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Walleye Wall

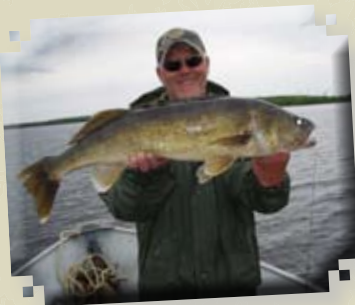


Looking back on 2009

BIG FISH and COOL WEATHER...

...that best describes another exciting season at Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge, where our fishermen continue to keep us on the map as the **#1 Walleye Destination in Canada.**

Believe it or not, after registering 224 Master Angler walleyes in 2009, **Gunisao Lake more than doubled any other lake for the number of walleyes over 28 inches** caught & released! And



28 inches plus gets your name on "The Walleye Wall". Our largest walleye, a 33 1/4 inch whopper, was caught by Colorado's Josh Clarine. With walleye fishing at the top of most fishermen's list, our

Northern Pike got to lie around and take a break most days to gain some length and weight too. After having our best northern pike year ever at Gunisao Lake in 2008 with 68, our fishermen caught 34 Master Anglers over 41 inches. The biggest northern pike was caught by Chuck Chaffee from Indiana at 44 1/2 inches.

Most Canadian camps opened late in 2009 because of heavy ice and snow. We're very lucky to be on a lake that opened up on time on May 19th. While this summer's lodge weather included some very cool temperatures, walleye fishing wasn't affected much.



With ice on most lakes and rivers, we made it to Walleye Hole to bring in the lunkers. In the 13 days fished in May, 78 Master Angler walleyes were caught. As we moved

into June, we waited for the weather to warm up. It did for a few days, even hitting the 90 degree mark. Then it dropped back down and stayed there till the end of July. Most warm years we are swimming in front of the lodge by the end of June, but not in 2009. It was very common to see 65 degrees on the depth finder even in July. This all changed once we hit our warmest week of the year in August. Unfortunately for our guests, we closed down Aug. 1st. Our pilot Adrian and one of our guides, Mike Stewart, made up for the hard to find Northern fishing by catching 12 master angler pike in two days of fishing. In 2010, we'll be staying open till August 9th to make sure we don't miss out on this great fishing.



We're dedicating this first issue of the "Walleye Wall" to our great fishermen that have made the Master Angler board at the lodge. Many of our guests have had the distinct experience of getting their name on

"The Board" and over the years many of them have had their names listed more than once. This year was no exception for multiple entries. Tom Hooper, John Schwan, John Ostdiek, Steve Cochell, Nathan Griffith, Joanne Robertson, Greg Kvilhaug, and Adrian Warden all caught 4 or more Master Anglers this year. A number of other guests, including Wendy Stallings, Gunner Sikorski, Richard Creasy, Jim White, Jerrod Ellis, Kory Schwan, Dave Guckenberger, Matt Bachman, Glenn Carlisle and Jason Simard caught 3 Master Anglers. Here is our complete list of Master Anglers caught and recorded at the Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge in 2009. Now, with so many of you reaching such outstanding levels of achievement we have renamed our newsletter the "Walleye Wall"!!

