

## ROCKY POINT IS THE CHOICE FOR ALL SEASONS

There's something for everyone at Arnesen's Rocky Point! We're in the business of making memories for you and your loved ones. Northern Minnesota is an outdoorsman's paradise and Lake of the Woods is the grand prize.

The winter months bring cold and snow, but ice fishing in our heated houses takes the bite out of the winter. Speaking of bite, there are more than 15 reefs within four miles of Rocky Point, where you'll catch a mixed bag of walleye, sauger, perch and northern pike.

For many of our guests, ice fishing is ultimate enjoyment. Aaron Weis and his family have been coming to Rocky Point since 1988. He says, "Rocky Point is simply the best all around, from the great guide service to the fishing, to the food and the friendly staff. You can't get any better than Rocky Point!"

If fishing on a sheet of ice in frigid temperatures isn't your idea of fun, you're in luck because Rocky Point has three more seasons that have plenty to offer.

Spring brings fantastic northern pike fishing. Since the season for pike doesn't close, you'll have a great opportunity to fish even after the ice goes out.

Rocky Point guest, Merle Hoverson, Jr., says, "My favorite part of spring fishing is being able fish outside on the ice when it starts to warm up. It's also closer to tip-up fishing and even though the ice is deteriorating, it is still very fun. One year, Eddy (Arnesen) showed up at my fishing spot in the air boat and said it was time to go because the ice was getting worse. To me, the risk is worth the reward!"

The summer months bring heat and breathtaking sunsets, as well as tons of family-friendly activities. We've got a great line-up for 2016, including some new events that are sure to appeal to all ages. Karla and Larry Rislov, Rocky Point residents, say that summer is their favorite time of year. Karla exclaimed, "We love the friends, family, fishing, sunny days and magnificent sunsets. Even the stormy days are beautiful at Rocky Point!"

Autumn is a time where the resort moves at a slower pace, but the fishing is still great and hunting season begins. Rocky Point offers the perfect location for waterfowl and grouse hunting, as well as a base camp for deer hunting. Guests are also rewarded with hot fall specials on lodging and charter fishing.

Cheryl Fish, Rock Harbor employee, says, "Fall at Rocky Point is a feast for your senses! The sound of geese off in the distance, the crunch of leaves under your feet, the smell of harvest and the feel of damp crisp mornings on your nose and cheeks is amazing. The beautiful changing of the leaves and the abundance of wildlife that come out in the evenings to wander around the resort is also something I treasure."

We hope you'll join us and celebrate your favorite season. Whether it's winter, spring, summer or fall, Rocky Point has it all!

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



BY IVY MADAY

Ivy Maday

Although I'm only able to spend a few months at Rocky Point during the year now, it is still the place I call home.

I have such fond memories of the resort from my childhood, as many of you do. I remember things like watching my dad and uncles fillet walleye after a long commercial fishing day on Lake of the Woods, eating Grandma Ev's sweet caramel rolls at the old store, cleaning the public bathrooms with my sister (much to our dismay), watching my cousins make the jigs that we sold and sneaking out of the house to attend midnight bonfires at the Sandy Beach. These are just a few memories that float through my mind as I reminisce about my early days at the resort.

Rocky Point has grown significantly since the days of my childhood, but some things never change. It is still a place where kids can be kids. It is still a place where family and friends come together to celebrate one another and enjoy the beautiful gift that Mother Nature has given us -- Lake of the Woods.

I hope your memories are sweet, your traditions are abundant and your campfires burn bright.

RECIPE

### WILD RICE QUICHE BY TIFFANY ESTLING, BAXTER, MN

#### INGREDIENTS

3 eggs - beaten 1 1/2 c. whole milk 3/4 c. Swiss cheese, shredded 3/4 c. Monterey cheese, shredded 3 green onions, chopped 1 Tbsp. parsley, chopped 5 slices fried bacon, crumbled 2 c. wild rice, cooked 1 unbaked pie crust (9 inches)

#### DIRECTIONS

Bake pie crust at 450° for 5-10 minutes and remove from oven. Mix all ingredients and pour into pie crust. Return to oven and bake at 450° for 10 min., then reduce heat to 350° for 35 min. until golden brown or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

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# INSIDER Spotlight



The Ripple sat down with Erika and Bob Nathe from Blaine, MN, to talk fishing on Lake of the Woods. The couple has been married for 16 years and gave us some insight on what it's like to be the ultimate fishing duo.

