



The Klotz Lake Kronicle

News from Klotz Lake Camp, Longlac, Ontario Fifteenth Edition – January, 2014

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year! The years seem to fly by. It's been 16 years since Toni came to camp! It's easy to keep track of - you look at what Edition of the Klotz Lake Kronicle is, then add one year. I guess it took her a year to get things figured out enough to write the newsletter!

2013 was a very successful year overall. It started out kind of bumpy since the ice on Klotz Lake didn't leave until May 19th and opening day was the 18th! The lake froze this year on November 22nd. It was one of the coldest opening days in a long, long time. 2013 was certainly a good year for bugs too. Wow! They were nasty and never, ever left. We still had black flies in October. That fact, of course, didn't deter our faithful fishermen and hunters. And speaking of that, we are so happy to see more and more women fishing and even hunting. We had a couple of female bear hunters this year and lots of new faces on the fishing front. Welcome ladies...



There aren't too many things that change up here, aside from the weather. Our new camp dog – Annie – is growing by leaps and bounds. She used to run under Gibson's belly, now he just walks right under her! She is very friendly but sure will not be letting any bears or other critters in the camp yard, so no more unwanted bear visits this year. She likes the cold weather and her new home. We hope you all get the chance to come up and meet her. Gibson is also waiting on you to throw the ball for him....



As many of you know, bears are a real problem in the north. A couple of our fishing groups found that out this spring. During the first two weeks of the fishing season a nice bear sat himself on a rock just to the left of Hoiles Creek going to Flint. You probably know the rock. Anyway, he sat there and entertained many a fisherman. Some of them threw fish out for him to eat and he was quite happy sitting there in the sun eating fish. Unfortunately Pat Whitley's crew was leaving their boats at the bottom of the rapids and using a ferry boat to come back across everyday. Too bad the first night they forgot and left a cooler in the boat. Bad move. Guess who helped himself to the cooler, its belongings, and all the snacks left behind and a seat or two? Yep, good old Mr. Bear. They began leaving less and less in their boats throughout the week and having lots of equipment lost or destroyed it was easy. Ha Ha. Tackle boxes were found up the hill and things along the shoreline tossed about. We had a group of Amish fellows from around Caro, Michigan who, while heading to the outpost for the week, set their eggs aside to lower their boats and by the time they got back to them...yep...there sat Mr. Bear eating every one! The bear left shortly after the third week of fishing. Off to find more food and maybe even a Mrs. Bear to settle down with. Let's hope he forgets about his rock and those delicious fish and snacks he was eating come this spring.



Please be aware that we are no longer selling hunting and fishing licenses on behalf of the MNR. After 56 years of doing just that, it has become too much to handle. Lots and lots of paperwork and responsibilities that we hadn't had before, plus the amount of time it took to process just one license far outweighed the remuneration received. It came down to simple math. The sentiment with all outfitters is that the MNR would like to be rid of all outside issuers and deal only with on-line licensing. With that in mind, plus it's the government after all – they are unwilling to make the necessary changes that would ease our burden a bit, so we had to make a decision. It was a hard one to make too. We've been providing this service for a very long time.



We just hope you are able to obtain your licenses. You can get them at another license issuing station between here at the border. The information centre just as you cross into Canada sells them, as does the Canadian Carver. There are also places in White River and Hornepayne too. Of course, you're always able to obtain them at the following link online. Just be sure to have a credit card handy and if you have an existing outdoors card, you'll need that too (and a printer to print your license and/or receipt).

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/OC/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD_091032.html

Another Great Year for Fishing....

The cold weather of opening week gave the **Lawrence Boys (John, Joe & Rick)** the opportunity to catch some awesome walleye and show everyone how it was done. John also showed his boys a thing or two about catching splake too! And those boys in Ponderosa sure had a nice haul of perch that everyone literally drooled over. **Adam Wall** pulled in a couple of nice splake from Lukinto to top off his week. Pete Keyzer, John and Derek caught some nice walleye opening week too! Not too cold for these guys.



In June we got to see **Walt Guzik and Jason** again – that was a nice treat. They love trout fishing. Speaking of trout fishing, congrats to **Harvey Miller's Crew from Ludington, MI** for their efforts – caught some beauties again. We had **Dennis Fewin's crew** from Michigan at the outpost for the first time. Wow did they ever catch walleye. It takes a lot of luck and patience to get walleyes on Flint on your first trip, but these guys managed to haul it some beauties. They're definitely coming back to see us! **Tony Forney** and his crew brought up a really cool new corn-hole game, customized with our logo!



