

2013

Summer Reflections

Island 10

FISHING RETREAT

Yes hard to believe it, but summer has come and gone and winter is fast approaching. Prior to leaving the Island on Sept 23, two frosts had occurred. This morning, Oct 24, in the Niagara Peninsula (our home) the first frost happened. Just shows that Lady Evelyn Lake is indeed in the north.

"Bumpy" or Owen, is a brother to Peanut and Squirt. He thanks all of you for welcoming him. At time of writing he's a big "little fella" with a big grin and good lungs. We've (Bev and I) lots of training to do for all three of them!

Bev did it again ...in



Water was up to normal, due to good snow content in the lake basin. The river was the highest we've ever experienced, which made pulling in and out, and loading boats mighty difficult. Hard to imagine but it was up the main road to the dock at Mowatts, half way up the hill. All this water sunk the barge, and

stream from the dam about 400 metres in quieter water. When I look back it wasn't just another challenge, it actually was fun.

This was a great year! For the first year in many, the staff we started with, we ended with. No excuses, Island 10 only wants great staff, and they were. Most importantly no guests were hurt or sick during the year, except for the odd fish hook and stubbed toe. The weather was comfortable but hard to put two days together without rain. We busted lots of lower units; in fact we think it was the worst year ever. We've

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January bought herself, (I helped a little) an 02 T-Bird just cause she could. She needed it badly we believe. Not to be outdone, she also suggested some work be done to C-FAZY to give it a lot more horses. Boy is Bev smart.

From the beginning ... Into the lodge May 12, with all staff, Loran and Chris. Mike could only stay for a few days, as Bumpy needed feeding.

we lost the floor as well. Probably needed to change it anyway. The first couple weeks we unloaded guests from the barge, down



Dock at Mowatts Landing - Flooded



First news, grandchild number 3 came to us courtesy of Andrea and Mike on April 26, 2013.

come to realize that 25 hp. 4 strokes really don't like rock. Just a part of doing business though.

We re-cut and re-staked the trail into Long Lake this past year. It had been decimated by logging activities a few years ago and had grown up. So now it's available for pike again if anyone wants the one hour trek. Added a new, (to us), Lund Baron with a 130 hp Yamaha for transporting guests. A little underpowered as some of our guests may have noticed. With this acquisition we retired the Islander I/O. We don't really like I/O's in case you haven't noticed. During the year we also had our guests try out a new Lund Fury. We liked it and so did they. It's 115 lbs lighter than our Rebels with a narrower beam and not quite as high a casting platform. It's also a little wider and just a touch heavier than the Stalkers.

Although Lund makes a good boat, they don't have the quality they once did. Even so you may see more of them.

During the summer two building additions were completed, to the lodge and staff quarters for grandchildren and the other yet to be established. We never have enough storage room.

We were very saddened by the passing of three long time friends and guests this past year. Sheila Leibold of Marion, Ohio passed away in late May 2013, and very recently Bob Johnson of Hartland, MI. and Frank Austin of Cleveland OH. Bob, Sheila, and Frank loved Lady Evelyn and the

Island. We will miss them dearly. So very many memories and stories come to mind when we think and remember them. This earth was a better place because of them.

Many of you know or are aware of Loran and Mary Ellen Sherwood of Hartland Michigan. Mary Ellen often knits while Loran fishes. This year was extra special especially since Loran has taken up fly fishing. He managed to land and release a 28 inch rainbow trout in one of the pot hole lakes. No witnesses though, except the hooting and hollering could be heard for miles. More importantly in his spare time, Loran built

and raced a cardboard boat this summer at a fund raiser in Michigan. It had "Island 10" on the side, and represented us very well. Just like on Lady Evelyn, Loran went the wrong way and by the time he figured it out, the other participants had finished eating supper.



I think it's a first at Island 10. Chris Loumanis and Samantha Rowley from Oakville, Ontario, got engaged. Chris proposed at the stumps one evening. He tied the diamond to the end of her line ... not sure how ... or if he put a crawler on as well. What we do know is she accepted. Congratulations Sam and Chris!



Loran's Work of Art

As always, *strange and stranger* things seem to happen at Island 10.

Many are censored, and many have paid their ransom. Here are a few happenings we can recall that fall outside the above.

-Joe Mundier was caught and tripped up near the fish house by Dolly for stealing her cookie

-May 26, Tom Mundier caught a brook trout 450 yards (413) metres downstream from Franks Falls. This was a first, but there were no witnesses.



-On Dave Cameron's 70th, he played the pipes for all to enjoy. He also stated he didn't really like any of his group as they didn't like his music. We did Dave!