### How long have you been fishing Lake of the Woods?

Erika: I have been coming up to Arnesen's since I was born. My mom and dad went to college with Jack Arnesen. Growing up, we would come up to Lake of the Woods as a family at least once every summer. I have so many great memories up here at Arnesen's.

**Bob:** My first trip to Lake of the Woods was in the winter of 1994. I fell in love with the lake right away. I had always heard from my dad how awesome LOW was, but I never had the chance to visit until then. It was my sophomore year of college. Odd story – the first time I ever came to LOW was with Erika's parents and WITHOUT her. Erika and I had been dating for about a year and she was leaving for Lithuania to study abroad. So, we brought her to the airport and we went fishing. Looking back on it, I probably should have been more stressed, but I must have passed the test with her parents.

### Do you have a favorite season to fish?

Early summer is our favorite. We started a tradition about 5 years ago to take a week off once school gets out and come up to Arnesen's. It is our unofficial way of kicking off summer. The weather is usually great and the fish usually cooperate for us during this time of the season as well.

#### Without giving up your secret fishing holes, tell us your favorite places to fish on Lake of the Woods?

It really depends on the season. We love to jig fish early in the season, so we typically find a reef and anchor just off the edge. With 2 kids, fishing on top of the rocks is not ideal. In the last 3-4 years, we have found that holding still in one spot has been very productive. If the fish aren't there, pull up the anchor and find another reef. That's what's great about this area of the lake – plenty of reefs to choose from in order to find fish.

### What is your favorite tackle set-up in the summer?

We like to jig fish, so if the fish are hitting jigs, it is a ¼ oz jig tipped with a frozen shiner. Bob's favorite color is a red jig and Erika's is chartreuse.

## What is your favorite ice fishing set-up?

**Bob:** We typically take the snowmobile and pull out our portable fish house. I think my favorite spot to fish in the winter time is 12 Mile Reef, but I also like to venture north of there and fish a few small humps we have found over the years.

**Erika:** At least once during the winter we go out fishing without the kids. We always come up with our best friends, Jen and Andy Steidl. The boys go in their portables to fish and the girls fish in an Arnesen fish house. It's a pretty hefty competition of who can catch the most fish. Of course, the girls usually win.

### What do you do in the boat/ice shack when the fish aren't biting?

Erika: I like to read a book and if the kids are along, we turn on the music and sing along. In the winter, we throw a football around outside if it's not too cold or we play cards and eat snacks.

**Bob:** In the summer, I am always thinking about where to try next. In the winter, depending on weather, I am also thinking about my next move. If it's nice out, I don't mind drilling more holes or picking up and moving altogether. If it's -25 or colder, sometimes it's better to wait for the fish to come to you.

#### Who has caught the biggest fish? And, how big?

**Bob:** I caught a 30 ½" walleye last year fishing with a slip bobber on one of my favorite spots on the lake. Several winters ago, on an early spring ice fishing trip, I also caught a 41" northern. Erika: I don't have any 30-inchers yet, but I have caught several around 28". When I catch a bigger one, it will be bigger than 30 ½".

## What's your favorite way to prepare the fish?

To be honest, we like to leave the preparation to Rock Harbor Lodge. It is tough to beat a basket of deep fried fish paired with their special tartar sauce and homemade bread. We like to eat the fish the same day as we catch them. The fresher the better.

### What is the key to success on fishing Lake of the Woods?

**Bob:** Time on the water, experience, and you must have a willingness to experiment with different methods and different spots. My favorite way to fish is jigging, but depending on the time of year, I will also pull rapalas in the shallows, pull spinners with bottom bouncers around the reefs or go downrigging in the deep flats. It doesn't hurt to make friends either! For us, we are so busy with sports and school that we don't get time to visit as often as we would like. So, it is always nice to find a familiar face and see if they can provide a recent fishing report.

