



## Wildfire Season

On June 13, a lightning strike started a wildfire near the east end of Gunisao Lake. The fire was reported to Manitoba Conservation, and they began to monitor it. The Lodge is in a "white zone" of Manitoba, where fires are not acted upon unless they are a direct danger to a community. Due to very dry conditions and low humidity, the fire quickly grew from .1 hectares to over 5000 hectares in about a week. At its' peak, the fire would grow to over 35,500 hectares. (One hectare = approximately 2.47 acres).

On June 19, a small crew of Initial Attack firefighters arrived to camp and started setting up a sprinkler system to protect all structures and fuel tanks from blowing embers. More crews arrived and started cutting fire breaks and laying miles of hose/sprinkler line into the woods around camp. The fire continued to grow, and the entire camp along with many areas of the Lake were often smoked out. Embers blew in the wind and caught islands on fire, and the main fire continued to move along the south shore towards camp.

On Friday the 21st, the fire reached Walleye Hole.

At that point we began to implement an evacuation plan for guests and staff. Remaining guests were safely evacuated by afternoon. At around 10:30 pm, the head of the fire jumped across Walleye Hole and headed northeast towards the Back Bay and the Lodge. By 6am Saturday morning, the fire had reached the Back Bay. We immediately implemented our staff evacuation plan, and most staff (along with supplies) headed out to safety on the Lake. A small crew stayed behind to assist and participate in firefighting efforts. A float plane was brought in to safely evacuate most staff members. With no guests and few staff in camp, we were able to comfortably house and feed what grew to over 20 firefighters.

Later Saturday morning, a helicopter began water bucketing operations, and 2 water bombers flew in to knock down some of the fire and redirect it away from camp. They bombed for about 2 hours straight, dropping thousands of gallons of water on the fire and

saving camp from the incoming danger. The air efforts, along with those of crews on the ground, were successful in protecting camp for the time being. Although the head of the fire was diverted, it was still an imminent threat to camp as it moved its' way around the south side of the runway, and headed north towards the Little Narrows.

The next few days the fire continued to spread, and helicopter bucketing and ground crew operations continued. A few guides who didn't evacuate drove firefighters from camp to hotspots and other areas day and night. Some of the remaining Gunisao Crew loaded hose, hand tools, and a portable pump on a few boats and put out hotspots in critical areas. The water bombers returned for another round of drops; knocking out and diverting some of the fire again.

With much progress made, we were able to fly staff members back to the Lodge on the evening of June 24. They quickly went to work on the huge task of cleaning up and putting camp back together. Fortunately we were able to resume trips and bring in new guests the morning of June 25.

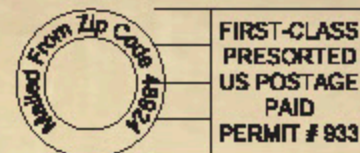
On June 28, firefighters left camp. We continued to remain vigilant, watching hotspots and flareups around the Lake. The evening of July 13, the fire worked its' way back around to the west end of our runway. Staff acted quickly and started knocking down flames. Manitoba Conservation once again brought their water bombers in to protect camp. After a night of bombing, most of the imminent threat had finally passed. The fire continued to work its' way around to the west, then along the north shore of the Lake. By the time our season was over, it had burned around approximately 3/4 of the Lake.

We would like to thank the Manitoba Sustainable Development Wildfire Program, all the firefighters from across the Province, and our staff, for their tireless efforts to keep our guests, other staff, and us safe while protecting this place we all love so much.

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# Walleye Wall



The 2019 Season Numbers Are In!!



Ed Karper

**897**  
MASTER ANGLERS  
CAUGHT BY **368**  
BUDD'S MASTER ANGLERS!!  
In 2019 Gunisao Lake Produced:  
**848** MASTER ANGLER WALLEYES  
-> 88 Were 30" or Larger!!  
**35** MASTER ANGLER NORTHERN PIKE



Ian Reyes

Our 32nd season of the **World's Best Trophy Walleye Fishing** at Gunisao was packed with great fishing and good times. More early spring renovations occurred due to another bear break in last fall. Ice out came late again this year, but was just in time for our first group. Mid-season, some wildfires came (see story on page 3), but we persevered and fishing continued. Our anglers landed **more than 8 times the number of Trophy Walleyes** than any other lake in Manitoba. That means **67% of all Manitoba Master Angler Walleyes in 2019 were caught at Gunisao. 368 different anglers** landed a combined total of **897 Master Anglers** this season.

Gunisao produced 6 of the 12 largest Walleye caught in Manitoba in 2019. Of the 848 Master Angler Walleyes caught, **88 were 30" or larger**. Andrew Bates and Ed Karper tied for the biggest - each landing a **32 1/2" Walleye** - tying for the **2nd largest Walleyes** in Manitoba (in 2019).



