

# Island 10

## FISHING RETREAT

### Byberg's Island 10

2017 Island 10

## Volume II

So, how was this year?? Well, that's what everyone asks... and we always say... GREAT... 'cause it always is... but... yes, there are always hiccups... a few anyway. No we did not run short of turkeys, gasoline, lunch meat, and toilet tissue. Note... "tissue". But, we were short staffed in September after three left us for school. Strange helpers could be seen from time to time emptying the sanitizer, washing the floor, and drying dishes. Actually, a good thing to happen once in awhile. Seems to build character!

Cooler and wetter than normal... but not bad at all. That was the year in a nutshell. The best two weeks of the year were the last two. Absolutely perfect weather including close-up. We actually ran the air conditioner in the dining room in September. Never does that happen. Bev taught one more how to cook, with perfect results. Except once... which we will tell you about next year.



Cessna makes good aircraft! Just ask that duck that tried to break C-FAZY's windscreen. Sure glad it wasn't a goose. Corn fed ducks hit hard!

In case you weren't aware, our first week open is always the third Saturday in May. Rather than Saturday 9 AM pick up, we bring our guests in Friday evening at 7 PM., to get a head start on angling Saturday morning. There's plenty of room for next season in case you were wondering.

Ken Sharp again this year was the first walleye trophy recipient on Saturday, but Nathan Barnes was right behind. He also caught one of the biggest suckers ever on this lake. YUP, we ate him... no one guessed at

fish fry either. As I always said, "suckers in Lady Evelyn are always good"... "cold, clean water" is the reason. We do think this Spring was the best fishing year ever, even if it was wet.

Loran Sherwood and his broken fly rod caught two brookies at the base of Frank's Falls. Why there? Per Loran... they entered the rapids by accident... others say for oxygen in the fast water. Again... we'll let you know next year.

Island 10 and Lady Evelyn Lake really does build and coagulate relationships. Here is proof to be sure: Jack Cowart stated he really does love his brother-in-law, "Roger", Ken Sharp and Yvan always go fishing together, Gary Matlas brought Katie and Dan... again, Klugs are back, from everywhere including MD, SC, FL, PA, and..., Tom Munn claims his best fishing partner is Gibby... his pet rock, Tim Cutter kept asking "where is Gene" and Debbie Greynolds, with another 30 inch walleye because Dave put her in the right spot.

Believe it or not, by keeping an ear to the ground, one can learn a lot at Island 10. Bev and Andrea have suggested we install micro recorders in the boats. Of course that is not ethical and we told them so. In any event overheard from time to time: Paul Simonetti found out rocks don't like his boat either, Lindemann's, Wodke and Vernon think Jet A is needed in our boats. They did try martini mix in the fuel and had to be towed in. The monkey is still following Mickey Dempsey around the lake thanks to his Mom. Bob Skulski still won't represent us. Who said "this fishing is spoiling my drinking", and... Mike Dempsey's quote of the year, "dogs are the only relatives you get to pick"...oh how true!



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## Bits and Pieces

The Otter club - Sept 19, 2017... lots of covered moons.

Dave Cromika group have a new famous beer to be entered in the Lichtenstein ale festival... "OLD CANADIAN BYBERG BREW". Sure hope they win!



Dave Kern's wife bought him a new boat... what a boat... Hope you thanked her Dave!?

Piper Rick did it again with his bagpipes... "Nomosquitoes" this year was his theme song. Always a pleasure!



The brothers Grimm found their honey hole. Next year we'll tell you where it is and who the brothers (Ron, Gary, Richard) are.

The Faris family definitely have the best, nicest, most comfortable, and costliest shirts.

Lanhardt's have the best looking trucks and trailer. Now how do we borrow them?

Don Divins claims Island 10 is a little different than in 1970. Spike Island though, hasn't moved a bit.

Ron and Donna Stahl have started a fishing farm in Michigan for less fortunate. God Bless them for that.

Yes, Greg Travillo paid his bet on the winner of a certain election to Rogers and Byberg... Oh boy!

Harley Boys... Always ready for... Where is Mandy anyway?

King Patton is not king, according to Tim Dodge and his fans.



Clayton Dermon (KY) played and sang for the island for three nights in July. Thanks Clayton. Jagnows and Bybergs are his biggest fans.