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Master Anglers

2009



Walleye

Josh Clarine	33.25, 29
John C. Ostdiek	32, 31, 29.25, 29.5
Cheryl Dale	31.5, 29
Eddie Daniels	31.5
Greg H. Kvilhaug	31.5, 31, 29.5, 28
Jack Bruns	31.5
Jason Simard	31.5, 29, 28.5
John Ostdiek	31.5, 28, 28
Johnny M. Plain	31.5
Jerry Wohlers	31.25, 29.5
Paul Youngdahl	31.25
Aaron Youngdahl	31, 28.5
Cory Canakes	31
Gary E. Flann	31
Jack Just	31
Jim Dorris	31
Jim White	31
Joeseeph Giulitto	31
John B. Marcotte	31
John Gilbertson Jr.	31, 28
Steve Boysa	31
Terry Clark	31
Matt Bachman	30.75, 30.25, 30.25, 29
Chuck Warner	30.5
Donna Cramer Bruns	30.5, 28
Douglas D. Roche	30.5, 28.5
Earl Albers	30.5, 29.5
Karen J. Smith	30.5, 28.5
Margaret Evans	30.5, 30
Mike Koshmnl	30.5
Perry Gerber	30.5, 29
Rick Korving	30.5
Robert Morris	30.5
Curt Mallory	30.25
David A. Stout	30.25, 28
David Peterson	30
Donald E. Sidell	30
Jim Eichstedt	30
John P. Schwan	30, 29.5, 29.5, 28.5, 28.5, 28
John Rolle	30
Joseph Gibbs	30, 28.5
Mike Arone	30, 29
Stephen Lyngsatd	30, 29
Terry L. Ross	30, 28
Traci Loecker	30
David Guckenberger	29.75, 29, 28
Joanne Robertson	29.75, 29.5, 28.5, 28
Josh Johnson	29.75
Lawrence A. Sutte	29.75, 28
Steve Germann	29.75
Darrell Linder	29.5, 28.5
David Maltby	29.5
David Whitmore	29.5
Frank Borzen	29.5
Fred Embry	29.5
G. John Gilbertson Sr.	29.5
Gary Thompson	29.5
Glen A. Smith	29.5, 29

* all measurements are in inches *

Glenn Carlisle	29.5, 29, 28.5
Ira L. Melnicoff	29.5
Jacque A. Nelson	29.5
James E. Bachman	29.5, 29
Jamie Hepburn	29.5
Jim Liebert	29.5
Jim Sullivan	29.5
John O. Lyngstad	29.5
Lee Eugene Schull	29.5, 28.5
Matthew Cochell	29.5, 28
Matthew Stout	29.5
Richard Badger	29.5
Richard R. King III	29.5, 29.5
Shaun Creasy	29.5, 29
Stephen Cochell	29.5, 29, 29, 28
Thomas N. DiLoreto	29.5
Richard Creasy	29.25, 28.5, 28.5
Tony Weight	29.25
Jayson L. Johnson	29.13
Bob Kobilka	29
Clarence McKinnon	29
Collin Jostes	29, 28
Devon Creasy	29
Ellen Whitmore	29
Gunnar Sikorski	29, 28, 28
John A. Maltby	29
Mark St. Vincent	29
Michael Bachman	29, 28.5, 28
Michael St. Vincent	29, 28
Nathen Griffiths	29, 29, 28, 28, 28
Patrick Roche	29, 28
Terry Goebel	29
Thomas Hooper	29, 28.5, 28.5, 28, 28
Thomas M. Nelson	29
Tim Jacobsen	29
Tyler Gibbs	29
Wendy Stallings	29, 28
C. Brad Fleahman	28.75
Charles Ellis	28.75
John Nystrom	28.75, 28
Brett Johnson	28.5, 28
Cody Adams	28.5
Eric Ollerman	28.5
Geoffrey A. Gotrero	28.5
Jim Falor	28.5
Josh Jawgula	28.5, 29.5
Justin King	28.5
Kory Schwan	28.5, 28, 28
Kurt Dickinson	28.5, 29.5
Mitch Gibbs	28.5
Nicholas Bacon	28.5
Ryan Tiffany	28.5
Steven Agnew	28.5, 28
Tim Koller	28.5, 28
Timothy P. Sullivan	28.5
Tom Cavanagh	28.5
Chad Fleahman	28.25
Chetan Ghai	28.25
Keith Griffiths	28.25

Kevin Schwan	28.25
Leo V. Natalicchio	28.25, 28.25
Mike Theoblad	28.25
Angelo Roncone	28
Bob Haddorff	28
Cody Boyden	28
Danny Wasson	28
Edward (Skip) Miller	28, 28
Elaina Flann	28
Eric Clarine	28
Frank Hernandez	28
Grant Densing	28
James Natalicchino	28
Jerrold Burris	28
Jim Kouri	28
Jim Tiffany	28
Jordan Loecker	28
Joseph Sipinski	28
Michael Baldwin	28
Michael Gulden	28
Rob Lyngstad	28
Terry Alfermann	28
Tom Juba	28
Tyler Morris	28

