

IGNACE OUTPOSTS LTD

Greetings

On behalf of Randy, Marc, Joe, Joey, Sam and Dan, we' like to thank you for another great year of hunting and fishing. As the years roll on we are still impressed with the quality of our

customers and the efforts of our staff.

This season began with a big change at Metionga Lake. John our camp manager there since 1992 was not able to work this summer. Joey

was conscripted to fill John's rather large shoes. The learning curve was steep but Joey did an admirable job and we are looking forward to him tending guests again in 2013.

Season Recap

Fishing season began without snow this spring but did challenge us with rain, winds and with it challenging fishing early in the season. Record rainfalls in late May caused washouts on roads and high water levels at the camps. Through June and July, Metionga Lake and Sese-ganaga Lake were the big Northern Pike producers. As we shifted into summer, Flindt and Hilltop Lakes took top spot for big fish. We saw many 48 to 50 inch northern released this summer. Walleye in the

range of 28 to 30 inches made highlight reels on more than a few cameras and videos. Fond memories are made of such adventures. Bass on Irene Lake as well as high quality lake trout fishing made this lake a popular spot. For all the updates, read our blog. There are several years of posts highlighting fishing, hunting, our jobs and running this fantastic business.



The rain seemed to stop falling on Ignace and area as the summer proceeded and by late July we were nearing drought. The water levels fell and docks that were submerged in June were almost high and dry by Sept.

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OFAH Big Fish

In July, we received a certificate from The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters confirming the Northern Pike caught and released by Jeff Worwa on Metionga (Dove) Lake in 2011 was the largest Northern caught and released in Ontario that year. Congratulations Jeff. We like to say “The Big ones are still here!” It is nice to have proof of that once and a while.

Additional Accolades

Also of significant mention, Randy our Chief pilot received recognition from Viking Air (owner of the DeHavilland type certificate for the Otter and Beaver aircraft) for achieving the milestone of 10,000 hours flying the Otter; incident free I might add. As well, Joe our Seseganaga Lake camp attendant received similar recognition from Viking Air for his more than 25 years of maintenance of their DeHavilland products. For those who did not know, Joe has had a career (partially with us) as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. We have two of the best in the business working for us and we congratulate both guys for their achievements.

Aircraft Upkeep

In August we began leasing our hangar and maintenance facilities to North Shore Aircraft Services. This means that our aircraft maintenance is done “in house” again. We are looking forward to working with Evan as he develops his aircraft maintenance business in Ignace.



Facility Upkeep

During the 2012 season we continued to upgrade. We strive to keep ahead of the pack. Metal roofs along with better ventilation were installed on the Flindt Lake cabin and Cabin 2 at Seseganaga Lake. We began installing on demand hot water systems at some camps. New charcoal/wood burning BBQ's were installed at most camps. New outhouse holes, new wood sheds, dock repairs and boat repairs rounded out some of the other camp projects this summer.



At our Ignace seaplane base and office we upgraded our fuel systems and purchased and installed a new moose cooler. The money seems to flow very well outwards in keeping this business a leader in the industry.

The Hunt

We are in the process of switching our moose hunts to archery except at Flindt Lake where archery and gun season are concurrent. This last fall we were pleased to see hunters from Canada, across the US as far as Connecticut and Michigan as well as Europe. We hosted Backwoods TV at our Metionga Lake Camp. They harvested a moose and managed to get some great footage to edit as a TV show to be aired later this winter. I will post more info about this on our blog as I get it. As our archery moose hunts are becoming more popular, consider doing your own hunt on a lake you already know how to fish. Imagine the thrill of having a bull moose in rut approach grunting and snorting to within a few yards of you. One of our guides called a moose in to less than 5 yards this fall. The hunters are probably still shaking.



Sport Show Schedule

January 10 - 13, 2013

Chicago All Canada Show

Pheasant Run Mega Center
St Charles IL
allcanadashow.com

January 14 - 16, 2013

Madison All Canada Show

Marriott Madison West
Middleton, WI
allcanadashow.com

January 17 - 20, 2013

Milwaukee All Canada Show

Milwaukee County Sports Complex
Franklin, WI
allcanadashow.com

January 24 - 27, 2013

The Chicago Show

Schaumburg Convention Center
Schaumburg, IL
sportshows.com/chicago

March 21 - 24, 2013

Northwest Sportshow

Minneapolis Convention Center
Minneapolis, MN
northwestsportshow.com



Reminders

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 7, so please get in touch with us soon to arrange for your reservation or deposit. 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 2013 will be a busy summer. We are seeing more of a trend to 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,

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