# Tremolo... the laugh-like call of the Loon

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## Loon Haunt Outposts - 2014 Our Year in Review

2014 marked our 37th anniversary in the resort business and we want to thank you all for helping us celebrate this milestone. We enjoy reviewing our season at the end of each year and we hope you look forward to hearing about it in this newsletter. While we are pleased with what we have accomplished, we do remind ourselves that our guests play a large role in the satisfaction we feel at the end of the season.

We are always anxious to get back to camp in the spring and begin opening cabins for the season but this year lingering cold winter weather and ice delayed us. Bill flew the airplane off the Howey Bay ice and landed in the Chukuni River to join several other float planes already there. He docked the plane at a fellow operator's place while we waited for warmer weather and open water. On May 16th we were finally able to land at Unnamed Lake and spent a couple of days getting the place ready for incoming guests. The lake level was very high 'right to the top of the dock and we were apprehensive as to the state of the portage. Happily, Bill had only a few trees to cut to clear the portage so that was a welcome surprise. He figured there would be many more fallen trees to cut since last year was such a nightmare. On May 18th we flew to Monroe and repeated the process. More good news - the 2 portages just needed minimal chainsaw work but the lake level was very high again.

Next it was off to Goose Lake with a load of supplies to check out ice conditions and hopefully get to the dock. He was able to get to the dock but found high lake levels and much snow throughout the camp. The mini excavator started right up and he used it to make a pathway through the snow at the bottom of the ramp. When he uncovered the excavator behind the cabins, he startled a very surprised groundhog that figured it had the place to itself. Being able to get to the dock was a huge bonus because we remember past years when we could not and had to land in the river by the beaver house and walk around the shore to get to camp. It is a grueling way to start the season but Mother Nature throws us this curveball every few years. Bill returned to town to pick me up and on May 21st we moved to Goose Lake to begin the many jobs to get the place up and running. There was still lingering lake ice that slowly melted over the next few days. Not even one tree had fallen over the winter and we counted ourselves lucky! Sometimes high water will raise havoc with docks but there were no problems at all in that regard. Bill was able to retrieve the floating dock from its winter resting place, position it in place and we were in business.

On May 22 we flew to Whitelaw and readied the cabin for Chuck P's group. There were still several big chunks of ice on the lake when the airplane landed the next day with his group however the pilot was able to taxi to the dock. Guests found Whitelaw Lake levels to be high and a part of the stationary dock was underwater.

The last week of May saw unseasonable hot weather and it was a little unreal to see guys in shorts standing in snow banks. The thermometer read close to 90 degrees! Amazingly, Goose Lake peaked on May 24th and then we began to see the lake level start slowly receding. Usually the lake doesn't peak until late June/early July so that was interesting.

Next to get ready was the cabin on Poirier and it was routine as well. The eagles had reclaimed the nest by the cabin so we were pleased our guests would have plenty of opportunities to observe them over the summer.

Early walleye fishing at all locations was slower than normal due to the late spawn. As the lakes slowly warmed up, however, the fishing improved. Guests found the walleye still schooled up near their spawning grounds for a couple of weeks. Coonass Point at the end of South Bay was very productive as was Joe's Island. Ron H. and Teddy M., however, had some of their best luck below Whitedog Falls.

Then, it seemed like the season accelerated and the annual pollen release came earlier than normal. The last half of June was seriously windy. Mosquitoes were fierce in June and July and we all got used to the smell of burning mosquito coils. We witnessed the last flock of geese flying north on July 4th (boy, were they late!) The mayfly hatch was later than usual and didn't occur until the early part of July. The Indian Pipe flowers started popping up right on schedule in mid July.

On August 4th members of the Sutton party were fortunate to observe a water spout that formed right in front of the cabins on the north shore of Goose Lake. We heard a sound like a turbine airplane landing and looked over the lake to see this white column of water rising from the lake. The water spout was quite large in diameter and rose into the air at least 25 feet.(maybe more) Again, as with all water spout sightings here, it was a lovely day with blue sky and a few white fluffy clouds. No

wind to speak of and no reason for a water spout to occur that we could discern. I witnessed it as well, but Bill was busy in the gas shed and didn't see it. He did hear the whine of the wind but assumed an airplane was landing.

