

The Fishwrapper



Dot Simonson, teacher; Bob Simonson(6), son & student; along with the Johnson siblings - Jerry(12), Holger(10), Kenny(5), Violet(18), Vivian(17) - in front of the "school" at Chippawa Harbor on Isle Royale. This was the entire student body in 1939 - long before Isle Royale became a National Park.

What Our Guests Say

"For the second year in a row, I had the pleasure of bringing 34 moms from St Paul and greater Minnesota on a retreat to Bluefin Bay Resort this past weekend. Once again, your staff and facilities deserve the highest praise. This year our group filled eight condos and I heard nothing but raves about Bluefin. In short, we all had a fabulous time."
—Susan Nagel St Paul, MN

"Fabulous service and a wonderful getaway. We will definitely be back."
—Heidi Tuneberg Brooklyn Park, MN

"We loved our Grand Superior One Bedroom so much we never got to the restaurants! Next time we will. Coho bread a big draw. Morning on the deck seeing the sunrise - awesome. Outdoor hot tub a big plus. It was a dream. See you in the spring!"
—Steve & Judi Forslund, New Hope, MN
"Bluefin was the perfect place for our honeymoon! Food, decor, service from everyone was the best quality we've ever had. I have enjoyed all of my previous stays here and knew this is where we should spend a week of bliss."
—Mr.&Mrs. Michael Johnson Plymouth, MN

Massage Therapy Services Expanding

Therapeutic massage is available from Carol Einwalter and her skilled staff at Bluefin Bay. Carol has studied traditional oriental therapy techniques at the University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Nanjing, China and she is a National Board Certified Massage Therapist. She comes to Bluefin to

provide our Guests with soothing and relaxing massage therapy. She is currently completing her training in Rolwing at the Institute for Structural Integration, Miami Florida. Massages are available seven days. To reserve a time during your next visit to Bluefin, just phone 1-800-258-3346.

Gitche Gami Bike Trail

The Gitche Gami Bike Trail is beginning to take shape around Bluefin Bay. Starting at the Coho Cafe and WatersEdge and heading east, three and half miles of trail were completed last summer. Already this has become a favorite spot of Guests and locals for walking, biking, roller blading and jogging. This summer the section between Bluefin Bay and Temperance State Park is slated for construction. When done, the Gitche Gami Trail will run from Two Harbors to Grand Marais. The 3rd Annual Gitche Gami State Trail Ride with Congressman Jim Oberstar, is scheduled for August 16, 2003. For more information, the trail web address is www.gitchigamitrail.com.

Spring 2003 Birder's Weekend

Join the team of Dr. Robert Rosenfield and his wife Laura for a weekend of birding activities. Bob & Laura have studied the Peregrine Falcon in the arctic of Greenland and the United States, the Harpy Eagle in Panama, a 24 year, crosscontinental study of the Cooper's Hawk, along with field studies of various songbirds. Bob is a Professor of Biology and teaches Ornithology at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Laura's work as a graduate student is based on identifying the comparative ecology and DNA structure of different populations of Cooper's Hawks. This team is widely published in technical journals, books and in more popular outlets such as (continued)

Spring Fever Special

March 30 - June 19, 2003
Except Holiday Periods

Whether you are getting in some early season biking, touring our fabulous waterfalls or losing yourself in a quiet getaway. Spring is a great time to be at Bluefin Bay.

Spring Fever Special Includes:

Stay with us Three Nights and receive one of those nights FREE!

Calendar of Events

MAY 2003

- 1-22 & 26-31 Spring Fever Special at Bluefin Bay.
- 2&3 Food & Wine Lover's Weekend
- 11 Mother's Day
- 18-31 Senior's Weeks at Bluefin Bay
- 22-24 Sterling Dance Program (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
- 23 Bluefin Summer Activities begin
- 30 Keith Morris exhibit starts at Johnson Heritage Post

JUNE 2003

- 1-19 Spring Fever Special and Senior's Weeks at Bluefin Bay.
- 6 - 8 Bluefin Birding Weekend (See Article)
- 15 Father's Day
- 20-22 North House Folk School Wooden Boat Show & Summer Festival
- 21 Summer Solstice
- 21 Grandma's Marathon (Duluth)
- 26-30 Minnesota Shakespeare Festival (Playhouse Production)

JULY 2002

- 1 Canada Day
- 1-6 Minnesota Shakespeare Festival (Playhouse Production)
- 4 Independence Day (Tofte Parade, Tofte Trek, Fireworks over Lake Superior)
- 4-6 Cook County Tennis Assn. Liberty Doubles Challenge
- 11 Northern Mosaics exhibit begins at Johnson Heritage Post
- 11-13 Greek on the Rocks - Aeschylus's Prometheus Bound (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
- 12 Hospital Auxillary Pie Social (Johnson Heritage Post)
- 12 Nachito Herrera & Puro Cubano in Concert (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
- 12&13 Grand Marais Art Fair & Festival
- 26 West End Garden Club Flower Show
- 31 An Evening with the Brave New Workshop (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
- 31 Fisherman's Picnic begins

