

August 2010



RESORTER REPORTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CMR PRESIDENT

The summer season is winding down, but there is still plenty of activity within the CMR.

The CMR Board has been dealing with media issues regarding Lake Home Rentals, watching the Health Department Water Source Re-Write, and with Governor Pawlenty sending the Shore land and Dock Rules back to the DNR, we will be watching to see where they go from here. We also have been getting the popular CMR Fall Resort Tours set up, and lining up a great Fall Conference, celebrating the CMR's 25th Anniversary.

It is also an important membership time. I hope you have renewed your CMR membership! Also, if you have a neighbouring resort that is not a member, encourage them to join. The better the membership base, the better the organization! The CMR is also looking for new board members to re-place members whose terms are up. If you are interested in participating on the board and want to broaden your knowledge on our organization and the resort industry, let me know.

I hope to see you at the Fall Resort Tour, September 8th and/or the Fall Conference October 31 & November 1st & 2nd!

Ed Fussy, CMR President
Pimushe Resort

CMR FALL RESORT TOUR

Make sure to mark your calendars and get ready for a wonderful, education time.

Wednesday, September 8th, 2010

This year the tour will begin at 9:00am at Eagle Nest Lodge where your hosts Bryan and Sue Harris will be eager to get you started.

www.eaglenestlodge.net

At 10:30am the tour continues at Lakewood Lodge, here Steve and Danielle Casselman will open their doors for you to explore.

www.lakewoodlodge.com

Finally the tour takes us to Cedar Point Resort. At about 12:00pm you will be ready to meet your hosts Tim and Karen Senger and will be able to look through their wonderful resort.

www.cedarptresort.com

But the fun doesn't stop there, after a morning of walking and exploring, why not enjoy some good food and laughs with your fellow resorters. Head north a few short miles to Timberwolf Inn.

Here we can all meet to enjoy a lunch, drink and social.

Don't miss it! Wednesday, September 8th

Deer River/Marcell MN

Contact: Timberly Christiansen at finnfeather@hotmail.com or 218-335-6598 with any questions.

CONGRESS OF MINNESOTA RESORTS FALL CONFERENCE

Is your summer busy? Not busy? Is your resort in need of a sprucing up? Do you need some new business ideas to spark yourself and your guests? If so...mark your calendar for the fall conference!

Join your fellow resorters on Oct. 31-Nov. 2nd for a fun-filled 3 days at Cragun's Resort & Conference Center in the Brainerd area. We've held conferences there in past years and the facility and food are spectacular. You don't want to miss it!

Plans are underway for some awesome speakers and presentations....our goal is to save you millions and make your resort top-notch! Sharing ideas with each other over breakfast, lunch and dinner makes us all better resorters.

Watch these newsletters and the CMR magazine for specific details later in the summer. The fall conference is always a wonderful way to close the summer season and share your experiences of the 2010 season with people who know what we're all talking about!

Questions about the conference or ideas for speakers and/or vendors for the show can be directed to Steve Addler at his email: vacation@crlodge.com

We hope to see everyone there!

NOMINATING RESORTERS FOR THE 2010 RESORTER/S OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts selects, through nomination by its members, one resort and resort owner that has shown a dedication to the improvement of the Minnesota Resort Industry by adopting and carrying out business policies and practices that reflect a personal pride in the industry as a whole. They also live up to the organization's motto of "Resorters Helping Resorters" by involvement in community activities and by displaying a willingness to help other resort owners to successfully operate Minnesota resorts.

To this end, any member of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts can submit a nomination for this prestigious award. Nominations must be received by September 1st each year. The nominating member is not required to verify the eligibility criteria. In the event none of the resorts nominated meet all the eligibility requirements, the awards committee will make a selection based on the resort most closely meeting the criteria and notify the winner. The winner will be asked to be present at the Annual Congress of Minnesota Resorts Fall Conference where the formal announcement and presentation will be made.

You can go to the CMR website www.Minnesota-Resorts.com Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on CMR Member (left corner), then by using your Login and Password you will be able to go to Applications and click on Resorter of the Year Nomination and print a copy. Mail the completed form to: Congress of Minnesota Resorts, 21403 52nd Street NE, New London, MN 56273. If you need further assistance please contact Vicky by emailing: cmr@minnesota-resorts.com or call 888-761-4245.

Congratulations to the following resorters that had the honor of receiving the Resorter of the Year award.

- 2001: Ed & Joanne Fussy – Pimushe Resort, Bemidji
- 2002: Dave & Mary Jane Keller – Brookside Resort, Park Rapids
- 2003: Dave & Bev Thompson – Fisherman's Village Resort, Battle Lake
- 2004: David & Lisa Moe – Clamshell Beach Resort, Pequot Lakes
- 2005: Steve & Bunny Fox – Sugar Point Resort, Federal Dam
- 2006: Dana & Cindy Pitt – Bailey's Resort, Walker
- 2007: Steve & Pat Addler – Cedar Rapids Lodge, Tenstrike
- 2008: Jack & Sherry Frost – Joe's Lodge, Bemidji
- 2009: Bob & Jennifer Bateman – Two Inlets Resort, Park Rapids

SEPTEMBER 1st DEADLINE

TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION
FOR THE
RESORTER/S OF YEAR AWARD
PLEASE PRINT
THE FORM FROM THE WEBSITE
www.Minneota-Resorts.com

**VENDORS
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Save the date: Nov. 1 for the CMR Fall Conference Vendor Show! It will be held at Cragun's Resort and Conference Center in Brainerd during the annual CMR Fall Conference. More information will be coming in September or contact Sheldon & Mary Sheibe at stay@knottypinesresort.com or meschiebe@hotmail.com or call 218-732-5466

**ELECTION OF NEW
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

With the arrival of fall and a slower resort season thoughts turn to new leadership. At the Fall Conference in Brainerd the Annual Meeting of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts is held. During that meeting we hold nominations and election of new board members. If you are interested in getting more information about the responsibilities of being a Board Member, please contact any of the current board members that are listed on the back page of this newsletter or contact the CMR office at 888-761-4245 or email:

CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com.

NEW MEMBERS

New members/owners since the June newsletter. Please give them a call or email of encouragement and welcome them to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts.

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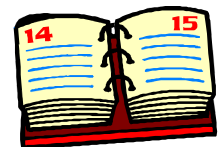
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*WELCOME
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GOOD LUCK!*

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 1, 2010 | CMR Resorter of the Year Nominations due to CMR Office |
| September 1, 2010 | CMR Membership dues are due in office, look for mailing in August |
| September 8, 2010 | CMR Fall Resort Tour, Starts at 9am Deer River/Marcell area see page 1 for details |
| October 6, 2010 | CMR Board Meeting; Little Boy Resort, Longville |
| Oct 31 & Nov 1 & 2, 2010 | CMR Fall Conference, Cragun's Resort, Brainerd |
| Nov 1, 2010 | CMR Vendor Show, 1 pm-4 pm Cragun's Resort, Brainerd Vendors more info to come in September |



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Keep your listing current
on the CMR website.

CMR MISSION STATEMENT

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts exists to help family owned and operated resorts in Minnesota to continue as a viable segment of the Minnesota tourism industry

CMR MOTTO

The Congress of Minnesota Resort's motto is "Resorters Helping Resorters" We believe that none of us is as smart as all of us.

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