Thanks Tony – it gets lots of use. **Garnet Johnson** (from Tony's crew) caught a beautiful 29", 9.6lb. walleye on Klotz while they were here.

The largest walleye of the season went to Shawn Goulding with a gorgeous 33", 12 pounder from Fish Lake. Shawn released it for another day. On the same



day, **Roy Turtureja** from Belle River, Ontario caught and released a gorgeous 43" northern from Fish Lake. Great going guys. **Larry Weltz** crew from Pennsylvania had an awesome week too although we didn't see much of them – just taillights. **Taylor Nicholson** from Defiance, OH got a personal best walleye – 29 inches, 9lbs. Way to go Taylor! We also had another new crew – **The Middlin/Love gang**. Wow – they caught lots of



walleye and never left Klotz Lake. This was their first visit, but doubt it will be their last. **Ben Norton brought his son, Noah**, up for his first pike fishing trip. Noah caught two wall-hangers, but only kept one. He got a 38" and a 40" pike showing his dad how it was done! Awesome job Noah! He'll be a Klotz Lake Camper for a long time. **Dave and Corey Martin** from southern Ontario



stayed with us two weeks again this year. **Dave caught the largest pike of the year – 44", 25lbs. on Pagwachuan but released it for another day.**



We also had the great pleasure to have the **Bremmer Family** return to our campground. Bremmer-ville looked very organized down there! It was great to see you all again. **Doug Royce** and **Jarrold Armstrong** took a days adventure to fish for some trout – something they've always wanted to do up here but old Grampa Jack loves his walleye. Their



adventure paid off. Check out their nice trout catch of the day!

Patrick DuChateau had three different crews this year but his kids (**Brett, Hailey and Emily**) really steal the show around here! **Larry Bacon** brought his two sons this time, **Tony** joined **Mike** and came to Klotz for a week of



fishing and really seemed to enjoy himself. We'll get those boys hooked one way or another! **Jake Floehr** and **Bill Deboer** and his Dad, Bill caught some beauties this year too. Jake caught a huge pike he was pretty happy with. It took us about 3 weeks to convince **Charlie Towers** he would like to fish here. We finally convinced him to come and he caught his personal best walleye. Way to go Charlie...hopefully we'll see you back since getting you here is the hardest part...getting you back is much easier! **John Spiers** was another first time



group here. He brought his family and although the weather was miserable and rainy they managed to catch some very nice fish. Hope to see you boys again too!



The **Wade/Schaffer/Carper crew** from **Delaware, OH** had another great week and managed to get a new name (courtesy of Michael) for their group – they are now affectionately known as the “Morgan Shelbys”. **Mike Wades** two daughters, **Morgan** and **Shelby**, are both quite athletic and love to fish! Shelby caught another nice pike this year. Mike went home and told **John & Dorothy Day** about their trip and they thought why not? – we’ll give ‘em a try! They called and booked some time in Rainbow cabin. Needless to say they had an awesome time and both caught the largest fish of their lives – two great pike (of course, John was nice enough to let Dorothy catch hers first).

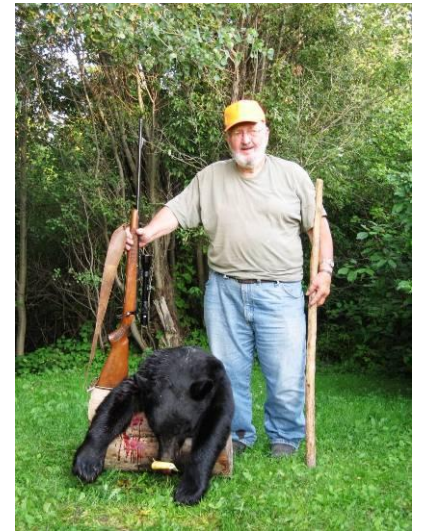


Chad Sheteron brought his dad, **Tex**, and his sons up for another fishing week at Klotz. They went over to Pagwachuan and pulled in a couple huge lakere. Overall, it was a great fishing season. The weather was, in a word, weird but that’s Northern Ontario for you.