In mid August a fairly large forest fire started to the east of Goose Lake but it was quite a distance away and was not a threat. The smoke was impressive though and at times it appeared much closer than it really was. The fire was rated as BOB (being observed) and no fire fighters or aircraft were sent to extinguish it.

The summer of 2014 saw no hot, uncomfortable weather. It did seem that fall came early though. At the beginning of August the mosquito and black fly population crashed and for that we were grateful.

Our annual visitors, the whiskey jacks, showed up on time in mid August and briefly entertained the Smithson crew during their stay. An annoying occurrence this summer was that our phone was out of order. It was a long 2 weeks before repairs were made and we apologize to anyone trying to reach us during this downtime. Thank goodness our email still worked and we were able to stay in touch with our quests.

August 30th saw the Sandhill Cranes flying southbound and we knew the Canada Geese would not be far behind. 2 days later we heard the geese. September weather was a mixed bag of rainy days as well as warm, sunny days but the walleye fishing continued to be stellar. The deeper water off the Wall saw plenty of action.

Bill had a long list of projects he wanted to finish this fall and he accomplished them over the 2 weeks we stayed after Ken's group left for home in mid September. In addition we winterized all the cabins, painted floors and split firewood for next year. Our intent was to pick rice and Bill even built a new speedhead for the rice picking machine. However, the plant in Keewatin did not intend to fire up their machine and we would have had to ship the rice to Manitoba for processing. Once Bill added up all the associated costs, it didn't look very profitable to pick this year. We figured there would be some pretty fat geese and ducks leaving Goose Lake for wintering sites in southern United States though.

On September 27th we flew home to Red Lake on a beautiful fall day. We were watching the weather closely and knew the 28th would be nasty so sped through the last of the chores to leave. •

## Who Caught What At:

Thank you for taking the time to enter your catch on the bragging boards. We know not all big fish are documented and we appreciate your effort in keeping the boards up to date. We enjoy reading about your success and often feel we were in the boat with you! We can imagine the thrill of catching these fish and the satisfaction of releasing them so they can swim away unharmed.

## Whitelaw Lake

| Name               | Month | Species  | Size      |
|--------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Chuck P.           | May   | Northern | 36        |
| Steve P.           | May   | Northern | 35        |
| Chuck P., Greg P.  | May   | Walleye  | 546 total |
| Randy B., Steve P. | May   | Northern | 163 total |



Joel S. upstaged his father and grandfather with this 29 inch Walleye at Whitelaw Lake.

#### 2014 IMPROVEMENTS:

- The Poirier cabin and outhouse received a coat of stain.
- A new barbecue for Unnamed.
- The fish cleaning table at Unnamed received a new surface.
- Handrails for cabins 3, 4, the fish house and our cabin.
- A new engine for the Cessna 185.
- Welded sacrificial rubbing strips to all boats at Goose and Nechigona.
- Welded backing plates to all wood stoves at Goose.
- New chimneys at all Goose cabins.
- · New chimney at Monroe.
- Replaced fiberglass insulation under eaves with custom fitted wooden blocks on all cabins at Goose.
- Installed additional supports under the service building and fish house
- · A new gas dryer for Goose.

#### PLANNED FOR 2015:

• Bill plans to change the transom in one of the Whitelaw boats.

