



DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO OUR ENTIRE 2025 TEAM

While the exceptional fishing at Gunisao Lake, particularly the chance to catch Master Walleyes and even 30-inchers, is often what initially draws guests to Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge, it's our dedicated staff that truly makes the experience unforgettable and encourages so many to return.

Our team, from our guides and serving/housekeeping team, shuttle driver, bartender and chef, creates a family-like atmosphere. The opportunity to build relationships with our staff, whether spending eight hours a day in a boat or sharing conversations over meals, is a cherished part of the Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge experience. We prioritize hiring individuals who enhance your amazing fishing adventure, making you feel at home even in the heart of God's Country.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our entire staff—our guides, pilot, chef, housekeeping & serving staff, bartender, and even Jackson and Dakota—for being such difference makers in your overall experience at the lodge. Their contributions are truly appreciated and make a significant impact.

Additionally, sincere thanks to our affiliates, Expeditors Plus and Northway Aviation, for their outstanding service and partnership.

Over the years, we have continually invested in our staff through new boats, improved accommodations, increased wages, and various other initiatives. These investments are designed to enhance their experience and help us retain the valuable team members who contribute so much to our guests' enjoyment. This year, we are proud to have built a new cabin that will house four guides and includes two full bathrooms.

Retaining our exceptional staff is always a top priority, as we know it is for our guests as well.

Dusty Budd Jennie Budd



Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge
P.O. Box 347 | Mason, Michigan 48854



THE 2026 FISHING SEASON IS MAY 15TH - AUGUST 5TH

2026 PRICING		
3 Full Days	4 Full Days	7 Full Days
\$3,695 / Person	\$4,795 / Person	\$6,995 / Person
Arrive at Lodge by 8 a.m. Tuesday Fishing by 9 a.m.	Arrive at Lodge by 8 a.m. Friday Fishing by 9 a.m.	Arrive at Lodge by 8 a.m. Tuesday or Friday Fishing by 9 a.m.
Return to Winnipeg by 9:30 a.m. Friday	Return to Winnipeg by 9:30 a.m. Tuesday	Return to Winnipeg by 9:30 a.m. Tuesday or Friday
Allows for a Mid-Week Trip	Gives you a Weekend Trip	Gives you 7 Days of Fishing

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Full day of fishing on the first day
- 500-mile round-trip chartered flight from Winnipeg to Gunisao Lake
- One experienced guide for every two guests
- Large 18-foot Alaskan Lund Boats with 40hp Yamaha 4-stroke motors

- Delicious gourmet meals
- Daily Shore Lunch
- Deluxe private accommodations and daily housekeeping services
- Fishing license
- Frozen minnows

SPOTS ARE LIMITED — RESERVE YOUR 2026 TRIP TODAY!

Walleye Wall

THE 2025 SEASON NUMBERS ARE IN!

Our 38th season was another incredible year for the **World's Best Trophy Walleye Fishing!**

Gunisao Lake produced **90 walleyes measuring 30 inches or larger**. Notably, **five** of these were **32 inches or larger**: James Ruby (32"), Tom Morter (32"), Lucy Scherer (32"), Dave Halverson (32.5"), and Dave Hendel (32.5").

A total of **799 Master Angler fish** were reeled in at Gunisao Lake by 386 different Budd's Master Anglers. This means that **70% of our Guests became Master Anglers** this season.

Additionally, **60% of all Master Angler walleyes landed in Manitoba** during our season came from **the one and only BMAC.***

*Budd's Master Angler Club



Dave Halverson (32.5")



Dave Hendel (32.5")



Tom Morter (32")



Lucy Scherer (32")



James Ruby (32")



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Caught By
386
Budd's Master Anglers

754
Master Angler Walleyes

90
30" or Larger Walleyes



WORLD'S BEST
Trophy Walleye
FISHING
If Trophy Walleye's your Game, than Budd's is the Name!™