Bob and RJ Laws faked a motor failure to get out of cooking shore lunch for .....



Phil Brodrick claims it was not alcohol that made him lie on the dock during daylight hours, star gazing.

Brad Adams was refused entry on the barge with his police horse.

Joe Nuttle is still our hero for saving Cabin 8.

Lydia did bring Matt Friend along with her in-laws, Amy and Jeff to the island this year. Matt said he finally sobered up from their wedding in October.



Keri Merickel will use any excuse to stay home without Jeff. This year it was the dog. Marty said "let him go to Russia, I'm heading fishing".

Spike Island flats have been purchased by Rev. Gregory Griffith. Just try fishing there now!

Gary Duff's group never missed a beat without Brian; but they pleaded not to tell him so.

Jeff Hayward's boys have never missed the Otter club dunking and have never lost a member... yet.



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We are truly saddened by the way Karl Hoffman has picked on poor Ken over Junior hockey tournaments between Canada and the US. Somehow Karl rigged final scores and standings resulting in the wrong person wearing a TuTu at fish fry. To keep the peace between the two nations and the free trade of potatoes mainly southward across the border, Ken took it on the chin. It will be different however in the future... But... when you fool with a winner, sometimes it backfires... Like getting the smallest boat on the Island, and in fact in the country... HA HA!

Perhaps our Italian night merits mentioning this year. Bev and Andrea have certainly tried to make the meal unforgettable. The addition of unlimited, "Island 10" vintage wine over the past 15 years, seems to have had an effect. The award for rowdiest group ever, goes to Connors/Poplstein/Belfour/Rogers/Dickenson. That night Rick and Lynn Sartori broke their liquid diet, and on that night a new web site was established. [www.avoidAl.com](http://www.avoidAl.com)... Hmmmmm!



From Pennsylvania, the Quasey/Marks/Garland group showed class wearing their Canadian Jerseys during Canada Day. Another reason why we love our neighbors to the south.



As in past years, the Marty Mudrak tall tale evening was met with just that... tall tales. The winner was Steve Tuorto for his "squirrel vs. bear" event. He convinced us that it was true and promised to write it out for next year's newsletter. Marty as always gave the winner one of his carvings. Thanks Marty!



One of the highlights of the year was our partridge family, (ruffed grouse). We spotted mother hen the second day we were on the island, nesting on 7 eggs. Cabin 1 and 9 windows were flagged in case she struck one flying from the mainland. Mr. Google informed us ges-

tation was 23 days, and on June 9 there they were. They can fly when they're born and we can prove it. The good part is all seven made it to September. Like Sam Moore (PA), she's our favourite bird too!



Swede, Rich, Chuck, John, Dennis and many others from Ohio, sported different years Island 10 hats at their annual gala. Anyone without a hat were thrown out.



## Catch and Release 2017



I know we promised everyone they'd win the trophy release free trip... But we lied. There was only one winner, and that was Caleb Stevenson from Carrollton KY, who released a 18.5" Smallmouth Bass on July 31, 2017.

Jim Ellington brought this young man with he and his grandson. Jim has been coming for 20 years and never won. But... perhaps he never caught a trophy!

Total trophies released this year were 596 - including 49 Northerns, 18 of which were 30 plus inches; 354 Smallmouth Bass and 193 walleye, 8 of which were 30 plus inches.

Thank you everyone for making and keeping Lady Evelyn what she is. What is a trophy you ask? Any Smallmouth 17 inches and over, Northern Pike 27 inches and over, and Walleye 23.5 inches and over, caught and released back into the beautiful Lady Evelyn Lake.

# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On August 5th Ken and Bev celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Unknown to them there were plans in the making for what turned out to be a very successful surprise party held on October 22. All of our guests including friends, family and three little grandchildren were able to keep it a tight secret. Thank you to all who drove to be with us, and those who gave gifts, cards and best wishes.



And so ... thought for the year... "Work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching"

*Merry Christmas  
and God bless.*



*Ken Bev  
Andrea Mike  
Peanut, Squirt & Bumpy*

Do me a favour... and you too... Google YouTube ... Gary Fjellgaard. "Ten years old and barefoot"... These lyrics sure do apply to Island 10 folk.