## **Poirier Lake**

| Name              | Month  | Species  | Size                       |
|-------------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|
| Merv H.           | June   | Northern | 27.5, 30                   |
| Howard E.         | June   | Northern | 38                         |
| Howard/Merv       | June   | Walleye  | 21-26(lots)                |
| Bartlett pty.     | June   | Northern | 36                         |
| Bartlett pty.     | June   | Walleye  | 24(many 20-22)             |
| Kamke pty.        | June   | Northern | 38                         |
| Kamke pty.        | June   | Walleye  | 20(many)                   |
| Ron/Kathy N.      | July   | Walleye  | 23(6), 24(2), 25(1), 26(2) |
| Joe/Nell A.       | August | Northern | 28(caught 26)              |
| Joe/Nell A.       | August | Walleye  | 24(caught 86)              |
| Howard E./Gary N. | August | Walleye  | 25(2), lots 20-24          |
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Ron and Kathy tied this year with matching 26 inch Walleyes at Poirier Lake

# **Unnamed Lake**

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| Name          | Month  | Species    | Size                      |
| Barry K.      | June   | Walleye    | 28                        |
| Barry K.      | June   | Northern   | 39.5                      |
| Debbie H.     | June   | Walleye    | 27                        |
| Debbie H.     | June   | Northern   | 34.5                      |
| Barry H.      | June   | Walleye    | 30                        |
| Barry H.      | June   | Northern   | 37                        |
| Adam I.       | June   | Walleye    | 28                        |
| Adam I.       | June   | Northern   | 35                        |
| Jenny K.      | June   | Walleye    | 28.25                     |
| Jenny K.      | June   | Northern   | 31                        |
| Scott K.      | June   | Walleye    | 27.75                     |
| Scott K.      | June   | Northern   | 35.5                      |
| Graham P.     | June   | Northern   | 32, 34(2), 35, 36(2)      |
| Caton B.      | June   | Northern   | 36                        |
| Caton B.      | June   | Walleye    | 24(2)                     |
| Tim G.        | June   | Northern   | 36,37,40,41               |
| Tim G.        | June   | Walleye    | 26                        |
| Don F.        | July   | Walleye    | 22.5                      |
| Don F.        | July   | Northern   | 42+                       |
| Jon P.        | August | Northern   | 34, 40.5                  |
| Kathy P.      | August | Northern   | 34.5, 37                  |
| Jon/Kathy P.  | August | Northern   | 15 over 30                |
| Ron R.        | August | Northern   | 31, 36                    |
| Rich K.       | August | Walleye    | 25(2)                     |
| Rich K.       | August | Northern   | 30(2), 35.5               |
| Nick R.       | August | Northern   | 28, 31                    |
| Mike K.       | August | Walleye    | 21.5(2),22(3),24,24.5,27  |
| Mike K.       | August | Northern   | 30                        |
| Mark K.       | August | Walleye    | 21,22,23,24,24.5,25,26(2) |
| Mark K.       | August | Northern   | 34                        |
| Ralph D.      | August | Northern   | 33.5                      |
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Graham P. fished the portage lake from Unnamed and pulled out this 36 inch Northern

# Monroe Lake

| Name      | Month | Species  | Size |
|-----------|-------|----------|------|
| Dakota W. | June  | Walleye  | 21   |
| Chris W.  | June  | Northern | 34   |



Barry K. caught this hefty 39.5 inch Northern at Unnamed Lake in June.



The big Walleye at Unnamed this year was this 30 inch beauty caught by Barry H.