WALLEYE

CHART: MASTER ANGLER NAME | SIZE (INCHES) OF LARGEST TROPHY CAUGHT | TOTAL TROPHIES CAUGHT

Dave Halverson	32.5	2	Alex Geyen	30.5	4	Elijah Doelz	30	2	Bill Ryan	29.5	5
Dave Hendel	32.5	2	Anthony Hildebrand	30.5	2	Kevin Strumborg	30	1	Parker Buckley	29.5	2
James Ruby	32	1	Noah McCoy	30.5	6	Aaron Zabel	30	3	Shanna Hapko	29.5	2
Tom Morter	32	3	Jack Skaw	30.25	4	Bennett Collins	30	3	Chuck Klemz	29.5	2
Lucy Scherer	32	2	Jeff O'Daniel	30.25	3	Jay Trushenski	30	2	John Lyngstad	29.5	1
Ben Arens	31.85	3	Andrew Steiman	30.25	1	Blake Kukowski	30	3	Jim Dilyard	29.5	5
Paul Gentzel	31.75	1	Bradley Stokes	30.25	3	Jett Ball	30	4	Matt Thompson	29.5	3
Micheal O'Daniel	31.75	1	Jim Bell	30.25	2	Alan Spriggs	30	4	Ethan Paradis	29.5	1
John Sever	31.5	1	Rob Lyngstad	30.25	1	Kirk Seidl	30	2	Luis Ramos	29.5	1
Jimmy McCammon	31.5	4	Bill Hart	30.25	1	JP Olson	30	5	Jerrod Hanson	29.5	1
Don Olson	31.5	3	Joshua Hildre	30.25	2	Al Johnson	30	3	Dustin Gonzales	29.5	2
Dave McLean	31.5	3	Michaela Hupe	30	2	Trent Thompson	30	3	Henry Scherer	29.5	3
Joe Sipinski	31.15	7	Mark Brandenburg	30	3	Jeff Eliason	30	4	Scott Canakes	29.25	2
Brayden Winans	31.15	7	Clint Beck	30	2	Matthew Gilles	30	1	Tom Hoy	29.25	1
Bob Haddorff	31	7	Andy Dombrovski	30	3	Tyler Giangordano	29.75	3	Hadly Skaw	29.25	2
David O'Daniel	31	1	Dale Hanson	30	5	Mike Byrd	29.75	5	Joey O'Daniel	29.25	4
David Henry	31	4	Mike Bauer	30	1	Ted Weise	29.75	1	Edgar Rivalin	29.25	5
Garrett Wobst	31	3	Greg Kvillhaug	30	2	Patrick Wotta	29.75	2	Steve Johnson	29.25	3
Ken Crabtree	31	1	Lee Schull	30	2	Steve Kukowski	29.75	1	Lloyd Dyck	29.25	1
Jackie McLean	31	6	Bruce Haerter	30	6	Randy Eichberger	29.75	1	Cayden Quenelle	29.25	6
Joe Hunstad	31	4	Karlee Winkelman	30	1	Danny Griffin	29.75	1	Vito Giulitto	29.25	6
William Talley	31	5	John Nichol	30	3	Jamie Franken	29.75	3	Dana Raley	29.25	1
Jim Prough	30.9	3	Jack Ward	30	7	Eric Klinefelter	29.75	4	Greg Decker	29.25	1
Michael Couey	30.9	1	Clay Amundson	30	3	Brian Castro	29.5	1	Steve James	29.25	2
Tommy O'Daniel	30.75	1	Ryan O'Connor	30	3	Jeff Rupp	29.5	3	Derek Cherne	29.25	3
Rob Bell	30.75	3	Tom Irmscher	30	3	Jim MacDougall	29.5	2	Monte Johnson	29.25	2
Mark Graf	30.75	1	Barb Stokes	30	1	Will Van Roekel	29.5	1	Aidan Ball	29.25	2
Kent Spriggs	30.75	4	Ian Reyes	30	2	John Nicholson	29.5	2	Gordon Bohn	29.25	4
Adam Blakey	30.75	2	Brian Hengeveld	30	2	Gregg Jones	29.5	1	Jerry Hall	29.25	3
Dave Darr	30.5	11	Mark Ericksen	30	2	Ryan Bond	29.5	3	Mark Turner	29.25	2
John Shane	30.5	1	Craig Powers	30	1	Luke Amundson	29.5	1	Joe McAlhany	29.25	1
Jim Kouri	30.5	4	Brad Winans	30	1	Matt McKay	29.5	1	Chris Hoff	29.25	2
Kyle Poehls	30.5	2	David Hunstad	30	4	John McMillen	29.5	2	Jason Vendsel	29.25	2
John Schwan	30.5	3	Jeff Wrede	30	3	Jed Rohlf	29.5	2	Ben Vos	29.25	1
Nancy Steiman	30.5	1	Brian Urness	30	6	Duane Bakke	29.5	2	Taylor Holop	29.25	3
Jeremy Arens	30.5	4	Chris Barnes	30	1	Gabe Metz	29.5	1	Zack Montebell	29.25	1
Brad Friesz	30.5	2	Scott Bruggeman	30	2	Tiny Blanchard	29.5	1	John Cameron	29	2
Casey Heinze	30.5	1	Bob Strawman	30	6	Mike Pohl	29.5	1	Jon Bendix	29	2

