

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



View From Caribou

By: Tom Klein

Yes, the adjacent photograph does show the actual view from our cabin which is almost smack dab on the 60th parallel. That particular evening, after one of the many rainstorms of the 2019 season, there was magic in the air, a magic that has brought my wife Pat and me back to our Caribou Cabin for 23 consecutive summers, over 2,000 days in this spectacular wilderness setting. Way back in the 2008 annual report I asked a rhetorical question: "How many 3:00 AM sunrises can one experience?" My answer then was: "Apparently not enough." It's still my answer. Those late June and early July mornings, when the sun rises almost due north, are unforgettable. Over the years the waters of Scott Lake have penetrated deeper and deeper into my cells: there is no escape from the magic of the 60th parallel. As many of our guests comment, it's more than the place or the fantastic fishing that keeps us all coming back year after year. What's different here is the culture that has emerged—a community where guests and staff share and celebrate their love of fishing and this remarkable landscape. We hear it and feel it every night after dinner when the photos of the fish and fun of the day light up the TV screens in the main lodge: spontaneous cheers for the photos of the big fish and joyous laughter for the photos of people just having fun or doing something silly. Our island is the crucible for developing deep relationships between returning guests and between guests and the Scott Lake Lodge team. Since guests and staff love the whole enchilada here, it's tough to separate the love of angling, from the love of this pristine wilderness setting, from the love of meeting and enjoying interesting people, or from the simple job of escaping from "civilization," a place that seems to get less civilized every year. Why bother to analyze? Just enjoy the full experience.

After more than two decades, a lot of things have changed at Scott. Our infrastructure hardly resembles that of 1997, my first full season at Scott. Our guide and customer service teams have matured to a world-class level of hospitality. I would put our 32 dedicated individuals up against those of any fishing lodge or resort in the world. That's a key word—resort. In our early years we were a hardcore fishing lodge, plain and simple. We still are all about fishing, but we have become, very gradually, something quite different, a transition to a "fishing resort." And that's a good thing. The improved customer service is part of that transition, as are recent facility improvements, like the new fitness center and the expanded lounge in the main lodge, the bigger hot tub, the Tundra Trail hiking experience, and many planned improvements, such as upgraded guest cabins. We are only in the second year of a 5-year, 7-figure upgrade of all our facilities. There will be a lot of changes to our island, but there will be no change in our operating philosophy—continual, incremental, positive change.

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Guide Steve Yanish with Tom Klein

While fishing will always be our top priority, as evidenced by the retention of the best guide team in Canada, the huge expansion of our flyout network and annual replacement of many boats and motors, we can do



more than one thing at a time. There will be more structured activities and programs for both anglers and those interested in the natural history of our region. More things that, say, a resort would do. Let me know if you have suggestions to make this transition work and send an email to tom@scottlakeridge.com. If a fishing lodge is good, then a fishing resort must be better. For Pat, and for my partner in this most engaging enterprise, Ron Spork, I thank all of our guests over all 23 of our seasons and the remarkable Scott Lake Lodge staff. It's been a wonderful ride.

Reflections

"Impeccable all around. Helpful, friendly and funny staff that are awesome to hang out with but still laser-focused on making Scott the best experience for guests. The people are what makes it so unique and special."

– David Thome, MA

"Absolutely the MOST AMAZING STAFF AND INCREDIBLE PLACE."

– Martha Baertschy Golz, WI

"You have the service/quality/value formula down perfectly."

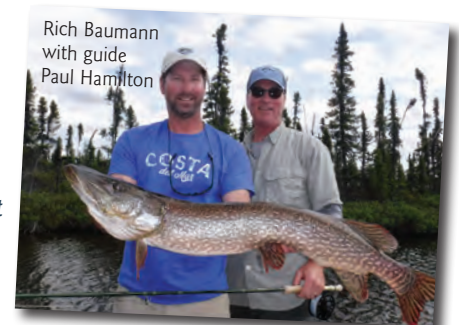
– Dave Dalvey, MN



Dave Dalvey

"This was my fifth trip to Scott Lake Lodge. My first trip, years ago, was perfect, but somehow these guys and gals just keep making it 'more perfect.'"

– Rich Baumann, MT



Rich Baumann with guide Paul Hamilton

"I don't know how the trip could have been any better. We were blessed with great weather and great fishing with a great guide."

– John Beard, TX

"This was my third year up to Scott and every year has been an awesome experience. Yes, you truly have world-class fishing and service."

– David Morrill, OH

Manager's Report

By: Jason Hamilton

Success in the outfitting business comes in many forms. Obviously, the catching of a giant pike, girthy trout or lodge-record grayling would qualify. While we want our guests to rave about the fishing — lots of fish, the big ones, exciting T-bones (a big pike slamming into the middle of a smaller one) and all the other finned memories — we also want them to understand the many other successes. First, we absorb the successful innovations from the previous season and seasons and institutionalize them. Then we incorporate the thoughtful comments from guests and staff on how to take every aspect of our experience to just a bit higher level. Since the place needs to be full for airplane charters to be efficient and the staff fully employed, our sales manager and sales team need to pull together a sellout season. They did it again in 2019. Every year we need to reassemble what we consider to be the finest staff in the outfitting business. The call back to this island pulls them from their adventures around the world to return to their second family and be a part of a unique culture and place. They invest their time, energy and caring into the progression of Scott Lake Lodge as it grows, improves and thrives. We work hard to secure key partnerships with vendors to move people and supplies to a remote island with surprisingly few hiccups. We have also worked hard and successfully to deepen our relationships with partners within the governments of Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. This has allowed for the expansion of our flyout program to a network of gorgeous lakes incorporating over 9 million acres, offering anglers fishing that continues to set the bar each season for trophy fish. While Scott Lake is good, some of our other lakes are almost too good to believe!

With all the challenges our group faces, the one success for 2019 I am personally most proud of is despite a couple bumps, bruises (and hangovers) everyone left Scott Lake in the same or better physical condition than when they arrived. Safety is always our #1 priority. As you can read from many comments throughout this report, the time spent at Scott Lake has a profound psychological effect on both guests and staff. It is hard to describe or quantify, but the numbers of guests and staff that choose to return year to year, about 70% of our guests and nearly 100% of our staff, provide a clue. Both groups deserve my deepest gratitude. Thank you especially to our guests who share your laughs, stories and precious vacation time with us. Your smiles, energy, generosity and appreciation are the fuel that runs our staff. To the guides, pilots, hospitality, maintenance, construction and kitchen crews, thank you for your commitment, hard work, friendship, laughs — everything you do as a group to be shining ambassadors for this place. It truly is a family. Our ownership group cannot be left out, either; their collective vision and willingness to invest (and reinvest)

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General Manager
Jason Hamilton



in the lodge allows us to grow each year, to improve the infrastructure and the experience.

In 2019 nearly five tons of lumber found its way onto the island, creating a new guest cabin, Ptarmigan, and a new fitness center stocked with brand new equipment for guests and staff. We also flew in a new floating dock along with six new boats and 10 new motors. Countless other tweaks and improvements added to the enjoyment and comfort of our customers. It took hard work and dedication by nearly 500 people — our guests and staff, to pull off. But we've rested long enough now: 2020 is clearly in our sights and we will have another new cabin, renovations to other cabins, more new boats and maybe a new lake or two. We would love to hear your suggestions for the year ahead. Send me an email at jason@scottlakeridge.com to talk about ways we can improve. Not booked yet? What are you waiting for? Email Jon Wimpney at j5@scottlakeridge.com. Next year will be another great one with all our guides and most of our shore staff returning, and a record number of guests already signed up. See you on the dock next June.

"Frank and I come back to Scott not just for the outstanding fishing opportunity, but also for the staff. They are integral to our overall experience. We come at the end of the season when we know everyone must be tired, but we never feel this. It's an outstanding group of people."

— Susan Saraka, ON



"Everyone was friendly and made me feel like I've known everyone for years."

— Lou Ragone, OH

"There is no place better! The service, attention to detail, name recognition and warmth of staff is the very best. It's a model world-wide for customer service."

— Bob Lorber, CA



Bob Lorber
with guide
Mike Demyen

"Scott Lake just keeps getting better and better every year. The staff, equipment and everything on the island are the very best."

— Don Granata, MN

The 2019 Season

WET & WONDERFUL

By: Tom Klein

For 22 years in these annual reports, I've written a summary of the highlights of the season, attempting to capture the essence of a season at Scott Lake Lodge.

It's always challenging to find a theme to encapsulate a summer on the 60th parallel because each season, each week, each day is unique and special. Often, though, there is a single element that pulls those 85 or 90 days in paradise together. Some years were easy. In 2014 the title of this article was "Sandals, T-Shirts and Fish Tales." Obviously, it was a hot, sunny season. In that year's write-up I mentioned that on over 70 of our dinners I wore the title: sandals and T-shirts. In 2007, the title was "The Endless Summer." It wasn't an exaggeration. That year's opening five days registered temps of 71, 78, 84, 91 and 78, a trend that continued all season. In 2011, I was able to employ the ultimate superlative: "The Perfect Season," a season that featured, quoting from that report, "lots of sun and almost daily calm water."