Just the “Bear” Facts....

2013 Bear season will go down as one of the hottest we've ever seen. Opening week **Courtney Morse** bagged her very first bear with her buddy, **Becca**, at her side videoing the whole thing! Congrats Courtney. The second week of the hunt was really, really hot with temperatures in the 100's. That didn't faze **Roger Dubay** or his brother in law, **Nick Pinet** – they both bagged their first bears and went home and got a write up in their local paper about their hunt. Great going guys! **Scott Hughes** shot a beautiful bear this year – his second bear from Klotz Lake!



Congratulations to **William Byler from Caro, MI** on bagging his first bear! **Larry Schirtzinger from Sunbury, OH** (Toni's hometown) came up for a second time and took his second bear. Larry was looking for a bear for his new man-cave and now that's done! And, let's not forget **Herb Ratz** at 85 years young shot his 4th (or 5th – we can't remember) bear from Klotz Lake. Way to go Herb. Our last hunter of the year was **Alexander Turkovic from the Czech Republic**. Although Alexander didn't shoot the largest bear of the year, he certainly shot the one with the nicest coat. Beautiful bear! He's having it mounted and shipped overseas when it's complete. Michael & **John Elzer** were riding on a bear-bait/minnow run and saw a big boar on the side of the road. They stopped and were admiring his beautiful coat when he walked right up to the truck. He could smell the bear bait in the back, and after putting bear-snot on Michael's windows, he was getting ready to climb into the back of the truck! Michael had to rev the engine and start pulling away to

avoid scratches all over truck! Just another day in the bush... In spite of having our new Kurdish Kangal, Annie, we still had several nuisance bears come into camp during the course of the summer. From the amount of bears Michael saw in the bush last year, there is a good, healthy population out there and it looks great for this coming hunting season.

Thanks to all our hunters this year. We look forward to another successful bear season with our friends. If you haven't booked your bear hunt for 2014 yet, now is the time! Spots are going fast. We only take a maximum of 20 hunters each year so if this is something you've been planning, now is the time and Klotz Lake Camp is the place! Don't delay – let us give you the hunt you deserve...

Bird/Grouse Hunting...

We were blessed again this year with some awesome bird hunters. First, **Jack & Scott Mazzo** from New York visited us. This year they brought their new side-by-side (UTV) and were just thrilled with the places they could get that they could never have gone before in just their truck. We once again had the pleasure of **Brett Rhodes** and **Bryan Meadows** from Ohio. These guys know our area well and unfortunately the warm temps ran them off before their week was up. It was just too hard on the dogs in these temperatures. **Fred Altizer** and **Ron Smith** from Ohio purchased our donated bird hunt and fishing trip to the **Central Ohio Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)** this year. They are both avid supporters of this worthwhile organization, as are we. Fred and Ron both enjoyed the terrain, the fishing and the relaxation.

In conjunction with [Algoma Kinniwabi Travel Association](#), we sponsored a familiarization tour of Northern Ontario grouse hunting for two veteran hunters and free-lance writers. **Tom Huggler** has been one of Michigan's most successful writers and photographers, covering numerous subjects in the more than 50 years since he sold his first story to *Outdoor Life*. **Tom Carney** is Managing Editor for **The Bird Hunting Report** and has won over 60 awards for his writing and photography. He has traveled to more than 20 states and a handful of foreign countries to hunt and/or fish and is based in Michigan. Both Toms stayed with us for 3 days and took their dogs hunting grouse. We are highlighted in the November edition of **The Bird Hunting Report** and Tom Huggler tells us he will have a story on Klotz Lake Camp in the February issue of **Woods N Water Magazine**.



A VERY Successful Moose Hunt !!

2013 will go down in the record books as one of the most successful hunts in a long time. The numbers of moose seem to be on the rise in our area. There is a lot of new cut going on and they are hauling the logs away. Much of the cut in our area is to accommodate caribou which provides for very large clear-cut areas and very large, old stands of trees. This is what caribou like and for the next 20 or 30 years, the moose will take advantage of all the new cut and new browse.

In spite of warm temperatures, the archery hunt was quite successful. Congratulations to **Greg Biskup, John McKevitt, Mike Sawyer** and **Jim Barber**. Greg shot a gorgeous 54.5" bull. **Al Crock** from Columbus, Ohio experienced his first northern Ontario hunt. Although he went home without getting the chance to shoot a moose, he sure saw a lot of this vast wilderness we call home and enjoyed every minute of it. **John Elzer** had another great hunt for a cow.

