

Trails End Lodge...2005 – 2011, Celebrating 7th Season of Ownership
Tang of the North Lodge...2002 – 2011, Celebrating 10th Season of Ownership

Come and join us in 2011....Call today to reserve your preferred dates!

Hello Trails End Lodge and Tang Friends,

Fall, 2010

Another season under our expanding belts and what a season it was! The 2010 season gave us excellent fishing even with some warm, wet weather. Our valued guests continue to support our two resorts and we greatly appreciate your loyalty. We are trying very hard to deliver a memorable trip at very competitive and reasonable rates.

Good news:

The **border crossing** is easier, friendlier and quicker. NW Ontario and all resort owners want you to choose a Canadian resort for your next fishing trip. The fishing is excellent and our resorts deliver a great experience at an exceptional value. If you haven't been on a Canadian fishing trip for a year or two, make it happen in 2011! Get your passports ready and give us a call today!

Social Media....what?

Facebook, Twitter...many of you probably use one of these "social media" already. Our resorts will try to get more and more involved with this technology over the coming year. Check for a Tang and Trails End Lodge Facebook page today and upload your pictures and comments. As we enter the social media age, we will also be sending updates, newsletters etc. via email until our Facebook and Twitter knowledge grows. *If someone wants to volunteer their knowledge and understanding of this technology to help us along, it will be greatly appreciated.* **Please send me your email address so that I can add it to our resort database.** These emails WILL NOT be shared with anyone. Please send an email to Mark Schneider at mschneider@rdspos.com and I will take it from there.

Trails End Lodge

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Kelvin, Jen and Shelly were back for their 4th season at Trails End Lodge and continue to do an excellent job. The home-cooked breakfast and shore lunch kit for all our guests continue to separate Trails End Lodge from all other resorts. The home-cooked breakfast, served from 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM, is available in the lodge every morning for all guests. Our package guests are also provided a shore lunch kit with all the fixings, pots, pans, utensils etc. to help you enjoy that famous Canadian Shore Lunch....you just need to supply the walleye. The number of guests choosing our American Plan package continues to increase due to the fabulous cooking of the Caul Family, great food and plenty of it, including home-made desserts.

Fishing was excellent in June, a bit tougher in July and picked up again in August. Those big Clearwater Lake walleyes were back in June. Walleyes, northern, muskie, lake trout, crappies, large and smallmouth bass and jumbo perch were all caught by our guests. Cedar Lake, a cache lake of ours with a boat and motor available for Trails End Lodge guests and a short, 75' easy hike from Clearwater Lake, produced lots of 19"+ smallmouth. Give this lake a try next summer.

We eliminated portage passes from all packages beginning in 2010 and saved our guests some money. We will continue this policy going forward. Simply bring some cash on the boat with you, ideally Canadian cash, and pay portage operator directly when using portage. We also do not sell minnows at resort and ask you to go down the shoreline about 200 yards in your boat and purchase minnows at **Sportsman's Landing**. New regulations for selling minnows and the aeration required make this a very expensive business. Sportsman's Landing has all the bait selling facilities, and also sells groceries, pop, water and alcoholic beverages. The portage pass and minnow changes saved both of us money and will continue to do so in the future.

We continue to **upgrade Trails End Lodge** as time and funds permit. This fall we had a new green, metal roof installed on our beautiful lodge, a very big job. Our intention is replace all roofs on all cabins with this green metal over the next couple years. It protects the cabins, lasts forever and adds a great look to the overall resort. All the pine needles and snow "slide" off these metal roofs very easily, which will add many, many more years to the life of these beautiful and unique cabins at Trails End Lodge. We upgraded the main bathroom in Leaning Pines with new paint, vanity and sink. The dock in front of Leaning Pines was replaced and the boardwalk in front of the boathouse was repaired. Many decks and stairs at various cabins were also replaced or repaired. We will continue to do our best to make sure Trails End Lodge is your choice for that cherished vacation time for many years to come. Please pass along any suggestions you might have.

Trails End Lodge has become a destination for **family reunions**. This past summer, we hosted the **Booth Family Reunion**, with over 150 family members visiting Trails End Lodge. The Booth Family booked the complete resort, including all the RV and Camper spots. There were fishing contests, fish fry and dinner for all 150 guests in the Event Center and a spectacular fireworks display sponsored by the Booth Family. Thanks!

Trails End Lodge also had the first wedding I am aware of this past summer. Cory Westover and Shannon Produniuk, now **Mr. & Mrs. Westover**, were married at Trails End Lodge on August 7th down on the point by Cabin #5, "Shoreline". The day ended with a reception on the resort property that evening. A lot of planning and cooking went into preparations for this event and all went well I am told. Congratulations to Cory and Shannon!!

Finally, after much discussion and debate, we discontinued the **whitetail deer hunts** after the Fall, 2009 hunt. Excellent hunts with many trophy deer taken made this a difficult decision, but a necessary one for various reasons. Trails End Lodge now closes for the season on September 1, give or take a day or two.

Rates and other great information can be found on the Trails End Lodge website at www.trails-end.net .

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The winter of 2010 was one of the warmest on record in NW Ontario. As a result, the "Tang fuel run" to get all the fuel for the season into Tang by snowmobile and 55 gallon barrels, was cancelled. There was no snow on the ground or on the lakes by March 15th. Fortunately, we had some fuel left over from the previous season to get opened and the balance of the fuel was then flown in. Flying in fuel is very expensive, but there was no choice and all went well for the season...no paddles needed.

We were very fortunate to have **Vanessa** join us in 2010 as our new Camp Manager. Many of you remember Katy who has gone onto to earn her pilots license and is doing very well developing her career. (Maybe Katy

will fly us into Tang someday) Vanessa was a quick learner and did an excellent job for us all season. She plans to return to Tang for the 2011 season and we will certainly welcome her back.

