

# The Memquisit News

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*Welcome to our thirty third Newsletter.* Guess what, I'm back for another newsletter. I know they haven't been coming out regularly, however I am hoping that every once in a while is better than none at all. So here goes.

We are open for our 11th season at Memquisit Lodge. Believe it or not we are undertaking our 11th season. I remember writing in our first newsletters that we were rookies; well now in the language of any sports we would be considered veterans. We don't feel like veterans since it doesn't feel that we've been here for 11 seasons. It feels more like 3 or 4 years. But the numbers are correct and we should indeed be veterans after 10 seasons completed.



To update you on the boathouse, as you were all made aware in our December newsletter; our boathouse was completely destroyed by fire along with several boats belonging to some of our guests including 1 of ours.



The debris was immediately removed and the rebuilding process began during the 1st week of March 2011. Larry Monette and his crew of 2 guys along with Frank and myself began cutting the ice for the cribs chunk by chunk with the help of our very trustworthy mini-excavator to pull them out and a couple of chainsaws. I'm telling you this job would have been tedious had we not had the excavator. I do not have a number of hours that this machine saved us but I dare to estimate that quite a few were avoided, probably a couple of days at least.

As soon as the ice was cleared for the cribs we began to put these guys together and fill them up with rocks, tons of rocks. In fact we put in the 12 cribs built a total of nearly 3 truckloads were used. Again without the use of the excavator and the little farm tractor we have this process would have been painfully long and backbreaking.



I knew when we started the rebuilding process that my for-

ever aging body was going to be in pain after a day's end. Believe me it was. I felt like a very old man, dreading to stand up after sitting down for a while. I swear I could feel all my bones popping and cracking with the very slightest movement of any and all of my limbs.



It was high time when we completed the cribs as the ice was becoming more and more fragile. The weight of the tractor and excavator was slowly starting to take its toll on the ice. A couple of spots were getting very tender towards the completion of the cribs with one wheel on both machines going through in a

couple of areas.

Completing the cribs was the most encouraging part for me as it meant that the heavy physical part was done and that we would not need



to waddle through the mud anymore. Now it was time to begin the dock or runway building. When



this was completed the building frame began to take shape. We were blessed with pretty



good weather to this point, however every morning it was pretty cold warming up only as we got close to the noon hour. The rest was basically routine stuff, the trusses were next, and then the strapping was nailed in to accept the aluminum sheeting and the final touches were completed. The entire building from the ground up took a little over a month and a half to complete, just in time for our spring work.

Here is the final product.

All in all it was another very busy spring. No time to get bored here. To tell you the truth, the pictures do not give the boathouse justice because it really is a nice boathouse.



As far as new things completed this spring, cabin 10 has a new deck and a new boat was purchased. Since we lost a lot of items in the boathouse fire such as lifejackets, oars, paddle and a whole lot of other stuff, a whole bunch of new equipment was purchased. On that end we sort of look like a new lodge, brand new and shiny equipment. Left to do is rebuilding the dock at cabin 5 which should happen in approximately 3 to 4 weeks from now when our material comes in.

## *Lake Conditions*

Lake level is slightly above normal and has been since end of May, we would not have thought that from first ice out in late April. The lake was as low as last spring, but Mother Nature had dropped enough snow to the North of us and gave us enough rain to bring the lake level to within 1 inch of flooding our new boathouse. It is a far cry from the low levels we experienced last season. The water has been very clear this season and many new weed beds are appearing in areas we have not seen before.

## *Fishing Report*

As far as fishing is concerned, to date the pike and bass fishing has been great with some lunkers coming out. Walleye fishing has been very sporadic. As the weather becomes more and more stable this should normalize the angling of this specie. Muskie fishing is finally here and we have had our largest to date caught by a rookie angler with good handling skills, who live released a 52 inch Muskie. I would say that as of mid July the pike fishing is noticeably better from the few past years, the small mouth have been biting, and finally this week the walleye are starting to co-operate and we are getting a few in the new weed beds in relatively shallow waters.



## *Weather Updates*

The weather for the spring has been seasonally cool with more overcast days, the one thing for sure is the rains we have had have been full day rain, which again was a great contributor the level of the lake this spring. As the summer rolled in predictors had said a hot dry summer, well maybe the mid weeks of July are but the late spring early summer has been nice summer days with cool evenings, which makes great for sleeping.

## What's New?

We have some great last minute deals on the go and they are updated every week. These deals are made available so that we have a chance of filling some vacant spots a week or so ahead of the time they are published. Please check these out on a regular basis at [www.memquisitlodge.net](http://www.memquisitlodge.net) and click on **last minute specials**. Located on the main page of our web-site, bottom right in red

Our lots are finally up for sale. If anyone is interested please contact Bob Emmett from Royal LePage at 1-888-686-7501.

Again as a reminder be advised that the water coming out of the taps at most of our cabins is not potable with the exception of Cabin 4, 5 and 18 which do have potable water. We do have potable water available at the lodge by the wash dock, so please bring some containers on your trip so you can fill them up. This potable water is tested on a monthly basis

If you have a boater's card make sure you do not forget it when you come to the lodge. Also if you have a fishing outdoor card, make sure you bring it also to avoid to having to re-apply for a new one.

One more thing I would like to inform readers of is the operator competency of a boat and how it applies to guest from Canada and the U.S if you are renting from us or bringing your own boat. The following information has been taken from the Safe boating guide publication 01/2009.

All guest-renting boats from Memquisit no matter where they are from, can either provide proof of competency from their home state or province or county

Or

We can do a boater's safety checklist for the duration of the rental period, qualifying them to operate our rental boats (there is no charge for the form).

Guest from Canada bringing your own boats to our Lodge must have an operator competency, which is defined as a pleasure craft operator card or proof, such as a course certificate, that you have successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada before April 1 1999.

Guest from the U.S bringing your own boats to operate in Canadian waters are not required to carry proof of competency on board as long as your boat is in Canada for less than 45 consecutive days.

If you do require proof of competency (because the above doesn't apply or you want to operate a private (not rental) boat licensed or registered in Canada) then you may use an operator card or similar proof of competency issued by your home state or country. Either way, you must keep proof of residence on board with you at all times.

Well thats about all for this newsletter, 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 ; The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes.  
Frank Lloyd Wright**