

Lloyd was very excited this spring when he rolled out his Glastar plane from its hangar(the shop). It still needs some taxiing time before it is ready to fly, but now that the ice is back on the lake that should be accomplished soon. He was pre-empted from doing some of the required taxiing in the spring when he ended up in the hospital on Easter Monday in excruciating pain. It turned out to be a gall bladder attack, and it became very infected. Once the doctors got the infection under control, they scheduled him for surgery in the middle of May, hoping that the inflammation would go down and they could do the easy operation. No such luck! He ended up having major surgery, with complications that kept him in the hospital for 8 days. For the second year in a row he spent his June and July recovering. He has decided to skip May and June this year.



Patsy went back to work at the lodge this summer. With the kids away at university, she wanted something to fill her time, and being out at the island is where she most wants to be. And the whole family benefits, not only from her company, but from her bundle of energy. Many years ago, Patsy started sewing moosehide gauntlet mitts. She made them for all the family and has recently started selling them. Her sales are keeping her busy this winter.



Dwight, Donna and Travis are all sadly missing their dog, Max, as are the rest of family. He disappeared the first part of December, and after searching for several days it was accepted that he was gone. We will all miss one of our greeters on the docks this summer. Dwight and Donna were actually in Florida when Max disappeared. They were spending a week down there hoping to relax in the warm sun. Unfortunately they didn't have really good weather, but it was still a much needed rest. They plan on spending the rest of the winter close to home, and hope to break ground on their house addition in the spring. Donna hasn't done any ice fishing yet. November was so mild that the lake didn't fully freeze over until December. But she is now ready and raring to go. Travis had a successful Fall, hunting with friends. Their bounty included several deer and a moose. He is now spending his winter doing odd jobs around the area, and continuing to help with the business Morson Ice Fishing.

In mid-November, Kristin came home from Thunder Bay and she, with Rocky, Kathy, Lloyd and Patsy spent a hunting weekend at the island. Kristin and Rocky both got their deer, Kathy added grouse to the tally, and Patsy limited out on walleye. Rocky and Kathy added a couple of fish to the stringer, but it was Patsy's day to shine in that area.



Kristin is in her second year of Business Administration at Lakehead. She is taking a 3 year course, and is anxious to get started on her culinary degree, but realizes the importance of having a good base in business first. This winter, she is working as a checkout clerk at The Real Canadian Superstore, something along the lines of a Super Walmart, just not quite so big.

Anders has found the move to Lakehead to be very beneficial. He is doing well in his classes, and he is definitely enjoying living with his little sister who loves to cook. Much better than cafeteria food, or having to do it himself. This Fall he decided to volunteer as a ski patrol at the local hills. He had to take a First Responders Course which he completed before Christmas, and now he will volunteer about 1 day a week through the winter.

Once again, we take this opportunity each year to thank you for your continued friendship and patronage. And as we bid 2009 farewell and look towards the New Year, we wish you all a very Healthy and Happy 2010. May all your fish be big ones!

God Bless!

The Moens

Lloyd & Patsy

Dwight, Donna, Travis & Cindy

Rocky, Kathy, Anders & Kristin



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Greetings from Lake of the Woods and New Moon Lodge!

It seems like only yesterday we were ushering in the new millennium, and now we have just ushered out the 1st decade of the 21st century! The past ten years have had their ups and downs, and we hope you have all weathered the current economic recession okay. It is during times like these, we need to remember to count our blessings, and know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

So as we reflect on the years that have passed; on all of the laughter and fun times; on the beauty we experience each day; on the friendships that have grown stronger; we give thanks. We have been blessed with many loyal friends, and we consider you all part of our extended family.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Our six finalists in the Free Vacation Draw for 2009 were...

Ed Holden of Safety Harbor, FL

Charlie Judge of Cincinnati, OH

Drew Kinsella of Clarendon Hills, IL

Peter Salg of Loveland, CO

Sandy Ley of Grand Rapids, MN

Andy Myers of University Park, FL

And the winner of our 4-day American Plan fishing package for 2 is....**Mr. Peter Salg**. Congratulations Pete! 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 2010!

Carmen Seifert and daughter, Ann Gerdes, seen here with Lloyd, enjoyed their Free Vacation this past August.

Carmen wrote, "Annie and I had such a good time-it is all of you at New Moon Lodge that make it happen. Thank you!! Thank you!! Of course it was fun for me winning a free trip. At the border we were asked where we had been. Then he said, "Just the two of you". Next questions was how we were related, and then again "Just the two of you!?" Had us pop the trunk to check the fish in the cooler. Guess there are not many females crossing the border by themselves who were on a fishing trip! God willing I hope to see you next summer.



HAPPENINGS IN 2009

On the whole, 2009 will go down in the history books of New Moon Lodge as a cold year; with the exception of two months- September and November. We experienced 70-80 degree temperatures in September with lots of sunshine, and November stayed very mild, with many days above freezing and no snow until the last couple of days of the month. But we did have a lovely White Christmas with fresh snow falling on Christmas Eve through to the day after Christmas.

You might be interested to know that Larry became a grandpa again, when Mark and Christa welcomed their daughter, Taylor Dawn, to their family on October 4th. Congratulations to the Daddy and Mommy and Grandpa!

We had a cold start to the season, but our fishermen bundled up and had some good all-around fishing. Walleyes, bass, northerns and muskies were all active.

We continue to see increasing numbers of large walleye. It wasn't uncommon to hear of 24-29 inch catches, and several over 30 inches, throughout the season. Dale Larson definitely had the biggest walleye catch of the day with this guy. He measured in at 30 3/4 inches.



It was also another exciting season for the trophy fishermen. Trophy-ized muskies this year included several 50-52 inch, at least one 54 inch, and probably the biggest one ever caught out of New Moon at 57 inches. Here it is pictured with guide Robert Morrison, who landed it, and one of his guests, Jo Ann Johnson.

Hunters this year included bear, duck and deer. The bear hunters were successful with 2 nice trophies. Duck hunting was also good this year, with a mixture of bluebills, ringbills and buffleheads. Our deer hunt was once again 100% successful with all 4 hunters getting their deer. The 9 point pictured here was shot by Pete Jacobs and weighed in at 287 lbs. field-dressed.



Check out our 2009 picture gallery at newmoonlodge.ca to see lots more happy fishermen and hunters.

