

NORTHLAND LODGE

2015 NEWSLETTER

MAY YOUR HEARTS BE FILLED WITH GLEE AND
YOUR HOME OVERFLOW WITH MIRTH AND
MERRIMENT THIS CHRISTMASTIDE

The singsong of melodious birds proclaimed the arrival of spring as our frosted forest awakened from a long winter's slumber. As warm rays of sunshine opened new buds, we once again opened our hearts and home to create more **soul-savoring enchanted memories** with you in this pristine paradise.

"Daddy, can we come here forever?"
- Jack Hayward McAuliffe (5)

NEW BEDS, NEW CABIN, NEW MEMORIES

Nature wasn't the only one to awaken from a long winter's slumber as we got a jump start on our season with the arrival of 37 new beds! Thank you to Greg (our pizza man) for coaxing and directing a very reluctant semi-driver to maneuver his truck down our winding road. We appreciate Terry Peterson (guide) who provided his truck and assisted along with Larry Cowley in unloading and delivering all 37 beds.

We now have our first air-conditioned cabin! Cedar is a stunning three bedroom with a large screened-in porch, two baths, a stone fireplace, and a cathedral ceiling in the spacious kitchen and dining area. Thank you to all the help we received in preparing Cedar for July rental. Jon Ottoson volunteered three weeks of his time and amazing talent. Steve Switalla (professional carpet layer) aided Peggy and Jon with installation, while Mike Hartmann installed heating and air conditioning.

"Cedar is so beautiful. I never want to leave."
- Janet Duke



Apparently this expecting starling felt the same way as too anxious to wait for completion; she built a nest inside our unscreened porch. Within minutes of Dick laying excelsior over newly planted grass seed by Cedar, an over-achiever squirrel immediately started burying nuts for winter storage.

"The Quiet Lakes really are the quiet lakes!"
- Travis Bardizbanian

FROLICKING, FLUTTERING AND FLIRTING

A male hummingbird peaked Dave Thearin's curiosity as he observed it weave an aimless course **fluttering** up, down, left, and right in front of our historical Paymaster's cabin. Wondering what captivated this vibrantly colored hummer's attention, Dave stepped closer to find a female hummingbird quietly soaking up all the **glorious flirtatious flitting**.

Eagle flummery screamed **"This sky ain't big enough for the two of us!"** as Matt Waughon and Kelsey Medcalf watched a territorial eagle aggressively knock a flying sea gull

into the water. **Two jousting eagles** set the stage for quite a cavil act as these "heirs to the sky" locked talons in mid air, repeatedly whirled one another around until the weakened eagle plunged clumsily into the lake. Constant dive-bombing attacks by its victor forced the defeated eagle to swim for safety along the shoreline. After regaining its pride, it flew off leaving this part of the sky to its superior larrikin.



Now this is one lucky Goose! A **family of heroic rescuers** came upon a tremulous goose flapping in the tall grass to find fishing line wrapped around its tongue and leg. Physical Therapist, Tom Hermsen and Biologist, Christie Riebe gently rescued it while, Goose Biologist, Tim Moser and Noah Hermsen restrained this distressed goose. Meanwhile, Physician Assistant, Sandy Riebe carefully liberated it from the fishing line. Thanks to this **felicitous family** of trained professionals, a very relieved and fortunate goose was safely released back into the wild.

"You haven't lived until you've been goosed by a goose!" - Christie Riebe

"Uncle Dave, I saw a 'b'loon!" exclaimed ecstatic Brayden Wegener (3) as Erik (dad) was **not so warmly serenaded** by a vexed loon. Beating the water with flapping wings allowed this loon to stand up and peer into the boat crying a song of warning to find another fishing spot.



"Why can't we live here?" - Cole Johnson (7)

Erroneously leaving the porch door open a crack, the Rogers family unknowingly invited a felon red squirrel in. After feasting on yummy potato chips, our furry thief left a trail of evidence throughout the cabin right up to the slight crack in the porch door. There lay an oversized English muffin unable to fit through the crack depicting that this wayward raider left full-bellied but empty-pawed.