-Karl and Becky confided that this was the first year it did not rain during their first trip to the lodge but it rained every day after. On their second trip this year to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary, they stayed in cabin 10, were accompanied by a blow-up doll who Karl says was a "10". WOW!

-Apparently Doug Jackson (NY) of the Steve Bennett group has size 14 feet and needs silicone to get his rubber boots on – according to his good friends

- On June 2 it was cold and raining. Poor Marion Craig said she hid under the nose of the boat while Don drove back. By the way Marion, our boats

don't have a covered nose.

-May 19 was a great day for Pascal Bolduc(ON) landing his first big 28 in. walleye while eating lunch

-Bruce Bishop (ON) refers to his tackle box as his "hope chest"

-Hillmer/Duffitt – Over and over "common sense, common sense, comm....."



-Overheard at the watering trough, Ken Sharp doesn't even like to fish, he just



FISHING??

.....Just look at the smile on Katrina Sharp's face (Cinti).

Caught this northern the last day we were open. Was just shy of 40 inches. It's back in the lake too! This year the free week was won by Tom Mundier of Tonawanda, NY who released a 28 inch northern on May 27,



2013 in Al's hole. Where the heck is Al's hole anyway? Katrina pulled his name from a total of 504 entries. That's correct, over 500 trophies were released this year, being walleye over 23.5 in, pike over 27 in. and smallmouth over 17 in. Wow, the best year ever. Now a bit of history. We started awarding a free trip to someone releasing a trophy (in season) in 1997, our first year of operation. That year, 12 trophies were released. In 1998, 38 were released, and in 1999 the total was 85. I couldn't believe it either. So if you're wondering if the fishing is getting better, or if you're wondering why? ... The proof is in the pudding. Here are some pretty impressive stats as well. Thanks to all our anglers who care about Lady Evelyn Lake.

Largest Walleye

– Max Kern –
32.5 in.

Largest Northern

– Katrina Sharp
– 39 in. caught at “Pa – Pa” patch. Helping land was gramps.

Largest Smallmouth –

Ken Sharp (OH)– 20.5 in

The list of anglers and their numbers are impressive. Here are a few and numbers of trophies released

Smallmouth -

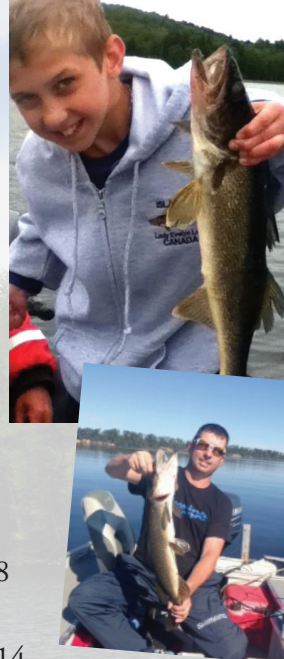
Brian Middleton (KY) – 18
Rich Barna (PA) - 6
Jim Quasey (PA) – 7
Tim Cutter (OH) - 8

Walleye-

Gary Peebles (PA) – 14
Bob Klass (PA) - 10
Steve McMullen (OH) - 10
Tim Lorenz (NY) – 5

And ... the Gary Duff group of seven, all got their names in the trophy book. That we think is a record.

Thanks also to Dave Reed of NC, who was a great fishing partner for a good part of the season. And how about Mike and Tom Kilian who caught and released 87 smallmouth in one day...before supper.



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travels 800 miles to make friends.

-Apparently Tom Wadke's (IN) cabin has the “great northwoods moose in heat snorer” in it. Also known as the “Lindemann Martinimanns”

-Believe it or Not – Don Haurestein (OH) caught a good sized walleye, which spit the hook at the boat but left a leech on his hook which he had not started with. Bob Antram witnessed ... so he says.

-Dan Sr. does not like our one-mobile

-Young Mr. Cole Jenkins, prior to his trip north was serenaded as Romeo, Romeo

wherefore.... by Molly. It continued at the Island and was very disruptive to the whole Patton/Weiss clan. Caught by a hook he's now “Captain Hook”

-Owen Patrick (PA) on his first day of fishing caught a big northern, and held the record till the ninth inning (Friday night) when brother Nick hit a grand slam. How to make a big boy cry.



-Shelley and Tom's #8 Love Shack is now known as the “Yorkshire Retirement Centre”

-Is it true a certain Art Veneziale (NJ) was so frustrated by the number of fish he missed, his rod became redundant, of course after he removed the reel

-Again on July 1st we were entertained by Rick Campbell (ON) and his pipes

-The Barrett group thanks Bob Laws for sharing his secret hole. They refuse to share it with others.