Dave Van Belleghem with guide Chester Porteous

Damn, we could have used some of that sun and calm water this year. Unfortunately, the 2019 season description will be closer to the 2006 report with the heading "Blowin' In the Wind." While we had stretches of the kind of beautiful, sunny weather that all anglers dream of, this was primarily a summer of clouds, wind and rain. The season had a binary feel: it was blissful or ugly; we were missing those pleasant in-between days with some clouds and some sun when, if you forgot your rain gear, you really didn't worry about it too much. This year people did worry about their rain suits. While the official number Environment Canada gave for rain accumulation in the months of June, July and August at Stony Rapids was 7.14 inches (47% of the average annual precipitation of 15.3 inches, less than half of what upper Midwestern states get), our unofficial measurements on the island indicated well over 10 inches. In a single word, it was wet. Many of our customers will tell tales of at times horizontal, pelting rain. There was so much rain that Scott Lake went in June from the lowest level I had seen in over two decades here to by September one of the highest levels ever. My unofficial lake level indicator is this rock I see from my deck. I occasionally measure from the top of the rock to the water, just for fun. In June the top of that rock was 24 inches above the water level. When I left in September it was six inches above. Now 18 inches of increase doesn't sound terrible on water bodies that are reservoirs with controlled outflows. For a natural body of water, though, it's a lot, really a lot, especially for a 3-month period. In this case a lot can be fairly accurately quantified: Scott Lake had 65,170,200,000 more gallons of water (yes, billions) in September than in June. (It's easy math to take the roughly 200,000 acres of Scott and Premier lakes, as they are the same lake with no drops between them and multiply that by the gallons in an acre-foot of water which happens to be 325,851, and then multiply that by the 1.5-foot increase.) That's a lot of water, about 30 times more than the annual water use of my hometown of Bozeman, MT with a population of 47,000.

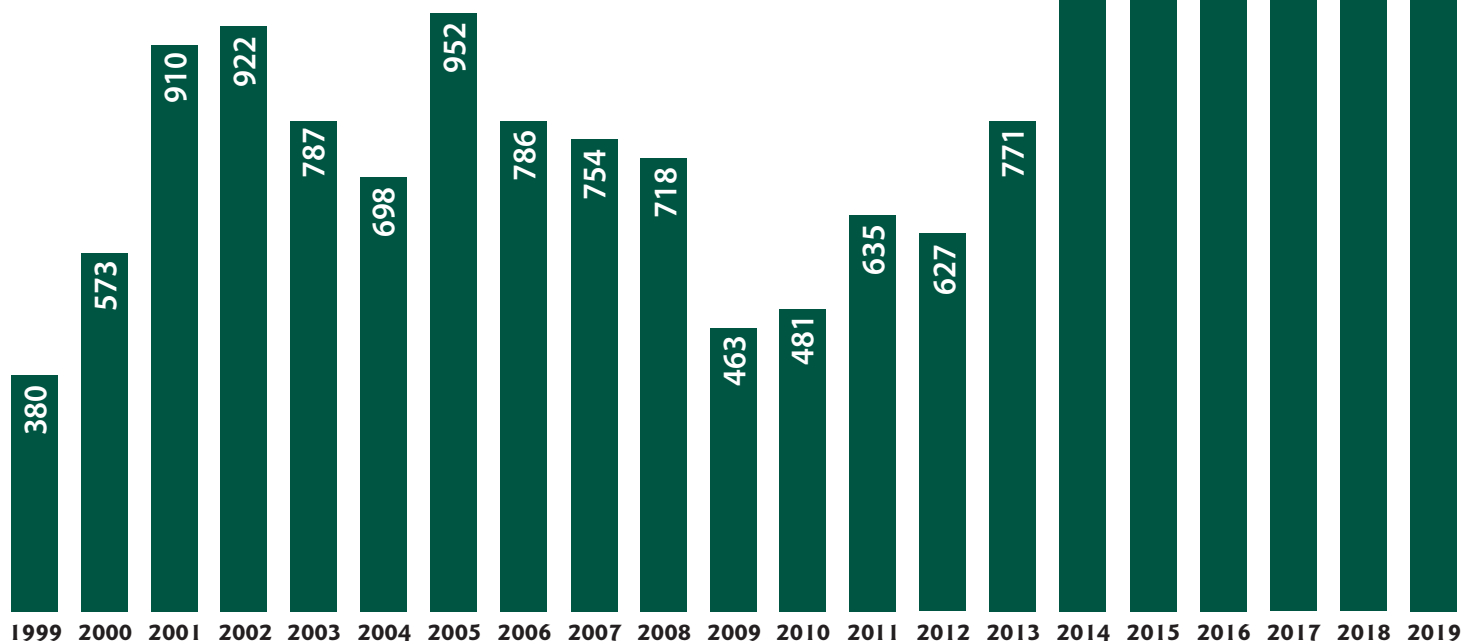
So, we've established that it was wet. Why was it wonderful? Two reasons: the fish and the people, both of whom ignored the weather. Our hardy anglers fully embraced the outdoor adventure proposition that there is no bad weather, just bad gear. Well, we had plenty of good gear and we had the fish. Simply put, it was an incredible year of fishing and catching. For the fourth consecutive season, we set a record for the total number of trophies with 2,670, a 20% increase over 2018. Of those trophies, 1,807 or 68% were our #1 angler target, the northern pike, or, if you like, the jackfish or tundra shark. A little perspective: in 1999, the first season we started counting trophies, there were 380 pike landed. Ten years later, the pike number was 718. Fifteen years later it was 1,184 and now 20 years later it's 1,807. That's a growth curve. Why? Lots of reasons, including

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more experienced guides (average tenure at Scott is now 17 years), more experienced anglers (over half of our 2019 anglers had been to Scott more than five times), and more water to fish—a lot more water. In 1999 we had Ivanhoe, Labyrinth and Duvagen as flyout destinations. In 2019 we had 22 with two of those, Selwyn and Wholdaia, being much larger than Scott Lake. Our anglers are flying more each season and fishing water that has seen virtually no fishing pressure for years, if ever. Fish in many of our remote lakes are just, well, easy. About 40% of our fishing days in 2019 were on lakes where the fish rarely see lures or flies. Our network of flyout lakes has been sifted and winnowed over the past two decades from about 50 candidates to get our current 22 destinations. Some lakes look good on a map or from the air, but not all lakes, even in this vast wilderness, are created equal; we have found some gems.

History of Pike Trophies



The 2019 Season

Wet & Wonderful Continued

Scott Lake still produces great action and a healthy amount of our very biggest fish. Of the 38 pike landed of 47 inches or better, 10 or 25% came off Scott, more than any other lake. Scott Lake can suffer from comparisons to the flyout lakes where the fishing is often otherworldly. The flyout lakes, due to the lack of fishing pressure, simply produce more big fish. Wherever they fished last season, our anglers caught a ton of fish. Make that many tons. When pike turn on, they can go into feeding frenzies. Many of our anglers experienced that first-hand. Last season on 124 occasions involving 14 different lakes, a pair of our anglers landed five or more trophy pike in a single day's outing. To name just a few of those lucky (and skillful anglers): Joe Daugherty had an embarrassment of pike riches, catching nine trophy pike on two different days, including getting a 48 inch; Bernie Heile and Len Dorr had a dozen trophy day; Jim Kusar on the last day of the season landed six big pike and two were really big, a 46 and a 48; Don Luke had a baker's dozen of big ones including a 48 inch; Bruce Kozlowski had a five pike day with a 47"; Steve Bandt had three straight days with five or more pike; and, Peter Myhre, now known as the Pike Whisperer, landed 28 trophy pike on one of his five, 5-day trips. During his 25 days at the lodge this season, he hit a total of 103 trophy pike, an average of just over four trophies per day, probably the best average pike trophy per day number ever at Scott Lake Lodge. Yes, and he had some big ones, a 47 and a 47.5 inch. There were some crazy trout days as well, most on Selwyn Lake. Dave Van Belleghem and Tom Simons traveled from Calgary to catch some big lake trout and they did. Together, in just one day, they landed 10 trophies with Dave getting a monster of a trout, a 44.5-inch hog and Tom a 42.5-inch laker. Amy and Jeff Towers had an incredible trout day, also on Selwyn, getting 11 trophy trout with five of them over 40 inches. Amy's big trout, a 43.5 inch, combined with her 49-inch pike and 18.5-inch grayling, gave her 111 total trophy inches, the all-time record in the 100+ Club, a record that will probably hang around for a spell. There were many contenders, though, for the top 100+ spot this season. Our old record of 110, set way back in 2005, was matched this year by Dick Emens. Joe Daugherty and Foster Graf were way up there with 108.5. Joe Novicki had 107 and Jim Heinmiller had 106. This year we inducted 35 members into the Club.

To get into the Club, one needs a big grayling and grayling turned out to be one of the big stories of 2019. The arctic grayling in these parts are found only in the rivers (inflows and outflows) connecting our lakes. Many, like the outflows of Smalltree, Ivanhoe and Labyrinth, have been kicking out big grayling for years. While they still produce a lot of big grayling, this year our guides found the motherlode, the outflow of Wholdaia, a segment of the powerful Dubawnt River that at this point is less than half-way on its journey to Hudson Bay. It turned out to be the best grayling place we have ever found, even better than the revered Elk River way up on the Tundra. Unlike our other nine grayling destinations, this one allows fishing right from the boat which made it easier and more productive—no time spent wading into position or slipping on rocks. It is, pure and simple, a grayling heaven. Ask Joe and Mary Daugherty. They



went there not just to get their Trophy Triple hats (they did) and their 100+ Club jackets (they did), but to savor the enjoyment of catching beautiful and acrobatic fish on light tackle in fast water. On almost every cast their rod tips danced. In a few hours they had 44 trophy grayling with 21 measuring over 18 inches, our standard for a "super-sized" grayling. Mary's 20 inch was the biggest of the season and tied for the biggest ever. There were way too many 18's and 19's landed this year to mention names but check the Super-Sized page at the back of this report. The following numbers tell the grayling story. In 2018, a very good grayling year, we had 225 trophy grayling in the net with 55 of those hitting 18 inches or better. In 2019, we blew away those numbers. We had 635 trophy grayling with 125 over 18 inches, an amazing increase. Getting a big grayling on a four-weight fly rod or ultra-light spinning rod in fast water is as challenging as getting a 45+ inch pike on a nine-weight fly rod or heavy-duty spinning rod. Different strokes for different anglers. While most of our guests prefer fish with teeth, for those who love grayling, a day in the rapids at a place like Wholdaia is as good as it gets.

**"You arrive as a guest
and leave as a friend."**

That could be our official slogan.