Northern Pike

Chuck Chaffee	44.5
Jay O. Jorgensen	44.5
Kurt Dickinson	44
Adrian Warden	44, 41.25, 42.5, 41
Dwight Lind	44
David Maltby	43.75
Jared Ellis	43.25, 43, 41
Jim White	43, 41, 41
Andrew Bealer	42.5
Cody Boyden	42
Patrick Bacon	42
Daniel Clarine	42
Mike Theobald	42
Randy N. Largo	41.75
Bill Brazzoni	41.5, 41.5
Nicholas Bacon	41.5
Wayne Hutchinson	41.5
Timothy P. Sullivan	41.5
Art Cutes	41
C. Brad Fleahman	41
Dusty Budd	41
Jim White	41
Richard Lindgren	41
Steve Agnew	41
Wendy Stallings	41
William T. McKay	41
Zachery Gottfried	41

Sucker Curt Mallory 18.5

Perch Mike Bachman 13
David S. Guckenberger 13



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Looking back on 2009 (continued)

Technology at BGLL

2009 was a year full of new technology at Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge.

Our new website is up and running and full of the content our guests are looking for. The site now makes it easy to see the Master Anglers lists, view our promotional DVD (hosted by Babe Winkelman), download our brochure, price sheet, past newsletters, and view videos and pictures from the most recent seasons. This year Damien was able to take some great video of fishing throughout the summer and has posted it in the video section of the web site. If you have photos or videos of your time at Gunisao, we'd love to see them! Check the "Contact Us" Section of the website for info on how to get them to us.



At the lodge, we bought a computer just to download pictures of the day's catches. This system of collecting pictures was great for our guests because all they had to do was bring their photo cards into the lodge to be downloaded. This also allows us to see everyone's pictures on a TV in the lodge. To see the latest pictures, videos, and updates, be sure to take a look at our website at www.WalleyeManitoba.com



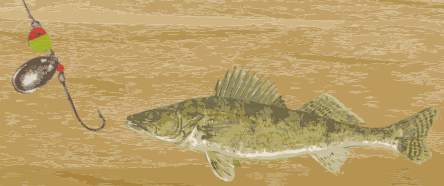
Special Thanks to our 2009 Staff!!

We'd like to give special thanks to all the wonderful employees at Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge in 2009. The housekeeping and wait staff did an exceptional job and everyone seemed to notice. Holly, Tiffanne, and Ellen were a great team that helped the camp run smoothly and gave our guests a great experience at the lodge. Our guides are the best in the business and the number of Master Anglers, along with the amount of people that have already rebooked for 2010, are proof. Mike Bailey, Wally

Bailey, Ross Apetagon, Langford York, Daryl Moritz, Larcy Menow, Henry Mason, Mike Simpson, Melvin Bailey, Joe Tait, Gilbert Muswagon, Zack Gottfried, Damien Deegan, Mike Stewart, Carl York and even our pilot Adrian Warden spent time on the lake. David Lowry did a wonderful job in our kitchen and put out some of the finest food in recent years. Ann Louise was great as usual handling transportation and supplies in Winnipeg. Jennie definitely had her hands full with Jackson and still helped with every aspect of the lodge. Sysco, Keystone, Keewatin Air, Manny's Bait, Barry Yankee Minnows, Marshall Wood, Northwest Printing, CSI, The Winnipeg Fairmont, Four Points Sheraton, Victoria Inn, Expeditors Plus, Pitblado, Manitoba Lodge Owners and Outfitters Association, Standard Insurance, Canada One Travel, West Shore Marine, Kevin Sigurdson, Manitoba Fisheries, Manitoba Conservation, and Master Angler Program of Travel Manitoba were all very important to us to ensure our guests had a memorable trip to Gunisao Lake. Again, thank you to our staff and suppliers for making 2009 a great and memorable season! - Dr. Jim and Dusty Budd



Gunisao Lake FISHING TIPS



Jigging for walleyes on Gunisao Lake



There is not much to a jig and frozen minnow, so how do they catch so many walleyes? Some people say color has a lot to do with it, but I am not one of those people. I stick to a standard white with an eye on it. If I don't have one available, I use whatever is in my tackle box. After color, I look at my length of hook. A longer hook is sometimes better to attach your frozen minnow to. If the walleye is just nibbling, they can take the minnow right off the hook if it is not long enough. As many of our fishermen know, a standard hook is good enough at Gunisao Lake. The weight of the jig will depend on

how windy it is, how deep you are fishing, and how fast the boat is moving. A very calm day might only require a ¼ oz. jig while a windy day at the same depth might require ½ oz jig just to get to the bottom. After determining what jig to use, you should next concentrate on presentation. Presentation is described here as a two step process.

