

## 2008 Schedule

| 7 Day                        | 4 Day              |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| May 31-June 7 (outpost only) | June 3 – 7         |
| June 7 – 14                  | July 12 – 16       |
| June 14 – 21                 | July 16 – 20       |
| June 21 – 28                 | July 20 – 24       |
| June 28 – July 5             | July 24 – 28       |
| July 5 – 12                  | July 28 – August 1 |
|                              | August 1 – 5       |
|                              | August 5 – 9       |
|                              | August 9 – 13      |
|                              | August 13 – 17     |
|                              | August 17 – 21     |

## 2008 Pricing

|       | Lindbergh's<br>Reindeer Lake<br>Lodge | Reilly Lake<br>Outpost | MacKenzie<br>Lake Outpost |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 Day | \$3,395.00                            | \$2,395.00             | \$1,795.00                |
| 7 Day | \$3,995.00                            | \$2,695.00             | \$2,095.00                |
| 8 Day | \$4,595.00                            | \$2,995.00             | \$2,595.00                |

Photos taken by guests.

## Reservations

Reservations for 2008 and 2009 can be made by calling 1 866 874 PIKE (7453) or email us at: [info@fishreindeerlake.com](mailto:info@fishreindeerlake.com). We would be happy to answer any questions you may have, so please email today. All reservations require a \$900.00 per person deposit to confirm the reservation. Cancellations received 180 days or less to your scheduled arrival will not be credited or refunded. Cancellations received more than 180 days before your scheduled arrival date will be credited to the following year less the non-refundable air charter fee. Due to world events and the uncertainty of future gas and insurance costs, all prices are subject to change without notice. We are happy to accommodate single fishermen at an additional charge of \$100.00 per day.

Some dates are already sold out so please contact us for available dates.

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# FISH TAILS 2008



Left: Bill Engber with his trophy Northern

Bottom: Chris Coleman with his 58.8 lb Laker



2007 will be remembered as a great Lake Trout season. We know you come to Reindeer Lake for the huge Northern pike, but this season our guest's caught and released some truly huge Lakers. It all started on June 5 when Doug "Nipper" Graham caught a 34" Laker. The next day, Doc Downey landed a 39" Laker. Tom Fisher caught another 39" on June 9 and his fishing partner Bill Cobb caught a 30, 33, 36, and 37". Two days later Bill went back out and caught a 36, 37 and 40.5" Laker, and Tom, his fishing partner landed a 42".

Other notable trophies were: Robert Coughlin 39.5" June 14, Bill Engber 40" June 16, Jerry Lawson, Jr. 39" June 23.

But the granddaddy of them all was a 46.5" monster that Chris Coleman landed on June 24. The fish had a 35" girth, the charts say 58.8 lbs. A couple other huge Lakers were caught on Reindeer Lake this summer, most notably a 47" with a 45" girth that the charts say weighs 90 lbs.

The big Lakers were in 5 – 15' of water and all were caught trolling big lures. Laker fishing can be a nice break from the steady pace of Northern fishing and this year the results were fantastic. As always, the Reindeer Lake Northern fishing was just great. The largest was a 49.5" caught by Bob Mehsikomer on June 18. On June 22, Bob Mehsikomer and his fishing partner Bill Engber caught and released 22 Trophy Northern, Bill catching 12 of them, the largest 46.5".

Late July and August fishing was great as well with many 8 – 12 trophy fish days. Butch Anderson had a 5 Trophy day August 4th with 2 x 41, 44, 45 and a 47" Northern.

This past summers weather was beautiful with only a few rain days and most of July being in the high 70's and low 80's with light breezes, perfect fishing weather. June was cool but sunny which made the Lake a little slow to warm up but by mid-June the Northerns were very active and into their seasonal patterns.