So, just how do we measure a season with many variables? If it's simply the number of fish caught, it would be a slam dunk this year. We've checked that box big time. If it's customer satisfaction, measured by the number of guests who rebook before they leave, that box is double checked as well with a record number of 338 guests putting a deposit down for the 2020 season. (By Oct. 15, 400 guests were signed up.) That's putting your money where your fish are. What about using weather as a variable? No box to check there. We can only imagine how many more big fish would have been caught without the heavy wind and rain; we set records despite the weather. One important measure would be a simple word—fun. How much fun did our guests have? Impossible to measure but easy to feel. I had over 100 dinners or breakfasts with guests and listened to their stories. All seemed to focus not on their biggest fish but on how much fun they had with their guide, their fishing partner and other guests at the lodge. At Scott we specialize in fun. Here's two numbers that can shed some light: 48 and 40. The first is the number of staff and guests who played in the annual Ken Thome Memorial Euchre Tournament (that's a card game for those not from the Midwest) and the second is the number of people who played in the Mario Cart Challenge (that's a video game for those of us in our later years). That's engagement. Our evaluations add some insights here. There was one comment: "You

arrive as a guest and leave as a friend.” That could be our official slogan. People just like it here. Not 95% or 98%, but 100% of our 2019 guests would recommend Scott Lake Lodge to a friend.

That’s all interesting, but let’s get down to brass tacks: when is the best time to be at Scott? In 2019 it turned out that for sheer trophy count Weeks 1 and 2 were killers. Week 1 had pretty good weather and Week 2 was a dream with five consecutive days of sun. Together those two weeks accounted for 336 trophy pike, 19% of the season’s total. How about for the really big pike? That would have been a tie with Week 8 (mid-July) and Week 12 (early August). Both produced six pike of 47 inches or better—that’s 30% of our “mega pike” in just 12% of our fishing days. Best weather? A toss-up there between Weeks 2 and 8, both incredibly beautiful with great fishing to boot which is no coincidence. Big pike and warm weather go together like apple pie and ice cream, one of our favorite deserts at the lodge. Worst weather of the season? That had no close second. Week 5 (early July) had five ugly days, even though early July is typically our hottest, nicest weather of the year. Go figure. Our best lake trout fishing? That goes to Week 14 with a dozen lakers over 40 inches, 24% of the season’s total of what we call super-sized trout. Now, if you’ve been taking notes, just toss them. Next year, the year after that or any year down the road will have an entirely different breakdown. In truth, any week of the season could be the very best or the very worst fishing of the season, the hottest or coldest, wettest or driest. You get the picture. We just fish them all and enjoy them all.



Foster Graf with
guide Jan Phoenix

How about the best fish stories of the 2019 season? Who doesn’t love fish stories, especially the true ones? The Towers clan’s trip must be up there. Amy, of course, had the 111-inch 100+ Club record, but husband, Jeff, ended up with 105.5 inches and her mom, Martha Golz, landed at 105, including a spectacularly beautiful 49-inch pike. A teenager, Foster Graf, getting a 45-inch lake trout with a ridiculous girth on the way to a 108.5 score isn’t a bad story either, but probably the best story is Bernie Heile’s. A long-time guest, Bernie is so shy that by the end of the first evening almost everyone in the lodge knows his name and the name of his dog. He’s the kind of guy that if you bump into him, you just feel better. He will try anything, more than once. A veteran spin fisherman, Bernie thought he would try this fly fishing thing. Like golf or tennis, fly casting takes a little practice and patience; it’s just not a natural motion. Double hauling is definitely harder than rubbing your head and tummy in opposite directions. So, naturally Bernie decided to give it a go. Our head guide, Cory Craig, is an expert caster. He worked with Bernie with mixed (very mixed) results. After a little practice, Bernie could make a flop, not a real cast, of 15-20 feet. While his form needed some work, he still wanted to get right into it. On Burslem, our newest flyout lake, there was Bernie, in the front of the boat, armed only with a fly rod. Cory was spotting fish and he saw an absolute monster of a pike, resting quietly about 25 feet away. He didn’t have much hope, but Cory pointed out the fish anyway and told Bernie where to make the cast. While the cast was a parody of a real cast, Bernie manhandled the fly right in front of the fish. With no hesitation, the fish engulfed the fly and the circus started. Incredibly, this was Bernie’s first fish on a fly rod. There was seemingly no chance he could land it, but he did, expertly. Eventually a 49-inch beauty came into Cory’s net, a storybook ending. And it couldn’t have happened to a nicer guy.



Steve Bandt with
guide Jon Wimpney

There were a lot of storybook endings in 2019, but it was the people, both guests and staff, that turned a wet year into a wonderful year. As Susan Saraka wrote on her evaluation: “Frank and I come back to Scott not just for the outstanding fishing opportunity. We come back for the people—the staff are integral to our overall experience. It’s an outstanding group of people.” The same can be said about our guests. It is the unique chemistry between our staff and our guests that makes the place unforgettable. Scott Lake Lodge is a memory factory. No one leaves without a memorable experience that will be with them forever. My favorite memory: on a quiet August evening I was paddling my kayak just south of the lodge when the big lake was resting like a giant millpond; the laughter filtering from the main lodge was mixing with the laughter of the loons, drifting miles down the lake. That’s as good as it gets, and it will bring me back next year (along with the huge fish).





Fine Dining at Scott Lake

Think back to all your vacations. What, besides hopefully having a good time, did they all have in common?

It makes no difference if you were in the Colorado mountains skiing, on a beach in Mexico with a Corona and a lime, on a flats boat chasing bonefish off Andros Island, or sitting on a porch taking in the view of a lake in Maine, Minnesota or Michigan. What is common to all enjoyable vacations is good food and lots of it. Gone are considerations of calories, gluten or that diet. You're on vacation. It's time to eat! We hope at Scott Lake Lodge we can deliver on our promise to provide interesting, satisfying and memorable meals. Where else can you sit by a fire and enjoy a lunch of fish caught maybe an hour earlier while sitting on bedrock a billion years old? And a few hours later enjoy an elegant dinner served by angels? We think food is an integral part of the full Scott Lake Lodge experience.

To stir your memories of past Scott trips, or to bring the taste of Scott into your everyday life, we've selected some recipes from our shore lunch program and from our dining room. Jan Phoenix, who really loves to cook, and Shaun Ledoux who traded his role as Scott's head chef for the guide den (he's never looked back), have shared their favorites for the outdoor side. Sous chef Ross Kennedy worked with the kitchen team: head chef Nigel Rivera and sous chefs Rachel Basler and Eli Mahoney, to give you a taste of the lodge dining for the indoor side.

Bon Appétit!

Creamy Ground Beef & Mushroom Cannelloni with Tomato Sauce & Mozzarella

Indoor Dining

Ingredients

2-4 sheets of frozen pasta dough (dependent on size)
1 lb ground beef
1 large yellow onion, fine diced
2 cloves of garlic, minced
2 handfuls of button mushrooms, sliced
1 bag of spinach
3 cups of whipping cream
1 cup of mozzarella
1 cup of parmesan
1 cup of cream cheese
½ bunch of parsley
2 sprigs of thyme - pick leaves and chop
½ sprig of rosemary, fine chopped
3 bay leaves

Procedure

1. Thaw a couple sheets of frozen pasta dough.
2. On medium high heat, cook the beef in a dry pan until beef is cooked, and then remove but keep the liquid in the pot.
3. Add the onions and mushrooms and cook them down for about 10 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for another 5 minutes.
4. Sweat off the herbs & spinach for a few of minutes.
5. Add the beef back in then add the cream and cheeses.
6. Reduce until sauce thickens then cool down in fridge.
7. Once cooled completely, assemble the cannelloni as follows: lay beef mix in tube-form along the pasta sheets (remove the 3 bay leaves).
8. Roll into a tight tube shape trimming excess dough, place into ceramic dish, cover completely with tomato sauce and top with grated mozzarella.
9. Bake at 400° F until warm all the way through and cheese has started browning.

Scott Lake Lodge Seafood Chowder

Indoor Dining

Ingredients

2 oz butter, cubed
1 medium onion, diced
½ of the white part of 1 leek, halved (lengthwise) and sliced
1 stock of celery, diced
5 baby fennel, diced
2 garlic cloves, chopped
3-4 large Russet potatoes, diced
2.5 cups of milk
1.25 cups of cream
scant 1 cup of cold water
1 handful of chopped dill
Seafood: Whitefish, smoked whitefish, mussels, prawns, salmon, calamari
NOTE: You may use whatever seafood is available to you locally. You will want one or 2 pieces of seafood per spoonful of soup.

Procedure

1. Cut all vegetables in uniformed, small diced pieces.
2. Melt butter in pot and sweat off all vegetables until tender.
3. Add the liquid cold, then add the potatoes (making sure the liquid just covers the top of the potatoes – if not add more milk) and bring up to a low simmer (making sure to stir with a wooden spoon). *Be careful not to have the heat too high because the dairy will scald on the bottom of the pot and taste bitter. If this happens, transfer to a new pot and continue cooking until the potatoes fall apart easily with tongs.
4. While the potatoes cook, prepare your seafood into uniformed small bite sized pieces. Cooking the mussels, remove the meat from the shell and cut in half.
5. Blend the potatoes and vegetables into a smooth soup consistency. While the liquid is still hot add an appropriate amount of raw seafood (the heat from the soup will cook the seafood – without over cooking it).
6. Finally, stir in the fresh chopped dill.
7. Cool and store for up to 4-5 days or serve right away with parsley and olive oil garnish.

Fine Dining at Scott Lake



Shaun's Closer

Ingredients

4 cups of canola oil
2 boneless pike fillets (roughly 26" each)
Hot sauce, like Northern Heat, Frank's RedHot or Siracha
1 cup flour seasoned with salt & pepper
2 sweet peppers (one red/one green)
1 purple onion
Handful of sliced mushrooms
Handful of sliced almonds
2 green onion stems
¼ cup sweet chili
½ stick of butter
2 tbsp brown sugar
4 ounces of Disaronno or Amaretto

Procedure

Cut the pike fillets into strips (about 12 strips) and marinate in the hot sauce for 10 minutes. Then put in flour and shake to coat the fish. Heat the oil and fry the fish until the strips are white. Set aside. Do a Julienne (or French cut—long strips) with the onions and peppers. Sauté the peppers, onions and mushrooms. Add butter, almonds, green onions, brown sugar and sweet chili and sauté until the butter is melted, then add the fish to the pan.