Fleeing for safety from an aggressive red squirrel, a rattled chipmunk mistook Dianna Thearin's leg as a tree. With some **fancy foot work and frantic screaming**, Dianna hastily convinced it to find a real tree.

Sleepless in Hayward! An overly-ambitious flying squirrel repeatedly awakened Rick and Sarah Thearin throughout the night by the **palpitated thumping** of harvested nuts dropping onto their cabin roof then clumsily rolling off the roof and loudly clanking onto their car.





While fishing off Kingfisher's dock, Mark Duncan was amused by two indefatigable deer splashing and **frolicking** in and out of the water next to his dock.

Dave Hansen and his dog, Libby, encountered a deer while hiking our

nature trail. Dave stepped behind a tree hoping to observe this beautiful white tail unnoticed. However, this attentive animal sternly snorted and stomped out warnings of trespassing. Dave chuckled as all warnings fell on deaf ears while Libby, man's best friend and guardian, sat quietly looking the other way completely clueless of the presence of this territorial commander's order to leave at once.

Quiet winter winds blew in nine turkey hens that chose the pristine pines at our resort to roost in. Like clockwork each morning, they silently glided into Dave and Peg's yard to gobble up delicious and plentiful acorns. Next this cortege of turkeys comically marched single file to peruse the neighboring yards to see what other goodies were in need of harvesting.

ROISTEROUS ROLICKING RHYTHMS

Dynamite duets and duels set the stage ablaze as **harmonious blends exhilarated** listeners with a variety of talent. Nick and Andy Meyer kicked off the merry-making with a self-composed instrumental beautifully performed with acoustic guitars in perfect unison. Dick and Erika Losert favored us with Edelweiss in German. Ready for stardom, singing cousins, Jessica Hogan (8) and Olivia DeBeau (7) did the best job ever as they enthralled us with "The Best Song Ever"! **Sibling sensations** Tom and Laura Grill put their own spin on "Wagon Wheel Blues". Don and Mark Clemens slurped out the humorous watermelon song.



Draped in outrageous head gear and noise makers in hand, the **"battle of the sexes"** ignited contagious hilarity trying to out-clank each other.

Whimsical jollity filled the air as Neil Zimmerman, clad in full-feathered chicken suit, flew in to help Dick "kiki" out "Yellow Bird". The infamous crowd pleaser "Hello Dolly" appeared twice this year as John Buegler and Dan Larmee

wrapped in curvaceous dress and blonde wig cavorted from lap to lap tickling mirthful admirers with red and black feathered boa. The Maders in waders added **sidesplitting flumadiddle** as Dennis and Diane clad in "oversized fishing waders" trudged along to the "Tackle Box Waltz". Also strapped in Dick's old waders, Jeff and Sherry Donovan made a fashion statement as they gracelessly gamboled along the dance floor to this witty ballad.

Emma Nesja (5) lifted our spirits with **eternal praise** as she chanted out "Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me..."

Nora Benson (5) charmed the audience as she bravely peeped out "When I was a Little Fish". No nonsense, Blake Juergens (5) commanded the stage as he told Peggy he wanted to sing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"... from her stool... with her microphone... and her stand. Five long minutes of preparation was worth one short minute of pleasure as he belted out this popular lullaby.

"Sing-a-long night is my favorite night of the week."

- Tyler Testerman



Brady Hadfield (7) **lit up the stage** in song and dance with his own light-up microphone. Miming their favorite camp songs, Beatrix (8) and Matilda (6) Putney made a **big splash** as they theatrically depicted the fleeting life of a raindrop. With a **wiggle and a wave** of their invisible tail, they adorably narrated "Brown Squirrel Shake Your Bushy Tail".

David Ulmer (5) renamed our water slide the "Super Duper Duper" water slide!

