

Dear Friends:

Hello from Canada and New Moon Lodge. Our sincere wish is that each of you will have a very Healthful and Prosperous 1978. We think of you often and of all the fun times we share while you are here, and the nice letters we receive through the year. Thank you for being our friends.

We have been busy people this year, with getting our new home ready to move into, and keeping up with a busy season, but it all works out I guess, as we moved off of the island on October 29th and stayed one night in our old home, got up early the next morning and started moving and stayed in our new home on October 30th. It was a mess, but we love it. Reg and Louise moved into our old house on November 1st and they are happy in their new home, as we are in ours. Although we have many things to be thankful for this past year, the loss of Harley weighs heavy on our hearts; no one can ever take his place.

#### SPORTSMAN AWARD

Mr. Max Kloha of Caro, Michigan won the Free Vacation for Two when he landed a 16 lb., 4 oz., Northern Pike on May 25th with guide Larry Brusven. Congratulations Max. We look forward to giving you a free vacation.

Jim and Joan Calabresa of Thiensville, Wis., came up to enjoy the free vacation that Jim won when he caught the largest Muskie in 1976. This is Jim's letter to us after their trip here:

*Dear Lloyd and Patsy:*

*Just a short note to thank you both for the marvelous time Joan and I had at New Moon Lodge. Catching the largest Muskie last season was very exciting, but winning the free vacation because of that was just icing on the cake.*

*The food was excellent as always, the weather was outstanding, and the fishing this year was just great.*

*I am looking ahead to next season with great anticipation. I wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous season. Thank you again for your hospitality.*

*Regards, Jim Calabresa.*

#### EVENTS FROM 1977

Jim Hielman and Phil Althens of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived May 15 to get our season off to a good start. They came regardless of the week's delay in the Walleye season, but they liked it so well that they made plans to come again in '78 about the same time. A lot of people cancelled out when they found out that they could not catch Walleyes for that week, but those who came did enjoy themselves catching Northerns and Bass - that is keeping Northerns and Bass.

The low water did pose a few problems, but Lloyd and the boys soon remedied that by improvising a different approach on the docks. Our improvements were mostly painting and repairing, a few renovations, and a new gas pump which was very much needed. We soon found the money to purchase one after the one we had been using caught fire on Dwight and he got a bad burn on his hands. Thanks to Dr. Bliss from Ames, Iowa for looking after him.

#### NEWS FOR 1978

This season the SPORTSMAN'S AWARD will go to the one catching the largest Walleye, so let's go for a big one.

Our plans for this season are already in progress. Dwight is working on the gas barge with plans to enlarge it so it will be more stable. We plan to renovate the Sunset cabin, and of course many other small jobs, which we hope to get done.

#### TIME TO CLOSE

The end of 1977 and we have much to be thankful for - our season was great, even though we lost a week off of our Walleye season. 1978 Walleye season opens May 20th. The Northern and Bass season will be open so if you would like to come for that, please give us a call as we have openings left. For those of you who have made reservations, we thank you, and for those who have made tentative reservations, please let us hear from you soon. Also for those who are thinking of a fishing trip please keep us in mind as we really love having you with us at our island. It's been said that a few days at New Moon is preventative medicine, and who couldn't go for that! You deserve it, so take the time to rest your mind and body, let us do the worrying for you. We try our very best to provide the best for you at New Moon Lodge. COME SEE US IN '78.

Our family and staff join us in wishing you the very best of health and happiness in 1978. It is our pleasure to be your hosts on beautiful Lake of the Woods.

THE MOENS AND STAFF

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

NEW'S BULLETIN: I "Buckley Scott Morrison" arrived January 8th to make my Mom and Dad, Reg and Louise Morrison, very proud parents.