Opening week of rifle season was a great success for the "**Git 'R' Done**" guys from **Lindsay, Ontario area**. On the second day of the hunt they shot a beautiful bull and cow – the same place – the same hunter. Amazing. **Barry Miller** from Tennessee and **Bill Lang** (his father in law from southern Ontario) had a great success in getting a nice bull from 21B. Unfortunately they had to cut and quarter him up just to get him back to camp, but Barry tells us it was well worth the tasty meat they're enjoying this winter. **Paul Hartley**, from **Rob Crittenden's** crew shot a 56" rack in 21B. What a beauty and huge!

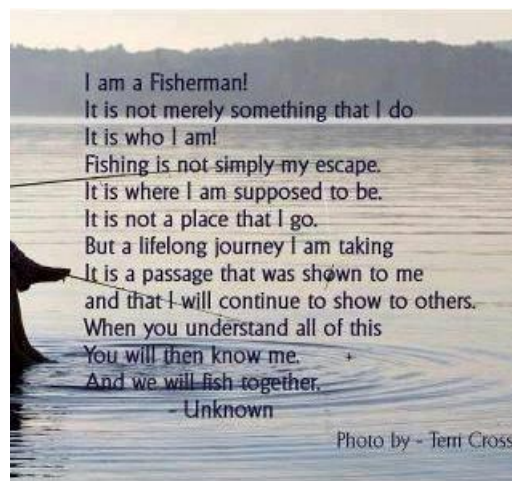
Michael went out hunting the last week (mid December). Although he only had a calf tag he thought he'd give it one last try. He saw 7 moose over the course of a weekend and could have easily shot 5 of them (oh, if he only had a tag). Thanks to all our hunters. We look forward to seeing you again in 2014.



This 'n That...

Here are the new fishing and hunting license fees. Please note – there are no planned changes to the fishing or hunting regulations in our areas for 2014.

<u>Type of License</u>	<u>Ontario Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
3-Year Sport Fishing Tag	\$86.68	\$244.72
1-Year Sport Fishing Tag	\$29.89	\$ 81.57
3-Year Conservation Fishing Tag	\$49.39	\$151.57
1-Year Conservation Fishing Tag	\$16.46	\$ 50.52
8-Day Sport Fishing Tag	N/A	\$ 52.41
8-Day Conservation Fishing Tag	N/A	\$ 29.97
Outdoors Card – 3 years	\$9.68	\$ 9.68
3-Year Small Game License Tag	\$73.77	\$354.32
1-Year Small Game License Tag	\$24.59	\$118.11
Deer License Tag	\$47.30	\$235.96
Moose License Tag	\$54.57	\$472.18
Black Bear License Tag	\$47.30	\$235.96
License to Hunt Wild Turkey	\$28.62	\$ 28.62
Wolf/Coyote Seal	\$10.93	\$269.58
Replacement or Duplicate Licenses	\$10.50	\$ 10.50



Our little rant...

Every year more and more technology invades us and our kids. We now have Xbox, smart phones, laptops and video games that take up so much of our time these days there seems to be little time for anything else. Well, we at Klotz Lake Camp know that nothing can compare with a bump on your line or watching a wild animal in his native habitat. Let's enjoy these things and teach our youth that there's way more to life than electronics and something you can get sent online. Parents don't frame pictures of their kids playing video games...take them fishing or hunting! How many of you remember your first fish or seeing a moose or bear up here at Klotz Lake? Hopefully you'll invite your children to join us to get a glimpse of the slower side of life – the meaningful side of life. We were all put on this earth for one purpose – to be happy. Let's all start being a little more "happy" this year. We hope your "happy" involves Klotz Lake Camp!



Make a Note: Friday, May 30th is "Leroy Seadorf Day" at Klotz Lake Camp. Those that know Leroy please be prepared to share your favourite story or picture. We'll be talking with him that day from his Florida home and sharing pictures and stories on Facebook! Hope you can join us!

We hope each and every one of you can see a way to come up for a visit this year. Remember...a trip to our dock is always better than a trip to your doc! Thank you so much for your friendship and patronage!

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