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The New Moon Lodge Bulletin

GREETINGS FROM LAKE OF THE WOODS

Sit back, close your eyes, and imagine: a warm sunny day; a light breeze blowing; the water gently lapping against the side of your boat, and you and your best buddy with fishing rods in hand having just finished a delicious shorelunch, are now enjoying all that nature has to offer. Or, change seasons, and you have a brisk fall day; the trees are dressed in their fall finery of orange, red, yellow and green; the wind is stronger, just right to get the ducks flying. You and your buddy are bundled up against the cold, sitting in your blind, enjoying a hot cup of coffee (or hot chocolate) waiting for the ducks to come into your decoys. Now we hope that this little taste of life at New Moon Lodge has put a smile on your face, and will brighten the rest of your day.

AND THE WINNER IS!....

Our six finalists in the Free Vacation Draw for 2008 were:

Nancy Hay of North Oaks, MN

Rick Mann of Westerville, OH

Father Daniel Gilsdorf of Sherwood, WI

Carmen Seifert of Fargo, ND

Bud King of Clear Lake, IA

Greg Johnson of Independence, WI

DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

And the winner is **Carmen Seifert!** Congratulations Carmen! You have won a 4-day American Plan fishing package for 2 people to be taken August or September of 2009. We are happy to award this prize to you and look forward to hearing from you to set up your dates. To be eligible for the next Free Vacation join us as an American Plan guest in 2009.



“Many of you were treated to a great show by our “pet eagle” swooping down and all but taking fish out of your hand. In one instance, he didn’t even wait for the fish to be caught. Wally Utter figured he was in for a tug-o-war when the eagle attacked the bass he was still trying to bring in.”

HAPPENINGS IN 2008

Our guys went into the boat building business once again in the early months of 2008. They started work on what has now been dubbed the “Argo Barge” It is mainly used to haul the Argo (an 8-wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle) to the islands where we transport our deer hunters and their bounty to and from their stands. It will also be used for other light hauling. In early spring, Rocky, with Anders’ help, went to work at a neighbour’s cabin. This, along with work on the Argo Barge kept them busy through the month of April. Meanwhile, work at the island also got an early start when Patsy, Dwight, Donna and Kathy moved out on April 25 to do some renovations on the lodge dining room and store. The ceilings were painted, the walls varnished, and a new wall was built between the store and the guide’s room. New carpet was laid throughout all 3 rooms.

Soon after the carpet was laid, our 1st guests arrived. The Kruger’s and Wolf’s once again started off our season on May 16, and a couple of days later, Peter Salg and crew arrived. We were trying to remember when Peter and his father started coming to New Moon. We figured out that it must have been in the late 60’s or early 70’s, and as far as we can remember Peter hasn’t missed a year!

It wasn’t too long into the season the family had a big scare when on June 1 Lloyd ended up in the hospital with a heart attack which lead to triple bypass surgery. Then, he no sooner got out of the hospital, when 2 days later Patsy went in with chest pains, and she ended up having 2 stints put in. We are truly thankful to have them with us still and in better health than ever.

Comments from guests and guides alike were that this was one of the best walleye seasons they ever experienced here. There really wasn’t a slow period to speak of, and there were lots of nice sized ones-4 and 5 pounders weren’t uncommon. Bass were also plentiful and gave some exciting moments. For those of you who like to go after those big muskies and northerns, make sure to take a look at our CURRENT NEWS page on the website. There were a lot of nice ones caught along with several trophy-sized of 52 in. or better. Although the ducks weren’t as plentiful as last year, our duck hunters enjoyed some good shooting in October. That along with some great fishing made for a memorable vacation.

This was the second season of our return to offering whitetail hunts and it turned out to be very exciting. Our 4 hunters met with a 100% success rate in 3 days of hunting. The trophy of the year was shot by Steve Wentarmini of Iron Mountain, MI. After getting it home, his 14 point buck weighed in at 260 lbs., and the taxidermist estimates it will score in the mid -160’s. The real exciting thing about his experience was that there were actually 2 large bucks at his stand and he had a tough choice to make over which one he would take. That was a nice problem to have, and it was definitely an exciting way to end the season.



for more deer pictures see the CURRENT NEWS page at newmoonlodge.ca

A WORD FROM OUR GUESTS

Father Gilsdorf was a first time visitor this year and as stated earlier was one of the finalists in the Free Vacation Draw. He wrote: What a wonderful surprise! I just received a package in the mail with the T-shirt I won in the July drawing. Thank you very much. I will wear it with pride. Now I will be hoping that I also win the free vacation for next year. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the time I spent at the lodge this year. Everything was beyond my expectations. I have been on your lake once before and have done four other fishing trips to Canada including two fly-ins. Nothing could exceed the experience this year - the cabin, the meals, the guide (Rocky), the service. Thanks to all of you at New Moon Lodge. Win or lose, I hope to see you again some time. Fr. Dan Gilsdorf

OUR DINING ROOM

As in years past, we like to include our menu here, first to make your mouth water, second to help those who like to plan their vacation around our meals.