# '07 BIG CATCH

Northern Pike • Lake Trout • Walleye

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|---------|--|---------|---|---------|--|
| June 5  | Nick Jewell 42<br>Richard Johnson 42 r   | June 24 | Kenneth Champagne 40<br>Steve Dellinger 40<br>Jim Wimmer 40<br>Roy Gavert 40<br>Kevin Wimmer 44   | June 5  | Dan Forrester 40<br>Frank Gron 42.5<br>Swen Soderstrom 40, 41<br>John Kunkle 42.5<br>Mike Gaeddert 42<br>Doug Gaeddert 43, 45<br>Christi Belvin 41<br>Ken Ball 40                  |
| June 6  | Ted Howard 40<br>Jan Drake 41.5, 45 r<br>Kent Dyvejonk 40 r  | June 25 | Bill Vildibill 40.25, 40.5<br>Barry Bryant 40, 41, 41.5<br>Kenneth Champagne 43<br>Jerry Lawson 41.5, 43.5<br>Tim Rivas 41, 45  | July 6  | Ian Myers 45<br>Swen Soderstrom 42.5<br>Tom Groff 40.25<br>Mike Gaeddert 40, 40<br>Jim Groff 42.5<br>Doug Gaeddert 44<br>Frank Gron 40, 41<br>Christi Belvin 43.5<br>Ed Kaufman 42 |
| June 7  | Kent Dyvejonk 45 r<br>Ron Jewell 41  | June 26 | Ron Herrell 40<br>Bret Lofton 41<br>Steve Dellinger 44, 45<br>Steve Abshire 40<br>Cuz Boswell 40<br>Barry Bryant 43<br>Roy Gavert 41, 42.5  | July 7  | Frank Gron 40, 41  |
| June 11 | Ken Gilcrest 40.5, 40<br>Paul Pearce 43<br>Lawrence Manley 40, 42, 43  | June 27 | Barry Bryant 40, 44<br>Cuz Boswell 44.5<br>Steve Dellinger 41<br>Jerry Lawson 40  | July 8  | Bob Cassidy 41<br>Bruce Cassidy 40.5<br>John Halliday 40.5<br>Ken Ball 44<br>Ryan Peterson 42 r  |
| June 12 | Bill Cobb 41.25  | June 28 | Bret Lofton 40<br>Scott Washington 41.5, 43<br>Tim Baker 40<br>John Wright 42.5<br>Cuz Boswell 41, 46<br>Bob Faust 42.5<br>Steve Absire 41<br>Jerry Lawson 41, 41.5, 43<br>Jerry Lawson Jr. 44                              | July 9  | John Halliday 42.5<br>Dan Forrester 42.5<br>Steven Gold 40<br>Steven Gold 41<br>Gil Coshland 42 r  |
| June 13 | Cliff Lynch 48<br>Paul Pearce 42   | June 29 | Scott Washington 43.5<br>Barry Bryant 41.25<br>Kevin Wimmer 41  | July 10 | Bruce Cassidy 45<br>Bob Cassidy 47.5<br>Barry Chiron 41.5, 42.5<br>Joe Chetcuti 41<br>Ken Karb 40 r<br>Andy Starr 44 r   |
| June 14 | Dave Manley 40   | June 30 | Trevor Myers 42.5<br>Mike Gaeddert 41.5<br>Bob Confer 42.5 r  | July 11 | Joe Chetcuti 40, 41.5<br>Ken Karb 40 r<br>Andy Starr 47 r  |
| June 15 | Paul Pearce 42<br>David Manley 41  | July 1  | Daniel Myers 40, 40.5<br>Ian Myers 41<br>Trevor Myers 40<br>John Kunkle 40, 45.5<br>Doug Gaeddert 41.5  | July 12 | Joe Chetcuti 40, 41.5<br>Gill Coshland 42 r  |