AUGUST 2003

- 1&2 An Evening with the Brave New Workshop (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
- 8-12 Rendezvous Days
- 9 Maria Muldaur in Concert (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
- 21-24 & 28-31 Go Back for Murder (Playhouse Production)
- 22-24 Cook County Fair
- 22 Tom McCann exhibit begins at the Johnson Heritage Post



24 Senior's Weeks start at Bluefin Bay
 29 Grand Portage Bayou Boogie Festival

SEPTEMBER 2003

1 Labor Day
 1-4 Senior's Weeks at Bluefin Bay
 13 Kelley Hunt in Concert (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
 20 John Schroeder Days
 22 Fall Equinox

OCTOBER 2003

5 North Shore Health Care Golf Tournament
 10 Lise Faulkner & Paul Olson exhibit at the Johnson Heritage Post
 12 Columbus Day
 16-18 MEA Weekend
 19 Autumn Quiet Time begins at Bluefin Bay
 26 Gales Special starts at Bluefin Bay

NOVEMBER 2003

7&8 Food & Wine Lover's Weekend
 1-30 Gales Special at Bluefin Bay

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NORTH SHORE COMMERCIAL FISHING MUSEUM

Be sure to visit the Museum on your next visit to Bluefin Bay. Bluefin Guests can tour the Museum free of charge - just pick up tickets at the Front Desk.

TOFTE CHARTERS

Fishing Charters on the Big Lake are back again this year with Captain Darren Peck at the helm. Darren does a great job, so make your reservations early. Just call 1-800-258-3346 now for information and reservations.

AVANTI SAILING CHARTERS

The beautiful and majestic 42 foot sailing vessel, Avanti, is again available for charters with Captain Todd Spencer at the helm. Just phone 1-800-258-3346 for information and reservations.

HELP US HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT

We now have about 5000 people who can receive the FISHWRAPPER via email. If you would like to switch from paper to email FISHWRAPPER just go to www.bluefinbay.com and sign up, or let the Front Desk staff know. Give them your email and home address and we take it from there.

FOOD & WINE LOVERS

The Bluefin Bay Food & Wine Lovers Weekends are now scheduled for May 2 & 3 and November 7 & 8. Call now for your reservations.

HEY KIDS!

What is your favorite memory from Bluefin Bay? Can you put it on paper? Would you like to see your artwork on the Bluefin website? It could be worth fantastic prizes from Bluefin Bay. All summer the Bluefin Bay Kids Activity Department will be running an art competition. Anyone under 18 is eligible. All entries must be on 8.5 x 11 paper and can be any medium (crayons, pencil, markers, etc.). Guests will choose the winner by voting online on top entries in each age category. Entries may be sent to Bluefin Bay, Attn. Joanna, PO Box 2125 Tofte, MN 55615.

KIDS BIKES

10 new kids bikes are on order and will be here by summer. This adds to our fleet of over 30 Mountain Bikes. We also have new tow behind kid carriers that work great on the new Gitchi Gami Trail.

TODAY@BLUEFIN BAY

Looking for up to the minute info about Bluefin and the North Shore? Weather, events, sights and photos are all available at www.bluefinbay.com - then click on "News"

LAKE SUPERIOR WATER LEVELS

Data from National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Corps of Engineers show that water levels are up in Lake Superior. Official reading for October 2002 was 601.8 feet, which is 3 inches below average, but 8 inches over the October 2001 reading. All-time high for October is 603.2 and all-time low is 600.8. (Isle Royale Natural History Assn.)

Birding Weekend (continued)

National Wildlife, Sports Afield, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources magazines, and two Discovery Channel broadcasts. They are regular birders in the Superior National Forest around Bluefin.

Friday Meet the presenters social

Saturday

Mist netting and bird banding
 Guided birding hike
 Kids activity
 Binoculars seminar
 Birding adventures of a research team and Merlin their great horned owl

Sunday

Mist netting and bird banding
 Guided birding hike
 On the water - Lake Superior birding cruise



North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum Summer Activities

Fresh fish - Print Your Own Postcard

As tho' you had caught them yourself: Printed evidence of the early marketing trends in the North Shore Commercial Fishing Industry - May 2, 9, 16 - 1:30 pm

Finnish Fishermen of Lake Superior

You won't want to miss out on this presentation of current and past research on Finnish Fishermen of Lake Superior - May 15 - 7:00 pm

Build Your Own Fish Box Furniture!