Now go for it: on high heat (turn the knobs or throw some small pieces of wood into the fire) add the Disaronno/Amaretto and stand back as the flames put on show. As the alcohol burns off you are left with a smooth, nutty flavor. Serve to the applause.

NOTE: This is Shaun's standard shore lunch the last day on the water. His "Closer" closes the trip and his bond with his guests. It's become a Scott Lake Lodge legend.

Outdoor Dining

Jan's Pike & Prawn Fettuccine

Ingredients

Round One:

2 cut onions
1-pound cut mushrooms
2 cut sweet peppers (one red/one green)
½ cup lemon juice
1/3-pound butter
2 tbsp sweet basil
2 tbsp seasoning salt
4 tbsp crushed garlic

Round Two:

15-20 prawn
2 pounds cubed boneless pike fillets

Round Three:

1 ½ cups of white flour

Round Four:

1 quart of cream or milk

Round Five:

Precooked firm fettuccine or linguine noodles

Procedure

First, put a pot on the burner or fire for boiling water to reheat noodles when ready. Next, in a big pan (something like the guide's shore lunch pans—this is no small meal) mix all the Round One ingredients and cook until soft with some of the liquids cooked off. Now, stir in the cubed pike and cook for two minutes, about half cooked, then add the prawns and cook another two minutes. Next turn up the temperature and add the Round Three flour and stir hard to make your roux. You're ready for Round Four add about three-quarters of the cream or milk and let set a minute or so before you slowly add the rest. Lower the heat until everything thickens. Keep it warm. The final step: heat the noodles and drain. That's it. Plate the noodles with lots of the sauce on top.

I like to serve this with garlic bread which can be done nicely over a fire if you wrap them in tin foil. Add wine or cold beer. This is a meal.

If you have any questions about these shore lunch delights reach out to Jan or Shaun. They would love to help you out. Reach Jan at moosephoenix@yahoo.ca and Shaun at shaunledoux@gmail.com

Pike Parade 47" +

50"

Nigel Rivera
with guide
Shawn Ledoux



48"

Jim Kusar with guide Curtis Woloshyn



47"

Carol Van Brunschot with guide Paul Hamilton



47" (2)

Bruce Bush with guide Steve Lindner



47"

Joel Leisch with guide Cory Craig



47"

David Thome with guide Chester Porteous



49" Bernie Heile
with guide
Cory Craig



48"
& **47.5"**



Ron Spork

48.5"
& **47.5"**



Joe Daugherty
with guide Cory Craig

47"



Bruce Kozlowski with guide Jon Wimpney

47.75"



Steve Nicholas
with guide Shaun Ledoux

47"
& **47.5"**



Peter Myhre with guide Jon Wimpney

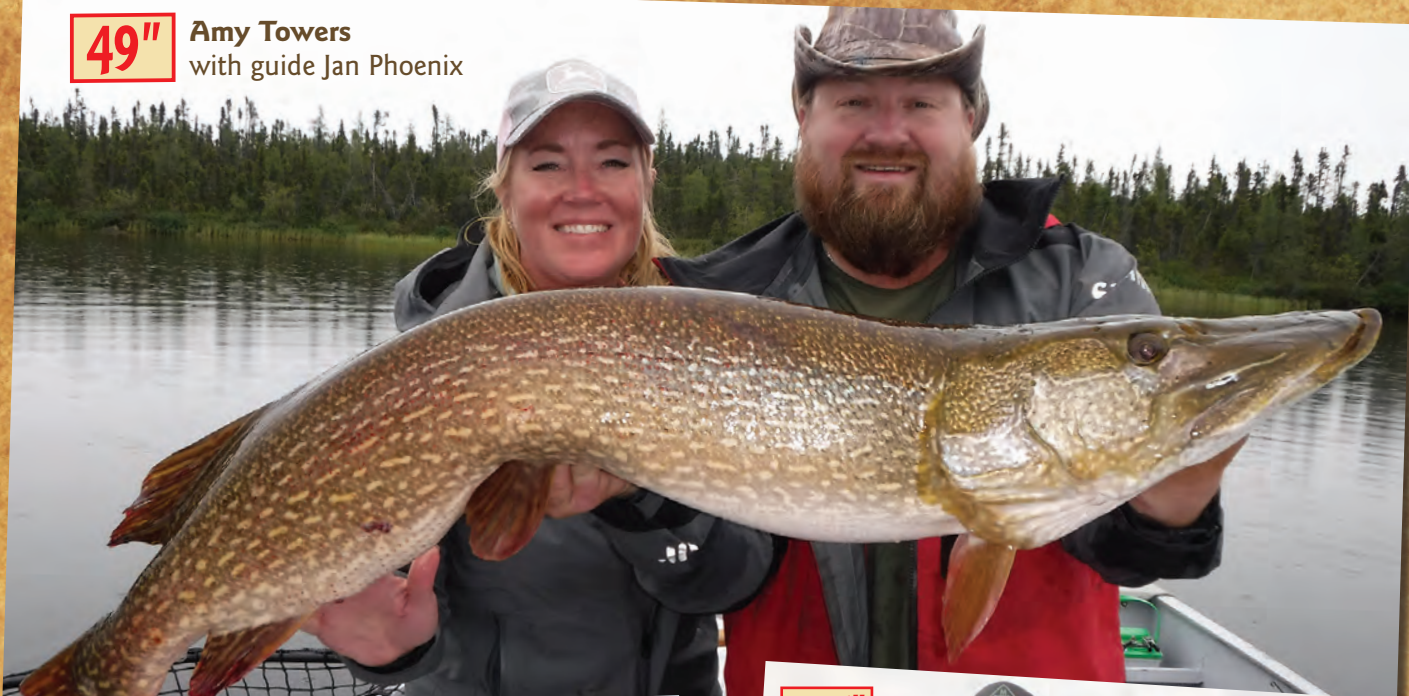
48"



Curtis Fellows with guide Steve Yanish

49"

Amy Towers
with guide Jan Phoenix



47"



Dan Lafferty
with guide
Graham Coulombe

48.25"



Greg Scott
with guide
Mike Demyen

47.5"



Jim Heinmiller with guide Cory Craig

48"



Len Dorr with guide Cory Craig

47"



Eric Bailey with guide Jason Terris

47"



Eddie Brown

49"

Jason Davison
with Gus Ruetenik



47"

Richard Emens with guide Jan Phoenix



48"

Gary Peters with guide Steve Lindner



47"

Andrew Troop with guide Jan Phoenix



47.5"

Nate Naprtek
with guide
Chester Porteous



47.5"

Grant Larson with guide Steve Lindner



48"

Kyle Lajeunesse with guide Shaun Ledoux



49"

Suzanne Noble
with guide Cory Craig



48"

& 47"



Ken Williamson Sr. with guide Curtis Woloshyn

47"



Ken Williamson Jr. with guide Jan Phoenix

48"



Martha Golz with guide Chester Porteous

48.5"



Dennis Helter with guide Chester Porteous

47.5"



Jason Loughran with guide Jan Phoenix

Recognition



111"

Amy Towers
with guide
Jan Phoenix



110"

Dick Emens
with guide
Jan Phoenix



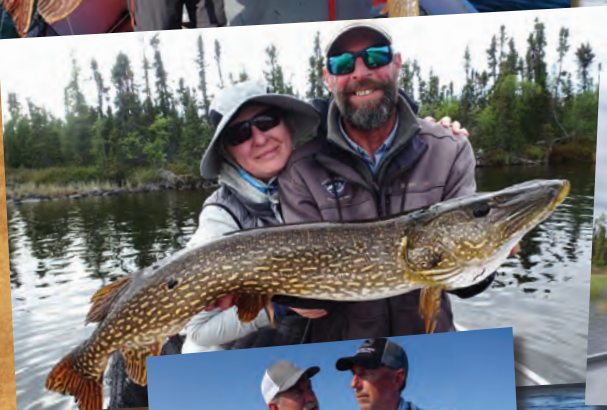
108.5"

Joe Daugherty
with guide
Jason Terris

100+ Club 2019

Name	Pike	Trout	Grayling	Inches
Towers, Amy	49	43.5	18.5	111
Emens, Richard	47	44	19	110
Daugherty, Joe	48.5	40.5	19.5	108.5
Graf, Foster	46	45	17.5	108.5
Novicki, Joe	43.5	44	19.5	107
Heinmiller, Jim	47.5	40	18.5	106
Hall, Greta	46	41.5	18	105.5
Towers, Jeff	44.5	42	19	105.5
Golz, Martha	48	39	18	105
Graf, Mark	44	42	19	105
Leisch, Joel	47	40	18	105
Noble, Bob	45	41	18.5	104.5
Brown, Eddie	47	40	17	104
Daugherty, Mary	44	40	20	104
Massie, Darrell	43	42	18.5	103.5
Noble, Suzanne	49	37.5	18	104.5
Purcell, Thomas	45	40	18	103
Schmidt, Peter	43.5	41	18.5	103
Finney, Jay	44	40	18	102
O'Brien, Gerry	41.5	41	19.5	102
Sun, Frances	45	39	18	102
Tune, Joel	44.5	39	18.5	102
Billing, Suzanne	43.5	38	20	101.5
Calabresa, Bill	44.5	38	19	101.5
Fischer, Kevin	43.5	40	18	101.5
Russell, Bill	40	42.5	18.5	101
Hall, Eric	44.5	38	18	100.5
Kracum, John	43.5	38.5	18.5	100.5
Purcell, Mandy	45.5	36.5	18.5	100.5
Williamson Jr, Ken	47	35.5	18	100.5
Blue, Debbie	44	37.5	18.5	100
Boland, Kai	43.5	39	17.5	100
Carrothers, Travis	45	37	18	100
Fernyak, Carl	44	37.5	18.5	100
Sandbrook, Bill	42.5	39.5	18	100

Beyond Words



Fishancial Statement

For the Fishing Season Ending September 3, 2019

Management Discussion and Analysis

Operations:

Want a year to run smoothly? Bring back the same team. We did. Out of 32 staff members, there were only two new staff members on the island and one was a new position. With a veteran team we handled another year of ambitious infrastructure improvement handily. We had our new guest cabin, Ptarmigan, ready for its first guests on opening day, June 9. Also ready for prime time were the new fitness center, a new staff cabin for our pilots and a new floating dock. We thank the winter and spring work crew, led very ably by guide Paul Hamilton, for a lot of blood, sweat, tears and maybe some frostbite. Unlike 2018, we didn't have the luxury of an early ice out as a buffer. Our ice barely left before the first customers arrived. Just two days prior to the opener, we still could not get boats to the southwest or northwest arms of the lake. We had a huge expanse of white ice in the big bowl south of the lodge. Fortunately, just 24 hours BC (Before Customers) we had a giant blast of north wind that busted up all our ice and turned that white into blue. Our far north flyout lakes didn't get that message. We were into the third group before all of our lakes were ready. It's one of the many uncontrolled variables we face on the 60th parallel, but with 22 flyout lakes our early customers still had a lot of choices and all caught a lot of fish.