Ben Haddorff

Ian Reyes landed a whopping **45 1/2" Northern Pike**, the largest of the season at Gunisao. Ben Haddorff and Duane Bakke each brought in a **44" Pike**.

Budd's anglers landed a total of **35 Trophy Northern Pike**, **9 Sucker**, **3 Whitefish**, **1 Yellow Perch**, and **1 Burbot**.

Thanks to all of our guests for another great season of Tropy Fishing, and congratulations to all of our Budd's Master Angler Club 2019 members!

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# World's Best Trophy Walleye Fishing

Size (inches) Of Largest Trophy Caught    Total Trophies Caught



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848 Walleyes

Andrew Bates	32.5	2
Ed Karper	32.5	5
James Kouri	32	6
Patrick Day	32	2
Richard West	32	5
Walker Labrasca	32	1
Barclay Holscher	31.5	10
Kyle Knox	31.5	1
Mark Prosser	31.5	5
Mike Beare	31.5	1
Ben Haddorff	31.25	9
Daniel Knight	31.25	3
Bob Keenan	31	4
Chandler Hart	31	4
Dennis Labrasca	31	2
James MacDougall	31	2
Joe Curtes	31	1
John Hazer	31	7
Michael Nelson	31	2
Sharon Bofferding	31	1
Thomas Flaherty	31	3
Thomas Wiskow	31	4
Will Van Roekel	30.75	2
Charles Klemz	30.5	9
Glen Smith	30.5	1
Mitch Mittelstaedt	30.5	5
Jack Robertson	30.5	3
James Warwick	30.5	8
Jerry Baack	30.5	2
Mark Brandenburg	30.5	3
Murray Warwaruk	30.5	2
Preston Despenas	30.5	1
Ralph Morris	30.5	4
Rich Hollo	30.5	3
Robert Haddorff	30.5	12
Ryan Johnson	30.5	2
Willis Smith	30.5	3
David McLean	30.25	25
Herbert Fritch	30.25	3
Mike May	30.25	2

Bill Deschner	30	1
Brad Friesz	30	2
Brett Johnson	30	6
Cary Singer	30	1
Chad Wiskow	30	3
Dan Smith	30	5
Daniel Penrose	30	1
David Henry	30	4
David Peterson	30	4
Duane Peterson	30	2
Eric Bowring	30	5
Gary Fritsch	30	3
Glenn Pabst	30	3
Greg Goguel	30	3
Hartley Gerbrandt	30	2
Jeff Shellberg	30	15
Jeffrey Mazzanti	30	3
Jim Henderson	30	1
John Billion	30	1
John Modjeski	30	3
John Nicholson	30	8
Johnny Costello Jr	30	8
Kaden Hart	30	1
Keith Bell	30	3
Keith Budd	30	5
Greg Kvilhaug	30	1
Norman Hageboeck	30	1
Pat Day	30	1
Roy Yawn	30	5
Sean Kramer	30	4
Thomas McCabe	30	6
Wade Shatzer	30	6
William Bland	30	1
Bradley Hoyt	29.75	7
Bruce Bosse	29.75	4
Dale Burleson	29.75	2
Diane Ford	29.75	2
Grant Lindaman	29.75	1
Jerry Almond	29.75	1
Kent Spriggs	29.75	7

Mick Stenson	29.75	2
Ronald Kielsberg	29.75	3
Tim Jacobsen	29.75	4
Alan Spriggs	29.5	5
Alex Steffen	29.5	1
Christopher Clady	29.5	1
Craig Allen	29.5	4
Dale Brandenburg	29.5	1
Dale Smicklas	29.5	1
Duane Rempel	29.5	2
Harry Fischer	29.5	4
Ian Reyes	29.5	5
Jacob Amundson	29.5	2
Jaquelyn Mclean	29.5	7
Jeff Peterson	29.5	1
Jeffrey Rupp	29.5	3
Jim Bell	29.5	1
John Lyngstad	29.5	1
John Mcmillen	29.5	1
Joseph Labernik	29.5	1
Karen Smith	29.5	2
Kevin Sheehy	29.5	3
Kevin Van Overschelde	29.5	1
Kory Schwan	29.5	2
Larry Marfise	29.5	2
Larry Owens	29.5	1
Lee Schull	29.5	1
Louis Cove	29.5	2
Michael Brandenburger	29.5	5
Mike Van Roekel	29.5	2
Pat McKune	29.5	2
Peter Walls	29.5	1
Phillip Stewart	29.5	2
Robin Hoyt	29.5	4
Scott Bullock	29.5	3
Scott Saalfeld	29.5	5
Scott Teigen	29.5	2
Seth Saarinen	29.5	5
Sheldon Noble	29.5	2
Tom Cavanagh	29.5	3

