

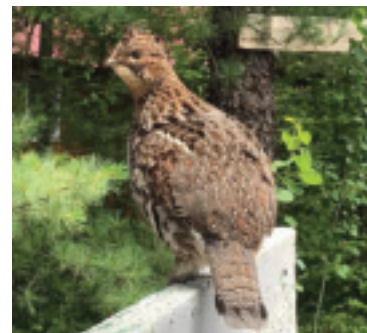


FISHING RETREAT

Byberg's Island 10

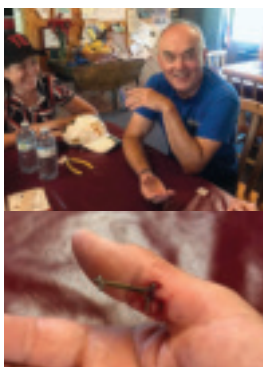
2019 Island 10

Volume 4



And just like that..... 2019 season is complete. A few trips cut short due to medical situations, a couple fish hooks in fingers, (Jayden Spears and Larry Rook), and we recently learned that Charlie Woodham just had pieces of the dorsal fin (3/16") from his smallie, surgically removed from his finger.... All in all though..... a successful and painless season.

Many people ask what the Island looks like when we open and close and what are the first things we do when we arrive. We always arrive in Haileybury 6 or 7 days before opening day, stay in the same motel as you do, have pre-arrival meetings and training, and rest for the days ahead. We load 5-6 boats with gear and supplies, and head to the island for the first time since Fall. Ken is usually the first to arrive and have a walk-a-bout. First things first... firing up the gennys and fire pumps. They never seem to disappoint, thank goodness. Once we have lights, then onto water we go. Ken and Loran work on water, while Chris and Jason open up the boat house, Victor removes boards from doors and windows, Andrea and Bonnie open up the Kitchen and Dining Room, while other staff unload, what seems to be the endless amounts of gear and supplies. It's amazing how quickly things get put back into place. Remember that all of us need to get unpacked as well and relocated for the summer, before the sun goes down. The next day boats are put into the water and the American and Canadian flags are raised up the



flagpoles by Loran and Ken. Pretty amazing to watch everything fall into place so quickly. This happens regardless of weather.

We always have a look for our partridge babies. This year, the mom had 6 babies born in mid June. Where they went, we don't know. By August, we only had 2 babies left and by September 1st, they were all gone. We're hoping they flew away, but we won't know until the 2020 season, as they usually return to have young of their own.

This Spring, the biggest challenge was the Montreal River water level. Having high water on the Montreal River meant hardships for loading luggage boats with gear as well as boats onto the trailers. We were successful however, at finding a successful and safe solution for portaging over the dam. All of Northern Ontario had higher than normal water levels due to snow and high rain levels. Lady Evelyn lake was a little high but didn't cause us any extra work or problems. The Montreal River drains into the Ottawa river which caused havoc for a lot of towns along the Montreal and Ottawa systems. Thank goodness for our floating docks at Mowatt's and in the Harbour.

Did we have some struggles? OH YES! This was the year of fixing. It seemed that when one thing was fixed, another one broke. We repaired and replaced water heaters, docks, water pumps, fish finders, lower ends, props, props, and more props, both generators, boat seats, boat seats, and more boat seats. Did I mention BOAT SEATS? Fact...two years ago we spent over \$9000 on boat seats. Next year everything will be running smoothly with more backups than necessary.





Our gazebo was built in 2018, with the finishing touches still happening. This summer we got new fryers, and the ceiling painted with an amazing mural by Wayne Fetto of Pennsylvania. He had a vision, and put it onto canvas. Each time you sit at the gazebo, you see something else happening in his painting. Thank you so much for bringing something so special to our Island. It's a "Must See"

I did ask for suggestions on the gazebo name. You'll have to find out next year what we chose.

So how was the FISHING? AWESOME!! There were 642 trophy fish released by 279 of our guests.

Lets go back a bit.

In 1997 we started the Catch and Release of trophies those over - 23.5" Walleye, 17" Bass, and 27" Pike. That year, 12 were released. By 2006, 232 released and in 2015, 695 were released.

So if a Walleye couple put down 100,000 eggs and 10% live to be 10", our slot and catch and release program proves to be a huge success in letting the breeders populate our lake.

Guess why the lake is so good!

Our thoughts for the future.... Many of our guests practise total Catch and Release of all fish. Recognition of this may be something to be rewarded in years to come!

The winner of the 2020 free trip was Dayle Younker of Hagerstown MD with a 23.5 Walleye caught the week of June 22-29. Congratulations to Dayle. We look forward to seeing your group back in 2020.



AROUND THE ISLAND

It's always a pleasure having such amazing, pleasant and friendly guests each summer. It makes our summer so special each year. Here are a few things that happened throughout this summer.

John Lindemann up at 4am to catch the milky way

Troy Timny got a boat parking violation given by Jeff and Amy Friend

Jake Scott stole Jayden Spears hook in his finger from Andrea

Swans spotted on the lake by the Timneys

Faris family never disappoints with their family shirts - Karl Hofmann wants to join their family!