Caroling Sri Lanka's National Anthem, Nate Fuderer (8) noticed no one was singing along so he graciously paused to invite us all to join him. With much **snickering and fumbling of lyrics**, listeners mixed voices with this remarkable young man. Melodic unison flowed much better as he led us in our own well-known national anthem.

There is fun to be had by all ages as Salvatore Bullaro (12) had onlookers rolling in the isles with his **risible rendition** of "This Old Man". Garbed with bald head and wrinkled mask, Salvatore slouched forward, lumbered on shaky legs and threateningly shook his cane at amused spectators. **"This Young Lady"** Kristen Ulmer (7) gave a perfect parody of "This Old Man". As she also donned the silly old-man mask and with arms folded, grumpily slumped impersonating a cantankerous old man.

Soul satisfying solos enraptured viewers as John Pirone (10) made a grand entrance with "Rio Grande". Addie Kalepp masterfully roared out "In the Jungle". Nicky Marrello burst into song with "Tomorrow". Barrett Abraham charged the audience with his musical mastery of "Blackbird" and "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away". Dan Luksetich spoiled us with his stellar performance of "Ol' '55" and "Ring of Fire".

Lifting angelic voice, Terry Wenda stirred our hearts with "The Rose" a **loving lamentation** to the **magnanimous memory** of her beloved parents and our loyal guests, Gene and Marie Guliani.

Nimble fingers gracefully danced across the black and whites with bewitching duets by Travis and Franny Bardizbanian. Travis continued sharing his piano genius as accompaniment throughout the night. Joseph

Matzelle spontaneously composed a beautiful rhapsody as he enraptured the audience with his piano flair. Sharing the bench with his younger brother Jacob (J-rod), they pounded out "Chopsticks" sparking mesmerized listeners to clap along.

Hattie Hindley was jubilant to hear Mark Suino pound out sweet-sounding show tunes on Aunt Hattie's antique Fisher piano. Hattie prompted mom and dad to vacation at Northland Lodge because we had a "Hattie" in our family too!

MERRY MINNOW MADNESS!

Each week Dave greeted eager racing fans with a big welcome to the **NLMR** - Northland Lodge Minnow Races (we're trying to go national but haven't been recognized yet). Celebrating our 2nd annual minnow races, several competitors returned to defend their title in this fun-for-all-ages spirited competition!



Reluctantly stepping up to the track in a back-to-back race, an out-of-breathe, Pam Brown proclaimed, "I think my minnow needs a break!" Ken Brown was so confident after two easy victories that he prematurely named his minnow "Secretariat". Jonathan Manheim's thoroughbred minnow bolted out of the start line and onto the ground. James Guyer's lethargic minnow kept taking naps – belly up. Exasperated Anthony Bullaro gasped "My minnow blew a gill on the turn!" Matt Waughon sported an "Angry Minnow" hat for luck and it worked!

Congratulations to the 2015 NLMR Champions!

Lucie Soraoka, Trevor Tullberg, Cooper Monette, Craig McDonald, John Pirone, Cody Moore, Hannah Fesenmaier, Matt Waughon, Pam Brown, Krister Bent, Beatrix Putney, Matt Berhinig and Nadine Leo shared the last victory.

"This is my favorite place in the whole world."
- Warren Nelson

RESPLENDENT RELAXATION

"Yoga was wonderful." - Joe Pangborn

Lulled by gentle waves caressing the shoreline, **calmed** by intoxicating concerts of the symphonious song birds and **soothed** by the unhurried pace of butterflies blissfully flitting from mat to mat created a tranquil environment for guests to enjoy relaxation and meditation techniques taught by Registered Yoga Teacher, Sarah Thearin.

Sarah continued to share her love and passion for Yoga by offering complimentary classes to our guests of all ages and levels. Carefully tailoring each session to meet individual needs and desires has made Yoga a beloved and popular addition to our activities.

