

The Memquisit News

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Welcome to our fifth Newsletter.

Memquisit Lodge dates back to the early 20's when a steam ship captain by the name of Charles Britton, having sailed by this beautiful bay on many occasions and admiring it on each trip decided to buy the land and build a tourist camp which he named Memquisit Lodge. Not much history is kept on Captain Britton's ownership aside that he built a few cabins along the shores of this property and began catering to various customers who came up for fishing and hunting.

How I wish I could look in a magic crystal ball and watch the development of this fine camp. I wonder what I would see and how it was back then. We know we have it made with roads leading in, power lines delivering electricity throughout the campground, running water, and equipment to facilitate the work. Mr. Britton had none of that and everything was performed manually while exerting a tremendous amount of energy. None of Memquisit's archive reveals anything about the life of Captain Britton. Was he married? Did he have any

children? Who did he hire to help him around the camp? Where did his customers come from? I wonder if any of these questions will ever get answered. I know that I would love to know more about the founder of the place we call home.

In our next newsletter we will take a look at the Trivett's era (1934 – 2000) and how it was for them.

Lake Condition

Water levels have come down considerably and are now possibly slightly lower than last year around the same time. Water temperature remained in the upper 70's until the middle of the month but have somewhat lowered since. A small algae bloom has developed in the bays but so far it has had no reported impact on fishing.



The Fishing Report

Fishing remained consistent throughout the month of August, with pretty decent catches coming in on a regular basis. All in all most customers say that fishing in all species

has improved over last year. Northern Pike fishing has come back to life after nearly 4 years of a mediocre presence. Why? We don't know, but we'll accept it. It is nice to see or hear that those who target this specie were satisfied with the results. Bass fishing has been nothing less than exceptional throughout the season and even prior to the season. Huge bass have been caught on a regular basis. Walleye fishing continues to show significant improvements over the years with 2007 being the best year to date for us. Muskie fishing remains somewhat consistent with previous year's number's assuring that this is a sustainable fishery.

Weather Update

August started out hot but has since mellowed. We are now seeing normal temperatures for this time of the year. To date we did not receive any windstorms like the one we had in July 2006. This is good because we surely don't want to see anymore of them. We were extremely lucky. While trees were down everywhere in the forests, along the roads and fields, none had touch any of our buildings even though all of our cabins are completely surrounded by them.

THE GUIDE REPORT

This month we added two other species to our fishing report. Although our guides do not target other species than walleyes they do manage to catch a few bass and pike along the way so we thought we should add these to their list.

Date	Guide	Targeted Species	Cabin	Day	Walleye	Bass	Pike
31 July	Alex	Walleye	6&7	1/2	10	-	-
31 July	Alex	Walleye	4	1/2	4	-	-
1 Aug	Billy	Walleye	1	Full	9	13	-
5 Aug	Alex	Walleye	7	2hrs	6	-	-
8 Aug	Billy	Walleye	11	1/2	9	4	1
9 Aug	Billy	Walleye	7	Full	8	6	2
9 Aug	Archie	Walleye	7	Full	9	4	1
14 Aug	Billy	Walleye	4	-	-	8	-
15 Aug	Billy	Walleye	1	1/2	6	-	3
19 Aug	Billy	Walleye	7	1/2	5	1	2
20 Aug	Alex	Walleye	17	1/2	5	2	2
22 Aug	Billy	Walleye	1	1/2	5	2	1
23 Aug	Alex	Pike	6	1/2	-	1	5
24 Aug	Alex	Walleye	17	1/2	5	1	1
25 Aug	Billy	Bass	4	Full	1	20	-
28 Aug	Billy	Walleye	8	Full	6	-	-
28 Aug	Archie	Walleye	4	1/2	5	-	-
28 Aug	Archie	Walleye	16	1/2	7	-	-
29 Aug	Billy	Walleye	8	Full	4	4	1
28Aug	Archie	Walleye	4	1/2	11	-	-

Story of the Month

Every month we publish the fishing story of the month, however for August nothing has really pop up to take the prize. I can tell you that although no amazing or bizarre stories were reported watching a child's face when he catches his first real

fish or watching proud guests go by our office on their way to the fish house with a stringer full of fish are real fishing stories by themselves. We tip our hat to these people for making our efforts worthwhile.

Walleye Restocking

A group mainly comprised of lodge owners in Monetville has developed a program over the past 18 years to raise walleye fingerlings to help increase the fish stocks in Lake Nipissing. On July 22, 2007 the group released 1.8 million fingerlings

into the lake.

“It helps to further what Mother Nature does on its own so well says Heinz Loewenberg, president of Vacationland 64 Walleye Association. He goes on to say that “the reason tourists love our walleyes here is the fish is so clean. The United States advises its people to eat no more than one portion of lake fish per month. In Northern Ontario people can eat apportion of fish daily without worrying about harmful effects”.