# Goose Lake

| Name                | Month  | Species             | Size            |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Raymond O.          | May    | Walleye             | 19              |
| Frank S.            | May    | Northern            | 26,32           |
| Teddy M.            | May    | Northern            | 33(2)           |
| Christopher M.      | June   | Walleye             | 20,22.5,23.5,28 |
| Christopher M.      | June   | Northern            | 28(3),32        |
| Stu B.              | June   | Walleye             | 22,23(3),25.5   |
| Jason M.            | June   | Walleye             | 26              |
| Jason M.            | June   | Northern            | 22,30           |
| Roger B.            | June   | Walleye             | 27              |
| Reid S.             | June   | Northern            | 29,34           |
| Lee S.              | June   | Walleye             | 27              |
| Mike L.             | June   | Walleye             | 26.5            |
| Jeff S.             | June   | Northern            | 42              |
| Jeff S.             | June   | Walleye             | 25,28           |
|                     | June   | •                   | 24,25.5         |
| Kelly P.            | June   | Walleye<br>Northern | 24,25.5<br>38   |
| Randy P.<br>Josh D. |        | Northern            | 35.5            |
|                     | June   |                     | აა.ა<br>40      |
| Jim H.              | June   | Northern            |                 |
| Wayne W.            | June   | Walleye             | 26,28           |
| Wayne W.            | June   | Northern            | 36              |
| Chris C.            | June   | Northern            | 31              |
| Chris C.            | June   | Walleye             | 29              |
| Tim C.              | June   | Northern            | 33              |
| Kyle P.             | June   | Walleye             | 27              |
| Dewayne C.          | June   | Northern            | 34              |
| Dewayne C.          | June   | Walleye             | 27              |
| Mark D.             | June   | Northern            | 40              |
| Kevin K.            | June   | Northern            | 36              |
| Mike C.             | June   | Walleye             | 25.5            |
| Connor F.           | June   | Walleye             | 1st ever!       |
| Connor F.           | June   | Northern            | 29              |
| Paige F.            | June   | Northern            | 31              |
| Lili F.             | June   | Sucker              | 22              |
| Lon B.              | June   | Walleye             | 28              |
| Ron B.              | June   | Walleye             | 27              |
| Dave R.             | June   | Walleye             | 24.5            |
| Laurie P.           | July   | Northern            | 33              |
| Laurie P.           | July   | Walleye             | 24              |
| Bob/Laurie P.       | July   | Walleye             | 751 for week    |
| Steve W.            | July   | Northern            | 34              |
| Brent W.            | July   | Northern            | 35              |
| Daniel W.           | July   | Walleye             | 26              |
| Tom W.              | July   | Walleye             | 27              |
| Derek G.            | July   | Northern            | 32              |
| Brenda C.           | July   | Northern            | 34              |
| Greg V.             | July   | Walleye             | 26              |
| Kenny O.            | July   | Northern            | 34              |
| Erin C.             | July   | Northern            | 33              |
| Kyle D.             | July   | Northern            | 36              |
| Art D.              | August | Walleye             | 22(2),23,24(2)  |
| Danny S.            | August | Northern            | 36              |
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| Name       | Month     | Species  | Size  |
|------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Jeff D.    | August    | Northern | 30,34 |
| Ken D.     | August    | Walleye  | 25.5  |
| Sherm S.   | August    | Northern | 33    |
| Rhonda T.  | August    | Walleye  | 25    |
| Ken S.     | August    | Walleye  | 24,25 |
| Steve K.   | August    | Northern | 30    |
| Scott B.   | August    | Northern | 39    |
| Steve H.   | September | Walleye  | 23.5  |
| Michael L. | September | Walleye  | 26    |
| Jeremy G.  | September | Walleye  | 27    |



Mike C. was impressed with the Walleye fishing on Goose Lake. Shown here is his 25.5 inch catch.



Daniel W. bested his father Steve with this 36 inch Northern caught at Goose Lake.

- The summer of 2014 simply flew by. We think this is partly because we seem to stay busy and also we definitely think time speeds up as we age.
- Bill hired a new air service to transport our guests this year. Superior Airways will now take over after 36 years with Green Airways. In the fall of 2013, management at Green's informed us that they would be transporting only their own guests in 2014 so we had to find a new carrier. Initially, we informed our guests that all flights would originate from the Red Lake Airport but that changed in late May. Superior acquired a water base at the Chukuni River bridge and we had to get in touch with guests to let them know the new plan. We are pleased with the service offered by the folks at Superior Airways and appreciate working with Marc Kosie and the pilots, Greg, Russ and Jason.
- The late breakup made for a hectic time in getting all the locations ready to go. Because of the high water and cooler temperatures, the lakes were slow to warm up and the fish were lethargic and not feeding heavily. They stayed close to their spawning areas for quite some time but once the lakes warmed up they turned aggressive, much to the delight of fishermen in late May and early June.
- Ron H. and his friend Teddy M. reported fantastic fishing below Whitedog Falls in late May.
- Christopher M. was fishing with his father Chris and grandfather Roger B. at Joe's island. He caught a nice 28 inch walleye that his grandfather netted for him. Roger set the laden net down to reel in his own fish and proceeded to scoop his 27 inch walleye in the same net that still held Christopher's fish. High fives all around and once photos were taken 2 healthy lunkers swam away to fight another day.