Take part in the construction of a wooden fish box, traditionally made to ship herring to Duluth - June 6, 13, July 11, 18 & 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - 10:30am

First Annual Soup-er Solstice

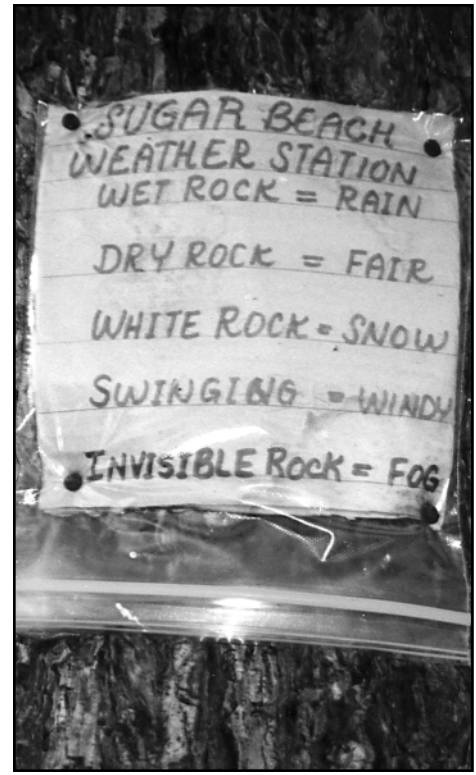
Enjoy the longest day of the year by celebrating with four incredible non-profit organizations: Cross River Heritage Center, North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum, Sugarloaf Interpretive Center and Birch Grove Foundation. June 21 - All Day

Wooden Boats and Commercial Fishermen?

Museum staff in historic clothing guide you through the unique maritime history associated with commercial fishing and traditional North Shore boat building. Friday Evenings, July thru August - 7:00pm

Carve Your Own Fisherman Figure

Make your own souvenir and take home a piece of North Shore maritime heritage. July 19th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Photos courtesy of Barb and Jack Morris.



2nd Annual Mary Alice Launching Ceremony

Join the community of Tofte as we celebrate the annual launching of the Museum's own herring skiff, the 'Mary Alice.' Aug 17 Noon

3rd Annual Jeane Pearce Walker Art Show - 'The Catch'

Artwork based on a theme that relates to the history and maritime culture of the commercial fishing industry. Reception - September 13

Seniors' Weeks
 May 18-June 19, 2003
 August 24-September 4, 2003
 Except Holiday Periods

Seniors' Weeks Special Includes:
 25% off Lodging Sunday-Thursdays
 20% off Greens Fee at Superior National
 Valid for those ages 62 and older
 2 night minimum

Family Activities

Every day and each week from May 23 to August 31. Register for all activities at the Guest Services Center or by calling 800-BLUEFIN(258-3346). Schedule subject to change. Start dates vary for some activities.

MONDAY

Carlton Peak Hike -n-Bike Hike to Carlton Peak and bike back to Bluefin.

Evening Sea Kayak Tour Introduction to kayaking on Lake Superior.

Campfire, Root Beer Floats, & Children's Activities Campfire and root beer on us, you design the craft.

Therapeutic Massage Available from North Shore Health Therapies right here at Bluefin Bay. Call Guest Services to set up an appointment.

TUESDAY

Kid's Bike Tour A short bike ride along the Gitchi Gami trail here in Tofte.

Grampa Woo III Lake Superior Tours 115' Lake Superior Yacht will take you along the scenic North Shore to Split Rock Light House.

Build Your Own Sub & BINGO Food & Fun!

Evening Sea Kayak Tour Introduction to kayaking on Lake Superior.

Therapeutic Massage Available everyday.

WEDNESDAY

Morning Sea Kayak Tour Introduction to kayaking on Lake Superior.

Temperance River Guided Hike Hike the ever popular Gorge Trail.

Bluefin BBQ Join us for an evening of burgers, brats, beans, pasta salad and chips, milk & pop. Then stick around for our campfire and S'mores

Campfire & S'mores S'mores on us.

Therapeutic Massage Available everyday.

THURSDAY

Carlton Peak Guided Hike 2.5 mile hike from Britton Peak to Carlton Peak, exploring the upper and lower summits.

Evening Sea Kayak Tour Introduction to kayaking on Lake Superior.

Campfire & S'mores S'mores on us.

Therapeutic Massage Available everyday.

FRIDAY

Morning Sea Kayak Tour Introduction to kayaking on Lake Superior.

US Forest Service Program Geology lake walk

Oberg Mountain Guided Hike 9 panoramic overlooks along its 2.5 mile perimeter.

Campfire & S'mores S'mores on us.

Therapeutic Massage Available everyday.

SATURDAY

Kids Bike Ride A short bike ride along the Gitchi Gami trail here in Tofte.

Crafts Varied lake shore crafts.

US Forest Service Campfire Program "Black Bears"

Therapeutic Massage Available everyday.

SUNDAY

Temperance River Guided Hike Hike the ever popular Gorge Trail.

Kids Hike Varied short hikes in the Tofte area.

Therapeutic Massage Available everyday.