17 SUCKER

Dan Spoelstra	20.75	1	Rob Bell	19.25	1	Jeff Schultz	18.5	1	Aaron Zabel	18	1
Mark Burch	20.65	1	Monte Johnson	19	1	Jerrod Hanson	18.5	1	Kyle Copple	18	2
Ryan O'Connor	20.15	5	Victor Mader	18.75	1	Noah McCoy	18.5	1			
Jay Trushenski	20	1	Alan Spriggs	18.75	1	Kyle Schwan	18.25	1			
Cayden Quenelle	19.5	6	Ken Schulte	18.5	1	Quinn Friedl	18.25	1			

Pat Christensen	29	2	Mike Brandenburg	29	1	Steve Mosby	29	1	Randy O'Daniel	29	2
Chris Moore	29	1	Bobby Johnson	29	2	Lou Cove	29	5	Kory Schwan	29	3
Kevin Schwan	29	1	Benny Bobbitt	29	2	Dan Hazard	29	5	Mike Theobald	29	1
Victor Mader	29	2	Paul Nichol	29	1	Tom Wiskow	29	1	Richard Mingus	29	3
Mike Flaherty	29	2	Carey Heitman	29	1	Ashlynn Winans	29	3	Keith Rittwage	29	1
Chuck Pillsbury	29	1	Ryan Sailer	29	4	Matt Decker	29	3	Craig Theis	29	2
Nick Dykstra	29	2	Bob Chamberland	29	1	Ken Netsch	29	1	Troy Ashton	29	3
Alex Brainerd	29	2	Gabe Johnson	29	3	Chris Novogratz	29	3	Jason Wallace	29	1

4 WHITEFISH

Brian Fitzpatrick	22.5	1	Brian Urness	22.25	1	Evan Hartner	22	1	Tom Morter	18.25	1
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Addam Friedl	29	1	Tad Anderson	29	1	Fred Embry	29	1	Steve Weestrand	29	1
Erin Embry	29	1	Jason Hart	29	5	Rob Hoff	29	1	Dave Rice	29	1
Will Schmidt	29	2	Chandler Hart	29	1	Steve Burt	29	2	Dan Salo	29	1
John Ognar	29	1	Bob Demuth	28.75	5	Ken Carlson	28.75	1	Mike Westberg	28.75	3
Bill Becker	28.75	1	Jen Poiry	28.75	2	Bob Reiling	28.75	1	Steve Kruzel	28.75	1
Nick Dykstra	28.75	1	Curtis Camp	28.75	1	Rhonda Almond	28.75	1	Jason Hunt	28.75	1
Ross Becklun	28.75	1	Cam Griffin	28.75	4	Andy Pahlen	28.75	2	Jim Bell	28.75	1
Jordan Raab	28.75	1	Thomas E. Taylor	28.75	1	Kris Scherer	28.75	1	Danika Barabonoff	28.5	2
Rob Gunnare	28.5	1	Phil Morabito	28.5	1	Ben Haddorff	28.5	1	Mark DuPont	28.5	2
Pat McKune	28.5	2	Eric Ollerman	28.5	1						

1 BURBOT

Mike Byrd	30	1
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Greg O'Daniel	28.5	1	Mike Van Roekel	28.5	3	Vince Robinson	41.75	1	John Ognar	40.96	1
Vince Robinson	28.5	2	Kyler Kinn	28.5	5	Robert Ward	28.5	1	June Guckenberger	28.5	1
Sara Poiry	28.5	1	Jason Kuehne	28.5	1	Tom Ognar	28.5	1	Oriana Ognar	28.5	2
Jason McMillen	28.5	1	Ken Schulte	28.5	2	Mike Kunar	28.5	3	Steve Botcher	28.25	1
Nick Place	28.5	1	Will Schmidt	28.5	2	Chandler Hart	29	1	Steve Burt	29	2
Matt Alexander	28.5	1	Pete Nustuen	28.5	1	John Ognar	29	1	Bob Demuth	28.75	5
Ken Carlson	28.75	1	Mike Westberg	28.75	3	Bill Becker	28.75	1	Jen Poiry	28.75	2
Bob Reiling	28.75	1	Steve Kruzel	28.75	1	Nick Dykstra	28.75	1	Curtis Camp	28.75	1
Rhonda Almond	28.75	1	Jason Hunt	28.75	1	Ross Becklun	28.75	1	Cam Griffin	28.75	4
Andy Pahlen	28.75	2	Jim Bell	28.75	1	Jordan Raab	28.75	1	Thomas E. Taylor	28.75	1
Kris Scherer	28.75	1	Danika Barabonoff	28.5	2	Rob Gunnare	28.5	1	Phil Morabito	28.5	1
Ben Haddorff	28.5	1	Mark DuPont	28.5	2	Pat McKune	28.5	2	Eric Ollerman	28.5	1