Sam Moore and Jay Carmichael gifted a bronze grouse to the Island. Its a very special addition to the Island.

Swede continued the tradition by ringing the dinner bell

Matt Hladik, Matt Shone, Keith James and Josh Nutzhorn protected their beer with duct tape.

Sounds of Canada Day - bug spray, buzzing and slapping mosquitoes

Tim and Barb celebrated their 35th anniversary in style

Mick Dempsey brought fake tarantula from the south

Chuck Childs marinated and prepared his own Venison for our guests

Pike took most of Owen Salazar's lure

Xavier caught first fish with gummy worm

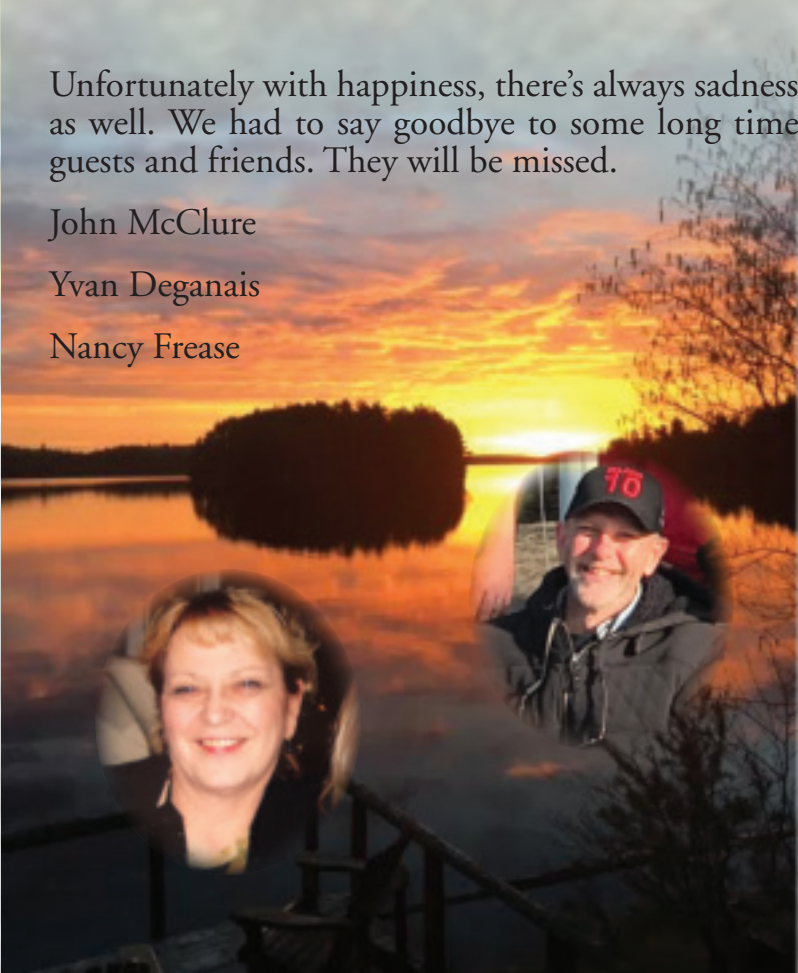


Unfortunately with happiness, there's always sadness as well. We had to say goodbye to some long time guests and friends. They will be missed.

John McClure

Yvan Deganaïs

Nancy Frease



Rick Campbell piped in the "side-ways" fireworks

Homemade shirt by Lee and Landon Atha

Robins eggs on almost every cabin light around the Island

Retirement celebration for Jim McElheny

Hoola Hoop competition between Ryleigh and Reggie Salazar - Not sure who won! :)

Garbage bag rain suit worn by Kevin Taylor with pride.

Fly-in taken to a new level by the Tony Cotroneo group.

Marty Mudrak and his best fishing story of the week. Congratulations to the winner, Cole Jenkins.

During your stay we walk around, pass out Island 10 hats, maps, brochures etc. Our main intention is to say "Thank you" but also for you to also advertise for us, of course. It's a small world! You never know who you'll run into.

We just recently received this from long time guests and friends. Thought we would share.

It was really funny when we met Bill Koch and crew at the rest-stop in Bowling Green Ohio. When we pulled in, we parked next to a group of guys climbing out of a van, loaded with fishing gear. I said to Amy, "Looks like somebody is going to Canada." So we both went to use the facilities and when I came out I saw my wife standing in the middle of the group of guys in the parking lot just having a great time talking with them! As I walked up, I said "Amy, I can't leave you alone for a minute!" She said "These are my new friends and they are going to Island 10!" It was great to meet them! SMALL WORLD.... Were they wearing their hats?

- Amy and Jeff Friend



THE 20" BASS & 30" WALLEYE CLUB



Chris



Bonnie



Andrea



Loran



Jason



Victor



Ken & Bumpy
Peanut & Squirt



Bev & Ken

So - when you're down in the dumps, heading for warm climates, or in need of a jumpstart - let your mind drift to Lady Evelyn Lake and all her charm. See you next year! - God Bless -

Merry Christmas from the
Island 10 team and the Byberg Family

Andrea

Peanut, Squirt & Bumpy

Amel