Another uncontrolled variable is aircraft availability. In 2018 we had a perfect record for our changeovers—all crisp and on time. In 2019 we had a few bumps. We pride ourselves on getting everyone from Stony Rapids to our island within a 60-minute window. We closed almost all those windows nicely, but twice we could not get the needed aircraft and we had to do two trips with our own Otter and Beaver. Both were mechanical issues with the Twin Otter, our workhorse for changeovers. We apologize to those north-bound customers for the delay in getting to the lodge and to the south-bounders for getting to Saskatoon so late. For 15 changeovers, though, we hit or beat our 60-minute goal. Our flyout procedures worked very well except for one day when we brought in a Twin Otter to handle some heavy flyout demand and that was a flyout day from hell. The plane left over a half hour late and then the pilot spent what seemed like an eternity circling our landing sites. Our apologies to the eight customers on that flight (you know who you are).

We had no serious issues with any of our key infrastructure systems. The power never went off; the water never stopped running and our refrigerator/freezer never blinked. On an island where the nearest Home Depot is 550 miles away, you can't take those things for granted. Our compliments to Mason Merz and his team in Maintenance for keeping everything running. Throughout the island things hummed right along. Head Chef Nigel Rivera always had an exceptional dinner ready right on time. Head Guide Cory Craig kept his crew in fine form right until the very last day of season (then all hell broke loose). Thankfully there were no serious guide injuries



Trophy Fish Released

Northern Pike ————— **1,807** **RECORD!**
Lake Trout ————— **238**
Arctic Grayling ————— **625** **RECORD!**

TOTAL **2,670** **RECORD!**
Number of Guests: 422
Average Trophies: 6

or absences during the season. It was a textbook guiding year. Assistant Manager Dani Grunberg had the hospitality team working efficiently and always with smiles that have become a hallmark of life at the lodge. And then there was the intense focus of General Manager Jason Hamilton. He kept so many balls in the air without dropping a single one that he should go on the road as a professional juggler.

In sum, just a great year operationally.

Evaluations:

We thank our guests for giving us a road map to improve our service and program. We had 191 guests (a record) respond to our online survey. We do read every one. The results were remarkably like 2018. For customer service we had a 90 to 98% excellent rating for various departments. Some dropped slightly, like our bar service which dropped from 96% to 90%. (Maybe too many staff members hogging the stools.) Service at dinners hit a 97% excellent and massage a 98%. The Overall Lodge Experience was at 96% excellent. We can live with that. Food service scored high. Breakfasts landed at 88% excellent, same as 2018, with dinners 81%, up from 78% a year ago. Packed lunches seem stuck at a 61% excellent, not nearly good enough. More work to do there. Guide scores were out of sight. On a range of five variables, guides had 94% to 96% excellent. On the key question "Would you recommend your guide to a friend?" they had 99% of our guests agreeing, up 1% from last year. On the other key question "Would you recommend Scott Lake Lodge to a friend?" we finally hit pay dirt: 100% of our guests said yes. That's a good place to end the evaluation analysis.

Fishing by the Numbers:

Boy do we have some incredible numbers this year. It just didn't seem possible that we could have improved on 2018's trophy numbers which were records in most areas, but we did. It was apparent by mid-season that something special was developing. Despite difficult fishing weather, the big fish just kept coming all summer. When the last trophy was landed on Sept. 3, our trophy count hit 2,670, besting last year's record by 449 trophies. The pike trophy total of 1,807 was another new record, beating last year's record by 127 trophies and beating the last 15 year's average by 884 trophies. And grayling numbers were crazy good: 625 trophy grayling, an astonishing 370 more than 2018 and a record. Our 18-inch plus grayling number of 125 beat that 15-year average by an incredible 91 big grayling. Our lake trout trophy totals, though still strong, were 48 under 2018, due to the cold summer that kept lakers shallow where they are more difficult to target.

Year	Trophy Pike Per Day
2015	14.7
2016	16.4
2017	18.1
2018	19.1
2019	21.3

For our giant pike, those of 47 inches or better, we were close to last year's record of 40 with 38 big ones this year. Our 45+ number dropped slightly from last year but at 246 it was still way over the 15-year average of 64. So many big pike. Since our season length varies from year to year, a valuable metric is the number of trophy pike caught per day of fishing. This really encapsulates the improved trophy production. Forget about our 15-year past—that's ancient history, given the increased trophy production. Let's look at just the past five seasons. We've gone from 14.7 trophy pike per day to 21.3 per day. That's a fat increase and that's a lot of trophy announcements for Nuggets to handle. It was a hell of a year.