6 NORTHERN

Vince Robinson	41.75	1	John Ognar	40.96	1
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Jesse Gabrano	28.5	1	Kasey Lien	28.25	1	Steve Pohl	28	1
Jesse Schrock	28.5	1	Tim Luskey	28.25	1	Brian Gauger	28	1
Kyler Kinn	28.5	5	Matthew Edwards	28.25	1	Cory Sedor	28	1
Jason Kuehne	28.5	1	Steve Imholte	28.25	1	Tim Brainerd	28	1
Oriana Ognar	28.5	2	Brendan Doherty	28.25	1	Ron Arens	28	1
Tom Ognar	28.5	1	Philip Furnas	28	4	Andy Arens	28	1
Art Curtes	28.5	2	Emilia Chumas-Skaw	28	1	Dave Arens	28	1
Jay Jorgensen	28.25	1	Marc Cove	28	1	Clay Dirlam	28	1
Jackson Skaw	28.25	1	Greg Odde	28	1	David Spoelstra	28	1
Steve Botcher	28.25	1	Travis Tupper	28	1	Chase Dirlam	28	2
Gerry Sexton	28.25	3	Dave Gonzenbach	28	3	Frank Feit	28	1
Linda Irmscher	28.25	2	Greg Goltz	28	2	Jason Bohn	28	1
Dave Guckenberger	28.25	2	Babe Winkelman	28	1	Brodie Ball	28	1
Brian Flaherty	28.25	1	Tim Brehmer	28	1	Rebecca Graf	28	1
Chuck Colston	28.25	1	Harley Smith	28	1	Eldon Taake	28	1
Ed Schmidt	28.25	1	Pil Amundson	28	1	Justin Iriksen	28	1
Mike Giulitto	28.25	3	Cory Wiskow	28	1	Heath Greve	28	1
Brent Winans	28.25	1	Cory Baseraba	28	1	Mike Cowan	28	1
Ross Johnson	28.25	1	Marta Doster	28	1	Eric Liljegen	28	1
Dan Decker	28.25	1	Noah Stokes	28	1	Rick Thompson	28	1
Dave Dusavage	28.25	2	George Flaherty	28	2	Mike Clements	28	4
Patrick Nelson	28.25	1	David Zimmerman	28	2	Rick Lauson	28	1
Mike Collins	28.25	1	Tom Flaherty	28	2	Cody Wass	28	1
John Dutton	28.25	2	Konrad Crabtree	28	1	Tom Strege	28	1
Josh Arens	28.25	2	Benny Peveler	28	1	Tom Nelson	28	1
Doug Lochhead	28.25	2	Roger Crase	28	2	Wyatt Samuelson	28	1
Jake Huseman	28.25	2	Evan Hartner	28	2	Jerry Nelson	28	1
Dan Spoelstra	28.25	1	Elli Winans	28	2	Clare Johnson	28	1
Gary Buckley	28.25	4	Gary Peterson	28	1	Ben Schmidt	28	2
Mike Podany	28.25	1	Andy Rezac	28	1	Rich Raab	28	1
Matt Cowan	28.25	4	Cole Gibson	28	1	Glenn Buchko	28	1
Paul Ellefson	28.25	3	Jeff Shellberg	28	4	Mathew Bosselman	28	2
Brennon Boll	28.25	1	Mark Laverty	28	1	Jeff Bennett	28	1
Corey McGillis	28.25	1	Steve Bruggeman	28	1	Jim Pasioka	28	1
Brandon Sommers	28.25	1	Trevor Martinez	28	1	Tim May	28	1
Quinn Friedl	28.25	1	Bob Chamberland	28	1	Casey Campbell	28	1
Adam Bell	28.25	1	Chuck Ellis	28	1	Sam Scherer	28	2
Mark Nagy	28.25	2	Roxanne Blanchard	28	1	Nate Ognar	28	1

7 PERCH

Jim MacDougall	14	1	Harley Smith	13	1
Ben Vos	13.5	1	Kevin Carroll	13	1
Noah McCoy	13.5	1			
Greg Odde	13.25	1			
Jim Prough	13	1			

