



RESORTER REPORTER

Message from the CMR President

With the Holidays behind us, I'm sure most resorters are busy with their winter projects or are taking a well deserved break!

On behalf of the CMR, I attended a DNR Roundtable meeting held January 8 and 9. The top topic I would have to say was the walleye stamp. They are trying to increase the voluntary sale of the \$5.00 stamp by making more people aware of it. The proceeds from the stamp go towards stocking walleye. A topic I found interesting, was a survey the University of MN did on walleyes. They surveyed license holders from within the Metro area, rural areas, and non-residents. They asked questions on expectations such as; catch rate, size, limits, etc. We are hoping to have the data at the Spring Workshop.

We are keeping an eye on the dock rules as they proceed. The Legislative Committee is on top of things!

Coming up January 26 and 27, in Brainerd, is the Explore MN Tourism Conference. I always find this very informational and well worth the time and effort spent to attend this.

Keep tuned in to the Resorters e-groups. There are good topics that come through. If you are not part of the e-groups, I recommend you get hooked up. Also, don't forget to keep your resort link updated on the CMR website. If you need help with either getting on e-groups or with your link, contact a board member.

I hope your reservations for the upcoming summer are coming in!

Ed Fussy, CMR President

Announcing, Announcing, Announcing!!!

Upcoming School of Resorting Classes.

Mark your Calendars for these classes and get ready for some fun!

January 21st – Wood Working 101- Learn the basic tools and techniques needed to build your own log furniture. Contact Timberly Christiansen (218-335-6598) or email: finnfeather@hotmail.com

March 18th – Small Engine Repair Class- Back by popular demand, come with your equipment for hands on instructions on how to repair and perform basic maintenance on your equipment

March 19th – Basics of Welding – Come and learn some of the basic techniques of welding and equipment needed along with demonstrations from Bemidji Welder's Supply. Great chance to learn the ins and outs of welding!

Website Updating

It is time to refresh and update your resort information on the CMR website. Planning vacations is on the minds of many families.

Take a few minutes to logon to www.Minnesota-Resorts.com and review your Resort information, add information about the new features you offer, and update the extra features offered on the website.

Associate Members updating your information is important so we members can begin planning our spring resort updates.

If you need help logging on contact Tim Aarsvold at 320-763-3200 or TJA@GenevaBeachResort.com

Resorters E-Group

Do you receive the emails from the CMR Resorter Chat Group?

This is a great place to ask questions if you need some advice or just another opinion. CMR developed this group as its main informational tool for Resorters Helping Resorters.

To join send a blank email to:

resorters-subscribe@yahogroups.com

When you receive an email back, follow the directions.

CMR Member's Testimonial on Resorters E-Group

"Hey, are you using all your member benefits? We have been signed on to the resorters "e-group" chat line for several years. Those of you who belong have undoubtedly read my comments. I have to say that this chatline has truly been a "life-line" for us as we strive to be better resort owners. We have learned so many money-saving ideas that became a light-bulb moment for us. We have also responded to questions asked on the chatline and hopefully this has helped our fellow resorters. If you are not on the chatline, consider joining...it's easy. You can choose to read an entry or delete it, but I guarantee that you will save money and get valuable ideas by joining in the conversation....(from Pat Addler, Cedar Rapids Lodge)"

Spring Buying Shows for Resorts

There are presently 2 shows being held this spring for resorters. If you've never been to a show, it's a great way to get out and see some of your fellow resorters...and support our CMR associate members who may have booths at these shows.

The NE Minnesota Tourism Buying Show will be held at TimberLake Lodge in Grand Rapids. The show hours are Sunday, February 7, from noon to 6p.m. and Monday, February 8, from 9a.m. to 3p.m. If you've never been to TimberLake Lodge, it's a great show in a beautiful facility...and the host for our spring workshop this year. Questions? Contact Kim Jamtgaard at 218-328-5858 or vacation@wildwoodresort.net.

The 35th Annual Resort, Retail & Restaurant Buyers Show will be held at Northern Lights Event Center in Walker. The show hours are Thursday, February 25, from 10a.m. to 5p.m. and Friday, February 26, from 10a.m. to 4p.m. Questions, call 1-800-833-1118.

Many of our vendors from the fall conference will be at these shows and you can see their products displayed at the show and place orders for spring delivery. It's a great way to spend a winter day and visit with fellow resorters...and see the new products available this year.

C'mon CMR members, **Get On the Bus** **TO THE CMR DAY ON THE HILL** **&** **RESORT SHOW**



Please save the **date for CMR's Day on the Hill. It is Feb. 23-24.** We have lined up a bus to start at Park Rapids Old J & B parking lot at 07:15 am on the 23rd and drive to St. Paul with brief stops in Little Falls and St. Cloud. We will return on Feb 24th later in the evening.

Our topics include:

- Maintaining Post Labor Day School Starts
- Private lake Home Rental - definition
- Maintaining favorable Shoreland Rules for Resorts
- Restricted Plumbing Licenses - transferable with resort sale
- Bedroom size grandfathering

Come help support Minnesota resorts at the State Capitol by being a part of resort owners Day on the Hill Event!

Bus ride is at no cost for CMR members, even if you can't make the bus, join us down at the capitol.

If you plan to come, please let Ed Becker - In-We-Go Resort (218-652-3536) email: vacation@inwegoresort.com or Mark Novonty - Hyde-A-Way Resort (218-675-6683) email: hydeawaybay@tds.net

We will let you know the Hotel information shortly and a more detailed agenda

Minnesota Resorter Magazine Articles

Anyone with a good story or some educational information that you would like to share with everyone in the Minnesota Resorter please write and send to Nancy Loren littleboyresort@arvig.net or Sue Paradeis at vacation@shingwako.com

NEED \$500 FOR SCHOOL?

It is not too early for your child or grandchild to get the application started!

Application needs to be at the CMR Office March 15th!

Each year the Congress of Minnesota Resorts offers three \$500 scholarships to a junior or senior in high school or a current undergraduate or technical school student. March 15, 2010 is the deadline for the scholarship application to be returned to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts office. A scholarship application can be printed out by going 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 Scholarship Application and print a copy. If you need further assistance please contact Vicky by emailing: cmr@minnesota-resorts.com or call 888-761-4245.

NEW MEMBERS

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

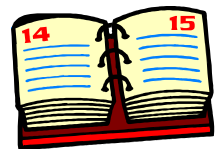
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*WELCOME
&
GOOD LUCK!*

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 26-27, 2010	Explore Minnesota Tourism Conference, Cragun's Resort, Brainerd
February 6, 2010	CMR Board Meeting at Finn N Feather Resort, Bemidji
Feb 23 & 24, 2010	CMR Day On The Hill, St Paul
March 15, 2010	CMR Scholarship Applications due in CMR Office
March 30, 2010	CMR Spring Workshop, TimberLake Lodge, Grand Rapids
March 30, 2010	CMR Board Meeting at TimberLake Lodge, Grand Rapids
August 1, 2010	CMR Resorter of the Year Nominations due to CMR Office
Sept 2010	CMR Fall Resort Tour, date and location to be announced later
Oct/Nov 2010	CMR Fall Conference, dates and location to be announced later



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on the CMR website.

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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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