Trophy Holders of 2019

Guest Name = Trophy Triple	Pike Largest Total #	Trout Largest Total #	Grayling Largest Total #	100+*
Alfert, Arnie	43	4		
Alfert, Jonathan	42.5	5		
Bailey, Eric	47	8		
Bailey, Michael	44	2		
Bajalia, Sam	45.5	9		
Balinski, Steve	40	1	37	1
Bandt, Rachael	43.5	6		
Bandt, Steve "Big Dog"	45.5	14		
Barac, Zelko	44.5	3		
Basler, Rachael	40	1	40.5	1
Baumann, Rich	43	1		
Beaird, Buddy	44.5	8		
Beckman, Joe	43	11		
Bensema, Dave	43.5	8		
Bensema, Marian	43	3		
Benson, Shane	42	9	35.5	1
Berg, Jeff	44.5	8		
Betz, Elva	42	1		
Billing, Suzanne	43.5	4	38	1
Bixby, Jack	42	4		
Bixby, Scott	44	7		
Bixby, Tim	43	4	39	1
Bixby, Will	43.5	5		
Blackstone, Amy	44	7	37.5	1
Blue, Debbie	44	2	37.5	1
Blue, Ron			35.5	1
Bohac, Larry	42.5	4		
Bohac, Shanna	44	5		
Boland, Greg	42	2		
Boland, Kai	43.5	4	39	2
Boone, Sonya	42	1		
Bowen, John	44.5	3		
Boyce, Tom	41	2		
Bragewitz, Marvin	44	10		
Briggs, Dana	46	8	36	2
Brown, Butch	43	2		
Brown, Craig	44.5	6	36	1
Brown, Eddie	47	6	40	1
Brown, Eric	44.5	6		
Brown, Kim	42	3		
Brown, Rusty	44	3		
Bush, Bruce	47	12		
Cabrera-Benson, Gina	44	8		
Calabresa, Bill	44.5	8	38	2
Carles, Emile	40	1	35	1
Carloss, Kevin	40	2		
Carrothers, Travis	45	3	37	1
Carrothers, Troy	46.5	4		
Carter, Eric	46	3		
Carter, Randy	41	1		
Chadwell, Betty	42.5	1		
Chadwell, Bob	43	7		
Chernus, Richard	40	1	38	1
Christiansen, Dennis	43	2		
Christiansen, Jeff	46	3		
Clifford, Terry			35	1
Coburn, John	40.5	1		
Cornett, Justin	42	4		
Craig, Cory	44	1		
Czepyha, Eric	44	3		
Dalvey, Dave	42	6	36	1
Dannewitz, Chuck	42	8		
Dannewitz, Connor	44	8		
Darwin, Steve	44	2	35	1
Daugherty, Joe	48.5	32	40.5	7
Daugherty, Mary	44	4	40	1
Daugherty, Ty	43.5	10		
Davison, Jason	49	1		
Diehl, Justin	42	1		
DiGeronimo Jr, Victor	45	2		
Doerter, Randy	44	4		
Big Dog	43.5	4		
Dolsen, Everet	43.5	2		
Dorr, Len	48	15		
Dunn, JR	43.5	9	35.5	1
Dunn, Luke	44.5	11		
Emens, Richard	47	13	44	4
Engebretson, Jon			39	2
Erickson, Angie	42	2		
Erickson, Colt	45.5	5		
Erickson, Ted	45	1	35	1
Erickson, Wyatt	41	2		
Fehsenfeld, Fred	44.5	4		
Fellows, Curtis	48	4		
Fernyak, Annamarie	40	1	35	1
Fernyak, Carl	44	7	37.5	2
Fierbaugh, Aaron	43	4		
Fierbaugh, Andrew	44	4		
Fierbaugh, Jarod	44.5	6		
Fierbaugh, Tim	45	8	41	1
Finney, Brad	43	3	36	1
Finney, Jay	44	2	40	1
Fischer, Kevin	43.5	3	40	2
Fischer, Paul	45	5		
Fischer, Zak	44.5	1		
Francis, Jonathan	43	4	37	2
Freed, Jason	43.5	3		
Friggel, Bill	41	3	35	2
Fuller, Roger	40	1		
Gavryluk, Josh	40	1		
Gibbens, Sarah	44	2	35	1
Gigg, Bruce	40.25	1		
Giles, Michael	41.5	9		
Goebel, Chris	42	2		
Goebel, John	45	7	36	1
Goebel, Pat	41.5	5		
Goebel, Patrick	41.25	3		
Goebel, Tom	46	6		
Golz, Bill	46	2		
Golz, Martha	48	2	39	1
Graf, Foster	46	5	45	2
Graf, Mark	44	10	42	4
Graf, Rebecca	41	4		
Granata, Don	44	8		
Granneman, Paul	45	12		
Granneman, Tom	45	8		
Green, John	45	10		
Hall, Ava				
Hall, Eric	44.5	2	38	1
Hall, Greta	46	3	41.5	1
Hallinan, Bill			43	3
Hamilton, Don	42.5	2		
Hanna, Paul	46	7		
Hanna, Sam	41	2		
Hawthorn, David	41	1		
Heile, Bernie	49	9		
Heinmiller, Jim	47.5	9	40	1
Heinmiller, Jon	43.5	11		
Hetler, Dennis	48.5	8		
Hoagland, Bob	44	10		
Hochstein, Matt	44	1		
Holloway, Jason	43	5		
Horan, Simon	45	11		
Horstman, John	42.5	5	37.5	2
Horton, Gabi	42	3		
Horton, Susan	41.5	4		
Howard, David	41.5	4		
Howard, Sally	44	4		
Hunt, Don	45	4	39	1
Hutson, Dick	45	7	38	1
Irwin, Scott	42	2	41	1
Jahde, Eric	41.5	1		
Jennings, Brigitte	41	5	37	1
Jennings, Clay	43	6		
Jewett, Peter	45	1		
Johnson, Mike	44.5	4	35	1
Jones, Amy	44.5	7		
Jones, Terry	41	5		
Juergens, Ron	42	2	39.5	1
Kasper, Chris	42	4	41	1
Kehoe III, Tom	41.5	5		
Kelley, Anthony	41	1		
Kelley, Austin			38	1
Kelley, Mark	41.5	2	35.5	2
Kelly, Brian	41	1		
Kelly, Don	42.5	4		
Kelly, Lisa	41	3	37	1
Kelly, Martha			35	1
Kenison, Ron	41	1	35	1
Kippenhan, Greg			40.5	2
Kippenhan, Jacob	40	1	44	2
Kippenhan, Mike	41	1	40.5	2
Kippenhan, Nick	42	1	39.5	1
Kippenhan, Noah	41	1	43	3
Kippenhan, Tim	43	2	39.5	2
Klein, Eric	42	6		
Klein, Jeff	42	5	38	2
Klenk, Jim	41	3		
Klenk, Matt	43.5	7		
Kozlowski, Bruce	47	7		
Kracum, James	42	4		
Kracum, John	43.5	3	38.5	1
Kracum, Matt	44.5	4		
Kracum, Rich	45	4		
Krantz, Don	42.5	3	36	2
Kristo, Griffin	46.5	6		
Kristo, Steve	40	1		
Kusar, Jim	48	8	36.5	1
Kyle, Jerry	42	9		
Lafferty, Dan	47	2		
Lail, Amber	40.5	2	35	1
Lail, Randy	41	1		
Laing, Brent	46	12		
Lajeunesse, Kyle	48	2		
Larson, Chase	45	4		
Larson, Grant	47.5	3		
Larson, Greg	44	6	35.5	1
Larson, Hunter	43	4		
Layfield, Chip	41.5	1		
Lechowicz, Andre	43	5		
Lechowicz, Mira	41	2		
Lee, Paula	45	7		
Lee, Todd	43	10		
Leisch, Joel	47	4	40	2
Leonovicz III, Peter	44	7		
Leonovicz, Peter	41.5	1		
Letts, David	45.25	8		
Levy, Adrian	43	2		
Light, Peggy	45	11		
Lind, Tom	45	7		
Linn, Grant	42	1	35.25	1
Loken, Jim	41	2		
Lorber, Bob	42.5	7		
Lorusso, Paul	45	4		
Loughran, Jason	47.5	6		
Luke, Chris	45	11		
Luke, Don	46	15		
Luke, Eric	45.5	9		
Luke, Ryan	45.5	10		
Lynch, Dave	44	3		
Lynch, John	42	1		
Lynch, Michael	41	3		
Lynch, Patrick	42.5	3		
MacDonald, Rod			35.5	1
MacDougal, Jim	41	3		
Madl, Don	44	4		
Mahrt, Gerald	41	2		
Males, Ron	41	1	35	1
Manship, Mike	43.5	5	40	2
Manship, Nick	44	3		
Mason, Bob	42	4		
Massie, Cheryl	42	1		
Massie, Darrell	43	4	42	2
Masuga, Chase	42	3		
Mataczynski, Craig	43.5	6		
Matthew, Tom	41	4		
Matthew, Traci	43	5		
Maunus, Jeremy	43	7		
McGraw, Bill	44.5	8		
McGraw, Tonya	45.25	9		
McMillin, Rick	43	3		
McPhee, Colin	42	2		
Melcer, Paul	42	3		
Mercer, John	44	6		
Meyer, Boyd	42	1		
Miller, Matt	42	3		
Minadeo, Mike	46	4	39	2
Mirick, Chris	42.5	2		
Mitchell, Grant	40.5	1	40.5	1
Moore, Kevin	43	2	35	1
Morales III, David	46	4		
Morales, David	44.5	6		
Moret, Mickey	42.5	2		

Trophy Holders of 2019

Moret, Randy				18	2	Robbins, Ryan	43.5	5	35	1	17	25	Stanford, Chad	45.5	2		17	4				
Morrill, David	41.5	3				Robinson, Scott	44	7					Stanford, Charlie	43.5	3	38	2	16	2			
Moseman, Wade	44	2				Rodgers, Ralph	40	3	37	1			Stanford, Jeremy	43	4	39	2	15.5	1			
Mouloupoulos, Alexa	40	1	37.5	4		Rogers, Mike	44	19					Stanford, Mike	45	4	37.5	1	15.5	2			
Mouloupoulos, Aris	44	2	41	1		Rosenberg, Simon	43.5	1	39.5	3			Streibich, Ryan	42	1							
Mouloupoulos, Harry	42	2				Rosenberg, Todd			44	3			Streibich, Jim	41	1	36	1					
Mouloupoulos, Samara	41	2				Rowland, Paul	42	4					Strobel, Adam	46	4	36	2					
Myers, Trevor	43.5	5	38	1	16.5	3	Rucker, Janet	42.5	9				Strobel, Mike	44	8	37	1					
Myhre, Peter	47.5	103					Rucker, Keith	43	4				Sun, Frances	45	5	39	3	18	8	★		
Naprstek, Nate	47.5	3					Ruetenik II, Gus	46	1				Talbot, Tosh	41.5	1	36	1					
Naprstek, Smith	41	2					Ruetenik III, Gus	42.5	2	36.5	1		Terry, Don	40.5	1							
Nardo, Andrew	43	7	38.5	2	16.5	2	Ruetenik, Gus	40	1				Thome, David	47	9							
Nardo, Josh	46	12			16	1	Russell, Bill	40	1	42.5	1	18.5	4	★	Towers, Amy	49	14	43.5	5	18.5	6	★
Nettune, Bob	46	5					Rutherford, Chad	45.5	9				Towers, Jeff	44.5	5	42	7	19	21	★		
Newland, April			42	1			Rutherford, Garrett	46	10				Troop, Andrew	47	2			18.5	6			
Newland, Byron	44	1	42.5	6			Rutherford, Gary	46	8	37	1		Tune, Joel	44.5	11			18.5	11	★		
Newton, Marty			40	2			Sabatke, Donna	43.5	1				Turpin, Kristin			38	1					
Nicholas, Steve	47.75	4	36	1			Sackash, Mike	45	3				Turpin, Tom			37	1					
Noble, Bob	45	3	41	3	18.5	18	★	Sahley, Ted	42	2			Vaagenes, Ian	43	13							
Noble, Suzanne	49	8	37.5	5	18	15	★	Sandbrook, Bill	42.5	5	39.5	2	18	15	★	Van Belleghem, Dave	43	1	44.5	4		
Notheis, Charlie	40	2						Saraka, Frank	45	11	35	1	19	3		Van Brunschot, Carol	47	1				
Novicki, Joe	43.5	9	44	5	19.5	5	★	Saraka, Susan	44.5	17	38	3	17	1		Vosik, Bill	42	1				
O'Brien, Gerry	41.5	5	41	2	19.5	9	★	Sauger, Joe			36	3			Waggoner, Darin	46.5	7	37	1			
Olds, Cara					15	1		Schackmuth, Joan	45	3					Walker, Bret	42.5	4					
Olds, Garth	42.5	2			18	4		Schmidt, CJ	43.5	9		15	1		Walker, Christina	45.5	2					
O'Neil, Frank	44	7	36.5	1	19	4		Schmidt, Conrad	44	11				Wall, Drew	42	3	35.5	1				
O'Shaughnessy, Gerry	45	3			17.5	5		Schmidt, Judy	43.5	14				Wall, Keli	41	2	39	1				
O'Shaughnessy, John	45	1	38.5	1				Schmidt, Peter	43.5	4	41	1	18.5	3	★	Wallace, Dave	45	14				
O'Shaughnessy, Michael	41.5	3						Schulte, Jon	42	1					Waltrip, Mike	42.5	2					
O'Shaughnessy, Patrick	42	3	38	4				Schulte, Mike	42	4	41	1			Waltrip, Will	43.5	7	39.5	1			
Parzych, Gary	45	1			17.5	1		Scott, Greg	48.25	4					Wanderer, Jackson	45.5	1					
Patterson, Jamy	41	1	39	4				Scott, Kathy	41.5	2					Weiss Jr, Mike	46	4					
Payne, Chad	45	1	35.5	1				Screen, Kevin	44	3		16	1		Weiss Sr, Mike	42	1					
Payne, Chris	41.5	3						Shaffalo, Robert	43	5	38	1			Wheat, Jon	41	1					
Peckham, Travis	43	1						Sheldon, Scott				19.5	17		Wigglesworth, Tom	46	3					
Peters, Garek	42.5	6	37	2	16	4		Shipp, Jim	40	3					Williamson Jr, Ken	47	9	35.5	1	18	11	★
Peters, Gary	48	11	36	1				Simons, Tom	41	1	42.5	6			Williamson Sr, Ken	48	6					
Proctor, Phil	45	5						Simpson, Scott	43	7					Williamson, Al	44	7					
Purcell, Julia					17	6		Sirotkin, Peter	43	3					Williamson, Bill	43	3					
Purcell, Mandy	45.5	1	36.5	1	18.5	4	★	Skolnick, Zach	45	9	35	1	18	9		Williamson, Jim	44	9				
Purcell, Mike	41	2	39	1	17	1		Sloan, Colter			41.5	1			Wilson, David	42	1					
Purcell, Thomas	45	9	40	1	18	3	★	Sloan, Kevin	41.5	2	37	1			Wiseman, David	43	3					
Purpura, Barbie	45	5						Snyder, Ed	41	3					Wollin, Ken	40.5	1		20	9		
Purpura, Ross	44	11						Snyder, Liz	41.5	1	39	1			Wright, Brian	42	6					
Ragone, Louis	44.5	3						Snyder, Seth	41	2	38	1	15	1		Wright, Gary	41	1				
Rao, Damon	40	2	42	2				Solso, Tim	45	8					Wright, Jon	44.5	1					
Reese, Rhys	43	6						Spielman, Daniel	45	6	36	2	17.5	12		Wright, Kim	45.5	2				
Reese, Yuhong	41	2	35	1				Spork, Al			38.5	2			Wright, Rory	46.5	21					
Remus, Robert	43.5	2			16	1		Spork, Betsy	41	1					Zdolshek, Gary	43.5	4					
Ressler, Adam	40	1						Spork, Bill	44.25	5												
Rivera, Nigel	50	1						Spork, Ron	48	4												





