



### SUMMER FISHING

The dreaded May Fly hatch that lasted almost the entire month of June finally stopped and the season had some outstanding fishing in spite of it. Weather patterns settle and we didn't experience the continuous warm or cold fronts moving through the area that are more common in May/June. These notorious fronts have the tendency to put fishing off for a day or two. Fishing had gone back to normal with a few dog day afternoons that are best left for swimming, relaxing on the deck/beach or taking an afternoon siesta. We found that the walleye were much more active early in the morning and later into the evening. Using Little Joe spinner rigs, 3/8 oz jigs, floating jigs with a live bait proved to be the most successful. Who could ask for a better summer/fall? Warm but not too hot and the fishing was good as our water levels got back to normal and so did the fishing.

### Trophy's Galore.....

How about this family/group during the week of July 10, 2010 that caught five northern over 40" during their week of fishing? No trolling motor, no depth finder, just looking for a good time on their vacation – good attitudes provide HUGE success!



Cody Siemeck  
44" Northern



Faith Siemeck  
40" Northern



Mike Siemeck  
40" Northern



Brianna Gray  
43 1/2" Northern



Glen Gray  
43" Northern

### UNBELIEVABLE TROPHY NORTHERN FISHING –

No one can underestimate a successful fishing trip of repeat guests. Knowing a lake will put the angler on top of this sport right away. The week of July 17<sup>th</sup> proves this theory for not only the Pikul group but many guests at the lodge as well.

It begins with Charlie Pikul from Chicago, IL as he lands a nice 42 1/2" trophy northern in the first hour on the lake. However, fishing doesn't last long since they are all tired from a long drive so everyone heads back into camp for a good nights rest.

When morning comes they all strike out early and head out to their favorite spots in great anticipation. By that afternoon as boat by boat come back to the lodge we're surprised to hear that four more 40"+ northern are caught. The next day our minds are set that this is it for the week and we'll settle into a normal fishing routine.....WRONG!



News quickly spreads throughout the camp about the northern that the Pikul group are catching. What are they using and where are they fishing? Charlie and his crew are helpful and quickly share the information they have with others in camp. There are no secrets here at Wawang Lake as there are plenty of BIG fish and besides they were all released so others can experience the same thrill as the person before them.

The race is now on as others are getting into the action as well and soon they are catching trophy sized northern too.

**DAY THREE:** We now have nine northern in total recorded. Guest by guest come into the lodge informing me of their catch but once again it's Charlie leading the way, catching a whopping 45" northern and what a beauty this one is and it's the biggest for the week and second largest for the year.

Anticipating how the week might turn out I challenged Charlie's group to see if they can get 10 for 10 (ten northern for the ten in their group). Without the slightest hesitation everyone was up for it and the race is on! This would tie our existing record of 10/10.

**DAY FOUR:** Other people in camp are adding to the number of trophy northern being caught and it's increasing by the hour. Our record number of 40"+ northern caught in one week is 15 and now ALL the guests want to beat it.

**DAY FIVE:** We now have 14 northern over 40" recorded and Charlie's group has nine.....only one more to tie the week's records and for Charlie's group to ace out. Finally, Ricky comes into the lodge – all smiles – holding his camera. He hadn't caught much all week unlike last year where he caught many trophies. Handing me the camera he proudly announces just catching a 42" northern and it's another beauty. Way to go Ricky!

On the last day of their trip the trophy fishing slows down some and as I close up shop for the day I think well at least they got to tie for the most trophy northern caught in one week and if anything it was fun just watching everyone get involved.

Morning comes and Charlie's group left early for home to Illinois and back to what they call reality. To me, the past week was my reality recording one trophy fish after another. As I walk into the lodge and head towards my desk I notice a bright yellow sheet of lined paper sitting on it. The note reads:

Tami & Terry,  
We had one heck of a time at Wawang! Wanted to brighten your morning with a little message. **“WE HAVE THE RECORD!!!”** Ricky caught a 41 inch pike right before dusk. 11 over 40 inches for 10 guys!! What a trip! See you next year! Charlie

## Pikul Group of 10 catch/release 11 - 40"+ Northern Pike



We hit a record of 16  
40"+ northern for the  
WEEK!

Thanks to each member of the Pikul Family for breaking records & making it an exciting fishing week for everyone at Wawang Lake!

