



Gifts of Friends & Family

~ Christmas 2008 ~



Seasons Greetings from the Peterson Family

We, the Peterson Family, write a Christmas letter every year and we still do it the old fashioned way; it is mailed to 600+ people who have come to the lodge over our 25 years in operation. It is mailed all over the United States and Canada and spans the Atlantic Ocean going as far away as Switzerland. We hope that despite the fact that we live so far apart that this letter jogs your memory about times shared at our lodge and bridges the distance. This Christmas know that as we join with the PPLL family (Hulio, John L., John M., Grant, Bryce, Todd, Bryan, Paul, Garry, Egan, Jack, Clark, Lawrence Bruce, Chuck and Joanne) we'll be talking of the good times we've shared with you. We'll also be talking about Jim, having a good laugh about his antics and sharing a warm embrace as we often do when thinking about losing him on April 15th. Jim was a remarkable man, loving husband and father. He was also a builder, supporter and strong advocate for the NWT tourism industry and was recognized for his contribution to the industry on Nov. 15th with a Life Time Achievement Award. Jim was a gift to us and people have expressed this sentiment as well when they say that they really came to spend time with Jim and the fishing and/or hunting was second. Jim was honoured by this thought and we still have guests that returned to the lodge and carry on the tradition of sharing this incredible part of the world. This year, George, Darin & Shawn Oswald, Jerome Gumz, George Kimmel (whom is pretty well a Peterson after 17 trips to the lodge), Galen Allred and Armande & Frazer Balfour returned to fish and/or hunt with us. We also had some new guests join us this year, including Dawn Santee's (Chad's partner) family. We want to welcome you to becoming part of our traditions at Peterson's. To all of our guests, be it your first trip to our lodge, the 17th time or anywhere in between, thank you for your business. With the downturn in the economy we know that everyone feels the crunch on their pocket book and if you are interested in booking with us again please give us a call 867-920-4654 or send us an Email: peterston@ssimicro.com and we'd be happy to offer you a special price on a return trip. If you had a great experience we would appreciate it if you passed on our name to your friends & co-workers.

The lodge ran fairly smoothly this year thanks to Chad taking a leave of absence from his full time job to manage the lodge, and our incredible staff. A special thanks to Dawn who spent the majority of the summer volunteering to help with general maintenance and day to day operations of the lodge.

S: The fishing and hunting were great, George & Darin Oswald caught and released 53 lb & 47 lb lake trout respectively, numerous other big trout were landed and every weight from 8 - 52 lb of fish were lured, they nibbled, fought, were caught, landed & released. All of our hunting guests were successful in bagging respectful caribou, many will make the P & Y or B & C record book.

The physical condition of the caribou was fantastic; they had a good proportion of fat and had healthy coats. Exceptional numbers of cows and calves were seen, this is the second year in a row that this was reported and continues to indicate that herd composition and numbers are stable/growing.



At the start of the season close friends (Joanne Edwards, Garry Sims, Jack Levesque and Ann Wind) joined us to build a slate rock inukshuk in honour of Jim. The rock was gathered from the west end of the lake, each piece was hauled up the sand bank near the main lodge to create the inukshuk. If you are interested in seeing a photo of it we have it posted on our website www.petersonspointlake.com under our history link.

Two of our guests cabins were renovated this year both now have enclosed decks with glass windows where you can enjoy your morning coffee and/or evening beverage overlooking the lake. Each of our guest cabins now have either a screened or glass porch, giving you more room for your stuff and providing enjoyment of the surroundings in a bug free environment.

We are currently working on developing two new programs, a northern cuisine course and a photography program to offer at the lodge. We are excited about this possibility and plan to offer them beginning next year. Please check out our website for details.

Please send us an Email: peter@ssimicro.com or letter with an update, we enjoy hearing from you. Also, please forward your contact information as next year we may go digital with our Christmas letter. Be sure to let us know if you are interested in helping us promote our trips at one of the below sports shows or be sure to stop by and visit.

2009 Sports Show Circuit

Sacramento, CA: International Sportsmen's Expositions,
January 15 – 18, 2009, Booth # 214C

Denver, CO: International Sportsmen's Exposition,
January 22 – 25, 2009, Booth # 813C

Calgary, AB: Calgary Boat & Sportsmen's Show
February 12 – 15, 2009, Booth # TBA

Edmonton, AB: Edmonton Boat & Sportsmen's Show
March 12 – 15, 2009, Booth # TBA

Minnesota: NMMA Northwest Sportshow,
March 12- 15, 2009, Booth # 1217

Wishing you the gifts of friends & family this holiday season. Warm regards,

The Peterson Family,

Margaret, Amanda, Chad & Dawn

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