The Tundra Times

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All The News That's Fit To Catch

Yesterdays Trophies Foster Graf 47"!!!, 43", 41", 40.5" Pike Mark Graf 46", 45", 43", 42", 41", 41", 40" Pike Joe Daugherty 46", 40.5" Pike Mike Jaffe 44" Pike **Robert Mason** 44.5", 40" Pike Joe Novicki 43.5", 41.5", 41", 40" Pike **Rory Wright** 43", 41", 40.5" Pike Patrick Lynch 43" Pike **Bill Calabresa** 41", 41", 41" Pike John Sanderson Jr. 41" Pike **Dave Lynch** 41" Pike **Hunter Larson** 41" Pike **Greg Larson** 41" Pike John Kroner 40.5", 40.5" Pike **Scott Marshall** 40.5" Pike **Grant Larson** 40.5", 40" Pike **Mary Daugherty** 40.5" Pike **James MacDougall** 40.25" Pike **Chase Larson** 40" Pike **Amy Blackstone** 40" Pike









<u>Mission Statement</u> The mission of Scott Lake Lodge is to provide guests with the most memorable fly-in fishing experience in North America offering uncompromised customer service and safety.

MEET OUR STAFF



CORY "WCA" CRAIG, HEAD GUIDE

WCA stands for World Class Angler, but don't worry. It wasn't Cory's ego; it was a Florida guide who watched Cory throw an incredible cast with his fly rod, hook, fight and land, in heavy mangroves, a snook weighing double digits. The nickname stuck and Cory earns it every time he's on the water, as guide or angler.

Born in Toronto but raised in Bermuda, Cory has been around water all his life. He fishes. Plain and simple. In winter Cory heads to Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula where he runs his own charter fishing company, Tropic Fins Adventures. He was always a patient angler but he claims his two beautiful children, Tosh and Kaya, brought him to a new level in that department.

If he has spare time it will be spent fishing, surfing, fishing, woodworking, fishing, diving, fishing—you get the idea. In his 25th season here, Cory is a Scott Institution.

DANI GRUNBERG, HOSPITALITY MANAGER

This is Dani's sixth season at Scott Lake Lodge, her third as the Hospitality Manager. There is very little about the guest experience here that hasn't been influenced at some level by Dani.

A native of Whitby, Ontario, near Toronto, Dani has always loved the outdoors. She attended the University of Guelph, earning a degree in International Relations. Dani has traveled often as a volunteer, working in Nicaragua for a year helping with a sustainable agriculture project. Her travels have also taken her to Peru and New Zealand where she worked for a year.

Currently living way out west in Victoria, British Columbia, the major city on Vancouver Island, Dani has been working in restaurants during the off-season and enjoying the wide range of outdoor opportunities there, especially hiking.



STORIES FROM THE 60TH PARALLEL

The Northern Lights

Unfortunately in summer the late sunsets and extended twilight turn off one of the most exciting natural phenomena on earth – the northern lights. It's simply not dark enough until late August or early September, which is too bad. It's a fantastic light show. Most people living in New England, the upper Midwest or the northern Rockies have had some northern light experience, but these tend to be washed out shadows of the real thing. The multi□colored displays (they can be green, red, blue, yellow or infinite combinations of these colors) attract thousands of tourists to cities like Anchorage, Yellowknife and Fort Smith, just a couple of hundred miles straight west of Scott.



To the first far northern explorers, the lights were a source of mystery and amazement. To the native Inuit of the far north, the lights weren't



mysterious at all. They believed that these displays were the spirits of the dead. To a modern scientist, northern lights are the results of collisions in the upper atmosphere between molecules and high speed electrons. Trying to explain the physical properties of the lights in words is as easy as landing a twenty pound pike on a three weight fly rod with a 6x tippet: it can be done but it takes some time. You would rather be fishing than reading the 213 page book that carefully describes the process. So here are the highlights, pun intended.

The lights are nothing more, or less, than a gigantic electrical discharge phenomenon that releases annually about nine trillion kilowatt hours of electricity. (For comparison the annual U.S. electrical consumption is just over one trillion kilowatt hours.) That's a lot of juice bouncing around up there. The show's stage is pretty large. The lights occur between 50 miles and 300 miles above the earth's surface. The "best" northern lights occur about 1,200 miles either side of the magnetic North Pole, fairly close to Scott's latitude. The northern lights are not, as once believed, reflections off icebergs or ice crystals in the atmosphere. They are the results of electrons and protons striking oxygen and nitrogen molecules: millions of collisions per second. Not very poetic.

These protons and electrons stream from the sun carried by solar winds. The earth's magnetic field is an invisible obstacle to the solar wind, which is intensified during periods of solar flares

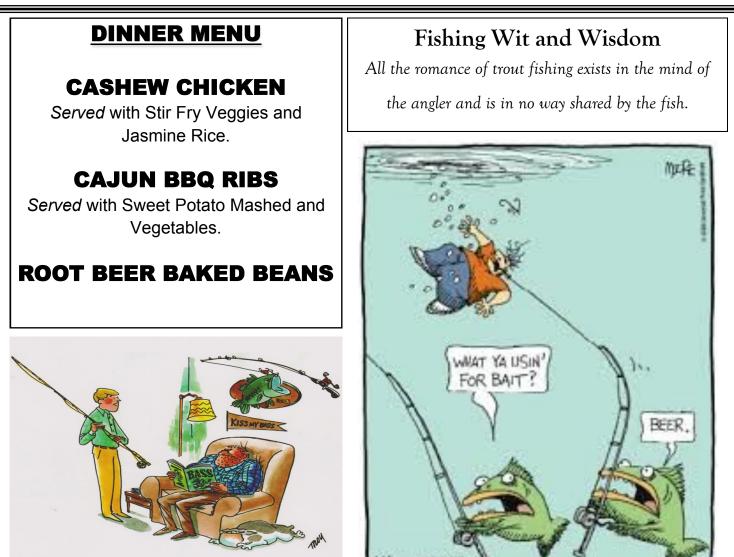
(or sunspots). The heavenly stage is a cosmic generator featuring the only two elements needed to produce electricity: a magnetic field (the earth's natural magnetism) and an electrical conductor (the solar winds). Enough said.

If you're lucky enough to be here in late summer you should stay up late to experience the lights. It is unforgettable. If seeing the lights is a major objective during your trip check the lunar cycle before you book. The full moon "washes out" the intensity of the northern lights. In 2003 we had our best light show in mid August during the new moon. Any time after about August 10 with new or quarter moon will provide the best opportunity for a really big show.



-Book At The Lodge For 2018 Season-

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BOOKED FOR THE 2018 SEASON, BE SURE TO SEE JASON IN THE OFFICE. LOCK IN YOUR GUIDE, CABIN, AND WEEK FOR YOUR NEXT SEASONS TRIP.



'You're not going to like this, Pop, but I want to be a fly fisherman."

Todays Fly Out Schedule

| Departure Time | Plane | Lake | Guide | Passengers |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 5:00 | HPE | BEAUVAIS | Hammer | Skip Jewett, Ken Cryer |
| | | SMALLTREE | Biff | Greg & Grant Larson |
| | | | Cody | Hunter & Chase Larson |
| 8:00-5:00 | GQD | INSULA | Steve | Rachael Bandt, Big Dog |
| 9:30-6:30 | HPE | FLETT | J5 | Mark & Foster Graf |
| | | WHOLDAIA | Paul | Dave Lynch, John Sanderson Jr. |
| | | | Curt | Michael & Patrick Lynch |
| 9:30-6:30 | GQD | INGALLS | T-Bag | Mary & Joe Daugherty |