

Ignace Outposts Ltd

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Newsletter

Greetings

On behalf of Randy, Cassie, Larry, Marcel, John at Ses, John at Met, Derek, Mike, and Caralyn, **THANK YOU** for another great year of Hunting and Fishing at Ignace Outposts. The season is over and some staff have moved on. Derek now lives in Chatham, Ont. (near Windsor/Detroit) and Cassie is flying in North Bay, Ont. Mike and Caralyn are visiting Australia and we are left holding the fort.

Once again, weather this summer was unpredictable. Early in the season, we had lots of cool and rain. By June this trend changed and our rain came in bursts (thunder type bursts). We had a terrific storm through our base at the end of June which damaged two of our aircraft. The Otter and the Cessna

were both lifted out of the water by the wind while tied to our dock. The Beaver was in the hangar and was spared any damage. The damage to the Otter kept it off line for a week. The Cessna was off line for 6 weeks as the wing had to be sent away for repairs.

Upgrades

We managed to finish the siding of the cabins at Seseganaga this spring. The small cabin at Metionga received a new deck and siding this fall. The cabin and sauna at Tri received a new coat of paint as well as some major brushing. Kawaweogama and Seseganaga had docks rebuilt/repaired. It never ends!

groups in a row at Irene Lake saw 30 inch plus walleye. In our contest, we had a 4 way tie for the largest walleye. One walleye was caught in June, one in July and two in September. We decided to settle the winner with a draw.

Be sure to visit our web site www.ignaceoutposts.com and sign up for our "opt in"

e-newsletter. We publish good tips and notices regularly. The last one dealt with passport and border crossing issues. If you did not get this one, sign up to our e-mailing list on the web but **also** send me an email, I'll resend it late December to those who missed it and request it. We won't spam you. Stay up to date and be among the first to know some of these items. Don't miss out on this!

Fish Contest

The winners of our Catch and Release Fish Contest are:

Walleye: 31" **Dar Mor**, WI on Metionga Lake, June 14/05

Lake Trout: 35" **Brad Pelletier**, MN on Seseganaga Lake, May 24/05

Small Mouth Bass: 19" **Harlan Davis**, IL on Irene Lake, Sept 9/05

Northern: 46" **Mike Donovan**, IL on Seseganaga Lake, Sept 20/05

These 4 sportsmen will be FREE with their group of at least 4 paying anglers for next season. As usual, no single lake produces all the big fish. We had entries from every lake, many within inches of the winners. Not only is fishing great later in the season, the weather is better and the bugs are fewer! Remember our contest next year and that only safely released fish count. We had a couple of large fish caught that couldn't be registered because they died before they were released.

The BIG ones are still here!

Fishing

Fishing this summer was second to no season. We saw many large fish and many, many fish were released to fight again. The early part of the season saw the biggest trout, June produced the largest bass and Sept. kicked out the largest Northern. During the early part of Sept, four

Photo Contest

This season was the 20th in Ignace for us. In celebration we ran a photo contest through the summer. Thank you to all who submitted photos. The choice of a winner was difficult but we had a professional photographer in Thunder Bay provide an impartial decision. And the winner is...

Laremy Sacia for "Mirrored Lake and Sky". Laremy's picture is available on our web site under new photos. Laremy will be our guest in 2006 with his regular group from Lunda Construction.



Runners up are **Kris Wagner**, 2nd place and **Paul Hittman**, 3rd place. These photos are also on our web site. We will have runner up gifts for these two photographers when they visit us next summer.

Hunting

Hunting was overall rather successful. Our archers had moose approach but not quite close enough. Each of our gun hunter groups got a moose or had a good chance but for a jammed gun at 20 yards. For 2006, we have been advised of a drastic cut in available moose tags. We will have only 5 tags in WMU 15A (as opposed to 17 this year) so book your trip early to avoid disappointment. WMU 12A and 16B should remain the same.

Looking Ahead

As is normal, dates for next summer are going quickly. If you've already booked, we do require your deposit soon to confirm your reservation. We leave for sport shows on Jan 5, 2006, so please call soon to arrange for your reservation or deposit. We are again adding a letter to group leaders indicating the dates you have booked and the deposit received or due. Please double check the info and contact us with any discrepancies ASAP. With demand being high for our packages we suggest you make your bookings before we head out to shows in January to grab the dates you want. All indication is that 2006 will be a busy summer. We are seeing more of a trend to

Prices

Again we are attempting to not raise our prices! Unfortunately, the cost of our trips to our US guests is rising due to the devalued US dollar which relative to the Canadian dollar is at a 10 year low. We have decided to try to hold our prices (which are in CDN dollars) in spite of rising costs to help mitigate the effect on our American guests. The high discount enjoyed by our US guests for so many years is decreasing, but still offers a sub-

stantial savings. If we must change rates "mid-stream" we will honor quoted rates for guest booked and deposited before any change. Be sure to have your deposits in to fix your rate.

family vacations in this day and age so why not think about adding a second trip with the family or grandkids? What a Christmas present!

We are still offering referral discounts so, talk us up to your friends, you may end up with a discounted or free trip. Be sure they let us know who referred them. For more details, contact us.

Keep your stick on the ice, your lines tight and wear your life preservers!

From the Great White North,

Brad and Karen Greaves

*We will be at the following sports shows.
If there is one in your area, we would be pleased to have you stop by.*

Minneapolis

All Canada Show

Minneapolis Convention Center
Minneapolis, MN
Jan. 6 - 8, 2006

Chicago

All Canada Show

Pheasant Run Mega Center
St. Charles, IL
Jan. 12 - 15, 2006

Milwaukee

All Canada Show

Milwaukee County
Sports Complex
Milwaukee, WI
Jan. 20 - 22, 2006

Madison

All Canada Show

Marriott Madison West
Madison, WI
Jan. 23 - 25, 2006

Rochester

Sport and Vacation Show

Mayo Civic Center
Rochester MN
Jan. 27 - 29, 2006

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