



The Klotz Lake Kronicle

News From Klotz Lake Camp, Longlac, Ontario **Eleventh Edition – January, 2010**

Happy New Year to all our friends, family and clients! Our very best to you all in 2010. Let's hope the economy picks up this year. 2009 was a bit slow for us, but the fishing and hunting was great.

Klotz Lake ice out was May 12th, but we did have the occasional snow until June. The lake froze over December 5, 2009. We didn't have as many snowmobilers stop in because we had less than normal snowfall and of course again, the economy. Come on, Mr. Harper and Mr. Obama – get moving! We did a bit of ice fishing on Klotz on Easter weekend. In a day and a half we caught over 20 pike, 2 walleye and 2 jumbo perch. Four of the pike were over 40 inches! There was a bumper crop of berries and a lot of folks picked them for pancakes and pies. The bear enjoyed them as well. We put a fire ring in the center of the yard and it was used quite a bit for spinning yarns, fish stories and the occasional refreshment.



There are no changes to the fishing regulations for 2010 in our Fish Management Zone (FMZ) 7. No have there been any changes to the hunting regulations. If you got an Ontario Outdoors Card last year, don't forget to bring it with you again this year. If you forget or lose it, you'll have to purchase another one (\$9.00). We had to implement a small rate increase this year. It's our first increase in a while, so it's due.

A special thanks to our big family groups who, despite the economy, came up in 2009 – The **Wells** Family from Hobart, Indiana area, the **Bremmer** clan from the Cedar Springs, Michigan area and the **Seadorf** Boys from all over Michigan. The **Zywicki** Family from Belleville, Michigan had their annual camping trip, but was only half their normal group size. We would also like to thank **Marlis** from the **Kakabeka Falls Motor Hotel** for sending us 4 and 5 groups of great people for long weekends every year. She's helping us prove there really is great fishing east of Thunder Bay.

Some Housekeeping Notes:

- Below is a website link that all US residents will find useful about **coming into Canada**. It is a official Canada Border Services Agency site. You will find all information you need concerning entering Canada. The site has been updated since last year, so it's always a good idea to

check it out if possible. <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/noncan-eng.html>. Another good website to check out is the US State Department – it tells you all about traveling requirements within continental North America. http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html

- Once again, here's the website for the MNR for fishing & hunting regulations online, in addition to lots of useful information: http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/STEL02_168294.html
- More helpful and interesting links are:
 District 16 (our district) Snowmobile Club: www.nossa.ca
 Canadian Safe Boaters Course: www.boaterexam.com/canada
 Current Exchange Rates: www.x-rates.com
 Canadian Boat Safety Equipment:
www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/equipment.htm#Safety%20Equipment%20Requirements
 Canadian Firearms Program: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/index-eng.htm
 Ontario Anglers Award Program: www.ontarioanglerawards.com
- Due to the constant fluctuation and very low US dollar to Canadian dollar ratio, we will be operating on an "at-par" basis for 2010. We will reconsider this if the economy changes significantly and the US dollar increases.

<u>Fishing License Prices - 2010:</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Annual Sport Fishing License	\$24.75	\$ 69.50
Annual Conservation Fishing License	\$14.25	\$ 42.75
8-Day Sport Fishing License	n/a	\$ 44.50
8-Day Conservation Fishing License	n/a	\$ 25.75
Temporary Outdoors Card	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00

Let's Talk Fishin....

Opening day of walleye was May 16th and it came in with a bang. **Tony and John Carbone (along with Steve and son Rob)** caught and released over 40 walleye that afternoon (but who's counting?). **Ron Miller** got a 39" wall-hanger pike and **Tom Dick** caught and released a couple of wall-hanger walleyes. What a day. Fishing was usual in 2009 – great! Into the season **Jim Helle** caught a 27" walleye on Flint while pike fishing. **Larry Burden & Tom** caught their personal bests while pike fishing on Flint (29½ and 30 in. walleyes respectively) – fishing with foot long pike lures.

Tom & Larry's Walleye

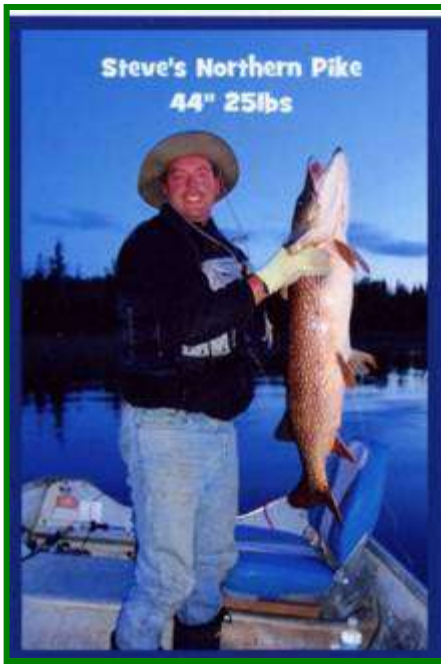


Phil's May Beauty



Mario's May Splake





The biggest pike of the year was 44 inches, 25lbs. caught by **Steve (The Showman) Wells of Indiana**, who managed to catch this big one even with a broken back! The biggest walleye was reeled in by **Kent Hilty of Findlay, Ohio** at 29½ inches, 11½ lbs. Congratulations, boys – great job!

