



## *Best Wishes for 2010!*

2009 produced a summer that was cooler than we are accustomed to, and judging from the comments as guests arrived for their vacation week, it appears that most of central North America was the same. Our warmest week happened in September! The economy issues that put the world in a tailspin did slow Ross' Camp down a little at the beginning of the season – but fisherpeople and hunters are a stubborn bunch, and Ross' was back to its normal pace by the end of July! Thank you for another great season – Ross' Camp guests are the best!!

Ross Camp received a pretty decent facelift this summer...new roofs on the lodge and laundromat, and a fresh coat of paint on six cabins. The wireless internet service went from one router on a satellite feed to six routers on a broadcasting system so we have a pretty awesome connection speed now (not cable, but as good as we are going to get out here). Maggie and Robert were back to help us again this season, and Kirsten also joined us for the summer months. We managed to get Jason and Corey back every now and then to help Wayne out with guiding.

The cooler weather certainly affected the fishing – weed growth was slow to start, and the bass did not have a very good spawn. But we did not get any torrential downpours this year – the kind that change water levels in a flash – so things were pretty consistent – just needed a little more patience this year to look for different structure and/or depths of water. That being said, the numbers of fish may have been a little less at certain times, but size of the fish caught stayed right up there week after week.

The 8 to 12 year-olds were back again this year – a year older and a lot more skilled – and brought along their younger brothers and cousins! And they fished hard – up early and out all day. Our picture this year is perfect ...because we see the look on that little guy's face in every single fisherman (8 years old or 70 years young) when they are holding up their fish!!

**FISHING:** 2009 was a year that produced good walleye fishing pretty much all year, but the bass fishing was much tougher than normal. The walleye seemed to school at the depth of water that they liked and the fishermen just had to find that magic depth; bass on the other hand, did not have good spawning conditions at the right time and they were unsettled for the entire summer. Lake trout, usually an early spring fish, didn't get rolling till June and then never quit. Pike and muskie were either aggressive or not-to-be-found–nothing in the middle!

The late-May and early-June fishermen put up with some cool rainy weather and water temperatures that did not want to warm up. However, Arnold Berg's group found quite a few 23"- 25" walleyes, Tim Mead & Tony Garitta had some pike good action on Footprint Lake, and Guy Loyd & Rob Frenier were the first ones to let us know that Albert Lake was back...50 to 60 bass in a day with lots in the 3 - 3.5 lb range. Chad & Tom Myers worked hard to figure out the cool-water walleye fishing and capped their trip with some awesome lake trout fishing.

By mid-June the water warmed up and the fish were looking for action. Scott Trunko landed a 40" and a 43" pike back-to-back, Brent Marsh hooked a nice 9 lb trout on Panorama, 7 year-old Matthew caught a 37" pike, and Tommy & Kip produced a 50-bass morning with many over 20 inches. Bob Dahlke arrived with 12 or 13 grandsons and their dads, and along with Christian and his sons from Norway – busy, busy week! Danny & Patrick caught and released several 18" bass, everyone hooked a nice pike, and a couple of awesome walleye days that had grandpa perfecting his net skills. And Bobby & Danny had a great day with lakers on Pipestone Lake. The warmer water put the walleyes on a good bite for Rick Gerasta's group, Dick Waldschmidt's party, and Vern & Barb Greenlee as we saw walleyes in the 17" to 24" range. Tony Tribuzio found the walleyes this year along with some nice 19"- 20" pike, and young John Riebel caught a personal best 24" walleye.

July fishing started out uncharacteristically slow this year, but Jeff Gorsuch landed a nice muskie, and the Beaumont crew found some 25" to 28" walleye along with some nice smallie "spots" (Pat & Wayne thank you...1st place in Despair tournee). But Nick & Joe had the trip of the year - in July! – many walleyes 27-29 inches, 18 lakers in one day, and 3-5 pound top-water smallies to boot. The Klotz group and the Fehl families didn't have the hot weather that they have become accustomed to, but they did get on the fish...Steve Osborne was pleased with 29" & 30" walleyes, Mike Klotz and the Fehls had several walleyes in the 26" to 28" range, and lots of bass 16 to 19 inches in Albert. Steve & Jay topped their trip with a double-digit lake trout day on Pipestone while Kyle Klotz landed a feisty 45" muskie that got everyone's attention!

August started out with a tough week but the Beviers persevered to success with the walleyes and Randy Johnson boated to Pipestone to play with some nice lake trout. Don Meyers group found some really nice walleyes 25" to 26" and Carol & Garry caught nice walleyes...smallies were elusive though, and walleyes were very depth specific! Mel Peterson re-acquainted himself to Clearwater Lake and enjoyed some nice walleye fishing. September was very warm, the walleyes were finicky and the bass were dormant until the end of the heat. Wayne & Dave were a little early for the bass fishing this year, but caught some really nice pike in the 32" to 34" range. Tom, Larry & Bob all were successful on muskie fishing and Bill & Andy Eggert caught a lot of nice trout that ran 8 to 10 pounds.

**HUNTING:** The weather stayed pretty warm all the way through October and into November – really put a little bit of frustration into the early hunting efforts for both guests and guides. The moose and deer were

way back in the ugliest swamps they could find, and any movement out of dense cover was all nocturnal. By the end of the first week of November, the deer started moving better and Nicole Pepin shot a big 9-point buck to end her week. The second week saw a bit of movement early – and then the hunt was on! The big bucks were on the move, most of the larger ones were harvested in a 6-day span.

