brian Bieleck

2nd place: Donnie Steinmetz

3rd place: John Donadieu

4th place: Nick Rock

## **CANOE RACE**

1st place: Vince Giardina & Dean Brown

2nd place: Nick Rock & Dan Parker

## **SOFTBALL GAME**

Upper Lake 14 & Lower Lake 9

## **HORSESHOE COMPETITION**

Winner: Kevin Fennimore & Tom Hulse

## **PARADE FLOAT**

Winner: Upper Lake

## start your sorting and cleaning



Our Community Yard Sale is set for **Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8am-2pm, with a rain date of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Donations are being accepted to help pay for the advertisement, any extra money will be used for future events. Please make checks payable to BLCC and mail to Cathy Bloomer 38 S Lakeside Dr. W. Thank you!

Questions? Call 257-3150



### ***SOUTH LAKESIDE DRIVE EAST***

Medford Township has wrapped up work on rebuilding the roadway over the stream that enters Birchwood Lakes from Cranberry Pines. With that development and developments upstream of them, runoff from rainstorms has been increasing over the years. The roadway had only one pipe for the stream resulting in a backup that flooded properties on Birchwood Drive. As soon as Mayor Rudder became aware of the problem, he had the township seek engineering help in determining how to correct the problem. Quickly they came up with a plan for both South Lakeside Drive East and Birchwood Drive. Within weeks work crews were out and a greatly improved drainage system was installed under South Lakeside Drive East with the same now under construction on Birchwood Drive. Kudos to Mayor Rudder!

### ***MISSING IN ACTION!...***

..Our two alligator heads that were anchored off our beach. They were effective in keeping the Canada Geese and their droppings away from the beach. If you have knowledge of where they are, please call John Rothwell @ 654-4678.

## **Reminder to RSVP to our Birchwood Lakes Hawaiian Luau SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM**



- Food, Music & dancing, 50/50 raffle, games
- Menu is still in the planning stages
- BYOB and a side dish
- Prizes for the best Hawaiian attire
- Help is needed for set up and clean up
- \*Please call Cathy at 257-3150 to volunteer



Fee is \$16 per Adult. Make checks payable to BLCC and Mail to Cathy Bloomer 38 S Lakeside Dr. W and do it ASAP



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