



## FISHING RETREAT

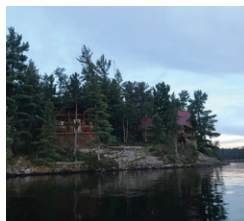
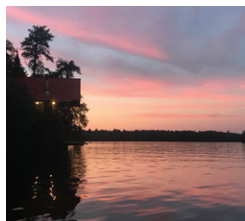
### Byberg's Island 10

Lady Evelyn  
Lake

I'm Gonna Miss Her!

# 2018 Island 10

## Volume 3



**A**nother year is complete. No sounds coming from the island including the sound of the ducks, the grouse ripping leaves off the trees and the trees bending with the wind. All is quiet on the island.



We arrived from the south on May 14, 2018. When arriving in Haileybury, Lake Timiskaming was still frozen. So was Lady Evelyn! Thankfully the ice went out that May 14th evening, but only to the Narrows. The west and south part of Lady Evelyn were still frozen.

It took a few more days for the rest of the lake to clear. Incidentally, this was the latest "ice-out" we have ever seen or heard of.

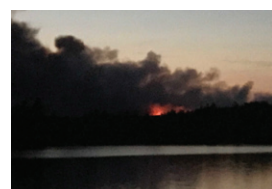
Spring weather was terrific for opening week. We did see some rain but the weather didn't challenge us until mid July. Northern Ontario saw some very hot, and dry conditions along with dry lightning. With almost a month of no rain, there were hundreds of forest fires started by lightning. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry closed the lake on July 14th and reopened it on July 28th. Working alongside the MNR very closely, we were able to successfully and safely bring Island 10 guests back in on July 28th. Over 27,000 hectares (66718 acres) of forest burned northwest of Lady Evelyn Lake. Dock staff cleaned the boats with leaf blowers to

successfully empty the boats of burnt debris. During the two weeks of closure, we had no guests. The island was silent. No motors running, no smell of bacon cooking and no sound of jokes or drinks being had. It was very eerie to say the least. One of many questions that were asked was "Did Ken come out of retirement to man the island?" No! Apparently I'm more like my father than I ever knew. The MNR knows Island 10 and Andrea very well. Not saying that they like us, BUT they now know where we're located on the map. We did have chunks of ash and burnt pine needles land on the island to which we soaked the island twice daily with our fire pumps ensuring nothing ignited. The fire was approximately 5km (3 miles) from the island at its' closest, and the smoke was very heavy at times. Looking back, the MNR did the right thing by closing the lake and keeping everyone safe. Our kitchen staff took time off and the dock staff rotated, as we needed to have staff in case of emergency situations. We painted the kitchen, fixed the kitchen floor, continued building the gazebo and spoke to the MNR many, many times throughout each day. Thankfully it was only two weeks of closure, but to our guests who lost their week of fishing... we are truly sorry!

Many have asked if we were insured for this year's happenings. Yes... but just recently were informed we would receive only 62% of costs incurred. Better 62% than nothing.

Even with missing two weeks of fishing, the "Book of Life" entries were amazing. There were 775 trophy fish caught and released this year. In 2017 there were 596 and in 2016 there were 557. Just imagine the number of trophies if we weren't closed two weeks for the fire. So why? Why did the number of trophy fish jump by over 200 fish? Was the weather better? Are our guests better

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# AROUND THE ISLAND

Matt Shone better look out in 2019 as Island 10 has purchased some new and improved pranks!

Bob Skulski has proven that Island 10 guests become and remain friends for life. His September group met at the Island and now fish every September together.

Gary Peebles has the smallest tackle box ever.

Dave Cromika stated "Best Sandwiches EVER" at Island 10.

Many guests who had the biggest fish that week thought Mexican night had a dress code.

Ron Johnson - Biggest potato at shore lunch.

Thank you to Rick Campbell for piping during the fireworks. It's always fantastic!

Rick Garland - Pet rock with lipstick

Thank you to Joe and Nick Patrick for sharing with us their talents on the accordian.

Rob Waterman - 1st one this year to enter the 30 inch walleye club with a 30.5 and 31.5 walleye, the week of June 2-9.



1st ones to sit on the new gazebo bench are shown above.

Ken Sharp found Katrinas Christmas gift in our old Island 10 clothing stock.