| June 16 | Paul Hathaway 42   | July 2  | Ed Kaufman 43, 46.5<br>Laird Pylkas 41.5<br>Bill Belvin 40, 41<br>Doug Confer 40 r  | July 13 | Joel Rietz 40, 45<br>Larry Rietz 41.5<br>Eric Rietz 40, 43<br>Carly Jorgenson 41<br>Scott Peterson 46 r<br>Andy Starr 45   |
| June 17 | Paul Stone 40, 42.5, 43<br>Jan Stone 46<br>Jeff Rozinka 40<br>Paul Hathaway 46   | July 3  | Frank Gron 40.5, 41.5<br>Clint Kunkle 40<br>Swen Soderstrom 40.5, 41.5<br>Bill Belvin 40.5<br>Doug Confer 40 r  | July 14 | Rob Costigane 40 f<br>Dave Darlington 40<br>John Gault 40<br>Landis Powers 41  |
| June 18 | Bill Engber 41<br>Jeff Rozinka 40<br>Bob Mehsikomer 40, 49.5   | July 4  | John Kunkle 41.5<br>Clint Kunkle 40<br>Jim Groff 41<br>Ian Myers 40<br>Daniel Myers 40, 40, 40.5<br>Ed Kaufman 41.5<br>Frank Grossman 40<br>Frank Gron 40.5, 42.5<br>Bill Belvin 44.5<br>Ken Ball 40.5<br>Frank Takacs 41 r | July 15 | Paul Gault 46<br>Rick Blasi 43, 46<br>Paul Grissom 40<br>Landis Powers 42, 44.5<br>Dave Darlington 40, 44.5<br>Bill Calabresa 40   |
| June 19 | Ryan Hollowell 40<br>Paul Stone 41, 46<br>Brad Brittan 45.5<br>Michael Richardson 41<br>Randy McManus 42.5<br>Vince Sica 42<br>Bill Engber 40, 42<br>Bob Mehsikomer 40, 40, 40<br>Jeff Rozinka 40.5  | July 5  | Ian Myers 42<br>Trevor Myers 40   | July 16 | Rick Blasi 41<br>Landis Powers 43<br>Rob Costigane 43.5 f<br>Dana Darlington 41  |
| June 20 | Randy McManus 40.5<br>Jeff Rauch 40, 42<br>Tom Roncelli 40, 40, 41<br>Paul Hathaway 42<br>Bill Engber 40<br>Paul Stone 41.5<br>Eddie O Donnell 42 r  | July 17 | Cindy Costigane 41<br>Rob Costigane 41.5 f<br>Gord Lounsbury 40   | July 18 | Rick Blasi 41, 43<br>Ducan Falcower 40, 40.5<br>Bill Calabresa 41.5<br>Bret Borth 45 r   |
| June 21 | Paul Hathaway 42<br>Jon Sica 43<br>Vince Sica 41.5<br>Max Grayden 41<br>Kenny Paterson 40 r<br>Sam Brown 42 r  |         |   | July 19 | Ducan Falcower 41  |
| June 22 | Bill Engber 40, 40, 40, 40, 40, 40, 41, 41, 42, 42, 44, 46.5<br>Bob Mehsikomer 40, 40, 40, 41, 41, 43, 44, 44, 45, 46<br>Paul Stone 44.5<br>Jeff Rozinka 40, 40, 40.5, 40.5, 43, 46<br>Max Grayden 40, 40.5<br>Jeff Rauch 40<br>Tom Roncelli 44<br>Sam Brown 42 r<br>Brian Conroy 40 |         |   | July 20 | Rick Blasi 40, 41, 41<br>Paul Grissom 40.5<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 41  |
| June 23 | Harry Chambers 41<br>Bill Schatta 44 f   |         |   | July 21 | Rick Blasi 46<br>Cindy Costigane 41.5, 46.5<br>Rob Costigane 41.5<br>Paul Grissom 40<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 42.5<br>Bill Calabresa 40   |

