



# *The Klotz Lake Kronicle*

## **News From Klotz Lake Camp, Longlac, Ontario Tenth Edition - January, 2009**

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! We're hoping 2009 brings you all much happiness and good health. 2008 wasn't a "banner" year for us, by any means, but we certainly enjoyed a lot of our regulars and a few new faces too. We weren't able to build anything new this year but we did a lot of sprucing up and replaced several refrigerators and stoves/ovens in some of the cabins.

We had looked into the possibility of putting in a wind turbine to provide our electricity for the camp, and possibly even selling some back to the grid, but with the economic downturn, even with the Canadian government paying for half, we just can't swing it. Too bad too - we had put a lot of work and research into the turbine and was ready to break ground. Oh well, that's a project for the back burner.

As many of you know, Ann has moved to the Geraldton Community Hospital Long Term Care on a permanent basis. She turned 89 in December. We'll all miss seeing her sitting on her front porch keeping an eye on us all. Michael has received a clean bill of health

**There are many changes underway this year with the fishing and hunting licenses, passport requirements, etc., so we'll try to address as many of your concerns as possible.**

- On Jan. 1, 2009, the Ministry of Natural Resources instituted a new policy whereas anyone fishing in Ontario will need to have an Outdoors Card along with the appropriate fishing license. Also too, anyone hunting in Ontario must possess an Outdoors Card along with the appropriate hunting licenses. This is regardless of where you reside. We have summarized this for the benefit of our non-resident friends. This card will be valid for 3 years and will eventually replace the old paper system for licensing. You will be able to order and change your outdoors cards and licenses over the phone or on-line. Click here for more information on the new Outdoors Card. [..\Outdoors Card Notification Letter Jan. 09.doc](#)



- As an update on the passport situation - rather than obtaining a full passport if you are only interested in traveling within the US/Canada and Mexico, you can now apply for a Passport Card. Please see the Federal Website for details: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt\\_card/ppt\\_card\\_3926.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card/ppt_card_3926.html) The card is \$45.00 and is good for 10 years. This is much better than paying over \$100 for a passport and waiting forever. They say turn-around for the Passport Card is about 3 weeks, so you still need to plan

ahead a little. As far as we can confirm, children under age 18 will not need a passport - they will need a birth certificate and picture ID.



<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fishing/gen.html>

- We have the new rates for **licenses in 2007**. For non-residents, they are as follows:

Seasonal Sport:	\$64.90	Seasonal Conservation:	\$39.64
8-Day Sport:	\$41.62	8-Day Conservation:	\$24.28
Small Game:	\$91.66	Black Bear:	\$183.32
Moose:	\$366.64	Crown Land Camping:	\$ 9.91

The reason for the odd amounts is the price includes GST and when the GST was reduced in July, 2006 by 1%, the prices had to reflect the discount. If the GST is reduced further in 2007, these prices will change to reflect the additional discount. We will continue carrying all non-resident licenses and most of the resident licenses available.

- In 2006 it became the responsibility of the game warden (conservation officer) to verify all safety equipment in boats. In years past, this was the responsibility of the RCMP and it was rare to see an RCMP officer in this area. Now, you need to make sure you have the **correct safety items in your boat** at all times. We have the approved kits available in our store (\$25.00), or you can use your own as long as you have these items for any boat. For boat size and types, check out this website (government of Canada, Office of Boating Safety). Please note, all Klotz Lake Camp rental boats have the required safety equipment and the only thing you need to bring if you're renting one of our boats would be your Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person in the boat.

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/equipment.htm#Safety%20Equipment%20Requirements>

- The price changed in 2006 for processing any documents for non-residents entering Canada with **firearms/weapons**. In the past you were charged a \$50.00 processing fee for up to 3 firearms on one form. They have reduced this fee to \$25.00 for the same form, and as long as you renew your firearms declaration in the same year, there is no extra charge. For information about bringing firearms into Canada, please check out the following website:

[http://www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca/info\\_for-renseignement/non-residents/default\\_e.asp](http://www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca/info_for-renseignement/non-residents/default_e.asp)

- Many of you are aware of the problems the forestry industry is having. Mills are closing everywhere and Longlac/Geraldton area has been hard hit also. Several mills in the area have closed, one in Longlac – owned by Kruger (Longlac Wood Industries). Over 350 people have lost their jobs and over 90 families have moved away. Unfortunately for us, this also includes Michael's nephew (Dan, aka Snake). Please be aware that many of the **logging roads and access roads** you've used in the past may not be in the greatest of conditions. These roads are owned and operated by the forestry company holding the forestry license (formerly Kimberly Clark/Neenah) and now Buchanan Forest Products. Many of the bush workers and men working on the bush roads have been on strike since January, 2006 and some roads weren't plowed or graded in over a year. The roads are all still open; you just might want to check them out first before making a long haul with trailers and equipment.
- We are holding our **rates** once again in 2007 to what they were in 2005 and 2006. We are, however, going to enforce the rates as we feel they are reasonable and are completely in line with what other outfitters with similar amenities charge.
- Please make a note: we can no longer accept **American Express** cards. Evidently we just didn't send enough money through them to count, so they cancelled our contract. Sorry folks. We still accept Visa, MasterCard, Interac (Canadian debit) and cash.
- Many of you have taken advantage of and enrolled in the **Ontario Angler Award Program** and some of you may have received a certificate and decal and never knew where it came from! Here's a link for their website. Check it out – it's a great program and pretty easy to get lots of entries from just one week here! Walleyes over 25", Perch over 12", Pike over 30" and Brook/Speckled Trout over 18" will each get you a certificate for hanging and a decal.  
[www.ontarioanglerawards.com](http://www.ontarioanglerawards.com)
- In 2005 the gas station at the corner of Highway 631 and Highway 11 (**Mooseland**) **closed up** for good. Given the distance, please be sure to check your gas before you leave Hornepayne as you won't find anything till you get here! Diesel isn't available until you get into Longlac.