Erika: Jigging and downrigging. I think we catch more fish when we do that.

### What is your favorite memory of fishing on Lake of the Woods?

Erika: When our daughter Kaitlin turned 8, we told her we were going to have a "boat party". We decorated the boat with streamers, balloons and signs with her name. We also brought out a cake and candles so we could celebrate on the lake. Her birthday is July 24, so I remember we were downrigging and catching a bunch of fish. Sometime around mid-afternoon, we took the cake out, lit the candles and sang Happy Birthday to her.

**Bob:** My favorite memory is from about 5 years ago, fishing the second week of June over by Twin Islands. The fishing was incredible. We had our family and our best friends' family with us. There were 4 adults and 4 kids and we were all catching fish. In a half-day of fishing, we boated over 100 fish. The kids were using bobbers and they would let the line out and the bobber would just continue to go down. The kids would set the hook and the fight was on. It was crazy. I remember netting fish, after fish, after fish. We caught lots of big fish and lots of small fish that day. For the kids, it didn't really matter as long as they were catching something.

# WINTER PHOTO ALBUM



Jesse Tintes and John Bauer caught their limit of sauger and walleye on this gorgeous December day.



Jimmy Pilacinski, North Oaks, MN, caught a 24" walleye on his first trip to Lake of the Woods. Jimmy's family has been coming to Rocky Point for 25 years. Way to go, buddy!



Alex Pearson caught a 26.5" walleye on a gorgeous Lake of the Woods day!

Paul Braam caught this 6.1 lb. eel pout.





Joann Martin closed out the year with a big celebration -- her first fish EVER! She spent two nights in a sleeper house and braved the -35 below wind chills on Lake of the Woods.



Merle Hoverson Jr. was in pursuit of big pike. He caught a 39" monster that weighed in at 18 lbs.







Keith Hohenstein caught his first lake crappie while fishing on Arnesen's Reef.





George Zakula (Zak), Duluth, MN, caught this sturgeon at Rocky Point. They estimated it was between 54"- 60" and 35-40 pounds.



Aaron Neiderhiser, St. Louis Park, MN, displays a walleye he caught while staying in a sleeper fish house last winter.





Joe Lembcke of Morris, MN, landed a 31" walleye in March.



Merle Hoverson Jr. of Badger, MN, caught a 29 walleye while pike fishing at Rocky Point.



Joe Henry, Executive Director of Lake of the Woods Tourism, got to take some time off from work to enjoy an overnight fishing trip with his daughter.



Joel Ortman is pictured with his big northern caught in February.



his Rocky Point gear!



Shaun Bennett landed a monster 36.5" pike during his last visit to Rocky Point.

Four-year-old Reese Ulland of East Grand Forks, MN, is shown with his first fish through the ice caught on 16 Mile Reef.



Grace and Eben Arnesen show off their catch of the day!



Maria Stevenson, Lisa Horner and Steph Ulwelling, all from Clear Lake, MN, had a lot to brag about on their couples trip last January!



Photo courtesy of Pam McCall

# **TRIPLE TAKE!**

Russ Kastelle has been fishing out of Rocky Point since 1958. His son, Daryl Klein, has also joined him in the tradition of Lake of the Woods fishing. They make the trip from Breckenridge, MN, each year and typically take a winter and summer fishing trip, but last year's summer trip was especially memorable.



While fishing with Rocky Point guide, Tim "Wingnut" Hill, Russ and Daryl, along with their friends Eric Greenquist and Bryan "Oly" Olson of Abercrombie, ND, landed three walleye at the same time! The fish measured in at 29.5", 28.5" and 26" and all were successfully released. Pictured left to right - Eric Greenquist, Daryl Klein, Russ Kastelle and Bryan "Oly" Olson.

## PARADISE FOR SALE

at The Rock!

Do you have dreams to be a landowner on Lake of the Woods? The Arnesen family is selling lots on beautiful Flag Island. The lots are located on the east side of Flag Island and offer a gradual elevation from Lake of the Woods. Build your dream home or fishing retreat from the ground up. You'll have million dollar views and unmatched privacy at a fraction of the cost. Don't miss out on this opportunity to own a piece of paradise! Contact Ed Arnesen at info@arnesens.com for more information.

# THE LEGEND OF GULL ROCK

The Coast Guard light blinks steadily throughout the night, not only to warn of danger, but also to act as a guide to lake travelers as they find their way back to the shoreline.

The light sits high on the legendary Gull Rock that is painted white by it's seagull inhabitants who make it their home during the more temperate times of the year. Not an ounce of foliage grows on the huge rock. Many people believe it is because of the large population of birds that dwell there, but the great legend of Gull Rock tells a different story.

It is said that Gull Rock was once green and heavy with foliage and its beauty was unmatched. It was a time believed to be when the tribes of the area were waging war and battle against one another. One blistering day, the temperatures soared to well over 110 degrees and the tribes called a temporary truce so they could cool off at the water's edge.

KARAOKE NIGHTS

every Friday night during the ice fishing

season from 9pm-1am. During the sum-

mer, karaoke is on Saturday nights from

included on holiday weekends. See you

9pm-1am. Additional nights will be

Rock Harbor Lodge hosts karaoke

While the tribesmen, women and children gathered, a cloud of great proportion arose from Gull Rock. There was a Great Spirit within the cloud. It spoke to the people and told them of impending encounters with a white race of people who would try to take their lands. The spirit told them to unite and stop fighting among themselves and prepare for that time. When the Great Spirit concluded its proclamation, it ascended off the rock and vanished in the sky, taking with it every tree, every blade of grass, every piece of foliage, leaving Gull Rock as we know it now.

While some see this massive outcropping of ledge rock a marker or guide, others see it as a reminder of a culture that holds fast to its history and legends. One thing is certain, Gull Rock is an extraordinary work of Mother Nature.

# SAVE THE DATE

June 17-19

Father's Day Clothing Sale

June 24

Beer, Brat/Burger and Bean Feed

July 12-16 Jory Simmons Steel Guitar Show

July 23 Backyard Bonfire & S'mores

July 26–28 Ladies of the Lake Quilting Guild

August 6 Ms. Rocky Point Contest

September 3

South Shore Classic Fishing Tournament Tintes Outdoors Kid's Fishing Clinic

# SOUTH SHORE CLASSIC WINNERS



Father/daughter team, Jamie and Sophia Lisell of Roseau, MN, took first place with 109 1/2".



Eric Lindquist, Warroad, MN, and DJ Januosek, Greenbush, MN, tied for third place with 102 5/8".



Presenting your South Shore Classic Champions, Jamie and Sophia Lisell!



Don Hecht and Shawn Tinkler, Grand a Forks, ND, took second place with 109 ¼". Shawn Tinkler also registered the biggest fish at 28 5/8".



Blaine Brateng and Dale Boroos, Roseau, MN, tied for third place with 102 5/8".



The kid's fishing clinic, hosted by Tintes Outdoors, brought in a big crowd.



The fishing clinic participants wait patiently for the fun to begin!





The first 25 kids received a free rod and reel from Tintes Outdoors. Nolan Steidl, Lily Steidl, Luke Nathe and Kaitlin Nathe show off their goods.

# **2016 SOUTH SHORE CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT**

The South Shore Classic Fishing Tournament will be held over Labor Day weekend, September 3, 2016. The tournament is hook and line with two person teams. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three teams. There will also be a free kid's fishing clinic by Tintes Outdoors while everyone waits for the fishing teams to come back to shore. Minnow races, a fish ID and tons of prizes will keep the kids entertained. For more tournament information, email info@arnesens.com. We hope to see you there!

# SUMMER PHOTO ALBUM



Zach Mans is pictured with a lake sturgeon caught May 25 near Twin Island. This monster was 57" long and 22.5" in girth.



Fall fishing is hot! Brandon Malmgren landed this pike in front of Rocky Point.



"That's how you do it boys!" Those were the words from Brandi Tintes as she continued to out fish the guys and show off her new pink rain suit.

Dave Rislov, Hermantown, MN, caught and released a 23.5" walleye over Fourth of July weekend.





Angie and Rylen Coe are all smiles after they landed a big walleye.