Christopher M. had some help from his father and grandfather while he reeled in this 28 inch Walleye.

- Joe's Island was the hot spot for several weeks for both size and numbers of walleye and northern.
- Howard E. and his friend Merv H. reported excellent fishing at Poirier in early June. Fishing the flow-in, they posted 93 walleye in 4 hours and another 66 in 2 1/2 hours for a total of 159 in one day. Many of the walleye were in the 24 inch to 25 inch range.
- Lee and Reid S. boated 10 walleye over 20 inches at Woman Falls in early June. The big northerns were also active there.
- It doesn't get any stranger in the 'strange catch' category this year. Both Will R. and Josh V. caught anchors (by the small piece of rope) this summer, and Luke B. was surprised to reel in a pair of needle nose pliers.
- After 37 years in this wonderful industry technology never ceases to amaze us. We have evolved a long way since 1978 and our first means of communication 'our single side band radio. Back then we never dreamed our radio would be replaced by our radio telephone and now by satellite communications. Our guests were using Skype this year to speak to family back in the United States and in one case 'Costa Rica. Wow!! Facetime was another favorite used by

- many to keep in touch with home and the office.
- Lon B. and Ron B. have fished with us many years and figured they've covered Goose Lake pretty well. This June, however, they fished in a place new to them and Lon caught a dandy 28 inch walleye. After a picture was taken and they resumed trolling, Ron caught a 27 inch walleye 10 minutes later only yards away. They want to name this island 'Twin Hogs Island' in honor of the special spot. I wager they will pay this island a return visit next year.
- Lon's group of 4 are ardent fishermen who only use artificial bait and their group of 4 routinely catches over 1000 walleye each year.
- Again this year we welcomed a pair of Canada Geese to the beach in front of the cabins. They arrived the first week of June and spent much of their time there over the next few weeks. Then, one day they simply flew away and did not return. They must have joined a north bound flock when their nesting instinct kicked in. Hopefully we will see them again next year.
- Just when we think we know every good fishing spot someone goes and finds a new one. Bob and Laurie P. fished the middle of the lake around the sea

gull feeding rock and hammered the walleye. In one day they caught 195 and only returned to camp because they ran out of bait. Bill marked this hot spot with a green buoy and we sent guests there all summer. Thanks Bob and Laurie!! The wind definitely played a big role in whether the fishing was good or fantastic. A good north wind was optimal and rainy weather even better.

- July usually brings us some wicked storms but all was silent this year.
- The rabbit population was not as high as last year and the flower gardens were not as much of a temptation so we got to enjoy the flowers right through to the fall.
- June guests had to notice the barren poplar trees on their drive to Red Lake. Forest tent caterpillars munched their way through stands of poplar trees and decimated them. Once the leaves were gone they crawled down from the trees to continue their search for food. The ground and even highways were covered with caterpillars. We had a few of these pests at camp but guests

probably didn't even notice them as we only have a few poplar trees left by the boat ramps. Beavers have cut them down and Pileated Woodpeckers have pecked holes in many. The weakened tops blew down in storms over the years and Bill cut the rest up for firewood.

- There are 2 trees resembling poplars down by the boat ramps and we always wondered what they were. While the poplars were getting stripped by the caterpillars, we noticed that these 2 particular trees were hardly being touched. I did a little searching on the internet and got in touch with an expert from southern Ontario and sent him pictures of the mystery tree. While waiting for a reply I mentioned the trees to one of our guests, Steve W. I showed him the trees and low and behold. Steve has a degree in dendrology. Steve looked the tree over, checked out the leaves and bark and proclaimed it a balsam poplar. Wow! The next day the southern Ontario expert concurred. Cool!
- Tom W. flew in with his group and waited a few hours for the weather to



Wayne W. sure had the touch during his five day trip to Goose Lake. This 28 inch Walleye was his biggest post on the bragging board.

improve before venturing out on the lake. His first fish off the wall was a 27 inch walleye. Not a bad way to start the trip.

