

Happy
Holidays

The Fishwrapper



COME JOIN US FOR A FUN WINTER AT BLUEFIN BAY

Great Winter Specials

WARM UP TO WINTER

Stay three days and get one day FREE. Available in December EXCEPT Holiday Periods.

JANUARY 3 for 2 SPECIAL

Stay three days and receive one day FREE. Available January 2 - 31 EXCEPT Holiday Periods.

Purchase a 2 day lift ticket and get a third day FREE at www.lutsen.com.

4 for 3 Special over MLK weekend

FEBRUARY 4 for 3 SPECIAL

Stay four days and get one day FREE. Available in February

FAMILY SKI WEEKS SPECIAL

Purchase a 4+ day adult ticket Sunday - Thursday, at regular rates, and get a 4+ day Child's ticket FREE. Stay at Bluefin Bay for 4+ days Sunday - Thursday and for each paid adult, one child stays free and eats free (from our kids menu).

MARCH WEEKENDS AT MIDWEEK RATES

Stay 3 or more days and receive all at midweek rates. Available March 1 - 31.

What Our Guests Say

What a wonderful reminder of great holidays on the north shore of Lake Superior. We moved from Saint Paul eight years ago and now live on Monterey Bay some 2,500 miles away from Tofte. Nonetheless, we fondly recall times spent at Bluefin Bay.

—Chuck & Sue, Aptos CA

Without a doubt this is the most beautiful stay we've spent together in our four years together. Tonight we're being treated to a display of northern lights like we've never seen before. The Lake, the Sawtooth, it's been just great. And to top it all off, the privacy has been the best. We've built new memories together here at Bluefin. Thank you, we will be back.

—Carl & Cheryl

A quick weekend getaway turned into a relaxing romantic vacation. Late night dinner, walks along the shore. A beautiful view and a roaring fireplace and of course, the jacuzzi! The French champagne and sound of waves crashing against the shore will never be forgotten. Thanks especially to my husband for renewing the romance.

—Josi & Ryan

Thank you for your great hospitality and accommodations. This was our first "getaway" since our first child was born almost 1 1/2 years ago. And it was much needed. We hope to be back for more "getaways".

—Scott & Pam



On-line Reservations

On-line reservations are now available at www.bluefinbay.com

Just click on our new

"On-line Reservations"

link on the home page and take it from there. You will find floor plans, accommodations, descriptions and photos to help make your choices. If you have any questions, just call us at 1-800-BLUEFIN (258-3346).



CHEF BARRET

Chef Barret James Gustav Stavseth was recently featured in Minnesota Monthly Magazine where he spoke about his love for ice cream and his first restaurant job washing dishes. He progressed quickly from there to training at Johnson & Wales and then on to positions around the country including training with his mentor, Chef Anton Brunbauer at the Westin Hotel, Scottsdale, Arizona. Ingredients which Chef Barret can not live without include fish and fresh herbs. The recipe on the back includes those and many other tasteful items. Give it a try. And for your next meal at the Bluefin Restaurant, try his signature dish - Cedar Roasted Norwegian Salmon.

"We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems"
--John Gardner

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2004

GALES OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SPECIAL

- 1 Winter Activities Start at Bluefin Bay
- 9-12 & 16-19 The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, (Arrowhead Center for the Arts)
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 23 Last day of autumn quiet time at Bluefin Bay
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day (Canada)
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2005

JANUARY 3 for 2 SPECIAL

- 1 New Year's Day
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 2005

FEBRUARY 4 for 3 SPECIAL

- 2 Ground Hog Day
- 14 Valentine's Day - Happy Birthday Dennis
- 21 President's Day
- 27 John Beargrease Sled Dog Race

MARCH 2005

MARCH WEEKENDS at MIDWEEK RATES

- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Equinox
- 27 Spring Fever Special and Spring Quiet Time start at Bluefin Bay.

APRIL 2005

SPRING FEVER SPECIAL

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 6, 1981 Bluefin Vision Began
- 17 Mt Melt Down at Lutsen Mts - Free Skiing

MAY 2005

SPRING FEVER SPECIAL

- 8 Mother's Day
- 13&14 Food & Wine Lover's Weekend at Bluefin Bay
- 15 Senior's Weeks start at Bluefin Bay
- 30 Memorial Day

F.Y.I.

SCREEN SAVER

Thanks to Darren Peck, In-House Technical Wizard and Guest Service Manager, you can now download a Screen Saver consisting of the 2005 Bluefin Calendar photos. Just go to www.bluefinbay.com. Currently the Screen Saver is PC compatible.

ON-LINE WEATHER

It is now available at www.bluefinbay.com AND soon, we will have a camera feed so you can see the waves (or not) and the weather in real time on Bluefin Bay.