"I hope the Monarch butterfly enjoyed the Yoga session as much as I did." - Chris Krueger



Katie Rogers (5) was so inspired with her first Yoga session that she talked her mom into signing up for Yoga classes when they returned home.

FANTASTIC FISHING FRENZY

"September fishing was beyond phenomenal!"
- Phil Urbanczyk

This "camera shy" 43" musky slapped Caden Miller across the face with its tail demanding to be released back to the water at once!



We've heard of golden birthdays but golden fishing? Carol Ernest celebrated her **54th birthday by catching 54 fish** during her stay.



A ravenous 40" musky ravaged Jan Berg's bait in mid air!

Ahh, the Quiet Lakes where the fishing is so good that the muskies jump right in your boat!

John Kohlmeyer can't argue with that as this 42.5" musky **jumped out of the water into the boat** and right back out again. And they both lived to tell the tale.

You can't get any more hands-on than this! An overzealous musky grabbed Amy Phelp's sucker, then spit it out to grab Bryce's (husband) sucker so ferociously that it snapped the line. Swiftly grabbing the line before it sank, Bryce wrapped it around his hand and brought in a 38" musky!



Dave Hebeda earned the nickname "Musky Legend" after catching 12 muskies in 2.5 days!

Waiting for a boat to be delivered, Noah Hermsen took a paddle boat back to his cabin. Before reaching his dock, our fishing maniac caught a 43" musky! This exhilarated thirteen-year-old turned in his paddle boat for a real boat to catch another beauty!



"The Fall color is like a fantasy world!"
- Luciana Pulaski

2016 Rates will be available on our website in January at www.northlandlodge.net

We have an ATM machine in the lodge. It requires a PIN # for all debit and credit card transactions.

If you have any nice pictures to share, please email them to northlandlodge@centurytel.net

KIND HEARTS AND KINDRED SPIRITS

"This place is perfect in all ways." - Burl Leo

With weeks of preparation for our 4th of July celebration, Kendall Fuderer (6) gathered red, white and blue trinkets, glow sticks and jeweled wands to share with everyone making sure no one went without.

Theo Staff (9) thoughtfully hand delivered part of his dinner of delectable "frog legs" from Lost Land Lake Lodge to Peggy since she never had frog legs before. Thank you Theo, the frog legs were fabulous!

Truly twitterpated in our enchanted north woods, Fred Watson chose our cabin, Meadowlark, as a romantic setting to

propose to his true love, Karie Banahan. Congratulations to the future Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson as they will begin their new life together honeymooning in this same cabin in 2016.

Star Bertram and Melinda Hutmacker (Moe) participated in their annual "Relay for Life" in loving memory of our sweet Ramona.

Katie and John Kalepp shared their love of Northland Lodge's simple vacation by inviting their neighborhood children, Kendall and Emma Nesja. Apparently, they enjoyed it as an enthusiastic Emma Nesja (5) blurted out, *"This is better than Disney World!"*

It takes a true kindred spirit to jump into chilly water the end of September. Aunt Marcia Tschopp braved the frigid temperatures to swim with her seven-year-old niece, Sydney Wood.