-On Canada Day John and Donna Epstein (ON) fell in love with bourbon. Sure could tell it the next day.

-Does everyone from Georgia just “lie around”?



-Who is Tommy Two Rods? Apparently is from Coreopolis, PA and is good at breaking his and hers as well.

-Paul and Jackson (ON) have met their table buddies. Said it was like waiting for the right girl to come along. What? – wrap around cowboy!

-Rich, Gary and Ron O'Hall, the brothers Conflict, not

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Grimm, caught the same fish on two jigs. Now can't agree on whose it was.

-The "bus stop boys" from NY and ON, meet daily at the main flag pole bench. Been waiting on the bus for 5 years.



- Paul and grandson Jordan have been reported to the MNR for fishing for ducks. They were pretty good at it even if they weren't trying.

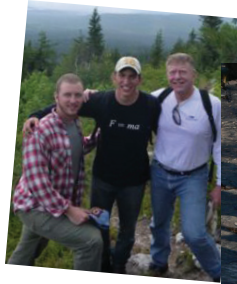
-A word of caution to Warren, Russ, Rick, Wade, Murray and Bill. Judge "Ken" (not the Island 10 Ken) has had Mandy arrested for deceiving Rick. The authorities are investigating her accomplice as well.

-Chris Southwick has set up a "snag assistance" company, the "Snag Man". He will offer assistance on how to get really snagged and as well snag removal. Is offering a distributorship on Spike Island.

-Bob Sandros says he will make himself available for the new Island 10 game "what's the best dessert." Said he will need an extra piece of everything.

-The Brodricks (OH) made it to the top of Maple Mountain.

Word has it that DOT Canada is searching for three vagrant moons spotted by a NATO aircraft. A week later Nelson Smith also made the trek, but turned back when only half way up the mountain after realizing he would miss fish fry.



-Alan Hale (KY), we think had a covert operation going out of his cabin. Radio wire strung everywhere. His neighbour Marty is in on it too!

-Thank goodness Gary Duff is a Dr. He not only hooked poor Brian Thrasher's cheek, but to help Brian's pain tolerance, crimped his ear during removal. Afterwards presented a hefty bill, but did give a generous professional discount.



-What? - Ohio State and Michigan actually getting along?

-It's never happened before. Harold Gustafson, or Gus, of Cinti, passed two kidney stones in our boat after catching a 27 in northern.



The boat listed to the port side, but the crew, (Bill Koch), kept it steady.

-We have a new president of the ginger snap thief club ... Rick Sergeant. He's also very senior in the "Bourbon, Babes and Bass" club which has crashed the "Wine, Women and Walleye Fish Fry" two years in a row.

- Mark Weller has formed a new "Four Corners Club." Mail your subscription fee to Island 10. We'll be sure to pass it on to Mark. I believe he lives in Syria.

Over the years we have witnessed and been part of many friendships being made, kindled and rekindled. One such group, the Southern Gentlemen, from VA, teamed up with Dante, Joe and Felix from OH, and are close to being blood brothers. Major Mansfield (Southern Gentlemen) took the time to pass on a poem written by his late "Best Bud"

The Old Buds

Memories like summer clouds gather and pass through my mind, of another place and time. And grateful am I



those pleasant memories still outnumber the wrinkles in my face.

Happy are the days when I sit down with the "Old Buds", and we reminisce about the days long since past. Each of us knowing time marches on and we can't help but think of the "Old Buds" that's gone. And we give thanks that we can still

turn over the hour glass.

Our friendship has grown strong as the trunk of a black oak and our memories almost as numerous as its' leaves. But time marches on!

And one day on some river bank someone will ask, "I wonder what ever happened to the "Old Buds"? Boy! Those guys sure, when here, had a good time."

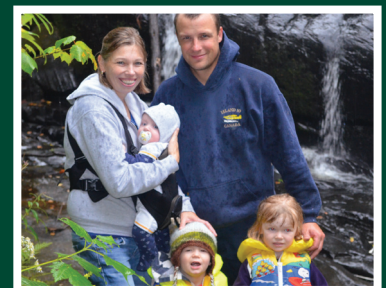
And from up above one of the Old Buds will speak, "Why I guess ... I guess we got tired of just standing around and giving out unwanted advice. So we just up and disappeared, like the Saturday Evening Post and the Burma Shave sign."

Thanks Major!

So, on closing ... remember ... Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong. And we all know who Wayne Gretzky is, who said "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

Thanks for the great memories, for loving and looking after the lake and island and for being great guests.

Merry Christmas and God Bless.



Andrea Mike