



The Klotz Lake Kronicle

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Chronicling the happenings around Klotz Lake Camp in 2012

Happenings Around Camp...

Well, another year has come and gone. We saw lots of changes to camp. As many of you know, Rick retired in 2012 and left camp in April. He has moved out to Nolalu (just west of Thunder Bay). We stay in touch and he's even on Facebook so we can keep track of him. We also lost our camp matriarch – Rags. She passed away on Dec. 6th. Rags had a great life here at camp and made so many friends over her 13 years. She will be missed terribly. She's pictured at her favorite perch the last few years and taking a swim this past summer. See you at the Rainbow Bridge Rags.



Below are some of the highlights over the year:

- The old building finally went down the day before we opened but it went down. It was kind of sad watching over 50 years of history go, but we must move forward and make room for our new lodge, store and office.
- With some gentle nudging, we were able to get the East Road repaired in time for the fishing season. Thank goodness – it would've made going to Kass a real trick. Also, the Kenogami Forest is being cut once again and logging has started on the winter cuts. You will be seeing lots more log truck traffic in our area again. Thank goodness – this will make our moose really happy.
- Due to a problem with our server, we had to completely redesign and move our website to another host. This was certainly an unexpected (and expensive) undertaking, but we managed to get it done and as of August 15th our new website was fully functional. Hopefully most of you have visited the site already, but if you haven't – please do so. We have made the photos easier to view, by type of pictures in our **Gallery**. We've added **Testimonials** and hope you will click on it, read some of the great things people are saying about their stay up here. We would be very grateful if you would also **add a testimonial** – load your favorite KLC picture and tell your story! The world is waiting to hear it! We also have added a **News Ticker** that gives you the most recent news and happenings around here. Last, but not least, we also added a **Fishing Report** and a **Hunting Report** that are updated weekly. We report on who's catching or hunting what, what the weather was like, catches of the week and some great pictures. Visit us and stay tuned to our campsite on the web: www.klotzlakecamp.com
- Klotz Lake Camp also now has a Facebook Page. Yep, we did it. Toni monitors the site daily and tries to post things you might find funny, entertaining, interesting and down right awesome. Check us out and **LIKE**

US on FACEBOOK. Here's the link: www.facebook.com/pages/Klotz-Lake-Camp/66253530972

- The MNR introduced their new on-line licensing system this year. Needless to say, it didn't go too terribly well. We apologize to all of you who experienced unnecessary hassles in getting your licenses. Please be assured we are meeting with MNR staff to make sure these "issues" are addressed and hopefully 2013 will be much smoother. We encourage you, if you like to work on the computer, to order outdoors card online (if it's expiring this year). (Note: the expiration year is the last two digits after the long series of numbers on your card.) The website address is:
http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/OC/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD_091032.htm
- We are not planning any rate increases for cabin rent for 2013. There are also not any changes in the Fishing Regulations that will affect our area. Of course, there was an increase in licenses, but that's the MNR. Below are the some of the licenses and prices. Please note most licenses are now available for a three year period for residents and non-residents.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Outdoors Card Renewal/New	\$ 9.68	\$ 9.68
Sport Fishing License 1 yr.	\$28.33	\$ 78.88
Sport Fishing License - 8-day	n/a	\$ 51.28
Conservation License – 1 yr.	\$16.18	\$ 49.39
Conservation License – 8 day	n/a	\$ 29.40
Small Game License – 1 yr.	\$24.02	\$115.28
Black Bear License	\$46.17	\$230.31
Moose License	\$53.44	\$460.88

- Klotz Lake opened this year the earliest it has ever opened – April 12th. It froze again on Apr. 16th, and thawed for the second time on the 18th of April. Michael said he's never seen that happen before. Can you say climate change? Our lakes were very low this year and many lakes weren't accessible in the summer months. Klotz froze over November 25th (kind of late). Here's hoping we get lots of snow this winter to fill our lakes & streams.



*Fishing at its Finest....*As usual, 2012 was another great year for fishing. Actually, there's never a bad day of fishing. The largest walleye of the year was caught by our last fishing guest of the season – Mario Klimach from Toronto. Mario landed a beautiful 30 inch, 12.75 pounder on Klotz Lake. Way to go Mario! The largest pike of the year was caught by a junior angler named Gage Campbell who is 10 years old. His dad Doug was there to witness the event. The monster was 40 inches long and weighed 15 pounds. Congratulations to both of you. Your name and picture are on the walleye and pike pages of our website and your plaque will be hanging in the store with the rest of history. Check out their pictures.





There were also a lot of honorable mentions too. We welcomed back the Weltz crew. We hadn't seen them in quite a few years. They had an awesome time and brought in one of the nicest stringers of perch we've seen in a while. Check these out. Also, it was a great year for splake. Peter Harper's crew brought in some beautiful lakers



and splake in June, Marcello Martella's crew caught lots of splake and had a good day brook trout fishing the 2nd



week of the season. Tom Stark had a great week-caught an awesome walleye and a beautiful pike. Lance & Joe Sheteron had a good walleye week in August with their dad, Chad. Rebecca Ries (along with her Dad Mark, caught the largest pike of her young career in mid June. It was



Scott & Deanna Losey's first visit to Klotz Lake. We think they will be back – they had a great



week of fishing. Kyle Francis and Tim Drummond brought in a beautiful stringer of walleye from Klotz one evening in August.