THE NORTHLAND LODGE 2015 MUSKY HALL OF FAME

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	LENGTH	LAKE	BAIT/CONDITIONS	DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	LENGTH	LAKE	BAIT/CONDITIONS
19-May	Rod Bruner	Villa Park, IL	40"	Teal	jig/sunny	7-Sep	Bob Mehlberg	Wheaton, IL	38"	LLL	bucktail/sunny
20-Jun	Tim Pitman	Knoxville, TN	38"	LLL	mepps/sunny	10-Sep	Jan Berg	Ames, IA	40"	LLL	sucker/sunny
25-Jun	Colin Zofkie	Chicago, IL	34"	LLL	ghost tail/dusk	10-Sep	Scott Maren	Batavia, IL	41"	LLL	bucktail/cloudy
27-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	36"	Teal	mepps/sunny	13-Sep	John Kohlmeyer	Friendship, WI	42.5"	LLL	j-13/sunny
28-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	35"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	13-Sep	LouAnn Phelps	Ostrander, MN	41"	LLL	kimmy kim/sunny
28-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	38"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	13-Sep	Jim Lovelace	Kasson, MN	43"	LLL	kimmy kim/sunny
28-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	40"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	14-Sep	Tom Smith	Ostrander, MN	45"	LLL	sunny
28-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	41.5"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	14-Sep	Frank Majewski	Mokena, IL	34.5"	Teal	top water/sunny
28-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	42.5"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	17-Sep	Bill Orth	Hickory Hills, IL	34"	Teal	top water/sunny
28-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	35"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	17-Sep	Bill Orth	Hickory Hills, IL	37"		
29-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	34.5"	Teal	mepps/foggy	26-Sep	Bryce Phelps	Chester, IA	38.5"	LLL	sucker/sunny
29-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	41"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	26-Sep	Bryce Phelps	Chester, IA	38"	LLL	pink poodle/sunny
29-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	39"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	27-Sep	Andrew Jacobson	Rochester, MN	42.75"	LLL	white poodle/sunny
29-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	37"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	27-Sep	Amy Phelps	Chester, IA	47.25"	LLL	sucker/sunny
29-Jun	Dave Hebeda	Carol Stream, IL	38.5"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	27-Sep	Bryce Phelps	Chester, IA	35.5"	LLL	sucker/night
3-Jul	Caden Miller	Lodi, WI	43"	LLL	beetle spin/cloudy	27-Sep	Tom Kurland	North Prairie, WI	38"		
6-Jul	Noah Hermesen	Lakewood, CO	43"	LLL	mepps/rainy	28-Sep	David Body	Mattoon, IL	40"	Teal	cloudy
10-Jul	Liz McElmeel	Waterloo, IA	36"	LLL	rebel minnow/sunny	28-Sep	Lynn Dreischarf	Miamisburg, OH	40.25"	Teal	skeletor/sunny
10-Jul	Peter McElmeel	Waterloo, IA	38"	LLL	mepps/sunny	28-Sep	Kim Phelps	Ostrander, MN	40"	LLL	kimmy kim/sunny