Step #1 - Take the time to hook your minnow the right way. I believe the “right way” is to hook your minnow through the mouth, through the gills, and then twist the jig a half turn and put the end of the hook back through the belly and out the back while pushing the minnow up near the ball of the jig. This will ensure the minnow will stay on the hook and give good presentation in the water. It also gives more of a hook for the fish to bite rather than just hooking through the head of the minnow.

Step #2 - Find the bottom of the lake. In most cases, you want to get your jig to the very bottom and bring it up 3 to 6 inches. This is very important so the fish can see the lure and take the lure in the fish's mouth. If you are vertical jigging, you can just drop it down to the bottom and lift up on your rod to get the correct height off the bottom. If you are trolling, you need to let enough line out to get the desired height. Trolling is much more difficult to keep the same height off the bottom, so you want to be within a foot of the structure you are fishing. The wind, depth, and trolling speed will tell you how heavy of a jig to use.

As many know, Gunisao Lake has a lot of days where “catching” rather than fishing is the norm. But for those tough days, I hope these tips help. Check out more Gunisao Lake fishing tips on our website at www.WalleyeManitoba.com. - Dusty Budd

Fishing with Mike Stewart

After 10 years of guiding on Gunisao, there is no question spring is a good time to fish. The fish are shallow and easy, and after a long winter fishermen are as eager as the fish. By late July, however, it's like anglers have turned their thoughts to other things. That's too bad because when July turns to August in the north there is a touch of fall in the air. Time for Gunisao's overlooked bite.



This is probably the best time for a pike-walleye combo trip. The walleye fishing is not as fast as in the spring, but the trade-off for a few less numbers is that the fish are definitely heavier. The walleyes move back shallower on the reefs and points where a jig usually gets it done. As in summer, weather plays a role in how good the walleye bite is. Great weather can create a great bite, but when the walleye are not biting like you would like, all you have to do is switch to pike.

Pike fishing at Gunisao is at its peak in late summer. The pike move into the cabbage weeds that grow along the islands and the shore. Unlike being limited to a few bays, like in the spring, you have many more spots to try. Some spots are big, others might only require a few casts to cover. Since the weeds are thick, it is advisable to use a medium heavy outfit. Baitcasters are best, but beefed-up spinning gear will also handle the fish and the larger spoons, plugs, & spinners.

By mid-August some poplars will be thinking about turning yellow, the cabbage will be starting to thin, and the fish will definitely be on the bite. With a more active bite and heavier fish, more fishermen need to start taking advantage of late July and Aug. fishing. Contact Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge for more information and dates and tell them Mike sent you!

- Mike Stewart

Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge Guest Testimonials

Each year at Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge, we have the privilage of providing our guests with world class hospitality, and the fishing experience of a lifetime. Here's a small sample of what our guests from this past season had to say:



"This is my/our 5th year in a row. My sons and I love the entire experience! The fishing has been consistently fantastic. The guides are knowledgeable, friendly, and cook fantastic shore lunch! We hope to continue to enjoy this another 20 years!

- John, Kevin, & Kory Schwan



"I caught two trophy walleyes, a 33 1/4 inch and a 29 inch, and this is my first time fishing for walleyes. I am only 14 and have only fished for smaller fish three times in my life."

- Josh Clarine



"Trip of a lifetime!!! The place to catch Trophy Walleyes. Caught 7 trophies (28" to 32"). Our group got 16 trophies (6 Guys).

- John "Oz" Ostdiek

"After coming to Gunisao Lake for 23 years, even before Jim Budd took over, I have noticed improvements every year. This year they had the best staff and chef and added 40 horse power motors. It was the best ever. A ride to the falls is now 35 minutes. Thanks Jim and Dusty."

- Dr. Robert Molinaro



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