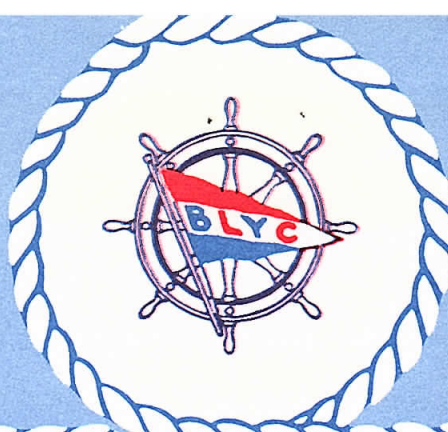


Buckeye Lake Yacht Club



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FROM THE BRIDGE * * *

DECEMBER, 1973

MERRY CHRISTMAS!.... and a Happy New Year to you and your family. Christmas means many things to many people. It is my feeling that Christmas is more than holly and candy and cards, - it is a time to count our blessings and reflect upon the three things in life which are the center of the Christmas season, - home, family and friends.

We at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club have many things to be thankful and grateful for, but most of all, we have people who have willingly and happily shared the joys and the responsibilities of governing Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. It was, therefore, difficult to accept the resignation of our Secretary-Treasurer, Commodore Murray Headlee. He requested that he be relieved of his duties to allow him to spend some time in Florida to fully recuperate from his illness. He reminded me that as a Trustee he will still keep a watchful eye on all the events of the Yacht Club so that everything is being done the way it should be done. Murray, the Board of Governors, and I am sure so does the membership, wishes you a speedy recovery.

As you know, the nerve center of any governing board is in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer. We have, therefore, appointed, with the approval of the Board of Governors, Commodore E. C. Metzger as our Secretary-Treasurer. His dedication and devotion to the Club is well-known, and he can step into this new position easily and without any major disruption. We would appreciate your complete support.

Vice Commodore Bob Dye is recovering swiftly, and we know that he can hardly wait to come to the Club and be among his friends.

I hope this will be a truly Merry Christmas for you and everyone in your family and that the New Year will bless your home with all the good things in life.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hein
Commodore

LADIES AUXILIARY

Margaret Bateman

Our annual Christmas Champagne Dinner Party was held at the Club, with forty-nine (49) members attending. A lovely time was had by all, with lots of fun opening gifts for the gift exchange. A very special thank you to Catherine Woodward for making all arrangements and being such a lovely hostess. We were entertained by the Lakewood Choir, who sang Christmas music.

Barbara Coons, our Project Chairman this year, presented a motion, and it was approved, to buy draperies for the Commodores' Lounge.

The ladies attending who celebrate their birthdays in December were Sue Metzger, Laura Mossgrove, Arthelda Haggard and Bev Moyer.

Our next meeting will be held on January 8th. Do plan to attend.

