



Greetings

On behalf of Randy, Joe, Joey and Ted thank you for another great year of hunting and fishing. It is hard to believe as we finish another season at Ignace Outposts, that next summer will be our 30th here! Our guests have become friends, our staff has become family and we could be considered veterans in our industry. This is a great way to make a living and we are thankful to work with those who also appreciate all the great Canadian wilderness has to offer.

Season Recap

The 2014 season surpassed 2013 with one of the latest ice-outs yet. Again this summer, we missed opening weekend due to ice on the lakes. Once the lakes opened it was pedal to the metal as we began moving equipment, supplies and guests to our camps. We discovered that at most locations we had to deal with extremely high water that moved, shifted and in some cases destroyed docks. Docks that remained in place were under water, which made our job a little more interesting in unloading and loading passengers.



This last summer was one that lacked our usually copious supply of vitamin D. May, June and July were colder and windier than normal. August and Sept also challenged our fortitude and strained our fall wardrobe. The good thing was the lack of rain later in the summer which reduced water levels, however levels then dropped to the point that docks were beginning to sit near the water rather than in the water.



In June our Otter developed an oil pressure problem which resulted in it being off line for several weeks. The final verdict with the engine required a mid - summer engine change which is not a desirable thing. We pressed the Cessna into service and Brad and Randy flew multiple trips on occasion to pick up the slack left by the Otter being unavailable. Our many thanks go to guests who on occasion had to be patient waiting for us to catch up with smaller aircraft. I am beginning to question whether there is such a thing as normal.

Facility Improvements

Here at Ignace Outposts improvement is a never-ending job. We added a nice floating dock at Sese-ganaga Cabin #4; no more unloading across the bay in high water and transferring by boat. Metionga Lake saw a new metal roof on cabin #1 and an upgraded washroom in cabin #2. The dock at Flindt Lake was virtually rebuilt since the ice and high water had moved it completely off the cribs and parked it near the fish-cleaning house this spring. The beach cabin at Irene Lake was painted and brushing and yard work was completed at Irene #2. Touch ups, tweaking and otherwise doing the little things kept us busy all summer.



Fishing

We are fortunate that the fishing at Ignace Outposts is always good. As I often say, however, sometimes the catching is a little slow. Overall we saw many large fish and no shortage of numbers. I believe that the weather conditions endured by many this summer made sitting in a boat rather challenging but the rewards outweighed the discomfort of cold, rain and wind. It amazes us how Sesegana and Metionga Lakes can consistently produce so many fish. And it is impressive how our smaller lakes like Irene, Hilltop and Flindt can produce such big fish. Our catch and consume policy certainly is producing results at the outposts.



Moose Hunt

Moose populations in our area are extremely high. Our moose hunters this year had one of the highest encounter rates yet. Moose encounters don't always translate into kills but having a moose respond to call and approach within a few yards of a hunter is considered a success by any measure.

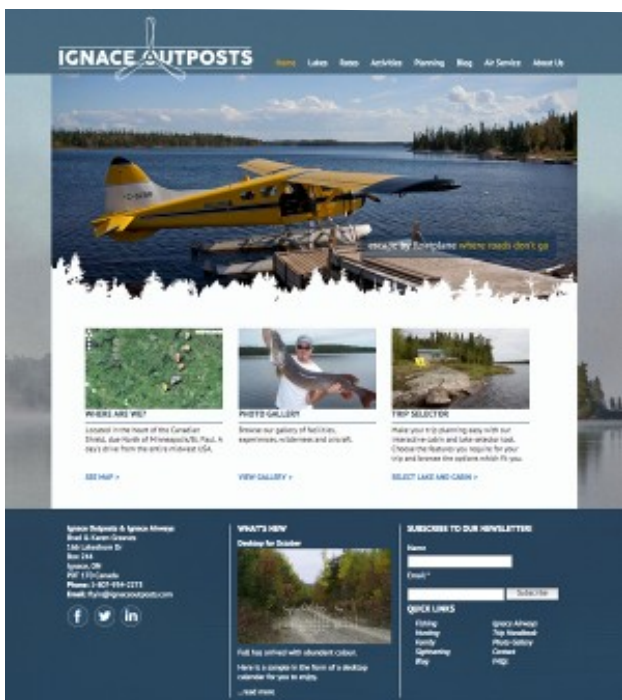
The decision to make a kill lies with the hunter. Our guides are extremely skilled and brought several moose within archery range. One moose even forced a guide into the lake with his aggressive behavior.

Tags for 2015 have been reduced so the window of opportunity on booking a hunt is closing. If this is something on your bucket list, I suggest you act soon. Give us a call and we can get you set up for an experience of a lifetime. We offer both guided and unguided archery hunts.



Important New Stuff

We were delighted to welcome two new grandsons to our family in August. They were born two days and 2000 km apart. They are growing healthily and will no doubt find fishing gear under the tree.



We re-launched IgnaceOutposts.com in October. If you have not visited it recently, check it out! The site is mobile device friendly. Please share it with your friends and colleagues.

Our blog is now imbedded within our website so please bookmark the new address www.ignaceoutposts.com/blog and check back regularly for updates, news and bits of Brad's wisdom. You can find links to our [FaceBook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts in the bottom panel of any page on our website. Please 'like' and 'follow' respectively.

Also if you have not signed up for our e-newsletter, you can do that at the bottom of the home page as well. Our e-news will go out several times a year with recaps of our blog posts and other items of interest.

Reminders

Walleye season opens May 16 next year. This is the earliest we will take fishermen. Many cabins are booking quickly so please contact us soon if you require a specific date or cabin for 2015.

We still offer a referral discount so be sure any friends who are interested in flying in with us let us know who referred them. Four new guests referred translates into a 30% reduction off your 2015 trip and 6 new guests works out to 50% off.

Last year we changed our deposit policy. We do not refund deposits and we will no longer hold deposits over to the next year. We will however transfer them to another date for the current year. If your group deposits for 6 and shows up with 4, we will no longer credit the deposit. Please note these changes. The purpose of the deposit is to commit both us and you to a cabin and date. A reminder to group leaders, before you send up \$ on behalf of someone in your group, you might be wise to actually have their cash in hand when you commit to the trip.

Closing Remarks

With demand being high for our packages we suggest you make your bookings before we head out to shows to grab the dates you want. It looks like 2015 will be a busy summer.

As our lives become more virtual, it is great to know there is still a place where you can go to unwind and experience reality again. Why not consider adding a second trip with your spouse, family or grandkids? The memories created with family will last long after the next text or virtual status report.

Keep your sticks on the ice, your lines tight and wear your life preservers in the boat.

Brad and Karen



Sport Show Schedule

January 8 - 11, 2015
Chicago All Canada Show
Pheasant Run Mega Center
St Charles, IL
allcanadashow.com

January 15 - 18, 2015
Green Bay All Canada Show
Radisson Conference Center
(Oneida Casino)
Green Bay, WI
allcanadashow.com

February 27 - Mar 1, 2015
Madison Fishing Expo
Alliant Energy Center,
Madison WI
www.madfishexpo.com

Mar 25 - 29, 2015
Northwest Sportshow
Minneapolis Convention Center
Minneapolis, MN
northwestsportshow.com