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Happy New Year!

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## Greetings from Wildwood Resort!

We hope that 2016 was a wonderful year for you and that you are anticipating 2017. The last year was a memorable one for us mostly because of the weather! Early 2016 was very warm - so warm that we only ended up with about half of the lake ice we normally have. The warmer temps meant that we got pretty good snow early on so snowmobiling was pretty good until early February. At that point the temperatures soared into the 40s and we got rain. The rain turned everything into a skating rink and destroyed the snow. The weather stayed warm after that point and the ice went out in mid-April thanks to some summer-like temperatures. We certainly appreciated the early spring but whenever the weather follows an unnatural pattern it upsets the apple cart!

Fishing this season is probably where we noticed the most impact from the unusual spring. Fishing just never really took off. It seemed like most people caught enough fish for their fish fry but they really had to work for them! The other major impact we felt from the unnatural weather pattern was the severity of the storms. One of the worst storms of the summer came the week of July 4th. The same guests who suffered through damage and power-outage in 2012 experienced an eerily similar storm during their week this year. Fortunately we didn't suffer any major damage and our power stayed on this time! Unfortunately, that storm was the first of many that wreaked havoc all over our area over the next few weeks. Oddly enough the thing that caused the most lingering stress was that one of the storms blew "our" eagles' nest out of the tree. We all have enjoyed more than a decade of watching that pair soar overhead and witnessing the first flight of all of their offspring. What an amazing gift that has been! It looks like they are working hard to rebuild the nest in the same tree but I guess we will have to wait for spring to see if they are still nesting in the neighborhood.

Fall was beautiful and lasted through November - another oddity of the weather this year. Our end of Bass Lake didn't ice over until December 6th! Mother Nature delivered an 18" snow the weekend before Thanksgiving and although it was beautiful at first it quickly became obvious that we were going to have a problem. We accumulated 12" in just a couple of hours and when tree limbs started snapping we decided to dig out the generator. We've never needed it in the winter but we lost power and had to run on the generator for a couple of days. It was another uncomfortable "first" in our 18 years here and taught us not to bury the generator behind the boats in the storage shed over winter!

Year end finds us once again contemplating how lucky we are to live our lives at Wildwood. We never have a dull moment and although sometimes we wish for some boredom we *never* wish to do anything else for a living. We are so grateful to all of you who have stayed with us over the years and our prayer for each of you reading our newsletter is that the new year brings you peace, good health and great joy!



Kim, Jay, Marlee & Katie

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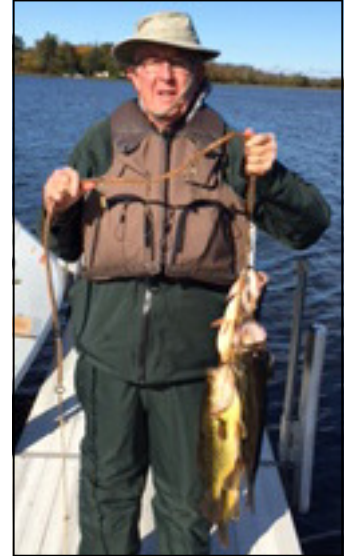
## 2016 Fishing Contest Results



Kathy's 5lb. 5 oz. walleye caught in July won her the top prize in the Walleye Category. Husband, Ray, selflessly offered to claim hold the fish for the photo op.



Brad's 7 lb. 13 oz. northern caught in September won the Northern Category.



John caught this 4 lb. 13 oz. largemouth at the end of September and won the Largemouth Category along with one full year of bragging rights!



Jill's 14 oz. bluegill won her the CPR Random Drawing!



Rick's 4lb. 2.5 oz. bass caught at the end of September won the Keeper Random Drawing.



Owen and Kris share the top prize in the Bluegill Category with their 15 oz. bluegills caught June 19th and July 7th of 2016.

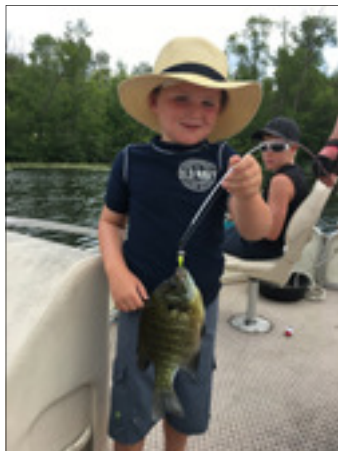
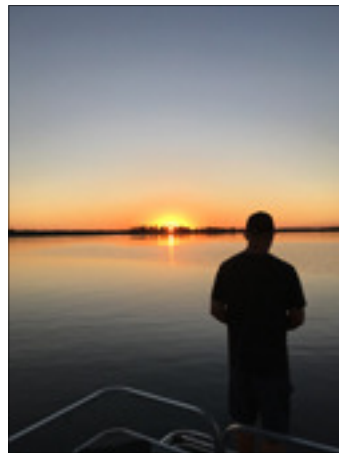
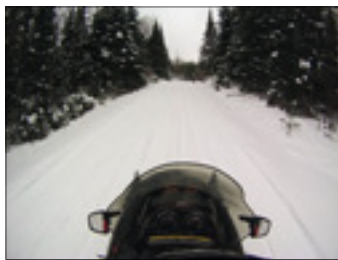
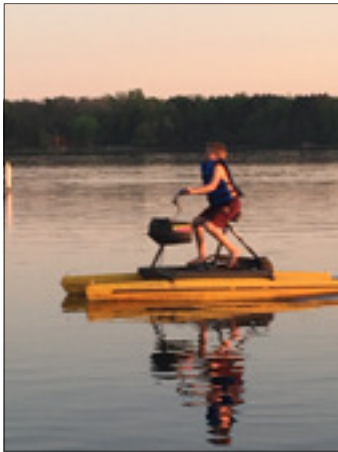
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# A Year In Pictures - 2016



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## Winter is Cold But Our Rates are HOT!

(Rates valid Nov. 1 thru Apr. 30)

Thinking about visiting us this winter? We think that is a great idea! You can snowmobile, x-ski, ice-fish or just read and relax by the fire. Check our availability on our website and then give us a call.

Direct Access  
to Snowmobile  
Trail!

**\$39** Per Night Per Person

*\*2 night minimum stay required*

*\*Minimum rate based on double occupancy per bedroom*

*\*Maximum cabin occupancy may not be exceeded*

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affordable  
than a hotel!

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# FREE NIGHT!

## Winter Special

Stay a minimum of 2 nights between November 1 and April 30 and get 1 free night!

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## Spring/Fall Special

Stay a minimum of 3 nights May, September or October and get 1 free night!

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