We pride ourselves on great Yamaha motors and Lund boats. We work hard to maintain and keep them running at their best and keep our guests happy and not stranded on the lake. Always look for the "Jake Brake" when you think your motor is running too slow. It may just be the anchor that you never brought in... right Jake Scott?



Swede finally got to ring the bell for dinner.



Eric Hillmer just couldn't behave himself and leave his girlfriend in his cabin.

Six partridge babies were born late in the year on June 29th. This is late by at least a month. Mama partridge had 6 eggs in early May which she abandoned but had another batch, end of June. Hoping to have little ones again in the spring. We have since taught many hunters to love partridges and not shoot them.



Unfortunately we are of an aging generation. We have many guests who are struggling, fighting, and passing from illness and disease. We are blessed with the many memories with these great people and will remain to think and pray for them in the weeks to come.

In 2018 we lost:

Jerry Streckle

Carl (Skip) Patton

Rick Sergeant

Kevin Bunting

Felix Pedula

Danny Falter



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anglers? Is the slot helping the lake? In our opinion, all of the above but the slot and our catch and release practices are definitely helping raise more breeders which in turn produces more eggs. Can't wait to see what 2019 brings! Thank you for caring and keeping Lady Evelyn healthy. Thanks also to those who elected to fish with a Conservation License. Incidentally, as has been the case for many years, no trophies were kept. Each year we draw a name from the "Book of Life" on the last day of the last week, for a free trip the following year. This year's winner was Samuel Lanhardt of West Virginia. He won a free trip in 2019 for catching and releasing a 19 inch Smallmouth Bass, while his brother, Joseph Lanhardt won a needle with freezing, for a nice treble hook in his finger, the only one this season. Congratulations to both!

Overall, we had a great summer. Our staff worked hard and we praise them for that. The staff usually start out very



quiet and reserved, but it doesn't take long before they're challenging their leader to a fish filleting competition. Really Victor? Andrea's fillet was chosen as the cleanest and prettiest, by our trustworthy guests. Victor handled losing well, and accepted the inevitable. At fish fry that week, Victor wore a tutu along with USA gear while learning to dance the chicken dance.



During 2018, we built a gazebo for fish fry and late night hangouts, shined up some boats with new decals, fixed some board walk, repaired the bridge and general maintenance around the island which is always needed.



## GUEST QUESTIONS

Many of the same questions were asked week to week by our guests....

Are Ken and Bev sick? No, just happily retired.

Are you going to buy Troy some new shoes? Guests commented every week that Troy worked so hard that his shoes would wear out by the end of the season.



How many buns do you make in a summer? This summer there were 6860 bread buns made from scratch and 648 loaves of homemade bread served hot.

How much flour do you go through in a season? 1900 kg (4180 lbs.) white flour and 720kg (1587 lbs.) of cracked wheat flour.

What are the guest's favourite cookies? The number one cookie is chocolate chip and right behind it is Island 10's famous gingersnaps.

Can we create a BBQ night next summer? Yes a bbq night is an option. What are your thoughts?



## Remembrance



What makes Island 10 unique and wonderful? The guests! Wonderful friendships that have been formed on the Island and have continued to prosper for years to follow.

We've had many guests honoured with their ashes brought to the Island. We often reminisce about the great memories that we've had with each of them. In 2018 Frank Austin's daughter, Patti, brought memories of Frank to Island 10. Frank had been a long time guest, years before the Byberg's owned it. Patti paid tribute to her Dad while out fishing and with every prayer said, Patti caught a breeding size fish. Frank is fishing in heaven!

During our last week, two different groups paid respects to two very special guests and friends of Island 10, Rick Sergeant and Kevin Bunting. Stories were shared, toasts were made and tears were shed. Thank you for celebrating their lives with us. They will be missed and never forgotten.







# WHERE'S WALDO?

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Something to think about...  
 A dream written down with a date  
 becomes a goal.  
 A goal broken down into steps  
 becomes a plan.  
 A plan backed by action  
 becomes reality.  
 - [journeysstrength.com](http://journeysstrength.com)

*Merry Christmas  
 and God bless.*

*Andrea*

*Mike*

*Peanut, Squirt & Bumpy*

*Ken & Bev*