Tom McCahey caught this walleye on a gorgeous Lake of the Woods day.







Madelyn Arnesen, 6 years old, and Andi Mae Maday (Arnesen), 3 years old, continue the Arnesen family fishing tradition!







It was a double for Matt Odegard and his dad, Rick. These two measured in at 25.5" and 27.5". Nice work, Odegards!



Beau Walsh and Nickolas Rislov show off their fish while Ava Walsh shows off her humor.



Rob Bruce made his way to Rocky Point for the first time and the walleye bite didn't disappoint!



Lisa Runkel and her family fished with Captain Jon on Fourth of July weekend.



Kamren Janicke's fish keep getting bigger! Unfortunately, not quite big enough to keep for his mom and dad's trophy wall. He's getting closer, though. This one measured in at 28.5" and he released it shortly after the picture.



The Sports World parade winners for the best float went to the Stauffnecker family!



Wendy Tintes caught and released a 30" walleye on her first day fishing of the year! Great way to start the season, Wendy!



Eben Arnesen, Grace Arnesen and James Brown pose for a shot on a gorgeous day at the Rocky Point main beach.



Kaitlin Nathe caught an 18" walleye over Labor Day weekend.



Bethany Hohenstein proudly shows off her 28.5" walleye over Fourth of July weekend.



The Brown family showed off their USA gear for the Sports World parade.



The next generation of the Arnesen Family! Pictured L to R: Iris, Molly, Andi Mae, Grace, Madelyn, Micah, Eben.



Not to be out fished by his sister, Luke Nathe caught a 21" walleye the same day!



# THE CATCH OF A LIFETIME

Byron Eilertson, Blaine, MN, was fishing for walleye on 12 Mile Reef with his friends, Brian and Cordell Guse on July 25, 2015. After catching some great walleye using a crawler harness and 10 pound fireline, he hooked into a fish that he initially thought was a large Northern Pike.

Eilertson told the Ripple, "After 10-15 seconds, I knew it wasn't a Pike, as it quickly took out 200 feet of line!"

He told his fishing buddies to pull up their lines because he needed to follow the fish with the boat; he was quickly running out of line. Eilertson tightened the drag to try to tire the fish since he had been fighting it for 10-15 minutes with no ground gained. The fish went 200 yards one way, then doubled back and went 200 yards the opposite way as he continued the fight. It was at this point that he knew it was a sturgeon and it was going to be big.

Eilertson fought the sturgeon for 30 minutes and gained a little ground, even when it went under the boat a couple of times. It finally started to tire and come to the surface, and after 40 minutes it rolled next to the boat. He tried to grab the mouth, but the line wrapped around the fish and he could not grab it. Although Eilertson's net was not large enough, he decided to attempt netting him and was able to get at least a portion of the giant fish in the net. It took all three fisherman to maneuver him into the boat.

The sturgeon's size was amazing. The primitive beast was 64 inches long and they guessed the weight to be 70-75 pounds. Eilertson said, "I've caught a lot of fish on Lake of the Woods, but this is a first for me."

## **SHOW US YOUR ROCKY POINT RETRO!**

Inspired by a shirt from the eighties, we created a new retro shirt that is reminiscent of an era with big hair and fanny packs. We asked you to wear your t-shirt and take a picture to show us where your Rocky Point Retro has been. Stay tuned next summer for a new retro design!



Kay Arnesen - The Alps, Austria



Julie Gronewold - Skagway, Alaska



Diane Smith and Eileen Kraemer Oktoberfest - Munich, Germany



# **2016 RATES**

### Winter Fishing Cabin/Fishing Packages

All package prices are per person. Packages include: modern housekeeping cabin, track van transportation, gas heated fish house and bait.

1 Night - 1 Day \$141.00 1 Night - 2 Days \$225.00 2 Nights - 1 Day \$206.00 2 Nights - 2 Days \$282.00 2 Nights - 3 Days \$360.00 3 Nights - 2 Days \$335.00 3 Nights - 3 Days \$402.00 4 Nights - 3 Days \$458.00 5 Nights – 4 Days \$618.00 5 Nights - 5 Days \$644.00

## Midweek Specials (starting Jan. 1, 2016) Sunday - Wednesday

3 Nights / 2 Days Fishing	4 Nights / 3 Days Fishing
2 Days Meal Plan	3 Days Meal Plan
\$396.00	\$550.00

### Overnight Fish House Packages

All package prices are per person. Packages include: overnight fish house accommodations, track van transportation, gas heated fish house, water and bait.

