

# The Memquisit News

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## *Welcome to our Twenty Fourth Newsletter.*

Well what do you know; opening the lodge for the season is just a couple weeks away. Again I must say time flies. I remember draining the cabins in the fall of 08 and thinking that the first thing I will know I will be going around connecting the lines back in next spring and guess what next spring has become this spring and that this is exactly what I'm doing right now. As usual, lots on the plate. Why? Well between the snow and ice and opening season, less than a month is available for us to get things ready on time. This year as part of what we hope to accomplish by opening day includes the following:

- Changing the roof on cabin 11
- Complete new dock at Cabin 1 and 2.
- New flooring in the living room of cabin 8
- New kitchen cabinets in Cabin 10

In addition to all of this, the regular things like preparing the cedar-strip boats, connecting the water lines, various small repairs to the cabins, the usual major spring cleanup of our cabins and preparing the lodge's office and store are also part of our

routine. Have no fear, every year is the same and we usually manage to be on time.

The ice stayed on longer than usual this year. It normally leaves by the 20th at the latest, however this year it didn't leave till the 24th. Not much difference, but for us it is a lot. It cuts into our precious time to get things done.

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I will now give you some insight on new fishing license regulations for the Province of Ontario. This affects everyone, however it mostly affects out of Province fishermen. As is was up till now an out of Province guest would come in to purchase a license, we would take out a 3 part license and fill out the information required. We would then give the guest their copy and this would allow him or her to fish for as many days as the license purchased would state. Beginning January 1st, 2009, the old way has been replaced with what seems to be a more standardize system. The MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) is working towards the development of an automated licensing system that will be used by all license issuers in the future. The highlights of these changes include:

1. Initiating an Outdoors Card for Canadian resident hunters and

Non-Canadian anglers and hunters;

2. Eliminating fishing stickers for Canadian resident anglers;
3. Eliminating the non-resident basic carrier and fishing stickers;
4. Eliminating the two Canadian resident temporary fishing Outdoors Card (Sports & Conservation)
5. Creating a Canadian Resident / Non-Canadian Resident Temporary Fishing Outdoors Card and Application (excluding the license portion);
6. Creating a new format for Canadian and Non-Canadian resident fishing licenses. These will now be a paper bases license that is carried on conjunction with a valid plastic Outdoors Card for Non-Residents;
7. Creating a new Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card for Non-Residents. ( Canadian and Non-Canadian hunters) which will be issued by all license issuers selling Non-Resident Temporary hunting Outdoors Card.
8. Eliminating the requirement for non-residents to produce hunter accreditation for each hunting license or group of hunting licenses issued. This requirement will be

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required only once when first issuing a non-resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card.

If all of this looks a little foggy to you do not fear I will attempt to shed some light. Here is what this is all about. The following is taken from the Ministry of Natural Resources website.

Ontario residents need an Outdoors Card to fish in Ontario if they are at least 18 years old but have not reached their 65th birthday. The sportfishing licence tag or the conservation fishing licence tag is affixed to, or accompanied by, the plastic Outdoors Card.

If you have never had an Outdoors Card, you can request an application form be mailed to you by phoning the Outdoors Card Centre from anywhere in Canada at 1-800-387-7011.

Your Outdoors Card is good for three calendar years.

If you are an Ontario resident between 18 and 65 years of age and you want to fish in Ontario right away, you can buy a "Resident Temporary Fishing Licence and Outdoors Card and Application" from one of more than 1,800 licence issuers across the province. This temporary paper licence is effective immediately and valid until December 31 of the year in which it was purchased.

The fee for a temporary paper licence includes the cost of a three-year plastic Outdoors Card.

If your Outdoors Card will soon expire, or has already expired, the fastest and easiest way to renew your Outdoors Card is a three year renewal by credit card with a call to 1-800-288-1155 or online at the Outdoors Card website.

Ontario resident hunters can also fish under the authority of their Outdoors Card (fishing/hunting version) with the appropriate fishing licence tag.

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If you have never had an Outdoors Card, you can purchase a "Canadian Resident Temporary Fishing Outdoors Card and Application" from one of more than 1,800 licence issuers across the province. The Canadian Resident Temporary Fishing Outdoors Card and Application does not include the fishing licence tag. The fishing licence tag will be a separate paper permit.

The temporary Outdoors Card and paper licence tag are effective immediately. Your plastic Outdoors Card

will be mailed to you by year end, and is valid for three calendar years (including the year of purchase).

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Non-Canadian residents need an Outdoors Card to fish in Ontario if they are 18 years of age and over. (Note: Non-residents 65 years of age or older are not exempt from requiring a licence). The sportfishing licence tag (one year or eight day) or the conservation fishing licence tag (one year or eight day) accompanies the plastic Outdoors Card.