11-Jul	Brad Laubenstein	Port Washington, WI	46"	LLL	dusk/warm	2-Oct	Karen Graff	Mosinee, WI	40"	LLL	sucker/sunny
16-Jul	Matt Palmer		42"	LLL	spinner/sunny	2-Oct	Amy Phelps	Chester, IA	43"	LLL	sucker/sunny
23-Jul	Kyle Freimuth	Franklin, WI	43"	LLL	spinner/sunny	3-Oct	Dan Graff	Mosinee, WI	43.5"	LLL	sucker/sunny
26-Jul	Ronnie Johnson	Toledo, OH	35.5"	LLL	bucktail/sunny	5-Oct	Laura Schmidt	Addison, IL	38"	LLL	sucker/sunny
28-Jul	Adam Huszar	Jacksonville, FL	43"	Teal	bucktail/cloudy	7-Oct	TWFT&FES	SE Wisconsin	38"	Teal	phylis/sunny
29-Jul	Mike Storch	Chicago, IL	34"	Teal	bucktail/sunny	7-Oct	TWFT&FES	SE Wisconsin	44"	Teal	sucker/sunny
31-Jul	Ron Johnson	Toledo, OH	41"	LLL	bucktail/sunny	9-Oct	TWFT&FES	SE Wisconsin	36"	Teal	heidi/sunny
1-Aug	Holden Mussato	Genoa, IL	41"	LLL	jerko/sunset	9-Oct	TWFT&FES	SE Wisconsin	35"	LLL	sunny
2-Aug	Jimmy Ward	Hanover Park, IL	36"	LLL	bucktail/cloudy	9-Oct	Donny Nowak	Stallis, WI	35"	Teal	spinner/sunny
2-Aug	Jim Ward	Hanover Park, IL	35"	LLL	bucktail/cloudy	11-Oct	Kyle Conlon	Lake Zurich, IL	36"	Teal	sucker/sunny
3-Aug	Jim Kruse	Elgin, IL	41.5"	LLL	jake/clear	14-Oct	Jack Watkins	Bartlett, IL	41.5"	LLL	dark
3-Aug	Jim Ward	Hanover Park, IL	40"	LLL	spinner/sunny	15-Oct	Jack Watkins	Bartlett, IL	38"	LLL	sucker/sunny
5-Aug	Jimmy Ward	Hanover Park, IL	38"	Teal	crank bait/sunny	15-Oct	Sherri Watkins	Manitowish Waters, WI	35"	Teal	sucker/sunny
13-Aug	John Urbanczyk	Frankfort, IL	37.5"	Teal	mepps/overcast	15-Oct	Cody West	Dyer, IN	36.5"	LLL	sucker/cloudy
13-Aug	David Mullen	Okahumpka, FL	35"	Teal	mulldaddy/morning	16-Oct	Tracy Tiedel	Algonquin, IL	44.5"	LLL	sucker/sunny
17-Aug	Andy Hnatiuk	Wood Dale, IL	37"	LLL	mepps/cloudy	16-Oct	Kurt Semrich	Lake In The Hills, IL	36"	LLL	sucker/cloudy
18-Aug	Warren Dunn	Des Plaines, IL	34"	LLL	mepps/cloudy	16-Oct	Jack Watkins	Bartlett, IL	42.5"	LLL	sucker/cloudy
23-Aug	Dan Berhinig	Chicago, IL	40"	LLL	bucktail/cloudy	16-Oct	Raymie Smith	Austin, MN	34"	LLL	sucker/sunny
26-Aug	Marty Trojan	Hoffman Estates, IL	43.5"	LLL	topraider/clear	17-Oct	Tracy Tiedel	Algonquin, IL	43.5"	LLL	sucker/sunny
26-Aug	Bob Berhinig	Arlington Heights, IL	39"	LLL	mepps/clear	17-Oct	Larry Duke	Springfield, IL	39"	LLL	sucker/sunny
27-Aug	Matt Berhinig	Chicago, IL	44"	LLL	topwater/clear	17-Oct	Jack Watkins	Bartlett, IL	45"	LLL	sucker/sunny
28-Aug	Matt Berhinig	Chicago, IL	35"	LLL	topwater/cloudy	17-Oct	Kurt Semrich	Lake In The Hills, IL	40.5"	LLL	sucker/sunny
28-Aug	Tina Foster	Spring Valley, MN	38.5"	LLL	kimmy kim/clear	17-Oct	Rod Bruner	Villa Park, IL	43.5"	LLL	sucker/sunny
31-Aug	Dennis Newquist	Sun Prairie, WI	40"	LLL	bucktail/sunny	17-Oct	Mike Hartmann	Sarona, WI	40"	Teal	sucker/sunny
1-Sep	Dennis Newquist	Sun Prairie, WI	45"	Teal	mepps/cloudy	17-Oct	Wes Lupa	Manitowish Waters, WI	43"		sucker
6-Sep	Scott Mehlberg	Elmhurst, IL	35"	LLL	bucktail/sunny	17-Oct	John Berauer	Gilberts, IL	43.25"	Teal	sucker
7-Sep	Scott Mehlberg	Elmhurst, IL	37"	LLL	spinner/sunny						