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January 18, 1974

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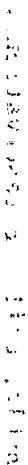
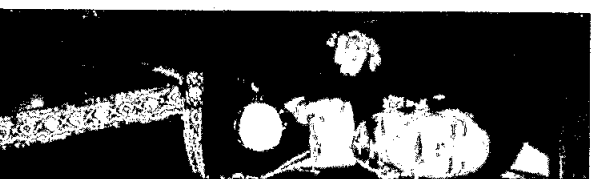
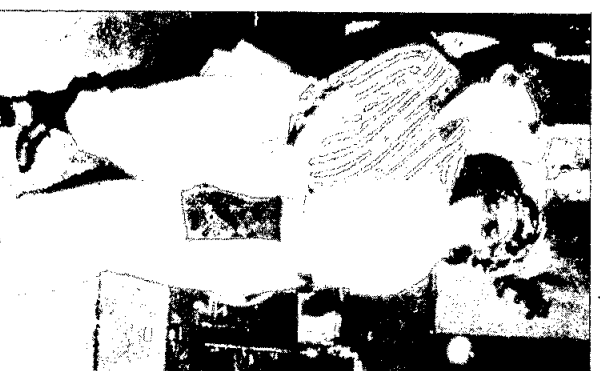
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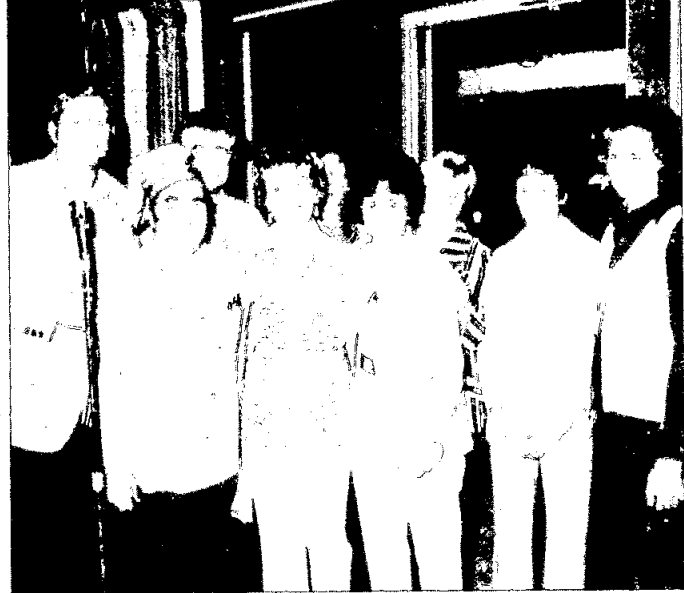
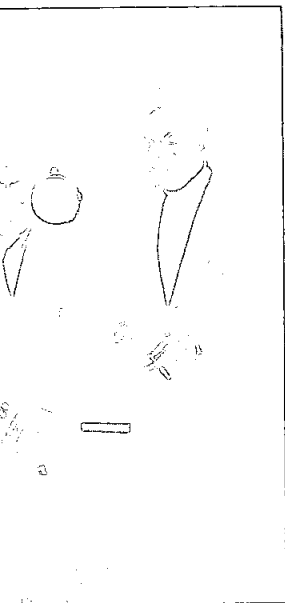
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STATE OF THE LAKE

John Condit
Marine Biologist

DOES IT STILL EXIST AT BUCKEYE LAKE?

In a few of the post glacial bogs of Ohio has been found a small turtle known as the Spotted Turtle. As man has drained these bogs, this turtle has become very rare and has completely disappeared from much of its range in Eastern United States.

This turtle is black in color, with irregularly spaced yellow spots on the carapace (the top shell). The young turtle has fewer spots with the adult having twenty-five to one hundred. Some of the very old adults have no spots at all. As an adult, this turtle reaches a maximum length of five and one-half inches long.

It is interesting that man, because of a need for water for his canal system, filled the bog that is today Buckeye Lake instead of draining it for farm land. The Spotted Turtle has been collected from the lake and its canal system. Most of the specimens at the Museum of Zoology, The Ohio State University, have been collected on Cranberry Island. This is the typical acid, bog condition that is the habitat of this little turtle.

The problem is that there have not been any specimens of this turtle collected around Buckeye Lake for the past twenty-five years. It would be of great interest to find that a population of this rare turtle still exists at the lake. Yacht Club members should be on the look-out for this interesting animal when around Cranberry Island or in the shallow areas on the south side of the lake. The author would certainly appreciate any recent reports of this turtle.



NOTEWORTHY

Governor Bob Wachtel

We are sorry to hear of the death of Parke Chase, who has been a member since April of 1931. Parke was a former Governor, and his father was one of the founders of the Club. He was eighty years of age.

Congratulations to John Titus for his beautiful picture spread in SAILING MAGAZINE's November issue, Pages 26 through 31. "At Play on Erie's Waterways" will make you homesick for summer, even though Christmas isn't here yet.

Marian Petersilge is at home recovering from surgery. She would be glad to hear from her friends.

Bob Dye will be in Riverside Hospital over the Holidays. We'll be thinking of you, Bob.

Murray Headlee will be in Florida from December 26th for three weeks, as mentioned in "From the Bridge". He expects to return to his tow path home following that trip.



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December

31 - New Year's Eve
Party

January

6 - Gun Club
8 - Ladies Auxiliary
11 - Governors' meeting
13 - Gun Club
18 - Icebreakers
20 - Gun Club
27 - Gun Club

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