If you have never had an Outdoors Card, you can purchase a "Non-Canadian Resident Temporary Fishing Outdoors Card and Application" from one of more than 1,800 licence issuers across the province. The Non-Canadian Resident Temporary Fishing Outdoors Card and Application does not include the fishing licence tag. The fishing licence tag will be a separate paper permit. The temporary Outdoors Card and paper licence are effective immediately. Your plastic Outdoors Card will be mailed to you by year-end, and is valid for three calendar years (including the year of purchase).

Non-Canadian resident hunters can also fish under the authority of their Outdoor Card (fishing/hunting version) with the appropriate fishing

licence tag.

You can also get more information on the Outdoors Card by calling the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011. This toll-free number works from all of North America, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

I would suggest to everyone to visit the Ministry's website using the following link to get additional information on this new regulation.

The link is [http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02\\_164832.html](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_164832.html)

The cost of this Temporary Outdoors Card is \$9.00 and valid for a period of three (3) years. You can make application for this new card here at the lodge or anywhere fishing and hunting licenses are sold. What you will get from us or from anywhere you purchase your license is a temporary piece of paper that must be presented to a conservation officer when asked to do so. In turn we will send in your Temporary Outdoors Card application to the MNR's office and you should be receiving your card by year-end. All other normal license fees have gone up slightly.

## *Fishing Report*

None for this newsletter

## *Our Guides Fishing Report*

None for this newsletter

## *Lake Conditions*

The Ice is off but water levels are high.

## *Weather Updates*

What can I say except that with a winter like the one we just went through spring temperatures are really welcomed. It basically is a typical spring maybe a little cooler than normal but not much. Water levels are slowly rising as a result of all the snow slowly melting away. Hopefully this will slow down a little.

## **What's New?**

Again I am keeping this on the newsletter at least till we open up, so please take note.

Charlene is still in the process of collecting deposits for the 2009 season. If you did not get contacted and have a reservation with us for the upcoming season, please call us so that we may confirm your stay at the lodge.

If you have by chance any topics you would like to see or read about in upcoming newsletters, please let me know by writing me an email at the address below.

If you have any questions or comments, please drop us a line @ [info@memquisit.com](mailto:info@memquisit.com) or call us using our toll free number 1-888-898-5326. We will be happy to assist you as best as we can.

Thank you for your patronage.

**Quote of the month ; Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are. - Bertolt Brecht**

# Last Minute Deals

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We have several mid-week spots available during the month of May and the beginning of June. If these dates fill your bill then you are going to receive some huge savings of up to 50% off the regular cabin 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. Spring is a great time to fish. The following specials may be added to an existing reservation but may not be substituted for an existing reservation.

Cancelation policy will apply to all reservations.

Last minute spot opportunities						
Housekeeping Cabin	Arrival	Departure	Nights	Reg Price	Special	Savings
Cabin # 1 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Tue May 19th	Fri May 22nd	3	\$435.00	\$220.00	\$215.00
Cabin # 1 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Sun May 31st	Sat June 6th	6	\$695.00	\$395.00	\$300.00
Cabin # 2 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Mon May 25th	Sat May 30th	5	\$695.00	\$320.00	\$375.00
Cabin # 2 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Sat June 6th	Sat June 13th	7	\$695.00	\$560.00	\$135.00
Cabin # 9 - 1 Bedroom up to 2 person	Fri May 22nd	Mon May 25th	3	\$360.00	\$300.00	\$60.00
Cabin # 9 - 1 Bedroom up to 2 person	Sat May 30th	Sat June 6th	7	\$595.00	\$445.00	\$150.00
Cabin # 11 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri May 15th	Sun May 17th	2	\$420.00	\$320.00	\$100.00
Cabin # 12 - 4 Bedroom up to 6 person	Wed June 3rd	Sat June 6th	3	\$585.00	\$385.00	\$200.00

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

Meal Plan Cabin	Arrival	Departure	Nights	Special
Cabin # 4 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri May 15th	Mon May 18th	3	25%
Cabin # 4 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Wed May 27th	Sat May 30th	3	40%
Cabin # 5 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Fri May 15th	Mon May 18th	3	25%
Cabin # 5 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Wed May 27th	Sat May 30th	3	40%
Cabin # 6 - 2 Bedroom up to 4 person	Fri May 15th	Mon May 18th	3	25%
Cabin # 7 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Sun June 7th	Thur June 11th	4	40%
Cabin # 8 - 4 Bedroom up to 8 person	Mon June 1st	Fri June 5th	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 visit our web site at [www.memquisit.com](http://www.memquisit.com) and 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.**