

Winter

Seasons Greetings

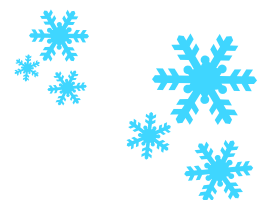
2007



Sleigh bells ring, are you listening,
In the lane snow is glistening
A Beautiful sight,
We're happy tonight,
Walking in a winter wonderland...

It's always heart warming to go to the mailbox and amongst the assortment of bills and flyers there is a letter or card from a friend, family member or guest. We enjoy reading about what you've been doing - the adventures you've been on and things you've done over the past year and we hope you feel the same.

This year has been about courage, strength, commitment, friendship and love. Like so many others our family has been touched by cancer; in early July Jim was diagnosed with the disease. Needless to say lodge life was different this year as it has been for the last quarter century. The commitment and support of our staff and friends gave us great comfort that our business would continue to operate 'as usual' so we could keep focused on Jim's treatment. Jim, Margaret, Amanda, Jack Levesque and Darrin Dobbin were able to fly to the lodge for 5 days to set up for the season and build screened verandas on two of the guest cabins. For the remainder of the month Jim and Margaret travelled back and forth to the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, AB. Long time friends Linda and Al Vrankx provided Jim and Margaret with a home away from home. Throughout the next three months Jim underwent a rigorous chemotherapy program, thankfully this was available at home, in Yellowknife. Our spirits remain high, Jim's sense of humour is intact and his personally traits (*fill in your own thoughts here*) are certainly aiding him in successfully tackling this disease. Jim was able to get out to the lodge a few times over the season between treatments and give our fill-in 'boss men' a break. If you've been fishing with us over the past 15 years most of you have met Garry Sims. Garry took over for Jim during the fishing season. Gary did a superb job! Speaking of the fishing season, it was touch and go as with the weather. There were days when 20+ pound to 40 pound lakers were caught and released when the water was casting a perfect reflection of the landscape. And there were other days when the weather was too poor to get out on the lake fishing. This was quite contrary to the weather last year. The cool weather prevailed and as a result drove the caribou south earlier than 'normal.'



Good thing about it – our guests who booked to fish with us in August had the pleasure of seeing the beginning of the caribou migration (the first caribou sighted was August 5th). And consequently the first three hunts were exceptional. The last two hunts were pretty good as well even though the migration had slowed every hunter had the opportunity to fill their tags. Grant St. Germaine was Jim's surrogate 'boss man' during the majority of our hunting season and Eric Hamelin stepped into his shoes for the last hunt. Chad took a leave of absence from his full time job to work at the lodge. For 5 weeks Chad guided guests and made sure that boat repairs and lodge maintenance was carried out among other day to day jobs. Equally mentionable are our entire PPLL team: Betty Blois kept everyone asking for more at the dinner table with her superb meals! It sounds like everyone went home a few pounds heavier. Our professional guides: Bryan Sullivan, Robert Stitt, Brent Murphy, Mike Sims, John Lee, Paul Jones, Egan Wuth, Ray Brazeau, Bryce Liddell and John Milner befriended guests while seeing that they had the chance to fish for monster lake trout and/or hunt a B & C caribou. We also were pleased with exceptional work from Derrick Kinniburgh who did all of the preparation on the trophies for mounting.

Great News: We will be featured on the history channel on the MonsterQuest series on Wednesday December 19th at 10:00 PM! We hope you check out this program.

Come Visit Us! We would enjoy it if you had the chance to stop by any of the following shows to say hi.

2008 Sportshow Schedule

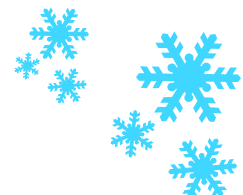
Chicago, IL January 11-13th, booth #603
Pheasant Run Mega Centre (St. Charles)

Sacramento, CA January 17-20th, booth #2432C
California Exposition & State Fair (Cal Expo)

Denver, CO January 24-27th, booth #813C
Colorado Convention Center

Minneapolis, MN April 2-6th, booth #741
Minneapolis Convention Center

The Year Ahead: If you are interesting in coming back to fish with us, please make note that our fishing season begins July 14th and runs through August 17th, 2008 - 5, 6, 7 or 8 day packages are available. Lastly, due to the reduced number of caribou tags that are available next year we have 'restructured' our caribou hunts. Currently are offering 34 – 2 tag hunts; 6 – 1 tag hunts and 1 one on one hunt. Hunts are booking up quickly so if you're thinking of hunting with us again, give us call.



Whether you have come up once, twice or fifteen times, we hope that you recall your trip with great fondness and laughter. It brings us great joy to do what we do and hope that in providing these services you have great stories to tell and lifelong memories. We have been touched by the time we have spent with you and hope to see you again. In closing we've added the lyrics to the popular New Years Eve song Auld Lang Syne by Robert Burns.

Auld Lang Syne

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?*

*For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld Lang syne
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?*

*And there's a hand my trusty friere
And gie's a hand o thine
And we'll take' a c right guid-willie waught
For auld lang syne*

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Robert Burns



Wishing you happiness &
the blessings of Christmas,

The Peterson Family,
Jim, Margaret, Chad and Amanda
Peterson's Point Lake Lodge