



# RESORTER REPORTER

November/December 2004

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Ed Becker:** Hello, I would like to express my gratitude to the CMR. I am very honored to be your President for 2004-2005. My wife, Sara and I have been a resort owner for the past 2 years, but we were first introduced to the business 17 years ago. Sara's' parents have owned In-We-Go Resort for 15 years and were ready to slow down. We have always felt this would be a great way to raise a family. These past 2 years have been a wonderful experience, and we look forward to being a part of giving families wonderful memories of Minnesota. Coming from 15 years of rotating shift work at Archer Daniels Midland to being able to spend much more time with our children, Katie age 9 and Gavin age 7 has brought togetherness and fulfillment of family back in my life, which was always my goal. We truly love the atmosphere of the resort.

Belonging to the CMR has taught us so much; we would not know where to start. I am looking forward to the upcoming year. There are so many legislative issues that will be historical for us as resort owners, and I am excited to be a part of that and to help continue the strength of resorts. I am hopeful to look back and have as beneficial a year as the last year!

We have great individual strength in our board members. This year's board members are so diversified with their talents and skills I am honored to be on the same team! Again, thank you. Ed Becker

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2004-2005:** The Congress of Minnesota Resorts Board of Directors for the year of 2004-2005 are as follows: Ed & Sara Becker, In-We-Go Resort/Motel, Ed & Joanne Fussy, Pimushe Resort, Mark & Beth Novotny, Hyde-Away Bay Resort, Tom & Brenda Masloski, Weslake Resort, David & Lisa Moe, Clamshell Beach Resort, Pat & Steve Addler, Cedar Rapids Lodge, Paul & Kris Kostelecky, Hunts Resort & RV Park, Corby & Sheila Niemeyer, Niemeyer's Rugged River Resort, Brian & Heather Sams, Country View Resort, Sherm & Mary Anderson, Anderson's Starlight Bay Resort, Jim & Kerri Ball, Cass Lake Lodge, Darvin & Susan Ferguson, Pine Terrace Resort, Jack & Sherry Frost, Joe's Lodge, Karen Kaehler, Pinedale Resort, Richfield, Tam Mahaffey, Lost Acres Resort, Pat & Tom Ossell, Northern Lights Resort & Outfitting, Preston & Penny Turner, Big Timber Lodge, Dawn Sullivan, Woodland Trails Resort.

**RESORTER/S OF YEAR 2004:** David and Lisa Moe were awarded the Congress of Minnesota Resorts 2004 Resorters of the Year Award at the Fall Convention. They are the owners of Clamshell Beach Resort, on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes, in the Brainerd Lakes area. David and Lisa are out of the box thinkers and are at the top of the list for progressive plans for their resort which include the years ahead; they have taken a risk to create a unique and very progressive resort in the 8 years they have owned it. They have updated the feel of their property by moving cabins, deleting mobile homes and by building new cabins and a lodge. They are great representatives of what resorters are now and will be in the future.

**2005 Spring Workshop and Fall Conference:** This year's Spring Workshop will be held in Detroit Lakes at the Holiday Inn on beautiful Lake Detroit. The date for the meeting will be Tuesday March 29th starting around 8:30 a.m. and ending around 4:30 p.m.. There is a block of 20 rooms held for Monday the 28th at a rate of \$64.95 if anyone wishes to arrive the night before.

The 2005 Fall Conference will be held at Cragun's Golf Resort and Conference Center in the Brainerd Lakes area, and the dates are Oct.24-26th. Look for more information to come.

**CMR New Member Contest:** At fall conference time, we had 185 members. That number is expected to rise in the next few months with the huge prize being offered by the CMR for a member who brings in new members. Each time you sign up a new member, you get your name in the contest. The more new members you get, the more times your name is entered. The prize is a pair of tamarack rockers with matching end table made by Ed Fussy from Pimushe Resort. The retail value of this set is \$1595--and all members are eligible to enter and win! If you need membership applications, contact Vicky at the CMR office (1-888-761-4245) or email her at [cmroffice@tds.net](mailto:cmroffice@tds.net). Let's all work hard to get some new members into this awesome organization. The prize will be awarded at the 2005 fall conference! Please see enclosed flyer and membership application form.

**CMR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** If you have a child or grandchild that is a junior or senior in high school who is planning to attend a four year college, a community college, or a vocational/technical college, or a current undergraduate or technical school student. The CMR has 3 \$500 scholarships available each year. The application for scholarship must be returned by March 15, 2004. Call 888-761-4245 or email [cmr@minnesota-resorts.com](mailto:cmr@minnesota-resorts.com) for a packet.

**NEW MEMBERS:** There are new members since the September/October newsletter. Please give them a call or email of encouragement and welcome them to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts. Please let the office know of any new resorters or seasoned resorters that might like to become members of Congress of Minnesota Resorts. We can send out a membership packet for the prospective member to look over. Thanks for all of your help.

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### Calendar of Events

December 13, 2004.....	Board Meeting
February 8 & 9, 2005.....	Day on the Hill, St Paul, MN
March 15, 2005.....	Deadline for CMR Scholarship Applications
March 29, 2005.....	Spring Workshop, Holiday Inn, Detroit Lakes, MN 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
June 1, 2005.....	Nominations for Resorter/s of Year Award are due in the CMR Office Contact the office for applications, 888-761-4245 or email: <a href="mailto:cmr@minnesota-resorts.com">cmr@minnesota-resorts.com</a>
October 24, 25 & 26.....	Congress of Minnesota Resorts Fall Conference, Cragun's Resort and Conference Center, in Brainerd Lakes Area

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