

Dear Friends:

It's time once again to say Hello from Canada and New Moon Lodge. Our winter here has been terrific, not very cold, and very little snow. So far Lloyd and his helpers have been driving the cars out to the island to work. Today Dwight and Donna drove my little Maverick out to the island to do some ice fishing. Hope they bring home some nice Walleyes for dinner this evening.

Talking about Walleyes brings back memories of last summer and all the fun we shared at the island, and as we think about this coming summer, we hope you are doing the same and making plans to visit us. We want to thank all of you for being with us last summer, therefore making our season a very successful one. Already we have a lot of reservations in and look forward to a few more. So it is our hope, that as you plan your vacation for this summer, you will think of us. You know we enjoy having you with us at New Moon Lodge.

MUSKIE TOOK THE SPORTSMAN AWARD

Paul Conn of Springfield, Ohio, is the one to be congratulated for the largest muskie caught for the season, weighing 23 lbs. 8 oz., caught August 23rd, with guide Harley Brusven. This was a big day for Paul. I don't think he has been so excited since he brought his bride of two days to the island one cold October 13th, 1969. When Paul called to say he was getting married and wanted to come to the island for his honeymoon, I told him it was very cold up here, and was he sure he wanted to bring Ida at this time of year. His answer was, "Hell, I got my love to keep me warm".

Other muskies were caught also. Mr. Irwin Enrich of Chicago, Ill., with guide Perry Archie, landed a 16 lb. 8 oz on July 5th.

Dr. G. Grauer of Deerfield, Ill., landed a 16 pounder on July 29th., with guide Harley.

Irving and Marrienne Schirmer of Barrington, Ill., really went muskie fishing and here is their record: Irv. - August 5, 22 lb. 8 oz.; Irv. - August 7, 15 lb.; Irv. - August 9, 16 lb.; Marrienne - August 16, 17 lb. With guide Bob Westberg, they beat the water to a froth, but enjoyed every minute of it. And that brings the muskie stories to an end for this contest, and Paul and his bride will receive a Free vacation this coming season.

EVENTS FROM 1972

Opening day for Walleye season, May 13th, started with the arrival of Emil Krause and party of four from Chicago, Ill. They had fishing like you wouldn't believe, and weather to go with it. Our summer was very nice, very busy, and the fishing was great.

Our improvements for the season included a new large dock, an addition on to our building for Dwight and Rocky, some painting, some interior work on the cabins, and finally I have all new beds.

It really was our year to have boat problems. Both of our large passenger boats gave us trouble, and one ended up with a new motor. But all in all it was a good year for business, and for that we can't complain.

NEWS FOR 1973

This season the Sportsman award will go to the one who catches the largest Northern. So all you Northern fishermen get those lines checked and lets be ready when the big one hits. This could be your year to land the big one and get a free vacation for two in 1974.

Our plans for this season are still in the making, but I know we will be doing some more work on the buildings, inside and out. So you will just have to come see what we are doing.

TIME TO CLOSE

The end of 1972 and we have so much to be thankful for - to have had so many nice folks visit us last season, and those who have already made their reservations for this season. We are so happy to be able to share our little island paradise with you. It's a place so removed from all the problems of the world, where you can truly relax and enjoy a few days of fresh air and some good fishing, a home cooked meal, and a good bed to rest in at night. This is what we offer you, and we truly hope that those who are still thinking about a fishing trip away from it all, will think of us. At New Moon Lodge, we care, and try to do our very best to provide the kind of vacation we all need. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Our family and staff join us in wishing you the very best in health and happiness in 1973. It is our pleasure to be your hosts on Beautiful Lake of the Woods.

The Moens,

Lloyd, Patsy, Dwight, Donna & Rocky