

CAIGER'S NEWS 2005

2004 FISHING REVIEW

It is hard to believe that the season is over and it was once again better than last year. We had high water levels all year which opened up a lot of shoreline that has not been available in the recent past. The fishing was good all year, as long as Mother Nature behaved herself. The fishing got off to a great start in the spring with pike co-operating big time in May. The shallow water fish were really aggressive, chasing jigs, flukes, spinnerbaits, and jerkbaits. Bass fishing was exciting this season with many good days for surface action. There is just nothing like watching your surface bait disappear in a giant explosion as a bass blows it out of the water. If you have not experienced this heart stopping action just ask Marty and Donna Adwin what it is like. They fished all one morning with surface frogs, had a dozen bomb shell strikes and had a fantastic time!!

The river gave up some good walleye this year with most of these fish coming on crankbaits, trolled slowly along the deep edges of islands near the main channel. A few were taken with live bait while the anglers were searching for deep water smallmouth. Charleston Lake was extremely hot for smallmouth in July. One report from 2 anglers at Caiger's said they had over 25 smallmouths surpassing the 3 lb. mark in ONE day in early July. The lake turned on again, with many big bass coming to the boat, for the first two weeks of Oct. just as the season closed

We have had high water this fall and winter which should mean another good spawning season this spring and continued good fishing in the years to come. The high water will once again give us a good early season pike fishery and put the bass in the shoreline cover.

Hope to see at Caiger's and on the water in

2005 Tight Lines -Doug Amos

1000 Islands Fishing Charters

Despite very strange weather patterns, **2004 season proved to be one of our best since we operated the Resort.** Thanks to the continues support of our loyal guests and many new ones, we are continuously working on improvements to our facility. We value feedback from our guests and if suggestions are feasible we do it! This year we will offer Satellite TV in rooms, this should make parents happy on rainy days! Also our government will make water treatment plants mandatory for 2006, however we decided to do it ahead of schedule (we never had problems with our water but one cannot fight "City Hall"). We are also continuing on our ongoing renovations, replacement of some of the beds, TVs and so on.

On our 10th anniversary of having to be a part of this great business we are very proud of all our staff and professional fishing and diving charter Captains who put a lot of effort into our customer's satisfaction. Great Thanks to everyone looking forward to 2005 season!

OFF ROADING –



We hosted an ATV Meet in October 2004 and it was a success, after living in this area for over 20 years I did not realize that there is another world out back: streams, beaver ponds, some very challenging hills and mud pits. For this year we are planning two meets: June 3^d weekend and October 7th weekend – Special Rate and lots of FUN. (see insert for details). For those who cannot make it to the Meet we can direct you to the trails any time and also for those without machines Vanridge ATV Rentals can fix you up with a machine and offer guided tours.

Last year had to be one of my best seasons ever. For those who choose the great angling around Caiger's Resort, the 1000 Islands area offers a multitude of areas to fish and there is always some good fish to be had behind one of the picturesque islands regardless of the season or which way the wind chooses to blow.

Even I was impressed by the numbers of fish caught this past year with the highlights of the year being a 12 pound channel cat, and a three pound bass being eaten right of the line at boatside by one of the rivers finest toothy residents, not to mention the numerous bass and pike taken on most outings. I look forward to an even better year coming, and hope to see everyone in good health and spirits. **"Big" Jim McLaughlin – Fishing guide and Two-Time Canadian Classic Champion.**

