

Dear Friends:

Hello from Canada and New Moon Lodge. This morning it is 30 below zero and sunny. Lloyd and his crew are out at the island putting up ice. Regardless of how cold it is now, come summer it will be wonderful to have plenty of ice on hand. Speaking of summer takes me back to last summer and the fun and laughs we all shared. What a wonderful life we have on the island, and the best part of it is that we share it with nice people like you. We as a family have so very much to be thankful for - wonderful friends and fellowship, etc. We want to thank each one of you for all you have done for us.

With all the talk about Energy crisis and gas shortage, I know it is very hard for you to make plans, but I feel that by the time summer is here this problem will be all straightened out and we will all enjoy a wonderful summer. We ask you now to not let this stand in your way as far as making reservations because should it continue and you cannot get enough gas to make a trip up here we will refund all deposits made in advance. Anyway we think that you will need to get away from it all, so come up and spend a few days with us. We already have a lot of reservations in, and look forward to a few more. So as you make your plans for a few days vacation, we hope you will think of us. You know we want you back with us at New Moon Lodge.

NORTHERN TOOK THE SPORTSMAN AWARD

Mr. Geo. Lepsch of 2713 Pahl Ave. N. E., Mpls., Minn., is the one to congratulate for the largest Northern caught for the season, weighing 19 lb., 4 oz., caught October 2, with Guide Harley Brusven. It was a very exciting time for all of us, especially for Harley, as this was his third year in a row to win the Big Fish Bonus. But this year was even more special as he was the guide with Ray Johanes on May 22 when Ray caught a 13 lb., 8 oz., Northern, to be the first on record for the season. Mr. Lepsch wins a Free vacation for two this season, at a date of his choice.

EVENTS FROM '73

Mr. Joe Cohen and party of five were the first to arrive on May 15th - opening day of Wall-eye season, and by May 17th we had a full house, and kept busy for most of the season, barring a few cancellations, we had a very good year.

Our improvements for the year consisted mostly of some work done in each cabin, more painting, and a lot of small jobs, which helped a lot in the efficiency of our operation.

NEWS FOR 1974

This season the Sportsman Award will go to the one who catches the largest Walleye for the season. So get those reels and lines all in shape, cause you just might be the lucky fisherman this season, to win a free Vacation for two in 1975.

Our plans for this season are still in the making, we do hope to get the Northshore cabin completed, with carpeting etc., and of course there are several other jobs which we will get at as soon as the weather warms up a bit. But as for definite plans, we are like you, its just hard to make plans with everything so uncertain. But we won't give up that you can be sure of, as we love our island and want you to love it also.

TIME TO CLOSE

The end of 1973 and we have so much to be thankful for - to have had so many nice people visit us last season, and for those who have already made their reservations for this coming season. Thank you for thinking of us, we are so happy that we can share our island Paradise with you. It's a place so removed from all the troubles of the world, where you can truly relax and enjoy some fishing, scenery, and fresh air. We hope that those of you who are thinking about a fishing trip away from it all will think of us. At New Moon Lodge, we care, and we truly try 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 1974. It is our pleasure to be your hosts on Beautiful Lake of the Woods.

The Moens.

*Lloyd, Patsy, Dwight, Donna, Rocky
& Staff.*