During the spring the group sets trap nets. The eggs from one female are mixed with milk from 4 males to insure diversity. Then the eggs are stripped of their jelly coating and placed into incubation. This process actually began in the United States in 1895.

The group uses a solution of formaldehyde to stop fungal growth on the eggs and takes regular water temperature readings. The treatment stops when the eyes of the fish appear within the eggs two days before hatching. Ninety percent of the fingerlings are transported to known spawn beds or shoals in mid July when they are about four inches long. The remaining 200,00 fingerlings remain in the pond where they have more room to grow. By

the second October release they are seven inches long hardy walleye and have a better chance for survival.

To say the least the group requires around \$2,000 a year to keep the program alive at status quo. The group hopes to raise the annual program funding to \$8,000 to begin and ambitious tracking program. The group is not supported by the MNR and that is a shame. The group is 100% funded through private donations. If you would like to make donation towards supporting the effort please send your donations by mail Vacationland 64 Walleye Association c/o Shuswap Camp, 349 Shuswap Road, Monetville, Ontario P0M 2K0

What's New?

The playground area is partially complete. A large area has been cleared by the road leading to cabin 7 & 8 and then was filled with beach sand making way for a competition size volleyball court and equipment. The swing set was uprooted from its original spot since 2001 and brought over to the new playground area. We also added a picnic table and sitting area. We will be adding a Texas horseshoe pit, a beanbag baseball board and hopefully some other fun stuff.

Captain Frank, aboard his faithful ship (24 ft pontoon boat) has taken a couple of trips to the Upper French River all the way down to the Dokis Reserve where his passengers were treated to a native fish fry. The trip according to the passengers was incredible and something well worth to remember. On the way to the Upper French, Captain Frank navigated his ship through the scenic and narrow channels of the Wigwam Pass. On the return trip our captain took the long way home and made a quick stop in Frank's Bay for a swim on the pearly sand beaches of the bay. This trip was a full day affair. Be sure to ask our crew for details of this trip during the next stay with us. If you decide to board our faithful ship and experience this voyage you will not be disappointed.

Duck hunting season is nearly upon us. The boys have begun building blinds around the lake in the bays and deep in the creeks. The crisp and chilly mornings are a quick reminder that we will soon be waking up to the sound of shotguns thundering in the air with happy hunters returning to the lodge a few hours later.



Last Minute Deals

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We have several mid-week spots available during the month of Sept. If these dates fit your bill then you are going to receive some huge savings of up to 40% off the regular price. If you could never previously afford our meal plan well you probably can now with some last minute deals. Receive from 25% to 40% off the meal plan price for available spots. The following table outlines these deals. Don't miss out on some awesome deals by taking advantage of these specials. Early summer is a great time to fish.

Housekeeping Cabin	Arrival	Departure	Nights	Reg Price	Special	Savings
Cabin # 1 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Sun Sept 9th	Fri Sept 14th	5	675.00	405.00	40%
Cabin # 1 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Sun Sept 16th	Fri Sept 21st	5	675.00	405.00	40%
Cabin # 2 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Sun Sept 23rd	Fri Sept 28th	5	675.00	405.00	40%
Cabin # 3 - 5 Bedroom up to 9 person	Sat Sept 8th	Sat Sept 15th	7	995.00	716.25	25%
Cabin #3A - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Mon Sept 24th	Sat Sept 29th	5	1125.00	675.00	40%
Cabin #11 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Sat Sept 8th	Sat Sept 15th	7	995.00	716.25	25%
Cabin #11 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Sat Sept 8th	Sat Sept 15th	7	995.00	746.25	25%

Note: The Regular and Special price showing above are for the cabin for the available nights shown above. It is not a per person rate!! (all rates are + applicable taxes)

Meal Plan Cabin	Arrival	Departure	Nights	Reg Price	Special	Savings
Cabin # 5 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri Sept 7th	Mon Sept 10th	3		25%	
Cabin # 4 - 4 Bedroom up to 4 person	Fri Sept 21st	Mon Sept 24th	3		25%	
Cabin # 5 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri Sept 21st	Mon Sept 24th	3		25%	
Cabin # 7 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Sat Sept 22nd	Sat Sept 29th	7		25%	
Cabin # 4 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Frid Sept 28th	Mon Oct 1st	3		25%	
Cabin # 7 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Mon Sept 10th	Fri Sept 14th	4		40%	

Note: Due to the fact that we offer several different meal plan packages (Full Plan, Modified Plan, All Inclusive, Family Package....) we are posting a set discount rate. Please contact us toll free 1-888-898-5326 or visit our web site at www.memquisit.com, click on the rates from the main page to locate current rates offered. (all rates are + applicable taxes) minimum occupancy will apply to American plan cabins. Cabin #4,5,7 and 8 have a minimum occupancy of 4 and Cabin #6 has a minimum occupancy of 2. Discount excludes all inventory items ex. Bait gas..... Discounts to meal plan packages are applicable to accommodations, meals, dockage, boats and motors.

Quote of the month ; "Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn."