



RESORTER REPORTER

Message from the CMR President

The early spring has been great, especially compared to what we had last year! I'm sure most of you are like we are, hustling to get everything ready for Fishing Opener!

I encourage you to attend the Parks and Trails meetings that are being held around the state, I think it's important for the resort industry to have to give input on how the funds should be spent.

Thanks again to the CMR for their efforts on getting the new DNR Electronic Licensing System for those of us that wanted the ability to sell fishing licenses. By now, you should have received your equipment; hopefully, it is up and running smoothly!

The Board continues to work on different things on your behalf. The Committees are still working on projects, even as the summer season approaches.

Have a great Opener.

Ed Fussy

CMR President

Congratulations to the 2010 CMR Scholarship Winners!

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts (CMR) was established in 1984, with our theme of "Resorters Helping Resorters." One of our goals is to provide scholastic achievement within the resorting community. Scholarship moneys became available from the previously pledged \$1000 to the Minnesota Office of Tourism, Endowed Chair and in March of 1996 the CMR Scholarship Program was set in motion. With the addition of the Carol Kirchner Memorial Scholarship in 1999, three \$500 scholarships are awarded each year. The scholarships are to be used for tuition and/or related fees by providing assistance to students in pursuit of their academic or vocational advancement

Every year we have top quality applicants, all worthy of the awards. This year was no exception. The CMR Scholarship Committee and Board wish to extend our congratulations to the following recipients of 2010 Scholarship winners.

CMR Scholarships:

Jason Triska, son of Mike & Jackie Triska, Voyageur Cove Resort, 2600 Wakely Road, Cook, MN 55723

Dan Frost, son of Jack & Sherry Frost, Joe's Lodge, 15228 Joe's Lodge Drive SE, Bemidji, MN 56601.

Carol Kirchner Memorial Scholarship:

Kaitlyn Steffen, daughter of Dave & Cammie Steffen, Isle O'Dreams Lodge, 29137 Just A Dream Trail, Park Rapids, MN 56470

We would like to wish you all the best in your advanced educational pursuits.

2010 CMR Spring Workshop

The 2010 CMR Spring Workshop was held March 30 at Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids. A group of 53 resorters took part in a day long workshop that went very well. Mary Schmidt started our day with a very entertaining talk about the individuality of resorts. This was followed by a couple of resorter panels on building and our different avenues to success. We had crackerbarrels and a legislative update. All in all it was a great day.

Timberlake Lodge is a beautiful facility that treated us great. We thank them for the hospitality. As usual, some of the best moments were getting to visit with each other and prepare for a new season. We have similar businesses with similar problems. Something that we are struggling with someone else also has faced. We learn from each other and make great friends in the process. What a great day. I can hardly wait until this fall at Cragun's.

Nominating Resorters for the 2010 Resorter of the Year Award

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You can print the attached Resorter of the Year Nomination form or 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

August 1st Deadline

TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION
FOR THE
RESORTER/S OF YEAR AWARD
PLEASE PRINT
PAGES 5 & 6
OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Mark Your Calendars For The 2010 CMR Fall Conference

The 2010 CMR Fall Conference date has been set for Oct 31, Nov 1 & Nov 2 at Cragun's in Nisswa. Over the summer, we will be setting the agenda and we are looking forward to a timely and exciting program. The fall conference gives you a chance to meet with your fellow resorters and talk about business, trends, and resorting in general. Networking is key in our industry and we rarely hear from anyone that doesn't take home positive ideas from the conference. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fall. You won't regret it.

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

Membership Committee Update

The Membership committee has been working on sorting through the list of names who are participating on our e-groups chat line. Our goal is to identify the members and non-members and to make a concentrated effort to encourage the non-members to join the CMR and take full advantage of all the member benefits we offer.

We also have plans to contact our current membership with a reminder of how important it is for them to fully update their complete resort listing on the CMR web site. Each member has the opportunity to add or update four different areas on their individual listing: a picture, a short and long description describing their resort and the amenities page. By keeping the listing current, it will help to bring more interest and traffic to both the individual resort's site and the CMR's web site.

NEW MEMBERS

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

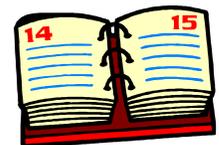
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*WELCOME
&
GOOD LUCK!*

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2, 2010	CMR Board Meeting Brookside Resort, Park 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 31 & Nov 1 & 2, 2010	CMR Fall Conference, Cragun's Resort, Brainerd



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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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The following criteria are considered by the awards committee in making their selection:

- CMR member in good standing for the previous three consecutive years under the same ownership.
- Ability to maintain a successful and progressive resort.
- History of helping and mentoring other resort owners/operators.
- Involvement in community activities.
- At least five years between awards.

Not a current member of the Awards Committee.

I/we, being members(s) in good standing, submit the following nomination for the Annual Resorter/s of the Year Award.

Resort Name _____

Owner/Operator Names(s) _____

Address _____

In the space following please briefly explain the accomplishments of the resorter you are nominating, their ability to maintain a progressive resort and their attitude toward resorting and the resort industry.

Please give a brief explanation of how this resort and its owners/s have been involved in community activities to include involvement in resort industry organizations like the Congress of Minnesota Resorts.

Please give a brief example of how this nominee has acted as a mentor to other resort owners/operators.

This nomination is submitted by:

Resort Name and Owner/Operator _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

NOMINATION DEADLINE AUGUST 1ST

Send nomination form to: Resorter of the Year Nomination Committee

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