We start your morning out with your choice of juice, muffins/sweet rolls, Red River Cereal, eggs, toast, hot cakes/French toast and bacon/sausage/Canadian bacon. Our dinners include homemade soups, bread baked daily in our kitchen, salads, potatoes and vegetables and a different dessert each night. The main courses are as follows: Sunday - Roast Turkey; Monday - Prime Rib; Tuesday - Baked Ham; Wednesday - New York Strip; Thursday - Barbecued Chicken; Friday - Roast Pork; Saturday - New York Strip. The meals are family style, yet we serve in a semiformal atmosphere, with each party at their own private table being served by a nicely uniformed waitress. Please note that shoes must be worn in the lodge as it is a food service building and the health code prohibits bare feet. We also ask that caps be removed while dining.



Long time guests Jim Allen and Steve Werner, with guide Larry in the center. Although we are unsure of the exact number, we know that Steve has been visiting us for at least 30 years.

PASSPORTS AND BORDER ISSUES

As it stands now you will need either a passport, a passport card or a WHTI-compliant document such as NEXUS, FAST or SENTRI, to enter the United States as of June 1, 2009. The following website gives a good explanation of these requirements - http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html

If you have any questions about crossing into Canada, our local tourism association has produced a website, www.canadawelcomesyou.net which answers many frequently asked questions, including those about admissibility into Canada after a DWI.

2009 FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES

The Ministry of Natural Resources is implementing a new licensing system. All Non-Residents will be required to purchase an Outdoors Card, which will be available at the resort. The card is plastic, credit card-sized, and good for 3 years. This is not your actual license. It is a holder for the license tags which you will be able to buy from the resort, and in the future, you will be able to buy them online or through the automated toll-free phone system.

NON-RESIDENT

Temporary Outdoor Card & Application	\$9.00
8 day Sport Fishing Tag	\$43.50
8 day Conservation Tag	\$25.25
Seasonal Sport Fishing Tag	\$68.00
Seasonal Conservation Tag	\$41.75
Small Game	\$96.75
Deer or Bear	\$193.25

2009 OPEN SEASONS

Walleye/Sauger	May 16, 2009
Muskie	June 20, 2009
Bass	Open all year except for Catch & Release only June 1-30, 2009
Lake Trout	January 1 - September 30, 2009
Northern Pike	Open all year

Hunting seasons have not been set by MNR as of this mailing. We will post them on our website when we know.

LIMITS FOR 2009

Walleye / Sauger	2 daily - 4 in possession only 1 over 18.1 inches
Northern Pike	4 in possession. None between 27.5 and 35.4 inches. Only one greater than 35.4 inches
Bass	December 1 - May 31, 2 in possession less than 13.8 inches July 1 - November 30, 4 in possession. No size limit
Crappies	15 in possession
Perch	50 in possession
Lake Trout (Whitefish Bay)	1 daily - 2 in possession January 1 - August 31, only 1 greater than 25.6 inches September 1 - 30 only 1 greater than 22 inches
Muskies	1 in possession greater than 54 inches

Limits for conservation licenses are half the regular limits for all species except:

Muskies	None in possession
Crappies	10 in possession

These are the regulations at the time of printing.



"Linda took a break from cleaning the cabins, and showed 'em how it's done."

2009 RATE SCHEDULE

NO RATE INCREASES FOR 2009

All prices quoted in Canadian funds. All applicable taxes extra.

Payment may be made in Canadian or U.S. funds, VISA or MasterCard, personal cheques, traveler's cheques or cash.

We offer a 2% discount for cash or cheques. If in U.S. funds, exchange will be determined at time of payment.

All prices are subject to change.

FULL AMERICAN PLAN PACKAGES

All packages include lodging, dinner on your day of arrival, all meals, and breakfast on your day of departure, daily maid service, boat and motor rentals, guide service, ice, freezer service, fish cleaning and packaging, transportation to and from island, and parking on the mainland.

Per person cost based on 2 people sharing a boat, motor and guide.

	FISHING MAY - SEPT.	DUCK HUNT / FISHING SEPT. - OCT.
3 Nights/2 days with boat & guide	\$840.00	\$900.00
4 Nights/3 days with boat & guide	\$1077.00	\$1198.00
5 Nights/4 days with boat & guide	\$1355.00	\$1542.00
6 Nights/5 days with boat & guide	\$1655.00	\$1885.00
7 Nights/6 days with boat & guide	\$1956.00	\$2229.00

DEER HUNT - OCTOBER

Minimum Pkg. \$2929.00
Includes 7 nights American Plan accommodations with 6 days hunting on baited tree stands. The stands are mainly muzzleloader only, but some rifle hunts are also available.

