



# RESORTER REPORTER

## Congress of Minnesota Resorts

### Message from the CMR President

We had a great turnout for the CMR's Day on the Hill; the best ever with over 50 people attending. We met with a lot of new and returning Representatives and Senators. We even met with Governor Dayton who I feel is very supportive of our issues.

Some of our key issues that we brought up at the Day on the Hill are listed below. I'll sum them up in a nutshell.

**Flexible Learning Calendars: HF 627/SF 410:** education is a top priority for CMR members, but the CMR feels that the legislature balanced all the state's interests when it decided to require schools to start after Labor Day. Flexible learning schedules that do not include additional instructional days are simply trying to get around the post Labor Day start date.

**Restricted Plumbing Licenses: HF 632/SF 411:** Since the window to obtain a plumbing license has closed, this means that a new resorter will not be able to apply for one. This bill would allow transferring that license to the new owner of the resort.

**Sprinkler Systems in Cabins SF 297/HF 460:** This one I will go into a little more detail so everyone is up to speed. The State of MN is looking to adopt, through rule making, the International Building Code which has mandatory sprinklers in all new and remodelled buildings, including single family dwelling units. This would be devastating to our industry as it would add on an average \$20,000 per cabin. Not including the infra structure to supply sufficient water to each cabin. It would cost a 10-12 cabin resort over a quarter million dollars to have sprinkler systems throughout, not including any maintenance and inspections. There isn't a bank around that would finance something like this, that adds no extra income to our bottom line. According to the National Fire Protection Association, a homeowner has a 99.45% chance of survival if their home has a working smoke detector. Adding a fire sprinkler requirement increases survival rate to 99.85%. I feel that we all take the necessary measures to ensure the safety of our guests without adding sprinklers.

We also included support for continuing funding for Explore Minnesota Tourism the CMR supports efforts of the MN DNR and others to control the spread of aquatic invasive species.

I would like to thank our Legislative Committee for doing another fine job with the Day on the Hill. Thanks also to Joel Carlson and his assistant, Tami LeFavor for setting up all the meetings. A special thanks to everyone that contributed items to the Resort Show that we had set up at the Capitol. It gave our resort industry some added exposure, especially to those that we were not able to meet with. Last but not least, a big thank you to those of you that took the time to make the trip to the Capitol. Without member participation it wouldn't have been very successful!

Mark your calendars for the Spring Workshop that will be held in Bemidji, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This is always a good way to start out a new season! Hope to see you there!

Ed Fussy, CMR President

Pimushe Resort, Bemidji

## **2011 CMR SPRING WORKSHOP**

Plan to attend the spring workshop on Monday, March 28, being held at Hampton Inn & Suites in Bemidji. The workshop promises to answer your questions and get you ready for the 2011 summer resort season! Cost for the workshop is \$49/person for members of the Congress of MN Resorts. Watch your mailbox for the registration information. For more information, contact Steve Addler at [vacation@crlodge.com](mailto:vacation@crlodge.com) or 218-243-2487. We hope to see all of you there!

Steve Addler, Conference Chairperson  
Cedar Rapids Lodge, Tenstrike

## **CMR School of Resorting - Small Engine Repair Class**

Okay all you hard working guys out there! The Small Engine class is back by popular demand, and once again it's HANDS-ON! Yes, that's right; you get to bring in your own piece of equipment for some valuable one-on-one learning with a professional mechanic. Don't miss this opportunity to learn exactly what it takes to fix and service your own equipment. Class size is limited, so sign up early!

Class Title: Small Engine Repair Class – Hands on  
Date and Time: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – (as long as needed)  
Food: Lunch will be provided  
Where: Christiansen Industrial Developers, Bemidji  
Instructors: Mike Lauderbaugh  
Facilitator: Jason Christiansen [finnfeather@hotmail.com](mailto:finnfeather@hotmail.com) (218) 335-6598  
Registration Deadline: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Number of Students: Maximum of 10, sign up early!!  
Cost: \$ 15.00 per person

### Class Summary:

This class offers a unique opportunity for anyone really wanting to learn the ins and outs of fixing and maintaining their small engines. Participants will bring their own engines (outboard, weed eaters, lawn mowers, chain saws, etc) for hands on learning experience from a professional mechanic. Learn what tools you need, how to do maintenance and any specific problems you may have will be addressed.

### Special Bonus:

Participants will get to tap into the knowledge of a 20 year seasoned professional mechanic. Get priceless knowledge of how to maintain your small engines to save you lots of time and money in the future.

Email: Timberly at [finnfeather@hotmail.com](mailto:finnfeather@hotmail.com) for questions or to reserve your space.