- Kathy and Ron N. called over from Poirier in mid July to inform us that the tree with the eagle nest had fallen over in a big wind. They searched for the eaglet but had no luck. Hopefully the eaglet made it.
- David and Greg V. from England joined their family group to spend some quality time at Goose Lake. Fishing was fast and furious and one of his cousins was overheard to pronounce 'If there's fishing in heaven, I bet it's just like this!'
- Some of our guests especially like to take the fish entrails out to the seagulls, vultures and eagles. Thanks to Sherm S. and Doug O. for their help in feeding the birds.
- Jon and Kathy P. target the large northerns at Unnamed and usually connect. This year Jon caught a 40 ' inch northern and less than ten minutes later Kathy had her turn with a 37 inch one. Altogether they caught 15 over 30 inches. Wish we'd been there!
- Mark P. knows he caught the same fish 4 times in 45 minutes of fishing because it was blind in one eye.
- Several times over the season guests reported reeling in a walleye or northern



Husband Terry C. netted this 34 inch Northern for his wife Brenda. The Northern had attacked her Walleye and Terry was quick on the net.

and having a large northern attack the hooked fish. The tenacious large northerns were netted quite a few times while hanging on to the smaller fish. Hats off to the 'net guys' for their quick actions. Scott B. has his son Craig to thank for his 39 inch Northern. Don F. had a huge northern he figured measured better than 42 inches t-bone the walleye on his hook 3 times at Unnamed. That would have got the adrenalin pumping! Maurey Halsey visited us at Goose Lake this August. He was retracing his son David's steps. Dave and his friend Peter Souchuk canoed through Goose Lake the first year we started business back in 1978. They were on an ambitious trek across Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic using canoes in the summer and dog sleds in the winter. Eventually Dave and Pete reached the Atlantic in 1979 and Dave penned a book about the experience called 'Magnetic North'. Dave tragically died in 1983 and his parents successfully lobbied the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) to name a small lake not too far away from us at Goose Lake. This other lake Dave liked to call Good Site Lake because it had such a nice spot for setting up camp. Bill flew Maurey and his friend John over to Good Site Lake so they could do a little fishing and feel closer to Dave.

• Wildlife sightings continued to thrill those fishermen lucky enough to spot them. We were wondering if our very cold and snowy winter affected the moose population and by the fewer than normal sightings we have to say that it certainly did. Moose were seen by Ron H. and Teddy M., Mike H., the Leibert group, Neil G. and Kevin K., Bob and Laurie P. There was only 1 bear sighting at Goose Lake by Grant F., Denise F., and Bailey F. No caribou sightings that I am aware of. Otters were seen by Scott and Craig B. Bob and Laurie P. spotted a lone pelican. This year our resident



Jason M. shows off his 26 inch Walleye caught at Goose Lake in June.

swans were seen quite frequently. The Lorenzen crew spied 11 swans at Woman Falls. Swans were also seen by the Bernth group, Bob and Linda S., Steve K., Rod C., Ken S., and Jay C. Kent S.'s group also mentioned seeing swans at Nechigona. Swan sightings have only occurred in the last few years and we think it's a bonus that they nest close by and do not migrate further north. It does also appear that the bald eagle population has boomed in the last few years. There

was a new nest in North Bay to add to the others on the lake.

 We have many guests to thank for their generosity and kindness. Ron H. brought along beautiful fish wind chimes and many jars of jam. Ray O. brought custom made pens, homemade jam and a scrumptious apple pie all the way from Missouri! We have Mike H. to thank for coffee, Bailey's, chocolates and Vidalia onions. Merv. H. donated some powerful little flashlights. Merv also helped Bill with a shower repair at Poirier that was much appreciated. Merv had a lot of energy during his stay at Poirier and he put it to use splitting ALL the wood there. Later Poirier guests have Merv to thank for all his effort! Randy P. helped haul branches to the burn pile when Bill decided to fell a leaning tree. Thank you! Sharing meals is a special treat and we have the Bernth and Dawson groups to thank for inviting us. We also enjoyed a blueberry dessert with Terry and Rhonda T. Fresh garden veggies are much appreciated and we thank Ralph G., Terry and Brenda C.,



Tim G. with one of his 4 large Northerns caught at Unnamed Lake in late June.