- Vaughn Blab – big 11 point
- Andy Hallonquist – huge 8 point
- Mario Dillon – 11-point
- Mark Dornseif – nice 10-point
- Ray Bennett – nice 10-point
- Mike Johnson – huge 11-point \* top honours for biggest deer, largest rack
- Mike Murzynski – 10-point
- Pierre Dalcourt – huge 8-point
- Ron Maxwell – 8-point
- Max – 6-point
- Jeremy – 1st buck!!

It was great to see everyone this season – for those of you who couldn't get away for your week at Ross' Camp, we'll be looking for you in 2010!! Our apologies if we missed mentioning your personal trophy – fish or deer...we'll try to correct that next year.

In May, Ross' Camp became "home" for a drilling company doing some extensive work for a local mining company. Many of you had an opportunity to peek into the cook's kitchen...what used to be cabin #7...some even managed a little taste-testing! They came with their own cook (Pat's happy) and other than creating a waiting line to use the payphones, it really hasn't affected our rhythm at all. They will be here for 2010 as well, so be aware when you are thinking about your fishing trip that our cabin availability will be a little less than wide-open.

If you know the dates you want for next year, give us a call. If we already have a reservation for you on our 2010 schedule, there will be a separate letter attached. We look forward to hearing from you.

You may hear some negative press on Ontario's new proposed tax system, the HST. Please don't let media ruin your fishing trip or hunting trip expectations – we're going to try to keep everyone informed but the end result may be only a couple of percentage points difference. If you are taking a trip with a guide or flight built in, the tax is probably going to be less.

We start sport shows on January 8th. The list is printed below – if you get a chance, drop in to say "Hello".

All the best to you and yours!! Keep in touch, stay healthy, and keep smiling!!!

As always,  
Pat & Wayne

**\*\*\*\*\* 2010 SPORT SHOW SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\***

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| Jan 8-10: ST. LOUIS All-Canada                   | Feb. 8-10: SIOUX FALLS All-Canada         |
| Jan. 11-13: INDIANAPOLIS All-Canada              | Feb. 19-28: INDIANAPOLIS - Booth #14      |
| Jan. 14-17: CHICAGO All-Canada<br>(Pheasant Run) | *** Maybe MINNEAPOLIS All-Canada Feb. 5-7 |

# 2010 RATES

**ALL RATES QUOTED IN U.S. FUNDS**  
RATES ARE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

## **FISHING PACKAGES**

CHECK-IN AFTER 2:00 P.M.

### **BASIC HOUSEKEEPING PACKAGE**

Includes lodging, docking, portage services.

3 days/4 nights .....	each	\$ 304
6 days/7 nights .....	each	\$ 474

### **FISHERMAN'S HOUSEKEEPING PACKAGE**

includes lodging, boat, motor, gas, portage services.

	2/BOAT	3/BOAT
3 days/4 nights .....	each \$ 496	\$ 449
6 days/7 nights .....	each \$ 776	\$ 697

### **COMPLETE AMERICAN PLAN PACKAGE**

**at the main camp** includes dinner on arrival, lodging, meals, breakfast on departure, daily maid and dock service, boat and motor, gas, bait, portage services.

	WITHOUT GUIDE	WITH GUIDE
3 days/4 nights .....	each \$ 795	\$ 1,055
6 days/7 nights .....	each \$ 1,340	\$ 1,820

### **OVERNIGHT PACKAGE**

For outpost guests: at main camp, prior to boating or flying in, dinner, overnight, breakfast.....each \$ 80

## **OUTPOST PACKAGE**

### **LOONHAUNT FLY-IN PACKAGE**

Includes return air fare, lodging, boat, motor, gas. Rates are based on 4-6 people.

3 nights .....	each	\$ 690
Extra night .....	each	\$ 110
7 nights .....	each	\$ 995

\*Luggage allowance – 100 lbs. each. Restricted by law.

\*Conservation fishing licences only on Loon.

## **DEER HUNTING PACKAGE**

CHECK-IN AFTER 1:00 P.M.

### **DEER HUNT PACKAGE FOR NON-RESIDENTS**

AMERICAN PLAN: includes lodging, meals, boat, motor, gas and guide.

6 days/7 nights .....	each	\$2,550
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## **FAMILY VACATION PACKAGES**

Available June 21 to August 23

### **PACKAGE #1:**

Including 2 adults, 1 or 2 children, 7-15 years, lodging, docking, portage services.

6 days/7 nights..... \$1,070 U.S.

Children 6 years and under – NO CHARGE

### **PACKAGE #2:**

Including 2 adults, 1 or 2 children, 7-15 years, lodging, boat, motor, gas, portage services.

6 days/7 nights..... \$1,570 U.S.

Children 6 years and under – NO CHARGE

**DAILY BOAT** (including gas and portage) **\$165.00**

**DAILY GUIDING AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

**\*SALES TAX AND FISHING/HUNTING LICENCES NOT INCLUDED\***



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## **RESERVATION REQUEST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Departure \_\_\_\_\_ No. of persons in party \_\_\_\_\_

PACKAGE PLANS: American Plan \_\_\_ Fisherman \_\_\_ Basic \_\_\_ Family \_\_\_ Fly-in \_\_\_ Outpost \_\_\_ Overnight \_\_\_ Hunt \_\_\_

Boat/Motor \_\_\_ Guides \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ VISA/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

All reservations require a deposit \$100-\$300 for fishing packages (varies with package), \$500 for deer package.

Confirmation of reservation and receipt of deposit will be made by return mail.

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