**All muskies were released.*

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2015 PHOTO GALLERY



Amy Phelps
47.25" Musky



Brad Laubenstein
46" Musky



Jack Watkins
45" Musky



Tom Smith
45" Musky



My 44.5" Musky :)
Tracy Tiedel
44.5" Musky



Matt Berhinig
44" Musky



Rod Bruner
43.5" Musky



Marty Trojan
43.5" Musky



Jim Lovelace
43" Musky



Kyle Freimuth
43" Musky



John Berauer
43.25" Musky



Adam Huszard
43" Musky



Andrew Jacobson
42.75" Musky



Matt Palmer
42" Musky



11 year old Holden Musatto
41" Musky



LouAnn Phelps
41" Musky



Diane Waughon
21" Small Mouth Bass



John Ward & John Ward Jr.
Small Mouth Bass



Joe Crivello
29.25" Walleye



Justine Kaczmarek's walleye held
by husband Jim - 29.5" Walleye



Rick Pilgram
28" Walleye



David Mullen
5# Large Mouth Bass



Nick Pitman
Nice Northern

View other outstanding catches of
all species on our Facebook page!



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Searching for a vacation destination, Bob King found us online. While reading the newsletter on our website, he recognized one of his coworkers, Tony Bonk.

Friendships were rekindled after 15 years when an old friend contacted John Sitko and Jim Wolf after seeing John's picture in our newsletter.

More heartfelt thanks go out to Kim Phelps who took time out of his fishing vacation to help Dick fix broken heaters during an early cold spell. Steve Switalla helped put in docks along with John Smith who also trekked from cabin to cabin with knife sharpener in hand to ensure no cabin had dull knives. Electrician, Fred Ivy who served with Dave Thearin in the Army, aided in improving several electrical issues. "Dock and dinner boys" Scott Smith and Greg Bohus spoiled us with a succulent end-of-the-year celebration feast after they helped close our resort by pulling out docks.

COMPELLING AND CAPTIVATING COMPETITIONS

The **Art Braun Memorial Trophy** of the "Famous Joe and Paul Fishing Show" was awarded to Paul Braun with a 36" musky.

The coveted Ole Greenback Trophy was awarded to Bill Orth with a 37" musky.

2015 Musky Inc. Tournament covering 17 Hayward area lakes attracted 434 hopeful anglers! The Quiet Lakes fared well again this year as 23 muskies were caught in our lakes out of 61. Lost Land Lake provided winners with 1st, 3rd, and 10th place and Teal stole 4th, 8th and 10th place.

Solidarity among friendly rivals in our light-hearted competition brought 52 avid musky enthusiasts together celebrating our 33rd annual Northland Lodge Musky Festival!

A total of 14 muskies were caught during our October festival, 11 were 40" and over!



Uplifting support and encouragement is what makes this **festival so festive** as comrades cheered and congratulated our 2015 winners: 1st place, Jack Watkins with a 45", 2nd place Tracy Tiedel 44.5" and total inches, 3rd place Rod Bruner 43.5", 4th place John Berauer 43.25" and 5th place Wes Lupa 43". Join our Musky Festival next year October 14-16, 2016.

Is it beginner's luck? First time musky fishing, Jack Watkins (16) caught a total of four legal muskies during his short stay. Two of these muskies were caught during the festival.

Tantalizing our taste buds with Chuck's mouthwatering pork and turkey was just the beginning of our Saturday night feast. Once again we were regaled with **delectably delicious dishes** shared by Joanne Kalscheur, Sue and Jim Sacker, Lisa Rogers and Dave Glasscock. **Sweet divine desserts satisfied our sweet tooth** from Jeannie Mehlberg, Ginger Goeske, Sandy West and Rod Bruner. Thank you to Jeannie Mehlberg and Janet Duke for lending a hand in setting up and Lisa Hatfield who carved our twinkling pumpkin centerpiece adding to the **magic** of our **joyous jubilation**.

It's a small world! Rod Bruner gifted Dick with a crazy homemade fish hat and scarf which he found online. We later realized he bought this wacky gift from Cole and Rachael Thearin's long-ago babysitter, Charmayne Beranek.



The joy of sharing this glorious heritage warms our hearts and instills a lifelong desire to continue this legacy of creating cherished reflections with treasured family and friends.



LOVE
Dick, Dianna, Dick, Sarah,
Peggy, Dave, Rachael, Cole,
Ruth & Knippers