### Directions to Christiansen Industrial:

Bemidji –Shop is located approximately 2 miles South of the Paul and Babe statues on Hwy 71 S. The driveway is just North of the intersection of Hwy 2 and Hwy 71 S.

Look for signs at the entrance for CMR class and follow signs to shop.

# CMR MEMBERS ONLY BENEFIT

## Instructions for Joining the Resorters E-Group on Yahoo!

The Resorters e-group has been talked about at board meetings for several years. After careful consideration and much discussion, the Board of Directors has decided to make the resorters e-groups a "CMR members only" benefit. In addition to the continued use of this forum as a chatline for resorters, we will now also be using it as a means of CMR communication with our membership. We plan to also use this avenue as a way of openly discussing issues, with our members that are sometimes controversial with other entities, such as the lake home rental issue, shoreland rules and others. Resorters were not the only people that were listening in and the Board felt that there were issues we would like to discuss with our membership without having non-affiliated people being involved. We still feel that we are "Resorters Helping Resorters" and encourage you to continue to use this chatline for your questions and sharing of information, and as before, the *Minnesota Resorter* Magazine will continue to go out to every resort in Minnesota. If you are not currently signed up to the Resorters e-groups, you are missing out on a lot of good shared information and as well as communication within the organization.

Want to be a part of the conversation? It's easy to get involved, and fun to share stories and advice. All you need is an email address to join the Group, although you must have a free Yahoo! ID to access the Archives on the Web Site. Don't worry – no spam will result from joining the Group or registering for a Yahoo! ID. There are different ways to join the Resorters Group – pick the one that is right for you.

### To Join the Mailing List Version (No access to Web Site Archives) by Sending an Email Message to the Group

Send a BLANK (no subject, no text in the body) e-mail message to: [resorters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:resorters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You will get an email message back from Yahoo! Groups asking you to confirm your request to join the Resorters Group. Follow the instructions in Option 1 to go to the Yahoo! Groups website. If you only want to join the mailing list and not have access to the Archives, do NOT click on "Join the Group" – INSTEAD, click on the phrase "Join the Mailing List Instead." You should get an approval message in your email box in 1-2 days.

### To Join the Web Site Access Version by Sending an Email Message to the Group

Follow the instructions above and DO click on "Join the Group." You will be led through a series of steps to either enter your current Yahoo! ID or register for a new one. You should get an approval message in your email box in 1-2 days. View the Resorters Group Web Site Archives at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/resorters>.

### To Join the Web Site Access Version by Using the Membership Wizard

Go to the Yahoo! Groups Membership Wizard at <http://groups.yahoo.com/memwiz>. You will be led through a series of steps to either enter your current Yahoo! ID or register for a new one. Once signed in, make sure the email address where you are receiving messages from the Resorters Group appears in the Membership Wizard dialog box. If it does not appear, add it via the link provided. You will be sent a verification email to that address to assure that you own it. Once you have a verified email address, continue with the steps in the Wizard. You should get an approval message in your email box in 1-2 days. View the Resorters Group Web Site Archives at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/resorters>.

If you have any trouble with the steps, just send an email message directly to me at [pinedale@arvig.net](mailto:pinedale@arvig.net) and I will be happy to help you. Chat on!

Your Moderator  
Karen Kaehler  
Pinedale Resort

## 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, 2011 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](http://www.Minnesota-Resorts.com) Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on Membership, 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](mailto:CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com) or call 320-212-5107.

## URGENT! PHONE NUMBER CHANGE 320-212-5107

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts phone number has changed. CMR's previous number provider was DTI and due to their bankruptcy and unable to reorganize DTI has ceased operation. We have changed our number to 320-212-5107. Please make this change in your contact lists.

We hope this change will not interrupt our service to our members. If you have made a call to the office recently that has not been answered please try again or send an email to [CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com](mailto:CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com)

## NEW MEMBERS

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

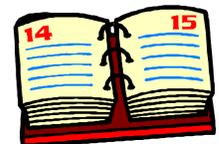
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## CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 15, 2011	CMR Scholarship Applications due at CMR Office
March 18, 2011	School of Resorting, Small Engine Class, Christiansen Industrial Developers, Bemidji
March 28, 2011	Spring Workshop, Hampton Inn, Bemidji
March 28, 2011	CMR Board Meeting; 4:45p.m. Hampton Inn, Bemidji
March 29, 2011	School of Resorting Post Workshop Classes, Hampton Inn, Bemidji
Sept 1, 2011	Resorter of the Year nominations due at the CMR Office



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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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