

# Friends & Guests

From Don & Annette Elliot of Mattice Lake Outfitters

## It's that time of year again; time to start planning your remote wilderness vacation for 2009

Thanks to our gracious guests we had another successful season. Even though June and much of July was cooler and moister than normal, the fishing was exceptional.

To start off the season, we experienced a late ice out with many of our northern lakes still frozen for opening week, however those booked into these camps were still able to fish at our camps on Whitewater Lake and the Ogoki Reservoir which typically open a week before the others. A cooler Spring and late ice also resulted in almost no black flies or mosquitoes in June when we normally see both. Oddly, late July and August was the bug period this year. Opening week (September 19th) of the moose season was slightly slower than expected due to unseasonably warm temperatures, however the second week made up for it resulting in a very productive hunt.

## Passport Requirements to enter USA

Starting in January 2007 passports were required by anyone entering the United States by air. It was initially announced that passports would also be required by all those entering by land or sea in January 2008. The Department of Homeland Security now indicates that this requirement will now be in effect on June 1st, 2009. Up to date information is available on the Homeland Security website [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)

## Mattice Lake Outfitters on TV & In Print

Over the past summer we had the TV show Officially Rugged with RD (Rugged Dude) fish and film at our camp on Whitewater Lake. In addition we also hosted 3 magazine writers at the Ogoki Reservoir. James Smedley with wife Francine & daughters who writes for Ontario Out of Doors and Bob & Ginny Reige who write for a number of magazines fish on the Ogoki Reservoir in July. As well as fishing stories, Peter Wood who also writes for Ontario Out of Doors hunted moose with a group of his friends at the Ogoki Reservoir. Peter shot his first bull moose. Over the next few months you can see RD fishing at Whitewater Lake and read about hunting & fishing adventures on the Ogoki Reservoir.



James & Francine Smedley at Eight Flume Falls



Ginny Riege at the Ogoki Reservoir

## What's New For 2009

High fuel prices this past summer caused us to cool our heels a bit in terms of any building projects, however we did build a new screened in fish cleaning house/storage building at both Pringle Lake and Vick Lake. Those fishing at either of these two lakes know that it was a constant battle keeping the freezers located on the decks operating on windy days when the burners would blow out. The freezers are now located in these new buildings, solving that problem. At all of the other camps the freezers are located inside existing buildings. We plan to build fish cleaning houses at a number of other camps in 2009 and replace a portion of our fleet of outboard motors.

## The Air Service News

By mid October after all our camps were closed for the season the two Beavers were flown to the maintenance facility in Thunder Bay to receive winter inspections and upgrades. One of the Beavers will also be receiving a new (overhauled) engine and propeller this winter. The Otter flew until the end of October to help fly mineral exploration equipment and mountains of drummed diesel & helicopter fuel to an exploration camp located in the Hudson's Bay lowlands, 220 miles north east of Armstrong. The Otter made it to the maintenance facility on October 31st after the northern lakes froze over for the season. Helicopters are now being used to fly supplies and fuel into these remote camps until there is sufficient ice on the lakes for wheel and ski equipped aircraft to be utilized.

Exploration companies are currently scattered over a fairly large area of the Hudson Bay lowlands searching for base metals and diamonds. Significant quantities of nickel, copper and other base metals have been discovered over the last couple years in the McFaulds Lake area creating a huge amount of activity. Anyone interested can google McFaulds Lake on the internet for information.

## 2009 RATES

As was the case this past season, our rates will again be published in Canadian funds. Our US guests paying for their trips with US currency will take advantage of an exchange rate in their favor. Throughout November the US dollar was worth anywhere from \$1.14 to \$1.25 Canadian. At an exchange rate of \$1.20 a trip costing \$1000.00 Canadian would cost \$800.00 in US funds. Predictions are for the US dollar to continue to maintain a positive exchange rate over the Canadian dollar.

## 2009 Sport Show Schedule

1. All-Canada Fishing & Vacationing Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center , **Minneapolis, MN.**—January 2 to 4
2. All-Canada Fishing & Vacationing Show at the Pheasant Run Resort, **St. Charles, IL.** — January 8 to 11
3. All-Canada Fishing & Vacationing Show at the St. Charles Convention Center, **St. Louis, MO.**—January 16 to 18
4. All-Canada Fishing & Vacationing Show at The Fountains, **Indianapolis, IN.**—January 19 to 21
5. All-Canada Fishing & Vacationing Show at the Milwaukee Country Sports Complex, **Milwaukee, WI.** — January 23 to 25
6. All-Canada Fishing & Vacationing Show at the Marriott Madison West Convention Center, **Madison, WI.** — January 26 to 28
7. Northwest Sports Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center, **Minneapolis, MN.** — March 12 to 15

Enclosed is a copy of our 2009 rates and brochure with a brief description of each camp. Please let us know if you would like maps of any lakes that are unfamiliar to you. Information is also available on our web sites: [www.walleye.ca](http://www.walleye.ca) which has information pertinent to all camps or [www.whitewaterlake.ca](http://www.whitewaterlake.ca) for Whitewater Lake and [www.ogokireservoir.ca](http://www.ogokireservoir.ca) for the Ogoki Reservoir. The [walleye site](http://www.walleye.ca) also includes links to local weather forecasts, hunting/fishing regulations, Canada Customs regulations, limo services, etc. All sites include printable maps of each lake.

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**We wish to thank all those who visited us this past season and hope to see you again next season. We also hope to see those that were unable to make the trip this year.**

**“Best wishes to you and your family for the Holiday Season”**