So, We Meet Again

By: Cory Craig

In my 26 years guiding at Scott Lake Lodge, I've handled a few pike. Based on a modest estimate of 40 fish a day, that number is somewhere around 80,000. Often, I've wondered how many of the trophy fish my anglers caught were fish that I released in my early years at Scott.

I have always been selective about releasing fish. Even when lunch time was near, I would release (and still do) a perfectly-sized shore lunch fish simply because I felt that particular fish had potential: a fish that might make it past the gauntlet of predators it faces every day, bigger pike and lake trout that could turn it into lunch, a fish with a thick back and full belly, a fish that just knows how to get big. Honestly, I couldn't tell you for sure if I ever saw any of those released fish again, but it always made me feel good to give them another chance. As guides, we don't pay a lot of attention to shore lunch-sized fish. When they get big, though, we start to pay attention to individual fish. When they get really big (like 47 inches or so), we really look closely. Interestingly, with photographic evidence we can make a positive ID on a fish from the past, even years past. Just like marine mammal researchers can identify individual whales by the distinctive markings on the back of their flukes, the Scott guides can recognize and identify a pike by the markings on the gill plate—a group of intricate dots, lines and squiggles. They have fingerprints!

So, let's talk about just those really big pike, the 47s or bigger. For almost every angler those are fish of a lifetime. For me to just hold one is something special, but to get to hold that same fish a second time is something truly amazing. I'd like to think that our lakes are full of 47-inch plus pike, but the fact is that these fish are rare gems. When you do catch one of these beauties a second time, you feel good knowing you did a good job with the catch and release program; you put a healthy fish back in the water. Sometimes these fish are caught a second or even a third time in a matter of days or weeks. Other times it's years. Often, it's never. But all guides will go back to the same spot where a big fish has been caught. Usually she (nothing sexist here—all these monster pike are female) shows up at "her" spot for just a fraction of the season, a few days, maybe a week. Some are never seen again, but we always keep looking. (By the way, I have a theory on "Bay Jacks" versus roaming "Lake Jacks" but that's another story for another annual report.)

So, my guest does catch a big one in the same spot where I got one last season or the season before. How can I be sure it's the same one? You can't tell by its coloration. A fish that's sandy this week could be dark green the next. Pike can change color almost as quickly as a chameleon. In very dark water bays the pike are almost black, but when they return to the lake they go back to a more natural color. You can't tell by girth, either. That fat and girthy hog from last year might be a rail this year. You can't tell by scars or marks. A clean fish with not a mark on it can show up with scars and split fins; it's a jungle down there. The one thing that does work is that gill cover plate—those dots, lines and squiggles. With good "then and now" photos (it has to show the same side of the fish), our gang can tell if that fish has been caught before.



48.5" - 2017 - Rhys Reese with Guide Cory Craig



49" - 2019 - Suzanne Noble with Guide Cory Craig



48" - 2016 - Jake Jaffe with Guide Cory Craig



49.5" - 2017 - Jen Evans with Guide Cory Craig

This season on Scott Lake I was fishing with long time guest, Gus Ruetenik, our 95-year-old wonder, and Jason Davison, the son-in-law of Gus's son (is that a grandson-in-law?). Anyway, Jason was just getting into fly fishing for pike. It was only his second day with a fly rod, and it was the last day of his trip. He did well landing some small pike while Gus spectated. Then we came across a monster. It was a delicate dance to get in position and get a fly right in front of the fish. Jason did a perfect cast and the fish ate the fly. While Gus watched and cheered, Jason expertly handled and landed the big fish. In his many years at Scott, Gus had seen a lot of big pike, but this one was in another league. Measuring right at 49 inches, she was the biggest pike taken off Scott in 2019. That damn pike looked familiar. I looked at the many pictures of big pike I've kept over the years. There she was, right on the back of my cabin door. Caught by Ken Trueman back in 2015, she measured 47.5 inches then and now she graced us with her presence again. She swam away strong.

There are many more of these fish stories and, unlike most fish stories, these are all true. On an overcast day in August of this past season, I was fishing Flett Lake with Bob and Suzanne Noble. We had tough sighting conditions, but I saw what had to be a big pike. I could barely make it out, but I knew it was big, a "mid" or "high" as the guides at Scott call pike in the 46- to 50-inch range. My "go to" set up for a sighted fish is a black bunny leech on either a fly or spinning rod. Suzanne did a perfect "lob" toss at the fish with her spinning rig. The big pike emerged from the shadows, followed closely and then smacked her lips twice (yes, they really do that), but didn't take. Hmmm. Let's go big or go home. Suzanne then threw a huge Savage Pike, a full 14-inch long plastic thing, and that big girl just inhaled it. Suzanne is a veteran angler. I knew it would end up in the net. All 49 inches of her rested quietly in the big net. As I picked it up, I knew right away that this was the heaviest pike I've ever held. After a few quick photos, we let her go. She gave a big kick and left us all a bit breathless, so we just sat for about 20 minutes, savoring the moment. This fish seemed familiar, too. Back to my wall in the cabin to look at dots, lines and squiggles. There she was, caught in 2017, when she ate a bunny leech thrown by Rhys Reese. Did she remember the leech and turn it down? Hmmm. We do know, though, that most big pike grow very slowly. In 2017, she was 48.5 inches. It took two seasons in the sun to grow a half inch.

Those 49s aren't found just anywhere. They are rare. It took 24 years of guiding before I held my first 49 in 2017. I was fishing Flett with Jen and Jon Evans, blind casting a deep cabbage bed late in the season.

Jen hooked a big fish. It was a deep fight and there were several unsuccessful attempts at netting the fish, but the fish was determined to stay deep in the weeds. This was Jen's first ever pike trip and she was fishing with a fly rod no less, but she skillfully brought the fish into the net, a fat 49.5 inch. Back to the wall again and there she was, again. Caught the year before by Jake Jaffe, then a 48 inch, and caught over 2 miles from that weed bed. These big fish do roam.

These "meet again" stories are common. A 47.5 inch that was landed by Jim Heinmiller on Aug. 4 of this past season was landed by Jason Loughran in guide Jan Phoenix's boat on Aug. 5. Same spot and exactly the same measurement which says a lot about the honesty of this guide team—the tape is last word for all the Scott guides. Speaking of Jan Phoenix, no guide at Scott studies the big fish pictures more closely. He has a library of photos going back years that he checks against every pike photo of fish over 47 inches. He's found a bunch of fish that many guides have met before. One dandy pike was first caught by Jan's customer at 46.5 inches. She was caught in three successive years measuring 47, 47 and 47.5 inches. (That's a typical growth rate for a pike in that size range.) Jan didn't even need to study the squiggles on that one. This fish (see photo) had a very distinctive back fin that looked like a horn. Smaller fish are eager and are often caught many times in a season. Especially on low pressure flyout lakes, pike don't learn very quickly. On many occasions the same fish has been caught twice in the same day. How aggressive is that! On one of the first times Hostile Lake was fished, Tom Klein landed a nice pike near a weed bed. It was quite distinctive with some vertical markings on its side that made it look more like a musky than a pike. It measured 39.5 inches. That spot was hot, and he stuck around for a bit. About 15 minutes later he landed it again—no need to measure. A few hours later, on his way back to the plane, he went right by the spot. Of course, he had to stop. And yes, he caught that pike for the third time on the same day. And it still fought well.

It makes no difference to me if the fish I hold has been caught two, three or however many times. I just love holding big fish. A 49-inch northern pike is an impressive fish. I've held only six in my 26 years of guiding and I remember every one vividly. The one I will remember the longest was Suzanne Noble's big fish from the 2019 season. I was holding onto to the tail for quite a spell. Suzanne said (to the fish) "Come on, swim away girl." And I replied "Oh, she'll swim away, I'm just not ready to let her go yet." When I opened my hand, she kicked away—there she goes. Some day we will meet again. I hope.