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| July 18 | Rick Blasi 41, 43<br>Ducan Falcower 40, 40.5<br>Bill Calabresa 41.5<br>Bret Borth 45 r   | July 22  | Cheryl Simpson 40, 40, 40<br>Rory Simpson 40<br>Shannon Skipper 43<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 42, 43.5, 43.75<br>Jim Hanyak Sr. 40.75<br>Dan Brooks 41, 43<br>Paul Brooks Sr. 40.5<br>Wayne Garland 40.5 r                                  |
| July 19 | Ducan Falcower 41  | July 23  | Justin Miller 40.5<br>Jeff Jeris 40.5<br>Jason Gaylord 40, 42<br>Steve Clifton 40.25<br>Rory Simpson 40, 41<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 40.5, 41, 41.5<br>Jim Hanyak Sr. 43.5<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 42.5<br>Dan Brooks 42<br>Paul Brooks Sr. 41 |
| July 20 | Rick Blasi 40, 41, 41<br>Paul Grissom 40.5<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 41  | July 24  | Steve Clifton 40.5, 43.5<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 43.25<br>Dan Brooks 41.5<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 40.5  |
| July 21 | Rick Blasi 46<br>Cindy Costigane 41.5, 46.5<br>Rob Costigane 41.5<br>Paul Grissom 40<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 42.5<br>Bill Calabresa 40   | July 25  | Shannon Skipper 41.5, 42<br>Justin Miller 40<br>Jim Hanyak Sr. 43.25<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 41.5<br>Bernie Cobb 42.5<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 41.5  |
| July 22 | Cheryl Simpson 40, 40, 40<br>Rory Simpson 40<br>Shannon Skipper 43<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 42, 43.5, 43.75<br>Jim Hanyak Sr. 40.75<br>Dan Brooks 41, 43<br>Paul Brooks Sr. 40.5<br>Wayne Garland 40.5 r                                  | July 26  | Cheryl Simpson 43.5<br>Bernie Cobb 42.5<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 41.5  |
| July 23 | Justin Miller 40.5<br>Jeff Jeris 40.5<br>Jason Gaylord 40, 42<br>Steve Clifton 40.25<br>Rory Simpson 40, 41<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 40.5, 41, 41.5<br>Jim Hanyak Sr. 43.5<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 42.5<br>Dan Brooks 42<br>Paul Brooks Sr. 41 | July 28  | Erica Baron { Chef } 40<br>Brian Simms 44.5<br>Paul Brooks 43.5<br>Rory Simpson 48   |
| July 24 | Steve Clifton 40.5, 43.5<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 43.25<br>Dan Brooks 41.5<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 40.5  | July 29  | Jon Jenson 42<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 41, 42<br>Bernie Cobb 43.5<br>Paul Brooks Sr. 41<br>Dan Brooks 40, 44   |
| July 25 | Shannon Skipper 41.5, 42<br>Justin Miller 40<br>Jim Hanyak Sr. 43.25<br>Jim Hanyak Jr. 41.5<br>Bernie Cobb 42.5<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 41.5  | July 30  | Butch Anderson 41  |
| July 26 | Cheryl Simpson 43.5<br>Bernie Cobb 42.5<br>Paul Brooks Jr. 41.5  | July 31  | Bob Dolce 41<br>Mike Sullivan 41<br>Joel Doran { Chef } 44 r   |
| July 27 | Barry Bryant 40, 44<br>Cuz Boswell 44.5<br>Steve Dellinger 41<br>Jerry Lawson 40   | August 1 | Mike Sullivan 40   |
| July 28 | Bret Lofton 40<br>Scott Washington 41.5, 43<br>Tim Baker 40<br>John Wright 42.5<br>Cuz Boswell 41, 46<br>Bob Faust 42.5<br>Steve Absire 41<br>Jerry Lawson 41, 41.5, 43<br>Jerry Lawson Jr. 44                                     | Aug 2    | Bob Dolce 41.5   |
| July 29 | Scott Washington 43.5<br>Barry Bryant 41.25<br>Kevin Wimmer 41   | Aug 3    | Erica Baron { Chef } 40  |
| July 30 | Trevor Myers 42.5<br>Mike Gaeddert 41.5<br>Bob Confer 42.5 r   | Aug 4    | Butch Anderson 41, 41, 44, 45, 47, 42<br>Tom Helwick 40 r<br>Jerry Hounshell 40 r  |
| July 1  | Daniel Myers 40, 40.5<br>Ian Myers 41<br>Trevor Myers 40<br>John Kunkle 40, 45.5<br>Doug Gaeddert 41.5   |          |  |
| July 2  | Ed Kaufman 43, 46.5<br>Laird Pylkas 41.5<br>Bill Belvin 40, 41<br>Doug Confer 40 r   |          |  |
| July 3  | Frank Gron 40.5, 41.5<br>Clint Kunkle 40<br>Swen Soderstrom 40.5, 41.5<br>Bill Belvin 40.5<br>Doug Confer 40 r   |          |  |
| July 4  | John Kunkle 41.5<br>Clint Kunkle 40<br>Jim Groff 41<br>Ian Myers 40<br>Daniel Myers 40, 40, 40.5<br>Ed Kaufman 41.5<br>Frank Grossman 40<br>Frank Gron 40.5, 42.5<br>Bill Belvin 44.5<br>Ken Ball 40.5<br>Frank Takacs 41 r        |          |  |
| July 5  | Ian Myers 42<br>Trevor Myers 40  |          |  |

