

# Niobe Lake News

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## 2013 Summer Smiles

Unforgettable smiles captured for us to enjoy (clockwise)

1) **First Walleye**—how is he ever going to top that?

2) **Tough**—Stayed out all day in the rain and caught fish Too!

3) **A Personal Best**—his biggest walleye .

4) **Calm and Cool**—just another day on the water.



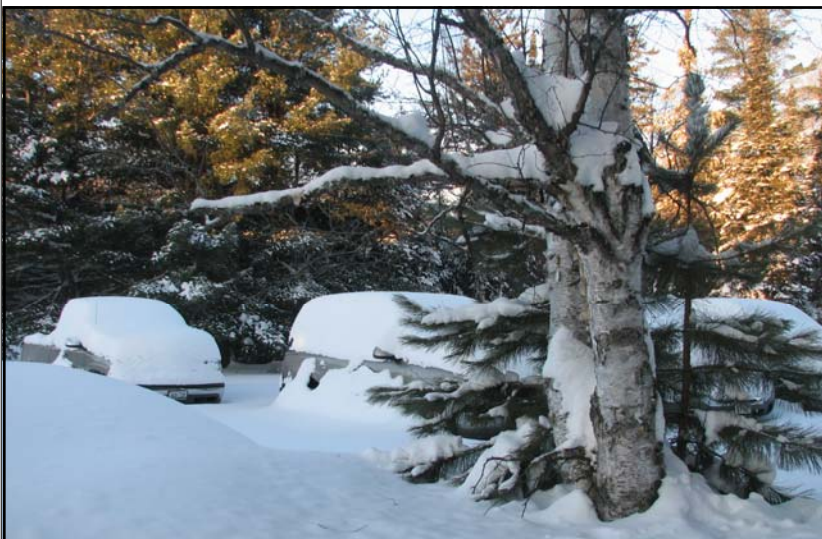
## What's New @ the Lodge!

*The summer of 2013 was busy and filled with exciting and first-time events making the warm weeks fly by. Our first project of the year started in early May. We renovated the south side of the Lodge, enlarging the dining room and adding two new washrooms and a small bar. That extra space allowed us to open our doors to the general public for our Sunday Dinners in the "Lakehouse Dining Room". We also hosted a couple of large private dinners for local organizations. Both ventures were a huge success. A big thank you to Pat and her crew.*

*In June we had our first marriage proposal. A Wisconsin fisherman baited his fiancé's hook with a diamond ring instead of the usual minnow. Don Thorson was their guide and he said he knew about the plan in advance. He was worried she may not see the ring on her line. Cast it into the water and loose it. But everything went according to plan and she said "yes". Her smile said it all.*

*Another first occurred in late August. Mart and I acquired some Moose Hunt Tags. That means 2014 will see Niobe Lake Lodge offering both archery and rifle hunt packages in WMU 11B and 12B. We are looking forward to being able to offer both fishing and hunting to our customers.*

*I must also dedicate some space to telling you about to our first year with Kaiya. The year has been both fun and trying. Last week she killed her first partridge and ate part of it before Marty could stop her. Then she was sick for four nights. Marty took her to the Vet in Fort Frances. Diagnosis—she got an infection from eating the wild meat. Mart and I reassured each other that the week with no sleep and the \$550 veterinarian bill was a one-time thing until she showed up with partridge #2 this morning. Man's best friend.*



Looks like we are settled in for the winter. -36 & 2' of snow!



Our extended dining room.

### Reminder

To everyone who bought a fishing licence in Canada last year, you should be receiving a plastic Ontario Outdoors Card in the mail. If you do not receive one, you can phone our local Ministry of Natural Resources office and speak to Connie Lind, phone # 807 597 5001. Remember to bring it with you when you come next year!



## A Bass Tale

For first-time readers of our Newsletter, this column is ongoing - every year another layer is added to the Coulson Family Bass Fishing Rivalry.

