

The Memquisit News

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Welcome to our sixth Newsletter.

Fall is already upon us. The leaves have started to turn resulting in an array of colors that only Mother Nature can put together. Hunting season has begun and waking up to the sound of gunshots ripping through the air is no longer an unusual thing. The mornings are chilly with light frost appearing on the roofs and on the docks. The morning dew is thick and does not disappear until well into the morning. Yes, fall is here but what a beautiful time of the year it is.

With this in mind as we slowly prepare for the cold winter days fast approaching we go back to 1934, when a young woman of 14 by the name of Jeanne Trivet along with her mom Adeline and her dad Guy arrived at their new recently purchased home of Memquisit Lodge after a long journey from Erie PA, relinquishing their modern city life to settle and begin a new life in the rugged land of Northern Ontario. Little did Jeanne know at the time that she would spend the rest of her life at the lodge. I often think of how she must have felt when she first got here, miles away from the place she once

called home and her friends. You have to understand that in 1934 things were quite different than what they are today. Picture this place with no roads leading in, still years away from electricity and telephones. When you're 14 years old these things matter a lot mostly when you are completely isolated from rest of the world. But, I'm sure she must have accepted her new home and also the reason she was here.

The Trivets began their new way of life by proceeding with their first year in operation. I do not know how Mr. Trivet came to know about this place. What I think, and this is only speculation of course, is that the Trivets must have been guest at the lodge when it was operating under the initial ownership of Captain Charles Britton (see Aug 2007 newsletter). One would think that the Captain must have provided direction and help to the Trivets during their first year of operation but then again this is also speculation.

As a family they manage to survive and operate the lodge successfully. However in 1940 tragedy struck which would dramatically alter the lives of

Jeanne and her mom. We'll continue this story in next month's newsletter, so please stay tuned.

Lake Condition

The water levels are slightly lower than normal for this time of the year. An algae bloom has taken over West Bay negatively impacting fishing in the shallow areas of the bay. As a result fishing in the deeper areas of the bay was far more productive than in the shallows. Cold weather is the only thing that will make this algae bloom disappear.



The Fishing Report

Fishing in September has been somewhat tougher this year. Being a slower time of the year for us, the guides did not go out very often. It is hard to get a true feeling of what they would have done had they gone out more frequently. Reports came in that the walleyes were caught in deeper waters along the main channel using ice-fishing jigs such as Rapala ice jigs and Swedish pimples as well as Heddon sonar flashes. A few large muskies were

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
1 - Sep	Billy	Walleye	8	Full	9	2	-
5 - Sep	Archie	Walleye	6	Full	5	3	2
5 - Sep	Billy	Walleye	6	Full	4	3	2
13 - Sep	Billy	Walleye	4	2 Hrs	2	1	1
14 - Sep	Billy	Walleye	5	Full	3	2	2
29 - Sep	Billy	Walleye	17	Full	20	2	1

caught this month all along the main channel. Pike fishing was tougher however a few large pikes were netted in. The bass brought in were smaller in size than the bass caught during the summer months.

The water has begun to turn which means that once it is turned fishing will pick up again. Bring some heavy jigs in your arsenal of lures and be prepared to fish deep if you are targeting walleyes. If you're fishing for muskies or large pike bring some big lures, as the monsters will be moving in the deep areas of the lake.

Duck Hunting Report

Opening weekend was fairly successful for the 2 parties that were at camp for duck hunting. Billy, Archie and Eddy guided

one group, while Frank guided the other group. The lack of hunters around the lake this year failed to force the birds to fly from one bay or creek to another. However the boys still had some decent hunts and lots of shots were fired.

Weather Update

The month of September started out fairly cold but by mid month we saw higher than normal temperatures. This warmer trend only aggravated the bloom during this period. A colder front moved in towards the end of the month, which helped to reduce the bloom considerably.

What's New?

The municipality of West

Nipissing began re-ditching their portion of our road a little over a month ago. Mid September, the ditching efforts were completed and they then proceeded to lay a good 6" of type A gravel over the entire portion. The lodge used the opportunity to also add type A gravel to its portion of the road at about 2" thick. This will make for a much smoother ride coming in to the lodge on your next visit.

We also received the entire mud-dirt-gravel fill from the ditch and used that to expand our upper parking lot by close to 2 times its original size. We plan on leaving this settle over the winter months and then applying a gravel coat to level things out and make a solid topping.

Last Minute Deals

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We have several weekend spots available during the month of Oct. If these dates fit your bill then you are going to receive some huge savings of up to 30% off the regular price. If you could never previously afford our meal plan well you probably can now with some last minute deals. Receive up to 25% 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. Late fall is a great time to fish for Walleye or Muskie.

Housekeeping Cabin	Arrival	Departure	Nights	Reg Price	Special	Savings
Cabin # 1 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Mon Oct 8th	Fri Oct 12th	4	520.00	360.00	30%
Cabin # 1 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Sun Oct 14th	Sun Oct 21st	7	630.00	440.00	30%
Cabin # 2 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Sun Oct 14th	Thur Oct 18th	4	520.00	360.00	30%
Cabin #3 - 5 Bedroom up to 9 person	Fri Oct 19th	Mon Oct 22nd	3	525.00	367.50	30%
Cabin #9 - 1 Bedroom up to 2 person	Fri Oct 19th	Mon Oct 22nd	3	330.00	230.00	30%
Cabin #10 - 3 Bedroom up to 6 person	Fri Oct 19th	Mon Oct 22nd	3	510.00	382.50	25%
Cabin #11 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Sat Oct 13th	Sat Oct 20th	7	835.00	585.00	30%

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 # 4 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri Oct 12th	Sun Oct 14th	2		25%	
Cabin #5 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri Oct 12th	Mon Oct 15th	3		25%	
Cabin # 6 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Fri Oct 12th	Mon Oct 15th	3		25%	
Cabin #4 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri Oct 19th	Mon Oct 22nd	3		25%	
Cabin #5 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri Oct 19th	Sun Oct 21st	2		25%	
Cabin #6 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Fri Oct 19th	Mon Oct 22nd	3		25%	

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."