FOOD & WINE LOVERS

Be sure to make your reservations early for our next FOOD & WINE LOVERS Weekend at Bluefin Bay, May 13&14, 2005 featuring fine wines and culinary delights.

CONTEST

Attention Photographers - The 2005 Calendar is complete and the Eleventh Annual Calendar Contest is underway for the 2006 Calendar. We need your help! If you have quality, color photographs in HORIZONTAL format of the North Shore and/or Bluefin Bay, you could win one of 12 prizes including the Grand Prize of \$1000 in Bluefin lodging and dining (some restrictions apply) if your photo is chosen for use in the Calendar.

In order to enter the contest, just send your photo entries to our Twin Cities Office:

Bluefin Bay Photo Contest
2325 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 130
Minneapolis, MN 55405

See the back of any Bluefin Calendar for details or go to www.bluefinbay.com. DEADLINE is May 1, 2005.



ICE RINK EXPANSION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Bluefin Bay Ice Rink Expanded

Work progresses on a major expansion of the Bluefin Bay Ice Rink, located across from the Tofte Room and beside the tennis court. Pictured above is Tom Somnis, long time Bluefin staffer, along with his newest toy as he excavates the grassy area which is soon to be the expanded rink. This new rink will be more than FOUR TIMES the size of our past rinks. At the same time that Tom is creating the new rink, he is also creating a new berm (shown to the right and behind) which will separate the rink and the property more from Highway 61. Next Spring, this berm will be planted to provide even more

screening and creating a much more natural setting in the future.

As in years past, we will continue outdoor movie nights on the rink complete with hot chocolate and goodies. When we are not showing movies, the rink is lighted at night. So, on your winter visit, remember to bring your skates so you can enjoy this great new facility. AND, if you forget your skates, no problem. We have lots of skates available, complimentary to Guests, at the Guest Services Center. Come join us for a fun-filled and romantic experience.

Pan Roasted Alaskan Halibut By Chef Barret

1 8 oz pc Halibut
2 T clarified butter
Salt and Pepper Mix

5 spears asparagus
4 pcs artichoke hearts, quartered
6 pcs red potato, blanched and large dice
¼ cup clarified butter
S&P

2 oz Lemon Butter Sauce
Italian parsley, sprig

Heat sauté pan over high heat until very hot. Add clarified butter. Generously season halibut with S&P. Place 'good' side down in hot sauté pan and allow to cook over high heat until starting to brown. Carefully flip over and transfer pan to finishing oven. Cook only until just done.

In separate sauté pan cook asparagus, artichoke hearts and potatoes with salt and pepper and butter until heated through.

In center of platter mound vegetables. Pool butter sauce around vegetables and place pan roasted halibut on top of vegetables. Garnish with large healthy sprig of parsley.



X-C Skiing

The best trails of the North Shore Cross Country Ski Trail System are located right in Tofte. Accessible across Highway 61 and at the many trailheads to which you can drive or take our Complimentary Shuttle Bus. Try out the Sugar Bush Loops or maybe take a guided moonlight tour along one of our many rivers. Whether you like to skate ski or diagonal on some 250 km of groomed and tracked trails - or maybe bushwack through nearly unlimited forests - there is terrain for every level and interest of x-c skiing close by to Bluefin Bay.

You can bring your own equipment or use some of ours complimentary to Bluefin Guests and available at the Guest Services Center. This year we have all new skis, boots and poles ready for your enjoyment.

"Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy." --Isaac Newton

LAKE SUPERIOR FACT

A drop of water entering Lake Superior in 2004 will remain in the lake until 2195, an average of 191 years.

EMAIL CONTEST

Over the Summer and through MEA Weekend, we have been gathering email addresses from Guests so that we can easily communicate. Each Guest who provided their email address was entered into our Email Contest to win three nights lodging at Bluefin Bay. On November 17, we drew our winner out of the hat and chose Cindy Brown of Eagan. Congratulations Cindy!!

We have just begun our second Email Contest with a prize of three nights lodging at Bluefin Bay. To enter, just provide us with your new email address between now and March 31, 2005.

Winter Activities

Once again Bluefin is proud to announce our Enhanced Guest Services for the winter. Activities provide varied and unique opportunities for all ages. Some of the activities that will be offered are:

Crafts & Indoor Games
Guided Snowshoe Tours
Guided XC Ski Tours
XC Ski Waxing Lessons
Pizza Feed & Movie Night
Campfire, S'mores, Hot Drinks, and Ice Skating
Therapeutic Massage
Daily Shuttle Bus Rides to Lutsen & XC-Ski Trailheads

Please call 800-BLUEFIN for more details or visit www.bluefinbay.com.