### FISHING REPORT – We're Not Done Yet



Summer moved along nicely... Had a lot fantastic folks come up and stay with us and many were our regulars - like family coming home again. We also had a few new fishing parties that are now hooked on Wawang Lake Resort too!

It's always wonderful to see our elderly guests return each year like Jim Dexter from Davenport, IA. He caught many nice fish during his week of fishing that would include a few nice 27" walleye. He turned 80 years old this year and says he'll keep coming back as long as the good Lord lets him.

In looking over my records I see that their group always does well with the number of trophy's they catch each year. Active in the outdoors Jim's other passion is gardening. Good for you Jim - keep up the good work and keep coming back because we enjoy each and every visit!

Fishing at Wawang isn't all about northern either. Those just happened to be a couple of fantastic stories that needed mentioning. A gentlemen from East Dubuque, IA had an exciting week of fishing for walleye in mid July. Bill Siemen was pleasantly surprised with his first trip to our lodge by the overall size of our walleye that our lake has to offer. Not just eating size but the trophy size as well.

Always curious about first-timers we asked him if the lodge and fishing met with his expectations and he said. "My expectations were exceeded"!



Bill Seimen caught 12 trophy walleye during his week at Wawang Lake.

They ranged from 25" to 28 ½". Bill said he stopped counting the numbers' between 21" to 24 ½"

The fishing has been steady, and we have a pretty thick log of registered trophy catches to date! The wildlife viewing too has been unbelievable this summer with sighting while driving up the Graham Rd to the resort and while out on the lake as well. We've had reports of bear, moose, and plenty of loons and eagles. An amazing sighting was a lynx swimming. This lynx was spotted crossing the water one afternoon by one of our guests while fishing. Who says that cats don't like to swim?



Our largest walleye caught in 2010 was this beautiful 32½" weighing approximately 14 ½ lbs - caught by Jason Reber (left). Originally from Iowa Jim's wife is stationed in the Ukraine where they have been living for the past couple of years. Jason came back for a family visit that included coming to Wawang Lake to fish. I can't tell you how happy I was when he caught this fish! There's nothing like sharing a great moment with family and friends.

## BLUEBERRIES AND MORE BLUEBERRIES

Lowbush Wild Blueberries continue to flourish in the perfectly suited climate of our area in Ontario. Wild Blueberries have a unique flavor and grow with minimal help from man. The Wild Blueberry barrens are periodically renewed by nature through either logging, lightning strikes or brushfires, which serve as a method of pruning and weed control, and fertilizers.

Low bush blueberries grow only about six to eighteen inches high. In May-June the areas are in full bloom with bell shaped white/pink flowers. Pollination is helped by bees and wind. After pollination, the berry "sets" and is ready for picking from early August.



The blueberry season came early with a crop that went on for weeks. Just beautiful clumps hanging off the bushes and the blueberry pickers were in heaven.

I just have to take the time to introduce everyone to Nancy Shemon from Ely, MN who was up at the resort for two weeks and blueberry picked almost every day. Daily she would bring in bucket after bucket back to the lodge then hand clean,

package and freeze them all before heading out the next day again for more.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory is nothing compared to Nancy in the blueberry patch. Therefore was it any wonder that on the day of her departure and packing her blueberries for travel that in the end she had picked nearly 100 lbs of blueberries?



Some might call this obsession and some might call it mania. To me it's just Nancy and whatever she takes on - she does it wholeheartedly, with a passion! Nancy also generously gave me a couple pint bags of blueberries and our American Plan guests thoroughly enjoyed the blueberry pancakes and of course I ate the rest. Thank you Nancy!

## NEW FAMILY ADDITION



Last but not least we'd like to introduce you to the newest addition in our family. Her name is Lexi - a Shih Tzu born April 11, 2010. She is friendly and outgoing and very charming. Since she's been home she's been exploring and finding out that she has lots of room to run in and each morning doesn't know exactly where to start first.

In the lodge she happily follows feet coming and going and once they disappear out the door she happily waits in anticipation for the next set of feet to come in. She's looking forward to meeting you and also waiting for all that attention she's sure to get in 2011.

Well that's about it for now as I leave with a BIG thank you to all our guests for being a part of Wawang Lake and providing the exciting fish photo's, fantastic fish stories and participating with the data we've collected. It's been a great season!