Allan Dale	29.25	2
Bob Clark	29.25	4
Bob Yang	29.25	1
Bruce Karper	29.25	3
Chris Meader	29.25	7
Dusty Budd	29.25	3
Ernie Costello	29.25	4
Frank Frattalone	29.25	3
Howard Mills	29.25	2
James Stricker	29.25	2
Jayson Johnson	29.25	8
John Nystrom	29.25	6
Justin Melton	29.25	1
Neil Charteris	29.25	5
Peter Yawn	29.25	5
Ryan Dumoulin	29.25	5
Tim Fieber	29.25	2
Tom Wehmeier	29.25	1
Andrew Lott	29	1
Andrew Rapp	29	1
Andrew Rodrigues	29	2
Bergen Parkhill	29	1
Bill Schulz	29	3
Brad Hoistad	29	2
Brenda Rettig	29	3
Brian Nagy	29	1
Carey Heitman	29	1
Carol Prosser	29	1
Collin Schull	29	2
Craig Schroeder	29	2
Dale Harberts	29	1
David Guckenberger	29	2
Dawson Miller	29	3
Don Brandenburg	29	2
Doug Flaherty	29	1
Duane Bakke	29	2
Enrique Valls	29	2
Eric Ollerman	29	1
Erik Dyck	29	1
Garrett Wobst	29	2
Greg Meader	29	2
Irene Rapp	29	1
Jane Gregory	29	1

Jason Hart	29	2
Jeff Davis	29	5
Jeff Heath	29	5
Jeffrey Boettcher	29	1
Jett Collins	29	2
John E. Costello	29	4
John Hamerly	29	1
John Nichol	29	1
John Schwan	29	3
Jordan Treutle	29	2
Joseph Sipinski	29	2
Kelsey Brandsted	29	1
Kevin Schwan	29	4
Kyle Schull	29	3
Kyle Schwan	29	1
Larry Brandenburg	29	2
Larry Leitner	29	2
Mark Kettelkamp	29	3
Mark Laverty	29	1
Mary Hieber	29	2
Max Rapp	29	2
Merrie Lowe	29	1
Mike Dolejs	29	4
Nathan Rempel	29	1
Nathan Wagner	29	1
Nicole Lafreniere	29	3
Paul Graebner	29	3
Perry Cummings	29	5
Randall Marx	29	1
Rebecca Graf	29	2
Richard Fahland	29	2
Richard Hutter	29	4
Richard Mingus	29	1
Richard Raab	29	2
Rob Lyngstad	29	3
Robert Goldberg	29	4
Robert Tallman	29	1
Robbie Wayne	29	4
Ron Hibbard	29	3
Ryan O'Connor	29	1
Ryan Peck	29	2
Ted Warner	29	2
Todd Veitenheimer	29	2



897 Master Anglers caught by 368 different anglers!!



Tom Flaherty	29	1
Viktoria Huber	29	1
Chuck Carlsen	28.75	2
Craig Treiber	28.75	1
Jason Bell	28.75	1
Joseph Esser	28.75	1
Joseph McMurray	28.75	4
Karen Fischer	28.75	6
Kevin Wargin	28.75	3
Mike Egger	28.75	2
Nicolas McMurray	28.75	2
Ray Nelson	28.75	1
Ryan Meissner	28.75	2
Spencer Holmes	28.75	3
Wayne Hutchinson	28.75	1
Adam Christenson	28.5	1
Albert Johnson	28.5	1
Allen Ward	28.5	1
Andy Chase	28.5	2
Blake Kukowski	28.5	1
Bob Keenan	28.5	3
Brad Callihan	28.5	1
Brian Belcher	28.5	1
Brook Davis	28.5	1
Calvin Sonntag	28.5	2
Charles Rodman	28.5	1
Chet Delbridge	28.5	3
Clay Blum	28.5	2
Cooper Labrasca	28.5	1
Dean Barrett	28.5	2
Dennis Bowring	28.5	5
Dennis Schultz	28.5	1
Geoff Gothro	28.5	1
Gregg Strathy	28.5	2
Harley Sprenger	28.5	1
Heather Schopplein	28.5	4
Jack Skaw	28.5	1
Jason Kuehne	28.5	1
Jennifer Budd	28.5	1
Jim Mishek	28.5	2
Jim Slaikou	28.5	2
John Dale	28.5	2
Jon Rausch	28.5	2

