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He's Back....

This year Bob Anderson will once again be the keynote speaker at the 2009 CMR Fall Conference. This year, the conference will be at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center in Alexandria, MN on November 1st- 3rd. The cost to attend the conference is \$130 for CMR members and \$170 for non-members.

Bob Anderson is one of many entertaining and educational speakers who will be at the conference. Bob will give a presentation on how your current reservation process could be costing you thousands of dollars a year. Dave Thompson has been working with the DNR and will help with the presentation on how the new sales tax money will positively benefit resorts. The DNR will be presenting their new ELS (Electric Licensing System) which will make it easier for small resorts to sell fishing licenses. Mel Morse, with Digital First Communications, will be giving tips on setting up wireless internet on resorts as well as other new technologies that could benefit resorts. Jim Haakonson, from Larson Allen, will be speaking about "hot topic" tax changes, retirement planning, and other important financial issues. The Exhibitor Show will have vendors that can provide you with great products. We are excited to have a few new vendors. These are just a few of the topics that will make sure you walk away from the conference with valuable information.

The best part about the annual fall conference is that it isn't all about work. Not only will you hear from great speakers, you will have a chance to talk with fellow resort owners. Crackerbarrels are always fun and allow resorters to hear from resorters. It's always nice to hear from peers and see what others are doing. The hospitality room is open every night, allowing you to visit in a casual atmosphere. And let's not forget about the Arrowwood Resort. It offers great facilities and a relaxing atmosphere. For those who want to bring their kids, Arrowwood's Big Splash Waterpark ensures that kids of all ages have a great time. This year's Fall Conference will give you lots of great ideas and a great time.

The Fall Conference Brochures will be delivered to your mail boxes in early October. But don't wait until then to make your room reservations. **Arrowwood Resort is offering the CMR a special room rate of \$94/night, but it is only available until October 17th.** To make reservations call (866)386-5263. The CMR would love to see you at this year's Fall Conference.

Join Us!

For the 2009 Congress of Minnesota Resorts Fall Conference

November 1 - 3, 2009

Questions? Contact Jason Ball, Conference Chairperson, 218-209-6843 or Jason@casslakelodge.com

Subject: Restricted Plumbers License

Hope everyone has had a great summer, Now we begin our off season activities so I thought I would give you one of the 1st ones for the list.

I will keep this short and sweet as we have talked about the history of the restricted plumber's license in both the reporter and the news letters. The window to apply is from Oct 1 to Oct 15th 2009. The Dept. of Labor and Industry has said they will accept all applications now and to go ahead and send the applications in. They will not send any licenses out till after Oct 1, so go ahead and send in your applications now; **you will not get another chance at this!**

I have included a link to the Mn DLI as to guide you to the right spot.

<http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/PlumbingRestricted.asp>

This link will take you to the exact spot with in the MN Dept of Labor and Industry's web site to read about the restricted plumber's license, just click on the PDF file and hit print. Don't worry about the experience part just fill it out showing that you have been working with plumbing in your cabins and they will accept your license application, I haven't heard of any that have been turned down.

Good luck, and Happy Plumbing!! Ed Becker, CMR Legislative Chair

Attention Associate Member Vendors!

Don't forget the upcoming Fall Conference Vendor Show on November 2 at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. We had a fabulous turnout last year and this year shouldn't be any different! We are planning drawings again this year so come prepared. If you have goods to display and sell, bring plenty! It will be worth your while. See you at the Arrowwood Resort on November 2!

Registration packets have been mailed, if you did not receive your packet please contact Sheldon & Mary at (218) 732-5466 or email stay@knottypinesresort.com or the CMR office at CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com or (888) 761-4245.

Sheldon & Mary Schiebe, Vendor Show Chairpersons, Knotty Pines Resort

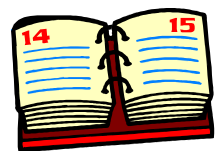
What fall means to me...

Nice days, pretty leaves, close up cabins, attend CMR Fall Conference AND find an item to donate to the Silent Auction. The CMR will again hold a silent auction at the Fall Conference in Alexandria to raise money for our lobbyist, Joel Carlson, and our legislative efforts in St. Paul. If you're planning to attend the Fall Conference, plan also to bring an item to donate to the Silent Auction. If you're unable to attend the conference, you can still make a donation (cash or item) to the action.

Contact me, Kerri Ball at kerri@casslakelodge.com and I can help you with that.

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 1, 2009 | Membership Dues were due; dues not received by September 25th your webpage link will be deactivated. |
| October 8, 2009 | CMR Board Meeting |
| Nov 1-3, 2009 | CMR Fall Conference, Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria, more details to follow |



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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

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