



The Klotz Lake Kronicle

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Wow! What an interesting year 2010 was. We hope 2011 brings each of you great happiness, joy and the opportunity to come and visit us this year!

2010 will go down in Klotz Lake history as one with NO BUGS. Yep, no bugs – can you believe it? We saw the beginning of bugs in May, but then we had very high temps and no rain so they died and couldn't propagate so no bugs! It was a wonderful year for that! Thank you, thank you. Let's hope something similar happens this year and we are blessed again.

For those of you here before September you will notice nice, new pavement along Hwy. 11 in front of camp. Pioneer Construction kept us hopping in the store this year selling chips and pop and the road crews worked really fast to get it done before the snow started flying. It looks great! We also got the cedar siding put on Sunset Cabin so one down, lots more to go. We also got another small dock put together and it is now operational. We do have new docks planned for the near future and we will be building a small playground down at the campgrounds. We were lucky to get some new cleared out areas down there and we have the perfect spot for it. This guy caused some serious issues around camp in 2010. We lost 14 trees in the campground to him and his family. Beavers have been wreaking havoc around the entire area the last couple of years. There is a very big beaver dam just before the rapids on Hoiles Creek. Hopefully they will not be able to block the flow of water to Flint! We will definitely have to keep an eye on these guys this year.



How 'Bout Them Walleye? It was another banner year for fish. We want to thank those of you who catch nice big fish and released them to be caught another day. We don't always get to tell you thanks for doing that, so we wanted to make sure you know we truly do appreciate your conservation-minded fishing. You are the ones who make it possible for everyone to catch fish here, not just the very skilled fishermen. Some monster fish were caught this year and especially by some new fishermen on Klotz and Flint. The largest walleye was caught in June on Klotz Lake. Mike Norton from Michigan wrangled in a 30.75 inch, 10 lb. walleye and sent it to his wall at home. What a great catch, Mike. We hope to see you up here again. With a walleye like that, how can you resist coming up again to catch a big pike to hang next to it? Check out some of these awesome walleye from 2010.



Mike Norton's Wall-hanger



It's all About the Pike....



Tim Drummond from Smith Falls, Ontario caught this beauty on Klotz Lake in August and promptly put it back for another day. It was 44", 22 lbs. That's his dad, Holmes, in the background (the netter). Thanks Tim and congratulations on the largest pike of 2010. Luke Whitley had the record until August with his beauty from Flint. There's always next year Luke!

The water levels were pretty low again this year so pike and walleye weren't in there normal haunts. Everyone had to fish a little harder to find them. The results, though, speak for themselves. Check out some of the other pike caught in 2010.



On Dec. 16th the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources made public the 2011 Fishing Regulations. There are no changes in Zone 7 (our zone) to the fishing regulations for this year. We have electronic copies for anyone interested – just send us an email and we'll mail it out to you.

Family is what is most important in life. Here at Klotz Lake Camp we feel like part of your extended family. As most of you know, we have many families of 3rd and even 4th generations that come to stay with us for their family fishing trip. Here are just a few of the great family photos from 2010.



The Carbone Family



The Lawrence Boys



The Whitleys



The Freiberg Boys aka The Gas Co.



The Boulter Family



The Waters Family



The Stark Boys

So many families come to visit; we can't possibly list them all. We want to thank you all for making us part of your family, if only for a week. Special thanks to: The Royce Boys, The Seadorf Boys, The Nicholson Family, The Zywicki Family, The Hilty Boys, The Krueger Family, The Wells Family, The Dan Smith Clan, The DuChateaus, The Losinski Family, The Stout Family, The Wolskis, and The Shipmans. You are all great!



The Bremmer Clan



We had a couple groups of guys that fished for trout. The Kowalski brothers from Tom Peters' crew really did well on the speckled (brook) trout. The Lawrence Boys (above) landed some great splake - John's was 11 lbs. Nick Terlizzi and Frank Corvino also got some nice splake and made a killing with the lakereels from Pagwachuan in May.

Just an awesome Black Bear Hunt!

2010 turned out to be one of the better years for bears. With the economy being what it was, we had a few less hunters than normal, but the fact that every hunter got to shoot a bear made up for the lack of numbers! Our congratulations go out to all of our hunters on a successful hunt. We did have a couple of hunters that, unfortunately, couldn't retrieve their bear from the bush (and they do call it bush for a reason – so very thick and impassable). Hopefully the thrill of the kill will hold them over until we can get them up here again to take home their trophy. Here are some of the bears that went home with happy hunters....



The bear season was dry and without bugs for a change. Our last hunters were in the first week of September, but the bears were quite a nuisance until mid to late October.

For the Birds....It's been a few years since we've had a really great bird season. Well, 2010 takes the honours this time. Wow! What a great year for birds. As usual, we don't book too many hunters in for birds to help keep our numbers high. This year we had groups of guys from as far away as New York, Tennessee, Maryland and Wisconsin. Everybody went home with limits of birds and very, very happy dogs. Look at some of these beautiful birds. Oh, the occasional rabbit doesn't hurt either...



As for the Moose... Well, the moose season was not very productive in our entire area this year. We had a few come in during the archery season for men we had outfitted, but rifle season blanked everyone this year. The message we got from other outfitters in the area was the same - no moose. Some thinking behind the low numbers is that the forest hasn't been cut for over 3 years in most places and the moose have had to go deeper into the bush to forage. Usually open areas and clear-cut provide them with excellent browse, but with no cutting, there is no new browse.