2 Nights - 2 Days \$202.00

2 Nights – 3 Days \$246.00 3 Nights – 2 Days \$234.00

- 3 Nights 3 Days \$256.00
- 4 Nights 3 Days \$288.00 4 Nights - 4 Days \$342.00

### Day Fishing

\$75.00 per person (includes transportation, fish house and bait)

### Deposits

A \$75 deposit per person is required to confirm a reservation in the winter. A \$50 deposit per person is required to confirm a reservation in the summer. Groups that show up with lower numbers will not receive credit for deposits for no-shows. Deposits are nonrefundable unless a 60 day advance is given. No refunds for early departure. All packages subject to state and local taxes.



\$45.00 per day - Includes breakfast in the lodge or a hot breakfast sandwich to go, a box lunch for the lake and an evening meal from Rock Harbor's extensive menu. Partial meal plans are available on request. Advanced reservations are required.

## Summer Fishing

Cabin Rental

\$47 per adult / per night

Minimum nightly rates as follows:

1 bedroom cabin	\$98
2 bedroom cabin	\$125
Four-Plex Unit	\$156
3 bedroom cabin	\$185
4 bedroom cabin	\$240
Sandpiper/Plover/Jetty	\$240

Family rate: one immediate family may rent a cabin for the minimum rate

### Charter Fishing Packages

Package prices are per person. Fish on a modern 27 ft. Sportcraft charter boat with an experienced licensed guide. All charter boat packages include bait and fish cleaning.

### 1 night lodging / 1 day fishing:

3	people	per	boa	t	 \$265	
4	people	per	boa	t	 \$220	
5	people	per	boa	t	 \$188	
6	people	per	boa	t	 \$157	
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#### 2 nights lodging / 1 day fishing:

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3 people	per boat	\$312
4 people	per boat	\$266
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### 2 nights lodging / 2 days fishing:

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3 people p	er boat	\$530
4 people p	oer boat	\$442
5 people p	er boat	\$371
6 people p	er boat	\$324

### 3 nights lodging / 2 days fishing:

3 people per	boat	\$579
4 people per		
5 people per		
6 people per		

### Charter Boat Daily Rates

\$696 per day / maximum of 6 people

\*With uncertainty of fuel prices, Arnesen's Rocky Point Reserves the right to add a fuel surcharge to charter fishing trips.

### Boat & Motor Rental

16 ft. Lund & 15 hp. motor.....\$105 per day 16 ft. Lund & 30 hp. motor.....\$105 per day 18 ft. Lund & 50 hp. motor.....\$125 per day

Overnight docking is \$12 for cabin guests. Daily boat launching is free for cabin guests.

### Camping Rates

\$40 per night based on two adults, additional adults \$6 per night

- Children stay free
- Daily boat launch included
- Overnight docking is \$12 per night
- No shower or toilet facilities available

Weekly Rate.....\$240 Monthly Rate.....\$720

# FIDO-FRIENDLY

We know that your furry friend is part of the family. That's why Rocky Point is a dog-friendly resort. We ask that you abide by some simple rules in order to make it a seamless visit. We require a pet fee of \$15 per day for each dog, with a maximum of two dogs per cabin. Visit our website to view our full pet policy.



## FISHING LICENSES

Don't forget your Minnesota fishing license! Purchase licenses over the phone at 888-MN-LICENSE (888-665-4236) or online at www.dnr.state.mn.us. Fishing licenses are not available for purchase at Rocky Point.



Vickie Rood was a participant in the South Shore Classic and is pictured with one of her many slot fish of the day.





## STAY CONNECTED

There's plenty of ways to stay connected with your Rocky Point family. Visit our new website for all the latest news, offers and fishing reports. Share your photos and stories on our Facebook page. And, don't forget to subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive updates and special deals.

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