**The 3 Family Teams:** Marty & Troy Coulson (my husband & son respectively); Kelly Masson & Chris Johnson (Kelly is our son-in-law and Chris guides for us during the summer) and my sister Cathy Dayman and myself.

**The Setting:** Marmion Lake - a 26 mile fishing paradise with hundreds of miles of shoreline. This is the setting for the Atikokan Bass Classic, a two-day tournament with teams weighing in their top 5 fish each day. This year the winning weight was 38.14 pounds. I think the weights were lower this year due to weather conditions. A cold front came through on day one and day two saw gale force winds that left most teams scrambling for sheltered fishing spots.

**Now for the rest of the story. . .**

First let's talk about our 2013 goals:

**Goal #1**—we wanted to get out on the water more and fish, fish, fish. We did do that this year. Cathy took some extra time off work and we both made an effort to get out. We learned more of the lake and even explored some of the upper part.

**Goal #2**—to place in the Top Ten. This goal may have been a little too lofty for us! We placed 32 overall. Close. However, on Day 2, we did bring in the 6th highest weight of the day—a catch of 16.2 pounds. We have to learn how to put two good days of fishing together, which is easier said than done. So we didn't get to wave to the guys from the stage. In fact Kelly and Chris placed 31st. Beat us by .04 pounds. Had Kelly sweating for a minute there! Our lone moment of triumph came when we realized that we did beat Troy and Marty. They are sticking to the story that this was their year to learn more of the Lake. Yah, sure guys.

Marty had even bet me that if Cathy and I were to bring in a better weight than him and Troy on both days (thinking it would never happen) that we could take the BIG BOAT in the tournament next year! Can you just picture it? I will have to learn how to drive it first. Big learning curve. I think I will stick to what I know—his boat has no brakes and goes 70 miles per hour.

Our 2014 goal is simple—to place in the Top Ten. So I guess it is practice, practice, practice. Thanks to everyone who emailed and/or phoned to wish us luck. See you in 2014.

*Do you think we should practice our stage wave?*



Early morning day one. First flight is gone and second flight is just waiting for the waters to calm.

## **2014 Sport Shows**

### **All Canada Show**

January 9—12, 2014

Pheasant Run,-St. Charles, IL

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### **Quad City Boat & Vacation Show**

January 17—19, 2014

River Center- Davenport, IA

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### **Chicagoland Fishing Travel & Outdoor Expo**

January 23—26, 2014

Schaumburg Convention Center

Schaumburg, IL

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### **Cedar Rapids Sportshow**

February 7—9, 2014

Hawkeye Downs Expo Center, Ce-

dar Rapids, IA

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### **Duluth Boat, Sports & Travel Show**

February 12—16, 2014

Duluth Convention Center (DECC)

Duluth, MN

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### **Madison Fishing Expo**

February 21—23, 2014

Alliant Energy Center—Madison, WI

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### **St. Louis Boat & Sports Show**

February 26—March 2, 2014

America's Center & Edward Jones

Dome—St. Louis, MO

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### **St. Paul Bird, Buck, Bait & Boat Expo**

March 6—9, 2014

Minnesota State Fairgrounds,  
Warner Coliseum- St. Paul, MN

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### **Progressive Insurance North-west Sportshow**

March 26 -30, 2014

Minneapolis Convention  
Center—Minneapolis, MN

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## **2014 Sport Shows**

*To all our guests in the Kansas City area—we will also have a booth at the Kansas City Sports show that will be manned by one of our long-time Guests—Terry C. This is a first for us, and you will be in good hands—Terry is an avid fisherman and knows our lakes very well.*

### **Progressive 60th Kansas City Boat & Sportshow**

January 23—26, 2014

Bartle Hall—Kansas City, MO

*Please drop by the booth and say HI to Terry!*



**Who says you can't have fun fishing. The threesome pictured here are part of the Hatch family. Nice fish. Just ignore those girls. Oh right—What girls!!**