



June 2008

RESORTER REPORTER

The Date Has Been Set!!

The CMR Fall Resort Tour is scheduled to be held on
Wednesday, September 10th, 2008 in the Crosslake Area.

The resorts on the tour this year include:

Beacon Shores
Black Pine Beach Resort
Lykins Pinehurst Resort
Quarterdeck Resort

Mark your calendars now so that you won't miss out on this great opportunity to visit some very unique resorts.

Keep watching for more information.

See you there!

CMR Fall Conference October 26th thru 28th

Submitted by: Jason Ball, Conference Committee, Cass Lake Lodge

The Fall Conference will be held October 26th - 28th. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel Duluth Harborview located in downtown Duluth. Room rates will be \$79.00 plus tax. This year there will be many great topics, cracker barrels, and a large vendor show. The Radisson will hold rooms until September 26th so make sure to book yours before the busy season starts. We look forward to seeing everyone there

www.radisson.com/duluthmn

Attention: Associate members Vendor Show October 27th

2009 Annual Vendor Show will be held on October 27th. at the Radisson Duluth Harborview in Duluth, MN. Your information packets will be mailed shortly.

Jason Ball, Vendor Show Chairperson

Legislative News!!

Now that the session is over, we would like to tell you about 3 important bills that we introduced into the session.

1. Repeal of the post Labor Day school start was heard in the education committee of the House, which, as you would guess, passed and moved onto the finance committee where it DIED!! Post Labor Day School start is still law.
2. Private lake homes impact study was introduced and was passed by both the House and Senate along with a governor's signature. This study will provide information about the impact on lodging in Minnesota. It will be completed by January 1, 2009 so that things can be reviewed by the House and Senate. This study is being done by the Explore Minnesota Tourism department at no additional cost.
3. Last, but not least, property tax resort relief bill. This bill was introduced and some changes were made along the way, but was passed by the House and Senate and signed by the governor. This bill ended up saving resorts \$750 in property taxes for the first \$1,000,000 of property valuation.

We feel that this was a very successful session that very much impacts the tourism industry considering all the economic instability.

If you have any questions, please feel free to either call or e-mail me with any questions that you may have.

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Day on the Hill A CMR Member Benefit

Submitted by: Tim Aarsvold, Geneva Beach Resort, Alexandria

Early this spring we had a guest stay with us for 3 days. In conversation I found out that they were very close friends to my State Representative and we were recommended to them by him. They also had dinner with him while in town and apparently our names came up in the conversation about recommending other vacation spots, as he remembers us being with the Congress of Minnesota Resorts. See you next year at Day on the Hill.

Articles for the *Minnesota Resorter Magazine*

The Minnesota Resorter Magazine is always looking for articles. They can be long or short, funny or serious, educational or for human interest. The best articles are written by resorters. Anything that you think would interest another resort owner is considered good material! We would like to receive material from as many different people from across the state as we can. And don't worry about feeling you need to be a fabulous writer -- we have editors and proof-readers who can make your article "ship shape" for print.

The deadline for articles for the summer issue is May 26th. Articles for future issues can be sent at any time. Please send them directly to:

Jennifer Bateman at vacation@twoinlets.com

Watch for more information on the CMR Fall Resort Tour In future issues of the Resorter Reporter

Change of Address, phone number or email address, please contact the CMR Office with the correct information so we can keep our records current. You can email, phone or snail mail the information to:

- cmroffice@tds.net or
- call our toll free number 888-761-4245 or
- snail mail to Congress of Minnesota Resorts, 21403 52nd Street NE, New London, MN 56273

Join the Chat Room

The resorters currently subscribed to the CMR sponsored chat line have really been talking It up for the past couple months. Topics have included: unemployment law change, policies regarding guests changing cabins, where to buy linens, fish guts, fire extinguisher recharging, parking signs, lawn chairs for sale, and an urgent message about the DNR public input meetings about revisions to the statewide minimum standards for shoreland management. What a wild mix of good information!

If you aren't currently signed on to this chat line, do it now! It is one of the very best educational tools that the CMR offers!

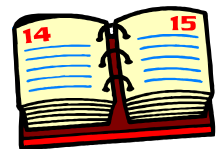
Go to www.minnesota-resorts.com, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on: CMR MEMBERSHIP When at the 2nd page scroll $\frac{3}{4}$ down to "Join the Chat Room!" you can sign up by using one of the two options listed.

Or

Login as if you are making changes to your webpage. When on this page click on "Education Materials" then click on "Instructions for joining the Resorter Group on Yahoo!"

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 21, 2008	Board Meeting, 9 a.m. Crow Wing Crest, Akeley
September 1, 2008	CMR Membership Dues are due
September 10, 2008	CMR Fall Resort Tour see write up on page 1
October 26-28, 2008	CMR Fall Conference, Radisson Hotel Duluth, www.radisson.com/duluthmn room rate \$79 plus tax
October 27, 2008	CMR Annual Vendor Show, Radisson Hotel Duluth Harborview



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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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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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