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| Aug 6   | Bob Dolce 44<br>Tom Helwick 42.25, 44.5<br>Sharon Hounshell 45 r                      | Aug 6   | Bob Dolce 44<br>Tom Helwick 42.25, 44.5<br>Sharon Hounshell 45 r                      |
| Aug 7   | Steve Friendt III 41, 44<br>Steve Friendt II 41                                       | Aug 7   | Steve Friendt III 41, 44<br>Steve Friendt II 41                                       |
| Aug 8   | Steve Friendt II 45   | Aug 8   | Steve Friendt II 45   |
| Aug 9   | Steve Friendt III 40, 45<br>Jared Allen 41, 42<br>Steve Friendt II 46                 | Aug 9   | Steve Friendt III 40, 45<br>Jared Allen 41, 42<br>Steve Friendt II 46                 |
| Aug 10  | Steve Friendt II 40<br>Jeff Allen 40, 41, 41, 43<br>Jared Allen 40, 43, 44            | Aug 10  | Steve Friendt II 40<br>Jeff Allen 40, 41, 41, 43<br>Jared Allen 40, 43, 44            |
| Aug 12  | Mac MacDonald 42<br>Mick Hunter 41<br>Mark Durgin 42                                  | Aug 12  | Mac MacDonald 42<br>Mick Hunter 41<br>Mark Durgin 42                                  |
| Aug 13  | Peter Yearley 40.5<br>Lee Yearley 42, 44<br>Andrew Yearley 41, 42<br>Mick Hunter 41.5 | Aug 13  | Peter Yearley 40.5<br>Lee Yearley 42, 44<br>Andrew Yearley 41, 42<br>Mick Hunter 41.5 |
| Aug 14  | Jim Vanasek 42.5, 44  | Aug 14  | Jim Vanasek 42.5, 44  |
| June 5  | Doug Graham 34  | June 5  | Doug Graham 34  |
| June 6  | Doc Downey 39<br>Jerri Howard 32  | June 6  | Doc Downey 39<br>Jerri Howard 32  |
| June 8  | Nick Jewell 36.5<br>Jerri Howard 34.5   | June 8  | Nick Jewell 36.5<br>Jerri Howard 34.5   |
| June 9  | Tom Fisher 39<br>Lawrence Manley 30   | June 9  | Tom Fisher 39<br>Lawrence Manley 30   |
| June 12 | Bill Cobb 30, 33, 36, 37  | June 12 | Bill Cobb 30, 33, 36, 37  |
| June 14 | Bill Cobb 36, 37, 40.5<br>Tom Fisher 42<br>Robert Coughlin 39.5<br>Robert Fields 31   | June 14 | Bill Cobb 36, 37, 40.5<br>Tom Fisher 42<br>Robert Coughlin 39.5<br>Robert Fields 31   |
| June 16 | Bill Engber 40  | June 16 | Bill Engber 40  |
| June 18 | Vince Sica 34   | June 18 | Vince Sica 34   |
| June 22 | Evan Overly 37<br>Dale Hathaway 31  | June 22 | Evan Overly 37<br>Dale Hathaway 31  |
| June 23 | Jerry Lawson Jr. 39   | June 23 | Jerry Lawson Jr. 39   |
| June 24 | Tim Baker 37.5<br>Chris Coleman 46.5<br>Kevin Wimmer 30<br>Edwin Preis 38             | June 24 | Tim Baker 37.5<br>Chris Coleman 46.5<br>Kevin Wimmer 30<br>Edwin Preis 38             |
| June 29 | Harry Chambers 35   | June 29 | Harry Chambers 35   |
| July 1  | Ken Ball 36.5   | July 1  | Ken Ball 36.5   |
| July 2  | Barry Chiron 30<br>Frank Grossman 32.5  | July 2  | Barry Chiron 30<br>Frank Grossman 32.5  |
| July 4  | Frank Gron 35   | July 4  | Frank Gron 35   |
| July 5  | Barry Chiron 30   | July 5  | Barry Chiron 30   |
| July 13 | Parker Wisneski 33.5  | July 13 | Parker Wisneski 33.5  |