Steve R., Howard E., Ken S., and Kent S. for the cucumbers, corn, peppers, green beans and tomatoes. We never tired of the sweet corn! Terry and Brenda C. donated a spiffy rain gauge that we will use. Mark D., Pete V., Scott and Craig B. contributed tasty wine for special meals. Pete V. also brought along some special coffee as did Lon B. Tom and Linda W. know we have a sweet tooth and we loved their candy. Joe and Nell A. showered us with chocolate almonds, homemade cookies and a special guilted bag made by Nell- thank you so much! Kathy N. donated rainy day reading material and Wisconsin cheese spread. More Wisconsin cheese from Todd A. and Jeff D. was such a delicious treat. Jeff D. brought along some wonderful lowa pork chops as well. Doug O. made homemade sorghum cookies using Erin C.'s old family recipe. Lon B. donated a special calendar that we will use at Goose Lake next year. Thank you all for thinking of us in such special ways!

- Several guests forgot items and we want to thank Kathy N., Mike P. and Steve R. for mailing these items once they got home. It was much appreciated.
- We are grateful to Ken S. for dropping off some wild rice with a customer on his way home. Thanks Ken!



September fishing produced some big Walleyes like this 27 inch lunker for Jeremy G.



Jeff S. fished the Goose Lake Honey Hole with great success. Pictured here is his 42 inch Northern.

- Because of high airline costs, it is necessary to use the aircraft as efficiently as possible. This means they always fly loaded. To that end, we appreciate your help in loading and unloading the plane whether it be your gear, someone else's gear, lumber, propane or gas for us. Sometimes it means a slight delay as everything is unloaded. Special thanks to the Smithson, Schneider, Bittner, Nelson and Collins parties for pitching in to help lift, roll, push and carry.
- If you have an unconfirmed reservation for 2015, please confirm right away and forward a deposit to us. All tentative reservations need to be confirmed so that we know what openings we can offer others interested in a fishing trip.
- Renewing old friendships and making new ones ' this is what we look forward to each season! As we wind down for another year, we take the time to remember the special moments and the wonderful friends who have helped

to make our 37th anniversary special. Thank you for all your letters, email, photos, comments, suggestions and referrals. To all of our longtime guests and new guests, we pledge to make positive additions to our operation and maintain our facilities so that you'll enjoy outstanding fishing in an uncomplicated and relaxing environment. We're pleased that our conservation policy is working. You are informing us that the average size of fish caught keeps getting larger. With your positive attitude and commitment to great Canadian fishing, you are the ones who benefit from policies set by us in 1994.

• In 2015 we'll be enjoying our 38th season at Loon Haunt Outposts. We hope you'll join us once again for your annual fishing vacation. We are pleased to report our 2014 rates will carry over into 2015.

Warm regards, Bill and Louise Coppen. ❖



# Loon Haunt Outposts 2015 Rates

All rates include: boats, motors and unlimited gasoline. All cabins feature: hot and cold running water and showers, propane stove, refrigerator, chest-type freezer, pots and pans, dishes and cutlery, beds with coil spring mattresses, pillows and electric lights. If you are prepared to meet our flying schedule, which will enable us to utilize the aircraft both ways, flying is included in the rates quoted.

#### Goose Lake Specials

May 19th to May 31st Early Spring Special DEDUCT 10%

Trips that start or end on the July 4th Weekend (July 2 - July 5) Happy Birthday Neighbors DEDUCT 10%

|          | 7 C       | ay Fishing Packag | es       |         |
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| Lake     | Occupancy | In                | Out      | US Each |
| Goose    | 2-24      | Sunday            | Sunday   | \$1,330 |
| Monroe   | 4-6       | Sunday            | Sunday   | \$1,330 |
| Unnamed  | 4-8       | Sunday            | Sunday   | \$1,330 |
| Poirier  | 2         | Saturday          | Saturday | \$1,330 |
| Whitelaw | 2-6       | Friday            | Friday   | \$1,330 |

#### 7 Day Fly-in Canoe Trips

We cater to the experienced canoeist who wants to get fantastic fishing.