47.5" - August 4, 2018 - Jim Heinmiller with Guide Cory Craig



47.5" - August 5, 2019 - Jason Longhran with Guide Jan Phoenix

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Day 2 - **Fish** Day 3 - **Fish** Day 4 - **Fish** Day 5 - **Fish**

Day 6 - **Fish** until 4:00 P.M. and return to Saskatoon late that evening.

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June 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CD	10 WEEK 1	11	12	13
14 CD	15 WEEK 2	16	17	18	19 CD	20
21 WEEK 3	22	23	24 CD	25 WEEK 4	26	27
28	29 CD	30 WEEK 5				

July 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 WEEK 5	2	3	4 CD
5 WEEK 6	6	7	8 CD	9 WEEK 7	10	11
12	13 CD	14 WEEK 8	15	16	17	18 CD
19 WEEK 9	20	21	22	23 CD	24 WEEK 10	25
26	27	28 CD	29 WEEK 11	30	31	

August 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2 CD	3 WEEK 12	4	5	6	7 CD	8
9 WEEK 13	10	11	12 CD	13 WEEK 14	14	15
16	17 CD	18 WEEK 15	19	20	21	22 CD
23 WEEK 16	24	25	26 CD	27 WEEK 17	28	29
30	31 CD	1 Sept. WEEK 18	2	3	4	5 CD



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SUPER 2019 SIZED

Rich Kracum
with Guide
Greg Hamm



Pike: 45+

Rivera, Nigel	50	Daugherty, Joe	47.5
Davison, Jason	49	Heinmiller, Jim	47.5
Heile, Bernie	49	Larson, Grant	47.5
Noble, Suzanne	49	Loughran, Jason	47.5
Towers, Amy	49	Myhre, Peter	47.5
Daugherty, Joe	48.5	Naprstek, Nate	47.5
Hettler, Dennis	48.5	Spork, Ron	47.5
Scott, Greg	48.25	Bailey, Eric	47.5
Dorr, Len	48	Brown, Eddie	47.5
Fellows, Curtis	48	Bush, Bruce	(2) 47
Golz, Martha	48	Emens, Richard	47
Kusar, Jim	48	Kozlowski, Bruce	47
Lajeunesse, Kyle	48	Lafferty, Dan	47
Peters, Gary	48	Leisch, Joel	47
Spork, Ron	48	Myhre, Peter	47
Williamson Sr, Ken	48	Thome, David	47
Nicholas, Steve	47.75	Troop, Andrew	47

Van Brunschot, Carol	47
Williamson Jr, Ken	47
Williamson Sr, Ken	47
Carrothers, Troy	46.5
Emens, Richard	46.5
Kristo, Griffin	46.5
Leisch, Joel	46.5
Myhre, Peter	46.5
Waggoner, Darin	46.5
Wright, Rory	46.5
Briggs, Dana	46
Carrothers, Troy	46
Carter, Eric	46
Christiansen, Jeff	46
Daugherty, Joe	46
Emens, Richard	46
Fellows, Curtis	46
Goebel, Tom	46
Graf, Foster	46
Hall, Greta	46
Hanna, Paul	46
Heinmiller, Jim	46
Kusar, Jim	46
Laing, Brent	46
Luke, Don	46
Minadeo, Mike	46
Morales III, David	46
Myhre, Peter	(2) 46
Nardo, Josh	46
Nettune, Bob	46
Ruetenik II, Gus	46
Rutherford, Garrett	46
Rutherford, Gary	46
Strobel, Adam	46
Weiss Jr, Mike	46

Wigglesworth, Tom	46
Bajalia, Sam	45.5
Bandt, Steve	45.5
Emens, Richard	45.5
Erickson, Colt	45.5
Heinmiller, Jim	45.5
Luke, Eric	45.5
Luke, Ryan	45.5
Purcell, Mandy	45.5
Rutherford, Chad	45.5
Stanford, Chad	45.5
Walker, Christina	45.5
Wanderer, Jackson	45.5
Wright, Kim	45.5
Letts, David	45.25
McGraw, Tonya	45.25
Bajalia, Sam	45
Carrothers, Travis	45
DiGeronimo Jr, Victor	45
Dorr, Len	45
Emens, Richard	(2) 45
Erickson, Ted	45
Fierbaugh, Tim	45
Fischer, Paul	45
Goebel, John	45
Goebel, Tom	45
Granneman, Paul	45
Granneman, Tom	45
Green, John	(2) 45
Hall, Greta	45
Horan, Simon	45
Hunt, Don	45
Hutson, Dick	(2) 45
Jewett, Peter	45
Kracum, Rich	45

Kusar, Jim	45
Laing, Brent	45
Larson, Chase	45
Lee, Paula	45
Letts, David	45
Light, Peggy	(2) 45
Lind, Tom	45
Lorusso, Paul	(2) 45
Loughran, Jason	45
Luke, Chris	45
Luke, Don	45
Luke, Don	45
Morales III, David	45
Myhre, Peter	(2) 45
Noble, Bob	45
Noble, Suzanne	45
O'Shaughnessy, Gerry	45
O'Shaughnessy, John	45
Parzych, Gary	45
Payne, Chad	45
Proctor, Phil	45
Purcell, Thomas	45
Purpura, Barbie	45
Rutherford, Chad	45
Sackash, Mike	45
Saraka, Frank	45
Schackmuth, Joan	45
Skolnick, Zach	45
Solso, Tim	45
Spielman, Daniel	45
Stanford, Mike	45
Sun, Frances	45
Thome, David	45
Wallace, Dave	45



Colter Sloan
with Guide
Jason Terris

Lake Trout: 40+

Graf, Foster	45	Moulopoulos, Aris	41
Van Belleghem, Dave	44.5	Noble, Bob	41
Emens, Richard	44	O'Brien, Gerry	41
Kippenhan, Jacob	44	Schmidt, Peter	41
Novicki, Joe	44	Schulte, Mike	41
Rosenberg, Todd	44	Basler, Rachael	40.5
Emens, Richard	43.5	Daugherty, Joe	40.5
Towers, Amy	43.5	Kippenhan, Greg	40.5
Hallinan, Bill	43	Kippenhan, Mike	40.5
Kippenhan, Noah	43	Mitchell, Grant	40.5
Newland, Byron	(2) 42.5	Brown, Eddie	40
Russell, Bill	42.5	Daugherty, Mary	40
Simons, Tom	42.5	Finney, Jay	40
Graf, Mark	42	Fischer, Kevin	40
Hallinan, Bill	42	Heinmiller, Jim	40
Massie, Darrell	42	Kippenhan, Noah	(2) 40
Newland, April	42	Leisch, Joel	40
Rao, Damon	42	Manship, Mike	40
Towers, Jeff	42	Newland, Byron	40
Hall, Greta	41.5	Newton, Marty	40
Sloan, Colter	41.5	Purcell, Thomas	40
Fierbaugh, Tim	41	Towers, Amy	(2) 40
Irwin, Scott	41	Towers, Jeff	40
Kasper, Chris	41		



Rebecca Graf
with guide
Greg Hamm

Grayling: 18+

Billing, Suzanne	20
Daugherty, Mary	20
Wollin, Ken	20
Daugherty, Joe	19.5
Fernyak, Annamarie	19.5
Novicki, Joe	19.5
O'Brien, Gerry	19.5
Sheldon, Scott	19.5
Billing, Suzanne	19
Calabresa, Bill	19
Daugherty, Joe	(2) 19
Daugherty, Mary	(2) 19
Emens, Richard	19
Erickson, Colt	19
Erickson, Wyatt	19
Fernyak, Annamarie	19
Graf, Mark	19
O'Brien, Gerry	19
O'Neil, Frank	19
Saraka, Frank	19
Sheldon, Scott	19
Towers, Jeff	(2) 19
Wollin, Ken	19
Benson, Shane	18.5
Billing, Suzanne	18.5
Blue, Debbie	18.5
Daugherty, Mary	(5) 18.5

Dunn, Luke	18.5
Erickson, Colt	18.5
Erickson, Wyatt	18.5
Fernyak, Carl	18.5
Heinmiller, Jim	(2) 18.5
Klein, Jeff	18.5
Kracum, John	18.5
Loughran, Jason	18.5
Massie, Darrell	18.5
Noble, Bob	18.5
Novicki, Joe	18.5
Purcell, Mandy	18.5
Russell, Bill	18.5
Schmidt, Peter	18.5
Sheldon, Scott	18.5
Towers, Amy	18.5
Troop, Andrew	(2) 18.5
Tune, Joel	18.5
Boone, Sonya	18
Brown, Craig	18
Cabrera-Benson, Gina	18
Calabresa, Bill	(2) 18
Carrothers, Travis	18
Dalvey, Dave	18
Daugherty, Joe	(5) 18
Daugherty, Mary	(5) 18
Emens, Richard	18

Erickson, Angie	18
Erickson, Ted	18
Fernyak, Annamarie	(2) 18
Fernyak, Annamarie	18
Fernyak, Carl	18
Finney, Jay	18
Fischer, Kevin	18
Golz, Bill	18
Golz, Martha	18
Graf, Mark	(2) 18
Graf, Rebecca	18
Hall, Eric	18
Hall, Greta	18
Heinmiller, Jim	18
Horstman, John	18
Lajeunesse, Kyle	18
Leisch, Joel	18
Loughran, Jason	18
Madl, Don	18
Massie, Cheryl	18
Massie, Darrell	18
Miller, Matt	18
Mitchell, Grant	18
Moret, Mickey	18
Moret, Randy	(2) 18
Noble, Bob	(2) 18
Noble, Suzanne	18
Novicki, Joe	18
O'Brien, Gerry	(2) 18
Olds, Garth	(2) 18
O'Neil, Frank	(2) 18
Purcell, Thomas	18
Sandbrook, Bill	(6) 18
Sheldon, Scott	(2) 18
Skolnick, Zach	18
Sun, Frances	18
Towers, Jeff	18
Troop, Andrew	18
Tune, Joel	18
Williamson Jr, Ken	18
Wollin, Ken	(2) 18

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