Unfortunately, Michael had to pick up three moose that were killed alongside the highway this year. The moose count in both 21B (south) and 19 (north) is very high, hopefully with the new cut happening in 2011 we'll start seeing more of these awesome creatures..



Wolf Hunt (yes, we said Wolf Hunt)... The Boreal Forest and the Kenogami Forest (that's the one we're situated in), has a very high population of Gray/Timber Wolves in various colour variations. As the moose count continues upward, so does the number of predators. The local MNR has been very supportive of our organized hunt. 2010 was the first wolf hunt for us. We had a father and son team from Europe (one from Estonia and the other from Sweden) come in March. They were only here for 3 days due to time constraints, and we were very concerned because of the extremely warm temperatures and an early spring, that they might not even see a wolf. The second day, this beautiful black silver-tipped wolf was taken by Tommy Haagdahl from Sweden. He sent this beauty to a local taxidermist and it's on its way back to Sweden as a mount. We had two very happy men last year and we're looking forward to a few happy guys in 2011 as well. Our wolf hunts take place in February when it's nice and cold and the wolves are good and hungry. This is a hunt where you can have a couple of guys per blind to keep each other company (and warmer). If this is something you might like to try, give us a call and we'll tell you more about it.



Ice Fishing & Snowmobiling... We love it here in the winter. It's beautiful and there are a lot of things to do up here. We only had around 19 inches of snow the entire season, which made snowmobiling rather a short season, but the ice fishing on Klotz Lake was awesome! Check out some of these pictures – they tell a better story...



The ice on Klotz Lake can get up to 6 feet thick, but lately it's been around 3 feet or so. You've never tasted a pike quite like the ones that come up through the ice – wow what a treat! The meat is so white and firm – you'd swear you're eating walleye. As for the walleye, they are absolutely unbelievable! You think they're tasty during the summer – they've got nothing on the winter walleye! Just awesome!



Even with the trails not groomed out here from town (due to lack of snow and probably money for the club), our friends from New York managed to talk guys from Longlac into busting trail out here so they could come and eat some of Mama-Toni's famous sirloin tip roast beef and all the fixings. We think they might come just to eat and not for the snowmobiling. Thanks Bob Strach, Mike Hopkins and crew for suffering the lousy snowmobile season to come visit us. We truly do appreciate it! As you can see, our cats really like sitting on the warm snowmobile. Cliff the cat prefers the Arctic Cat sleds to sit on! Come up and play with us some winter. We would love to have you here! We keep Sunset, Eagle and Rainbow cabins open all year long!

This and That... As most of you know, we had a season with little rain which means low water levels and a very dry bush. Neither of these conditions are great. The ice left Klotz Lake earlier in 2010 than Michael has ever seen it leave. April 13th was the official ice-out day. Many of our anglers had a hard time figuring out where they walleye were since the lake was open so early and the spawn had been over for quite a while. The lake froze relatively on time – November 22nd. We've already had more snow this year than we got the entire season last year, so at least the water levels should be better. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, fishing regulations haven't changed, but of course, the cost of the license has gone up (again). Here are the rates for 2011. Also, don't forget to bring your new outdoors card with you. If you leave it behind, you will have to get a new one (another \$10) and start all over. If you haven't received your outdoors card from 2010, the number to call is **1-800-387-7011**. Please phone them in plenty of time before your trip if you haven't received it.

FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES

Non-Resident

Sport License, Seasonal	\$76.49
Sport License, 8-Day	\$49.02
Conservation License, Seasonal	\$47.13
Conservation License, 8-Day	\$28.27
Outdoors Card (must have to get License)	\$ 9.68
Small Game	\$109.63

Resident

Sport License	\$27.20
Conservation License	\$15.62
Temporary Sport Fishing (new card)	\$36.88
Temporary Conservation Fishing (new card)	\$25.30
Small Game	\$22.89
Deer	\$43.91
Moose	\$51.18
Black Bear	\$43.91

We have decided not to put any price increases in place this year for cabin rent - including the outpost cabin, but unfortunately we've had to raise our rates in the campground a bit. The weekly rate for tents is \$160 and for campers and rv's it will be \$180 for the week. Daily rates are \$25 and \$30, respectively. The cost of electricity (or as we call it – Hydro) has gone up astronomically and is our number one cost (along with insurance).

We also encourage everyone that rents boats from us to get a Pleasure Craft Operators Card. This is an easy test and you need only do it once – the card is for your lifetime. Check it out on the web – you can take the test right there. The address is <http://www.boaterexam.com/canada/>. Having this card/accreditation will sure make things quicker and easier once you arrive. If you bring your own boat/motor, you do not need this card.

Another year has gone by and this is our 12th edition of the newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and enjoyable. We will be announcing our new website in a couple of months. Keep an eye out for it. You will be able to join as members, submit pictures and stories and touch base with some of your friends from up here! We will even have video clips and submissions by you. Hopefully you will enjoy it as much as we have putting it together. In the meantime, we wish you all the best in the coming year. If you have a reservation already, you will be receiving your confirmation soon. Deposits are really appreciated as it helps us get through the winter months. We will be operating on an "at-par" basis again in 2011 unless things change drastically with the exchange rates.

Thanks to everyone for another great year. We look forward to seeing you in 2011. Please let us know if we can do anything to be of service. It's all the people like you that make this our life and not just our job.



Your friends up north....

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