The temperature was in the 70's the week of opener, which was May 15th. These temperatures were unusually warm for that time of year. But even warmer weather was to come. On May 20th, the temperature hit 90 degrees. WOW! Coleman chairs were in the water and our guests had some of the earliest swimming on record. These warm temperatures are certainly not normal for May, but always have that Speedo handy.

But the crazy, warm weather did not deter the fishing for the 2010 season. Most of our guests reported the **"best fishing EVER"** during their 2010 trip to Tang. Walleyes were caught everywhere and in big numbers. Some of the fish that I am aware of include a 31" walleye caught by Dave of Nebraska, a 45" northern caught by Todd of Minneapolis area, plenty of largemouth bass in the 5 – 6 lb. range and many lake trout in the 28" – 32" range. Reports of smallmouth bass being caught continue to increase and the size of these "smallies" is growing. Fun addition to the great variety of fish we already catch at Tang.

Tang was closed as of the first week in July, but fortunately, a couple of our neighbors from Emm Island were up for a mid-July trip to Lawrence Lake. There was a **rain storm** July 8 and 9th that raised the level of Lawrence Lake by 2.5' (FEET) in 24-hours. Our neighbors happened to boat by Tang and found all our ramps and boats floating in the lake on their way to the flume. Thankfully, these kind people took many hours of their time to get everything back in place and tie everything up better than we apparently did. Lesson learned. There were reports that the water was rushing INTO Pullover Lake as Lawrence Lake water level raised so quickly. (Water runs OUT OF Pullover Lake the other 100% of time)

We also had a 4 day visit by the **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Broad Scale Fisheries Monitoring Program** in August. The MNR was checking water chemistry, netting for study, and conducting an aerial angler count on 132 lakes (49 lake trout and 83 walleye lakes) in Zone 5. Lawrence Lake was one of the trout lakes selected. 4 MNR biologists netted fish for study and count and took water samples from all over the lake. We are very pleased to report that the preliminary report on the health of Lawrence Lake is excellent and the water clarity and cleanliness is superior. In fact, the biologists on the trip reported that Lawrence Lake is "the cleanest lake we have tested so far this summer". Great news and we can all work together to keep our Tang lakes a very special place to visit for years and years to come. Thanks in advance for your continued help.

In 2011, you will see **two 16' boats** at Tang with flat floors and a combination of pedestal seats and traditional swivel bench seats. All boats at Tang currently are 14' boats. These two boats will be available to all Tang guests, first come, first serve, but for use **ONLY** on Lawrence Lake...no portaging with these two boats. For those guests that stay on Lawrence Lake, Southeast, Otter Bay and Pullover, these boats will offer a very comfortable day on the lakes.

LOG CABIN...AKA: Cabin # 2. GONE! ☹ Tang of the North Lodge goes back to 1957 as a resort from everything we have been able to determine from conversations with previous owners and old documentation we have. The "Log Cabin" goes back before that. Our best guess is that it was built in the 1930's or 1940's. A picture in the lodge taken on the stairs of the kitchen many years ago gives us a good hint as to the age of Tang. As mentioned the past couple years, the original LOG CABIN has been dismantled and removed to make room for a new cabin that will be the start of renovations at Tang. We plan on having the new cabin built prior to Tang opening next spring, which is Friday, May 20, 2011. ☺ There are Tang memories for many of us that include the "Log Cabin". Back in the spring of 2001, as guests of Tang, Rick Pentilla, previous Tang owner, Finuc's and Frankie (2 buddies), Terry and I began a conversation about buying Tang while visiting in the log cabin one evening. If I recall, there were quite a few beers involved. The rest is history and we purchased Tang from Rick

and Barb Pentilla on February 22, 2002. A great day in history...we bought Tang, George Washington's birthday and my Dad's birthday, George Washington Schneider. Cheers to all of us!

Tang rates for 2011 season did not change much and can be found on the website at www.tangofthenorthlodge.com . The flight with **Northwest Flying** continues to circle around the \$165 per person plus tax range.....if your gear weighs about 100 lbs. per person. Pack smart and leave all that gear that you will never use at home and save some money.

We will have a booth at **6 sports shows** this winter to visit with all our friends and to find some new guests for our resorts. Be sure to stop by and say hi. The excellent fishing of 2010 finds our bookings far ahead of previous years at this time. There are still great spots available at Tang and Trails End, so call or email today to reserve your preferred spot.

Sports Shows

	<u>Booth #</u>	<u>Date</u>
St. Paul Ice Fishing Show	343	Dec 3 - 5, 2010
MN Sportsman Show, St. Paul	102	Jan 13 - 16, 2011
Chicago Show (America's Outdoor Show)	138	Jan 26 - 30, 2011
Duluth Sports Show	141	Feb 16 - 20, 2011
Sioux Empire Sports Show (Sioux Falls)	83	March 10 - 13, 2011
NW Sports Show (Mpls)	745	March 30 - April 3, 2011

If you have already booked a trip to our resorts, but have not sent in your deposit, please do so over the next 2 weeks. If I do not have a deposit from you and I don't hear from you within the next 2 weeks, I will need to cancel your reservation and open the spot up for others to book. Don't wait, contact me today to confirm your trip.

***Please send deposits to:
Tang of the North Lodge OR Trails End Lodge
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Thanks again for your patronage. Repeat customers, word of mouth advertising and referrals are the life-blood of successful businesses. We are fortunate to enjoy all three of these and appreciate all you do for our resorts. We'll continue to improve and encourage your comments and suggestions.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season, enjoy the winter months and watch those Sunday ads for deals on all those "hot lures" you catch the big one with. Remember those DT's!

Cheers!

Mark, Terry and Pete

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