Channing Brindley caught the biggest walleye of his young career also in late June. Sam Norton and Nick Samuels came up in September and caught pike and walleye till their arms were sore. Nick had the record walleye until Mario showed up the following week! Next time



Nick. No matter what time of year, there are beautiful fish and plenty of them to be caught. Please come join us in making some forever memories...





Bear Hunting was terrific!

We had a total of 19 bear hunters in 2012. Out of those 19, 18 either shot or had the opportunity to shoot a bear. It was a pretty good season for the hunt and not too many blueberries in Michael's bear ranch – which is a good thing. We had a father & daughter team (Mark and Rebecca Westbrook) both get their bears on opening week. Our three returning hunters (Tommy Karlsson from Sweden, Scott Hughes from Ohio and Herb Ratz from Michigan) all shot bear. Thanks for your patronage you guys. We had a lot of new hunters this year and hopefully they will join the ranks of our returning hunters for another bear season. Oh, let's not forget Damian Spradlin from Virginia's bear – it was about 450 pounds and only had 3 legs. It looked like it had grown up that way so hard to say what happened to it. Damian didn't even know it was missing his leg until after he shot him. He got around pretty well! Seven of our hunters shot their bear on the first day of their hunt and two of our hunters could've shot one but opted not to on opening day. Check out some of the pictures from this year. We're proud of all our hunters and can't wait to have them back in camp again – for whatever reason.



Poor Jeff Coyle had a bear come into his bait one evening and completely rip his ground blind to shreds!



The Moose Hunt....



The 2012 moose season was not nearly as satisfying as 2011 was for many of our hunters, but even though we only had 2 moose in camp this year, lots of guys saw lots of moose. We heard some fantastic stories about encounters with them this year. John Elzer found out that his calls actually work – just ask that big bull he called in when he had a cow tag. Barry Miller from Tennessee had two up-close and personal encounters with a bull – too bad there just wasn't a good shot opportunity. Ami & Irene from Hearst (along with a relative from Longlac) harvested a beautiful bull from area 19 and Wayne Lewis' crew (first timers here at Klotz Lake Camp) pulled in a gorgeous bull. Congratulations to both crews on a successful hunt. Our bird hunters – Brett & Bryan – saw a beautiful bull moose while hunting. Imagine looking for birds and running into one of these big boys! The good news is they have finally started harvesting the forest once again, so now there will be fresh cut and new browse for the moose. There are plenty of moose in our area – they live too deep in the forest for food currently but the new cut will bring them out further into the open areas with fresh cut. Both areas – 19 and 21B are being harvested so we're looking forward to even more successful moose hunts in the years to come.



We had some of the loggers from Hearst who are cutting just north of Klotz Lake stay with us this winter. That helped them and us. Our friends Dave & Audrey Chapman stopped in this winter on their trip across Canada – lucky us we got the pleasure of their company going out and coming back. Our great niece, Brandy, from British Columbia came out for Christmas with us so that was nice – usually the holidays are pretty quiet around here.

Speaking of that – don't forget about us in the winter months. The highways are always in good shape (Canadians know how to move snow) and we keep Eagle Cabin and Sunset Cabin open all year. Rainbow can stay open also if there is need. We have great snowmobiling in the area – imagine just flying down those logging roads covered with a foot or two of snow...perfect! There are no groomed trails in the area so you don't have to worry about purchasing a trail permit. The ice fishing on Klotz and other surrounding lakes is great! The northern lights are the most active and beautiful during the winter. Imagine sleeping in till around 9am, having a camp breakfast, go outside and breath the fresh air into your lungs..ahhhh.. Now it's time to jump on the sleds and take a tour of the area and make plans for the rest of the week. You will definitely want to leave some time in the evenings to play cards and board games. We can't wait to have you here! Let us know how we can help arrange it...



We will be attending the Central Ohio Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Annual Banquet in Grove City, Ohio on March 16th. If you're in the area, we would love to have you join us for dinner and a great evening of fun – all for a great cause. We donate a trip – bear, bird, fish, moose, etc. for them to auction off that night along with many other great trips and sports-related items. Check it out – here's their link: <http://www.rmef.org/Ohio/CentralOhio.aspx>

The downfall in the economy – especially in the US – has definitely had its affect on us. It's hard to plan a fishing/hunting trip or family vacation when it's difficult just getting food on the table. We understand. We are hoping many of you will pass along our information to anyone you know who may be interested in a fishing or hunting trip in Ontario. We hope you know we will treat them properly and with respect. We appreciate your help – there are so many things we have planned to improve our camp, but we keep putting them off waiting for things to get a bit better. Let's all hope that happens soon...

Have a great year and come see us when you can. Not much changes up here, so whenever you're ready, we will be too.

Your friends up north,

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