Jordan Raab	28.5	1
Jordan Ruba	28.5	1
Josh Brandsted	28.5	2
Keith Kaslon	28.5	1
Kenneth Bons	28.5	2
Kevin Bressner	28.5	1
Kyle Zimmerman	28.5	1
LeAnn Bushar	28.5	2
Mark Grieve	28.5	1
Matt Billion	28.5	2
Michael Theobald	28.5	3
Noah Stokes	28.5	2
Patrick Ostrom	28.5	1
Paul Jacques	28.5	1
Richard Lines	28.5	1
Riley Noble	28.5	2
Ryan Fisher	28.5	2
Scott Joyn	28.5	1
Shawn Dahl	28.5	2
Steve Botcher	28.5	4
Thomas Irmischer	28.5	1
Tim Lewis	28.5	1
Tyler Stasny	28.5	2
Wesley Matthews	28.5	1
Alicia Bedford	28.25	1
Barak Dar	28.25	1
Brad Chaffee	28.25	1
Dean Monson	28.25	1
Jesse Schrock	28.25	1
Joshua Jorgenson	28.25	1
Karl Baumgarten	28.25	1
Kevin Bourne	28.25	3
Kevin Waisner	28.25	1
Larry Raasch	28.25	3
Lucas Amundson	28.25	1
Nathan Bowman	28.25	1
Philip Amundson	28.25	1
Reed Stigen	28.25	2
Roger Crase	28.25	1
Stephen Lyngstad	28.25	2
Steven Agnew	28.25	1
William Ryan	28.25	1
Aaron Youngdahl	28	1

Abbie Roberts	28	1
Al Bipes	28	2
Alan Dale	28	2
Allan McCleave	28	3
Arnie Gregory	28	1
Bob Chamberland	28	1
Brian Bons	28	2
Brian Dilyard	28	1
Brian Flaherty	28	2
Charles Ellis	28	1
Cody Boyden	28	1
Cody Strand	28	2
Cory Wiskow	28	1
Danette McKnight	28	1
Daren Gottlieb	28	1
Darrell Dziver	28	1
Dave Rapp	28	2
Dave Holwager	28	1
Dennis Christie	28	2
Dennis Kharitou	28	1
Doug Heidinger	28	1
Michael Militello	28	1
Ehren Grupe	28	1
Eric Nelson	28	1
Frank Hogan	28	1
Gary Thompson	28	2
George Zeller	28	1
Henry Lowe	28	1
James Dilyard	28	4
James Slezak	28	1
Jann Senden	28	1
Jason Mazzanti	28	1
Jason Tjader	28	1
Jeff Drennan	28	1
Jerry Bofferding	28	2
Jim Reiff	28	4
Joaquin Delgado	28	1
Joe Chartrand	28	1
John Bell	28	1
Jon Jontz	28	1

Joseph Egan	28	1
Josie Kramer	28	1
June Guckenberger	28	1
Kathy Day	28	2
Ken Carlson	28	1
Kurt Apfelbacher	28	1
Leah Batts	28	1
Luke Appert	28	2
Mariah Johnson	28	1
Mark Jones	28	1
Michael Bell	28	1
Nick Place	28	1
Paul Brisebois	28	1
Peter Holowchuk	28	1
Rob Singer	28	1
Robert Felsch	28	1
Robert Wrasper	28	1
Ronald Vaughn	28	2
Ryan Sonntag	28	1
Steve Zingsheim	28	1
Theodore Holscher	28	1
Thomas Smart	28	1
Troy Chaffee	28	1

9 Sucker		
Alicia Bedford	19.5	1
Bruce Bosse	19.5	1
Kevin Sheehy	19.25	1
Bennett Collins	19	1
Patrick Day	19	1
Mike Giulitto	19	1
Ryan Johnson	19	1
Reagan Marx	19	1
Mariah Johnson	18.25	1

3 Lake Whitefish		
Chris Meader	22	1
Jacob Amundson	22	1
Mark Laverty	22	1



35 Northern Pike

Ian Reyes	45.5	2
Ben Haddorff	44	1
Duane Bakke	44	1
Bruce Karper	43.5	1
Kent Spriggs	43.5	2
Albert Johnson	43	1
Charles Ellis	43	1
Ed Schmidt	43	1
Herbert Fritch	43	1
James Pesis	43	2
Josh Conrad	43	1
Pat McKune	43	1
Roger Crase	43	1
Sarah Smart	43	1
Drew Chaffee	42.5	1
Michael Militello	42.5	1
Dawson Miller	42	3
Gary Fritsch	42	1
Katie Spriggs	42	1
John Hazer	41.5	2
Mark Prosser	41.5	1
Ron Hibbard	41.5	1
Brian Flaherty	41	1
Erik Dyck	41	1
Larry Leitner	41	1
Mark Graf	41	1
Nolan Hart	41	1
Patrick Day	41	1
Tom Flaherty	41	1

1 Burbot		
Alan Spriggs	32.5	1

1 Yellow Perch		
Mark Prosser	13.5	1



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