### *Let's Talk Fishin'!*



**Clyde Bennett**



**Dave Berry**



**Harvey Miller Crew's Specs**

2005 and 2006 were both banner years for walleye on Klotz Lake. Many of you brought in remarkable catches from Klotz, and, not just the big ones – the 13 and 14 inchers were plentiful. It was really nice to see all the great walleye in Klotz. Not to mention, the largest pike for 2005 came from Klotz.

Largest Pike 2005	<b>Jim Helle</b> Denver, NC	Klotz Lake	43", 25 lbs.
Largest Pike 2006:	<b>Mike Robinson</b> Mayville, MI	Flint Lake	45.5", 25.5 lbs.
Largest Walleye 2005:	<b>Sam Hollis</b> St. Johns, MI	Klotz Lake	31", 11lbs
Largest Walleye 2006:	Still pending.....		



Yep, that's right – we don't know who got the largest walleye in 2006. Can someone please step up and make a claim? We saw lots and lots of big walleye, but nobody gave us exact pounds/length. Please send us your information (picture would be great) and we'll see who got the largest walleye. The nameplate on the plaque in the store will remain blank until we find a winner!

To the left is **Sam Hollis'** largest walleye to the right - **Jim Helle's** largest pike 2005.



Left are **Mike Robinson** and his awesome pike! **John Elzer** had a couple of great catches on Klotz through the nearly 5 feet of ice. To the left is his 41 inch pike. **Jeff Kresnak** had a great 40 inch pike in 05/06. We've got some more ice fishing planned for this winter.



Don't forget about us up here in the winter. The ice fishing is great and we keep Sunset open and heated all year. One thing is for sure – they sure can get the snow moved around here and the roads are usually in really good shape.



Klotz Lake opened on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in 2005, and froze on November 18<sup>th</sup>. In 2006, the lake opened on May 1<sup>st</sup> and froze on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The lake is freezing later and later, and opening earlier than normal. We don't know your individual stance on global warming, but we see its effects on our



environment every day. Check out these pictures of the rapids going to Flint Lake and the creek (what creek?) between little and big Kassagaminee Lake. These were taken in early September of 2005. We saw the same thing in 2006. Thanks to Rudy & Larry Limberger for the photographs.

It has become even more difficult to portage over the rapids to get to Flint Lake. In 2006 we had a group who had been coming for many years get here and actually turned around and went home! We know many of you have been asking us for an easier way to get to the lake. We're torn between wanting to provide you all with great fishing opportunities on Flint with a bit less work, but at the same time, it's the work that's involved in getting there that makes the fishing great. It has, obviously, cost us some long time business, but hopefully the lake will stay in the same pristine condition. The Ministry of Natural Resources will not permit public access to this lake so there is actually very little we can do in this regard.



And, it's not just Flint, Klotz and Kass that have low water levels. All the lakes in the area have reduced water levels. Many lakes like Shacabac didn't make the cut the last couple of years due to the complexity of getting there with the low water conditions. Fish and Flynn/Batise/Peanut were still in fairly good condition for launching, as was Pagwachuan, Lukinto and Pamela.

### **The Hunts Were Great!**

Wow! 2005 and 2006 were both great years for birds. We saw the majority of our hunters go home with limits and get their daily limit every day. The ruffed and spruce grouse were plentiful as well as all of those sharptails. We're seeing a lot more women coming up to hunt; most of them with their husbands, so it's becoming more of a family sport. Grouse hunting starts September 15<sup>th</sup> and it's great to be able to combine great grouse hunting with the outstanding fishing in September!



To the left is **Bruce Shultz and Claudia** with a morning limit. To the right is **Preston and Theresa Cole** with awesome morning results.



As we mentioned earlier, the bear hunt was very successful as long as the fires weren't blazing away. 2005 was a record year with Mason Montgomery bagging a bruin over 400 lbs. 2006 saw 5 bear over 400 pounds! For the price of a hunt, we include a boat and motor for the week, your bear tag and a cabin for 2. Check out some of these bears. We couldn't get them all in here, but here's a sample





The moose were a little more elusive the last two years. With the weather being so warm, archery season produced little tracks and fewer moose. Rifle season was still very warm, but we still saw some beautiful bulls in camp! Hopefully we'll see some cooler weather next season.



**Playing In The Snow** – Even with the warmer temperatures, we had some cold days too. In 2005 the record low here at Klotz Lake was -55°, in 2006 it was -44°, so we definitely saw some cold days. January and February are our coldest months. We had about 6 feet of snowfall in 2005/06 winter, and the snowmobile trails were in perfect condition! We keep Sunset cabin open in the winter and offer overnight accommodations,

food, gas, etc. for your trips up north! We would love to see you up here in the winter for some fun in the snow and ice!

Check out the groomer coming into camp in January, 2006. The trail out back goes one mile straight to the pipeline, which also serves as the OFSC snowmobile trail in the winter!

It looks like it will be another great year for fishing, hunting and snowmobiling. We hope you all get the opportunity to come up and visit us sometime this year. We're looking forward to seeing you again. We do check our email regularly and update the website as often as we can so stay in touch with us.



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