SPECIALS

Mid-season Fishing Package: August 1 thru September 30 - 4 nights/3 days fishing for 4 people \$4132.00
Group of 12 Fishing Package: May thru October - 4 nights/3 days fishing for 12 people \$12220.00

DAILY RATES when the packages don't work for you

American Plan May - Sept. \$163.00
American Plan October \$168.00
American Plan 12 & under
half price of adult fee

Guide Services

Fishing - May to September \$153.00
Duck Hunting / Fishing - Sept. to Oct. \$183.00
For extra people after 2 \$20.00

Boat & Motor Rental

16 ft. / 25 hp - Fishing \$153.00
Duck Hunting \$168.00
18 ft. / 40 hp \$200.00

Guest operating lodge motors are responsible for the cost of repairs incurred by hitting rocks or other objects.

Wharfage for privately owned boats \$15.00
Transportation to and from island \$100.00
DOGS \$15.00
We ask that you do not allow your dogs on the furniture and please bring a kennel if possible.

Taxi trips are available to and from 2 nearby airports.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING

Available August 1 to September 30
2 People in cabin \$95.00 per person
3 People in cabin \$87.00 per person
4 or more people in cabin \$82.00 per person

DEPOSIT AND RESERVATION POLICY

All reservations are confirmed by a deposit of \$200.00 per person. If you will be unable to honour your reservation and your cancellation is received 90 or more days prior to your arrival date, we will refund 85% of your deposit. After that point, it becomes non refundable. However, if cancellation is received between 30 - 90 days prior, we will honour the deposit for up to one year. We are a destination resort. Due to our remote location and short season, guests choosing to arrive late or depart early remain responsible for the entire length of their reservation.

RESERVATION FORM *(Please complete and return with deposit)*

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Business Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
American Plan _____ LHK _____ Size of Party _____ (Men _____ Women _____ Children 12 & under _____)
Arrival Date _____ App. Arrival Time _____ Departure Date _____
Number of Boats _____ Number of Motors _____ Number of Guides _____
Special Instructions _____
\$200.⁰⁰ Deposit per person _____ Signature _____

FAMILY NEWS

As we mentioned earlier, we are very blessed to still have Lloyd & Patsy with us. It was such a shock when Lloyd went into the hospital, but then to have both of them have heart attacks within 2 weeks of each other, that was rather unbelievable. But as Patsy says, we have done everything together for the past 55 years, why not this? Now that Lloyd has recovered from the surgery, they are both feeling better than ever. A highlight of the year for the whole family was a visit by Lloyd's cousins from Norway. Last time Lloyd & Patsy were in Norway, they searched out and met these cousins. They kept in contact since then, and in 2007 made plans for them to come to visit. The only disappointment for Lloyd & Patsy was the cousins were scheduled to arrive only a week after they were out of the hospital, and they couldn't do as much traveling with them as they had planned. Heart attacks can be very inconvenient! They were still able to dance at the 4th of July celebration in Baudette, MN though. During their visit, the cousins stayed at the lodge for several days. It was so much fun for the rest of us to finally meet them. Friendships were formed, and we now keep in contact through emails and instant messaging.



Lloyd and Patsy with their dancing shoes on.

We are happy to say Dwight is doing quite well after his stroke in 2007. He learned that life is too short, and a person needs to take the time to enjoy it, so last summer he fixed up the bass boat the guys built many years ago, and plans on taking time to go fishing with Donna more often. They are also doing more travelling. Besides their trip to Florida with Travis and Cindy in December 2007, they spent a week in Mexico in March 2008 visiting with Pete and Cindy Salg. Donna continues to be the expert ice fisherman of the family. As soon as the ice is thick enough, and the weather is right, she enjoys spending her spare moments out on the lake. Travis and Cindy have settled nicely here in Morson. Cindy now has a full time secretarial job on mainland. Travis continues to work at the island during the summer. During the winter he and a friend have set up a business providing ice fishing opportunities. It is called Morson Ice Fishing.

Rocky and Kathy are now officially "emptynesters". Kristin graduated this spring, and is now studying Business Administration at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, ON. She had a very active senior year in sports. It included basketball, hockey, badminton, and soccer. She and her badminton partner once again made it to the provincial competitions, and did very well there. Anders continues his studies toward an engineering degree. He plans to transfer to Lakehead this fall. Rocky and Kathy don't mind this at all since it will bring him closer to home, and Lakehead has a reputation as an excellent university.



"Diesel, the new kid on the block."

God Bless!

The Moens

Lloyd & Patsy

Dwight, Donna, Travis & Cindy

Rocky, Kathy, Anders & Kristin

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