| Walleye |  |                                  |
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| June 6  | Toni Jewell  | 22                               |
| June 7  | Ron Jewell<br>Jerri Howard   | 23<br>21                         |
| June 11 | Tom Fisher   | 22                               |
| June 13 | Ken Gilcrest   | 22                               |
| June 17 | Andy Kirk  | 21.5                             |
| June 18 | Bob Mehsikomer   | 28                               |
| June 19 | Nora Richardson<br>Michael Richardson<br>Randy McManus<br>Jeff Rauch | 21.5<br>20.5<br>21.5<br>25       |
| June 21 | Dale Hathaway<br>Jeff Rozinka  | 22<br>26                         |
| June 22 | Bill Engber<br>Jeff Rozinka<br>Max Grayden<br>Dale Hathaway          | 22<br>24, 24, 23, 23<br>22<br>22 |
| July 4  | Frank Gron   | 20, 21, 22, 23, 23               |
| July 10 | D.J. Greenwood   | 20                               |
| July 19 | Bret Borth   | 23 r                             |
| July 24 | Rory Simpson   | 28                               |
| July 29 | Parker Wisneski  | 22                               |
| July 30 | Frank Leigh  | 20                               |
| Aug 9   | Sharon Hounshell   | 24.5                             |

r=Fish caught at Reilly Lake  
f=Fish caught using a fly rod  
\* All lengths are measured in inches.



# THE GREAT NORTH

*tales from a fishing novice...*



My husband, Randy, and I joined two other couples on a fishing excursion to Northern Saskatchewan. We've been home for a little over a week and already the memories are starting to fade. But every once in a while, a snippet will sneak into my conscious mind, reminding me of the wonderful adventure we experienced.

The first morning of our adventure, we arose at 3:45am, stumbled through our morning routines and made our way to the hotel lobby to join all the other fishermen. A short van ride later, we were all at the local airport and lining up to take our seats on the prop plane that would take us even farther north. The one upside was that the airline very kindly provided doughnuts as a reward for making it to the plane on time!

We landed on an airstrip that covered the length of one of the over 5500 islands in Reindeer Lake at around 9am. After some bracing coffee and a little hot chocolate for me, we swapped out travel gear for fishing gear and were off and running by 10am. It was a beautiful sunny day and we were

mesmerized by our first glimpses of the pike swimming just under the surface of the water. The guides had to remind us to actually cast the lines once in a while.

The next six days were a steady routine of sleeping, eating, fishing, eating, fishing, eating and sleeping. And throw a little more eating in there. Oh the food...let me describe a typical day for you. The front door of the cabin opened at 6:30am and either Lee or Megan would come in, announcing, "Good morning!" in entirely too cheerful tones. We forgave them because they would leave behind a tray of coffee, hot chocolate and homemade pastries. The residents of the cabin would stumble in, grumble something, and start devouring the pastries. By 7am, we were mostly dressed and heading to the main lodge for breakfast. Every morning we had a choice of French toast, blueberry pancakes, eggs, hot cereals or fruit.