Harvey Miller, Gary Cabot & Crew had a fantastic brook trout fishing day on the Flint River. Too bad they couldn't catch any *under* 12". Sorry guys – better luck next time. **Tanner Flatt** caught a beautiful whitefish on Fish Lake and **Tony Forney & Crew** got great catches of perch and almost forgot about walleye fishing. Thanks to **Tom Peter's Crew** from Alpena, Mich. for braving the economy and still being one of our biggest groups of the year – all 11 of them!

More honorable mentions go out to:

Greg Kobayshi – 28 ½ walleye on Klotz

Pete Keyzers – 9 lb. splake

Reid Baughman – 8lb. and 8.2lb. Walleyes

Chris Hughes – 9 ½ lb. walleye – Klotz

Nick Terlizzi & Rocco Giosa – 8 pound splakes

Patrick & Brett DuChateau – numerous perch catches

Dan Hilty – 40 inch pike (the Hilty boys cleaned house)

William (Hutch) Hutcheson – 44 ¼" pike and a 28" walleye

Stan & Mike Wolski – all barbless & catch/release fishing on Flint

The Martin Boys – all catch & release walleye fishing on Flint

Wayne & Nancy Seeley – stay with us for 4-6 weeks every year and catch & release more walleye on Klotz Lake than anyone.

Jakenhouse Crew – great walleye catches in August! Thanks to everyone for a wonderful year of fishing.



Kent Hilty's Big Walleye



Pete Keyzer's Splake



Nick & Rocco's Splake



Chris Martin's Catch & Release



Bear Hunting....

The bear have had a few good years of mild winters, good berry crops and low hunting pressure. Our hunt was good, but the hunter numbers were way down. **Tony Ochoa from Traverse City** got his bear and impressed his whole family who were up to fish and give moral support (it worked). **Pickle (Bill Vansickle) from Millersport, Ohio** got his bear on his birthday for the second year in a row and the celebration began. He's not going to rest on his laurels, though, and will be in hot pursuit next season. From early spring we've seen and photographed so many nice bear and our Bear Management Unit (bear ranch) has a very good and healthy population. All we need now is a task force of inspired hunters to help us cull the herd in 2010. As most of you know, the meat is excellent and the hides are beautiful, so give us a call and let us set up a hunt for you.



Bird Hunting....



The grouse were plentiful this year, but really came into their own in the latter part of the season – after the foliage dropped. It was easy to get your limit of ruffed grouse and spruce grouse. The sharpetails moved in around mid-October this season in flocks of six and up; we saw quite a few flocks and had a few sharptail dinners.



Moose Hunting....

Archery hunting was a very warm affair. We had weather up into the low 90s (f) and the mosquitoes and blackflies were even out. In spite of that we harvested a cow. Veteran bow hunter, **Mike Sawyer**, held on a bull at full draw for a 30 yard shot but a bit of brush was in the way so Mike scheduled another meeting with Mr. Bull for next fall.



During the rifle season we got two more cows and 2 bulls. A special congratulations to **Mark Nella & Rocco Campi's Crew** – they took home a bull and cow. More moose were seen but distance, hunting zone, sex of the animal, etc. were all factors in the success of the hunt. All in all it was a great moose season. We're looking forward to next fall. Thanks to all our moose hunters, both resident and non-resident.



Klotz Lake Camp is perfectly situated for hunters in WMU 19 and 21B – both with high moose populations and good aquatic feeding area and plenty of clear-cut. Plus we live here year-round so we know what the area and can provide lots of good information on where moose may be found.



A Special Note: Because of the Endangered Species Act, the Woodland Caribou line has been lowered to include the area around Klotz Lake Camp and areas northeast of us. Maybe one of these days we'll actually see some of those guys around here.

Winter Fun....

Although there wasn't much snow, we had a few brave souls who stayed with us for snowmobiling and ice fishing. As we mentioned earlier, there are lots of great fish being caught through the ice on Klotz Lake. Our thanks to John Elzer from Traverse City, Michigan, Mike & Lyane Zygmunt from Thunder Bay, Bob Strach & Crew from New York and Cindy Prater's Crew from Indiana.



Some Scenic Moments...



Rainbow Over Klotz-Aug.



Sunrise on Fish Lake



September Klotz Sunset

Thanks for your continued patronage over the years. You are our extended family out there and we truly enjoy – and appreciate – your visits whenever you can. Please give us a call or send us an email if you need us for anything. Your friends up north...

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