



The Walleye Street Journal



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What a difference a year makes! This year spring arrived three weeks ahead of normal vs. 2015, which was a couple of weeks later than normal.

We did get lucky on our trip into the lodge to open things up as the day turned out to be reasonably warm and the wind stayed down until later in the day, allowing us to transport our supplies across Straw Lake without too much difficulty. The weather did start to deteriorate over the next few days and when the Deitsch party from Alabama arrived at the lodge May 14th they were greeted by snow on the ground.

Although the weather was fairly unsettled for most of the season, our guests enjoyed some excellent fishing. Yoke and Sullivan Lakes produced some nice pike in the mid-30 inch range.

Tim Holschlag's flyfishing group reported some excellent fishing for all species during their late May visit to Slippery Winds.

Straw Lake was very consistent throughout the season and produced some big wall-eye. Our chef Lori, recorded a fat 30-inch walleye fishing Straw one evening after

dinner.

Yoke Lake continues to produce big wall-eye with good numbers of 'eyes in the 25 - 28 inch class caught and released by our guests.

As usual, Bluffpoint produces large numbers of good-sized largemouth. This June guests reported landing two lakers in the 30-inch class on Bluffpoint.

Guests fishing Sullivan and Crossroute



were treated to some great largemouth and lake trout fishing with Crossroute producing some truly outstanding largemouth.

The muskie anglers weren't disappointed as a number of mid to high-40-inch muskie were caught and released by our guests.

This season we replaced our main 25 kw generator with a new 30 kw genset, so we should get many years of use from the new generator. We added floatation to our floating docks on Straw and Yoke to make them more stable, and also replaced the 25 hp outboards on our guide boats with new 25 hp 4-stroke Yamahas as well as adding a casting deck on the 16-foot Lund boat on Yoke Lake.

2017 Season

We are pleased to announce **we will be holding our rates at 2016 levels for 2017.**

For 2017 some planned upgrades are additional filtration for our fuel system, boat ramps for the portage lakes - and, subject to budget constraints, we are planning to add several new boats to the Yoke Lake fleet. This will let us move some of the 16-foot boats from Yoke to Straw Lake, so our guests will have larger boats with casting decks on both lakes; with the better boats from Straw Lake replacing the boats as needed on the portage lakes. We are still limited to only 4 guest boats on Straw Lake by the MNR.

Lodge manager, Pat; our chef, Lori and shore staff Tom and Marilyn have indicated they are interested in returning to Slippery Winds and are all looking forward to the 2017 season.

The walleye opener is Saturday, May 20th so even a very late ice-out shouldn't pose any problems.

Don't forget to book and deposit before the end of October to take advantage of our **EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT!**

Thanks to everyone who has continued to support us over the years. We look forward to hosting you again next season!

Randy Duwell



Early Booking / Payment Special!
We are again offering an incentive for our guests to book and send in their deposits prior to Oct. 31, 2016
A \$50 per person discount for deposits paid by October 31, 2016
An additional \$50 discount for payment in full by December 15, 2016

Flyfishing Seminar
 Slippery Winds Lodge will again be hosting a spring fly fishing seminar with fly fishing expert, guide and author **Tim Holschlag**. Tim will offer evening seminars on many aspects of flyfishing, so whether you are a novice or experienced flyfisher these seminars will prove very informative.
 Dates for the seminar are as follows:
**Spring Seminar:
 May 28th - June 2nd, 2017**
 Participants will fly into the lodge via floatplane the afternoon of the first day, spend the next four days fishing at Slippery Winds Lodge, then depart after breakfast the morning of the sixth day.
 Space is limited to only 14 anglers per session, so to avoid disappointment, please book early. **Last year's trip sold out early!** Special pricing for the spring flyfishing seminar is:
USD \$1,595 per person
NO PRICE INCREASE FROM 2016

Booking Information
 For reservations or additional information Please contact us at:
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2017 Package Rates
 3-day package: \$1,295
 4-day package: \$1,495
 5-day package: \$1,695
 6-day package: \$1,895
 7-day package: \$2,095
Mid-Summer Special
(after July 1st)
 3-day rates: \$ 1,095
 4-day rates: \$ 1,245
 5-day rates: \$ 1,395
 6-day rates: \$ 1,545
 7-day rates: \$ 1,695
 Youths 13 - 15: 20% discount
 12 and Under: 30% discount
 All prices are in U.S. \$ per person, and include the roundtrip floatplane trip between Fort Frances and Slippery Winds Lodge; accommodations in private, fully-modern guest cabins; boat, motor & gas; delicious home-cooked meals; and a daily supply of regular minnows.
 A U.S. \$500 deposit is required to confirm a booking. The balance is due 90 days prior to the commencement of the fishing trip.
 Guides are available at a cost of \$150 per day, plus GST.
Not included in package:
 HST Tax;
 Staff & guide gratuities;
 Lodging & meals in Ft. Frances;
 Purchases at the lodge;
 Ontario Conservation fishing licence.
Optional Extras:
 Guide service;
 Trolling motor and fish locator rentals
 Prices are subject to change without notice.
Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE.
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