By 8am, we had slathered on the sunscreen, gathered up our gear and were heading to the 18 foot aluminum boats.

Each boat held two people and a guide. Our Cree Indian guides decided where to take us and would somehow silently communicate this to each other. When the boat stopped, we got up and fished. We would visit two or three bays and attempt to catch fish for shore lunch. We celebrated "eleven-ees" by sneaking the lunch cookies out of the cooler and eating half of them. Around noon, we rendezvoused with the other boats to find an island with a bit of bare rock. Once the appropriate island was found, the guide would ease up to the rocky shore, allowing us to step right out onto the dry rocks. The guides started a fire, filleted and fried the fish, opened some cans of beans and fried up some potatoes. We ate until we could barely roll ourselves back into the boats. The afternoons were spent chasing after more fish. With the exception of lunch fish, everything was catch and release.

By 5pm, we were back at the dock at Lindbergh's Reindeer Lake Lodge. Sometimes we'd shower, other times we'd just shuck a few layers and head straight to the main lodge. We'd

have appetizers and drinks while playing darts or pool. At 6:30pm, we'd take a seat in the dining room and try to decide what to eat for dinner. The menu varied every night, but the selection always included steak, chicken and pork. Veal and lamb alternated nights. Before we made our dinner choices, we had to find out what was for dessert so we would know when to stop eating. Over the course of the week they offered cheesecake, carrot cake, hot fudge brownie sundaes, ice cream crepes and cherry pie. Everything was made from scratch at the lodge.

Once dinner had been consumed and we had done our groaning about eating too much yet again, we usually wandered around the cabins for a few minutes, then headed to bed. Despite the fact that the sun didn't set until 10:40pm, we were usually in bed by 9:30 or 10. That cheery "Good morning" would come soon enough!

All of this great activity was done in the midst of Reindeer Lake. It is the 10th largest body of freshwater in North

America. Most of the islands are rocky with evergreens. The ground is covered in mosses and lichens. There are trees, shrubs and a few plants, but no real grasses. However, the bays we visited looked like grassy plains in the water. We saw tons of bald eagles, herring gulls and rapidly flying ducks. Unfortunately, we didn't see the bear and moose that some of our fellow fisherman spotted.

As Lindbergh's Reindeer Lake Lodge is a fishing camp in the middle of nowhere, our main activity (after eating) was fishing. Mostly we fished for pike. A large trophy pike is 40" or longer. They are fast fish with lots of teeth. They live in the protected bays amid tree snags and weed fields. Guess who brought a lot of "salad" to the boat instead of fish! I did pretty well though. I caught 17 pike in one day. Of course it was the last day, but who's counting... Considering I'd never fished before this trip, I considered it a great accomplishment!

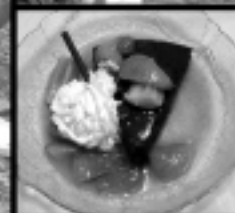
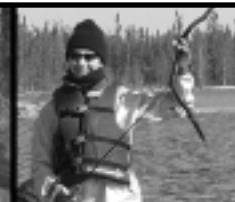
My absolute favorite part of the trip was our evening conversations. None of us were able to describe the day's adven-

tures without lots of sound effects and hand gestures. We laughed until we cried as we related the big catches (usually a large dead tree) and the ones that got away (often after we hit them in the head with the lure, causing them to swim away in annoyance). The catch phrase for the trip was "FAAABulous!" and was usually in reference to the very masculine bright pink slugger worm that was the lure of choice for catching pike. We also chuckled over wardrobe malfunctions: hats and coat hoods did NOT like 30mph winds during the boat rides.

After 7 days of stuffing our faces and chasing after fish, it was time to return to reality. We bid a fond farewell to our wonderful hosts and boarded the plane for home.

Brian, thank you so very much for your hospitality. You and your staff transformed a fun fishing trip into a fantastic vacation. We hope that we can come visit again soon!

*Kim McManus*  
Hanahan, SC



**"We were mesmerized [by the pike] swimming just under the surface of the water."**