We Supply: Flying in and out (from our base at Stormer Lake), canoes, paddles, tents, emergency communications.

Maximum baggage 60

pounds per person.
Friday a.m. to Friday a.m.
(no take home fish)

\$845 US Each (Deposit \$200 US each)

| Our | Conservation | <b>Policy</b> |
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No one is to harm in any way a Walleye over 18 inches or a Northern over 27 inches.

We encourage you to enjoy meals of fish during your stay, but insist that no fish be taken home with you.

To ensure future generations will enjoy the same fantastic fishing we have today, this policy is mandatory for all our guests.

| 3, 4 & 5 Day Fishing Packages   |           |  |         |  |
|---|-----------|--|---------|--|
| Lake  | Occupancy | Package                                  | US Each |  |
| Goose   | 2-24      | 3-Day (as available - call for openings) | \$1,050 |  |
| Goose   | 2-24      | 4-Day (as available - call for openings) | \$1,155 |  |
| Goose   | 2-24      | 5-Day (as available - call for openings) | \$1,260 |  |
| Whitelaw  | 4-6       | 3-Day (as available - call for openings) | \$1,050 |  |
| Whitelaw  | 4-6       | 4-Day (as available - call for openings) | \$1,155 |  |
| Whitelaw  | 4-6       | 5-Day (as available - call for openings) | \$1,260 |  |
| Baggage limit is 100 pounds per person, 75 pounds on the 3, 4 day packages and 85 pounds on the 5 day |           |  |         |  |

- Rates are quoted in United States Dollars (US).
- Children 16 and under deduct 10% from price.
- Deposits of \$300 US per person are transferable (on 60 day notice) but not refundable. Our policy is intended to be fair to our guests yet prevent the loss of income to our business. Our location is such that we do not have a large volume of traffic past our facilities. We must depend on advance reservations. Once a cabin in reserved, we remove it from the market, refusing all other requests. A booking must be accompanied by a deposit within 2 weeks if not the cabin becomes available to other fishermen.
- Personal checks are acceptable for reservation deposit only. Balance to be paid with cash or cashier's checks.
- Please no personal checks.
- Sales taxes (HST) are extra. The total tax will average about 7% of the total charge.
- Vehicle parking at the airlines is included in the price.
- Beer and soda, if ordered at least 3 weeks in advance, will be delivered to your outpost ahead of time at no extra cost to you.
- Prior to your visit, you will receive a detailed information package containing a helpful grocery list
  that you can use to plan your shopping or fax to our local grocery store. The store will prepare your
  order, charge it to your credit card and deliver it to the airlines for you.



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Here is something we don't see very often. The late May temperature was almost 90 but we still had scattered snowbanks. Teddy M. was glad he brought along his shorts.

#### Reservations for 2015

We look forward to your return! We enjoy renewing old friendships and making new ones. Join us at Loon Haunt Outposts for a relaxing fishing adventure. Please contact us to lock in your favorite week and your favorite location.

#### Thank You

We sincerely thank you all for choosing our camp for your annual fishing vacation, whether you are first time guests or have been with us for many seasons.

Our goal is to offer you excellent service so you'll want to refer others to us who may have similar needs.

Friends like you are the foundation of our success and we want you to know how much we appreciate your loyalty.

#### The 2014 winner of the FREE TRIP DRAW:



#### Jason Leibert

Jason Leibert is the 2014 winner of a free fishing trip. See you in 2015 Jason! Jason is the designated photo coordinator for his group. He loads the memory cards from each group member's camera onto his laptop and leaves us a flash drive with all of the pictures before leaving camp.

We thank everyone who took the time to send us photos in 2014.





































