



THE PAWISTIK NEWS



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PRO-TECH THANKS EMPLOYEES WITH A TRIP TO THE LODGE

If there's any common bond in the oil and gas service business, regardless of what part of Canada you're from, it could very well be a love of fishing. At least that's what Budi Setiawan and Tony Giasson thought, and they decided to bring their key sales staff together in a team building exercise that also got them onto the water. The two executives at RNG Pro-Tech, a pressure vessel and specialty tank manufacturer headquartered in Calgary with offices across Canada, decided to get



The Pro-Tech boys on their arrival at the river

in touch with Scott, who had been urging them to try the lodge for a few years.

The logistics of bringing together people from across the country were daunting, but eventually 14 eager fishermen landed in Winnipeg, and from there the trip to the lodge was easy. When everyone finally arrived, a full fridge and liquor cabinet was waiting, a little service we provide for those pressed for time and space. Tony just told us what was needed, and we did the shopping, settling up at the end of the trip.

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Some of the keepers, soon to be converted into dinner

SHOTS TO REMEMBER FROM THE 2001 SEASON...



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An early morning mood shot

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Over the next four days, the boys made the most of their time, catching and releasing hundreds of fish. Of course, they kept enough to eat each day, and everyone came away with some great memories and a greater sense of community. I'm sure they join me in thanking Budi and Tony for their inspired idea and organizational expertise. And it will be hard for anyone to forget the lodge for a while, as they all received custom designed hats, T-shirts, and jackets, all courtesy of RNG. See you next year, boys?

THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH - WHAT WE'VE DONE, WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

There was a lot of work to be done when we took over the lodge in 1995, but only when you sit down and make a list does the enormity of the task hit home. For sure we've missed something, but here's a year by year outline:

- 1995 - Electricity, new motor, brush clearing, limestone walls, three canoes, cleanup of the quonset, lots of paint.
- 1996 - Running water with wash house, main lodge renovations for bigger store, manager's quarters, four new boats, three new motors, renovations of three existing cabins, purchase of Tom's, introduction of Chateau Pawistik wine.
- 1997 - Construction of new cabin, purchase of Dean's, pine floors for three cabins, new RV lots, renovation of Tom's, purchase of Lodge House.
- 1998 - Finishing of Dave's (new cabin), three new boats and motors, Lodge House basement, new filleting house, siding for quonset, lots more paint.
- 1999 - New dock at Tom's, three new boats and motors, purchase of Dean's, cleanup and wiring at Dean's, winterized shop in quonset, purchase of Steve's.
- 2000 - new gas storage tank, new furniture for cabins, more pine floors, addition and renovation at Dean's, finishing at Lodge House, three new boats and motors.
- 2001 - Clearing of new RV lots, work on gazebo, three new motors, final finishing at Dean's, more staining and painting.

If you think that this all takes a lot of time, sweat, and money, you're right! But it's all part of our commitment to our guests, and to making their stay the best it can be. Further plans call for a possible new lodge, more new boats and motors, further renovations, and of course lots more paint and stain. Come on up and enjoy the results!

HOW ABOUT THAT GAZEBO?

Remember the proposed gazebo we were talking about in the last newsletter? Well, you'll be pleased to know that the planning process is by far the hardest element of the project, if the time we're taking is any indication.

You saw the outline last newsletter. Well, that was replaced with a cement foundation, and in November 2001 we took another step.

Scott's cousin Harold, from out Victoria way, is a sheet metal miracle worker, and he fabricated the lower chimney piece of the firepit that will be the centerpiece of the gazebo. We thought we would share this galvanized masterpiece with you, and we hope it will be hanging where it should be by the time the season starts in May of 2002.

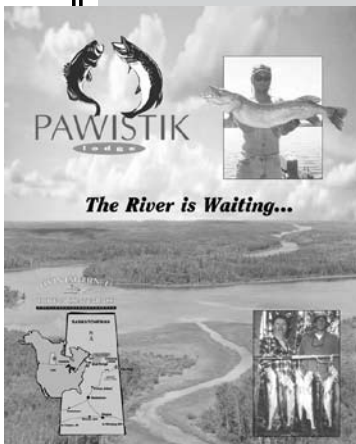
Harold's galvanized masterpiece

ATTENDANCE AT TRADE SHOWS PLANNED

We may already have attended a sportsman's show by the time you read this, but plans are being made to take the lodge on the road early in the new year. It may prove too ambitious for a first effort, but we are planning to go to four cities, two in Canada - Regina and Saskatoon - and two in the United States - Minot and perhaps Des Moines.

Going to a few trade shows will give us a chance to tell some prospective friends about one of the best fishing spots in the whole of Saskatchewan, and hence Canada, but that doesn't mean that we'll be turning away our loyal return guests. Just get the guys together in the next couple of weeks, and get your booking in. You've got plenty of time, and we're still wide open for the spots you like best.

One of the images for our trade show booth



JAZZ DANCE AND PAWISTIK - WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

Every November, a Calgary dance group called Decidedly Jazz Danceworks (DJD) hosts what many call the best party of the year. They rent the Jubilee Auditorium, hire three bands, one for each floor of the grand concert hall, and then invite 2,000 of their closest friends to show up. Dubbed the Black and White Big Band Benefit Ball, all guests are asked to dress in one or both of those colours, and then they are asked to party until the wee small hours of the morning. And so, you may ask, what does all this partying with the beautiful people have to do with the lodge?

As a registered charity and as part of their ongoing fundraising efforts, DJD also host a silent auction, in which businesses from all over donate their products, services, or time to be sold to the highest bidder. Every donation is tax deductible, and so Scott decided to donate a lodge package for four over four days, including boats, motors, accommodation, and guide. The package came to about \$1,000, and a local home builder bought it for himself and a couple of clients. We look forward to showing another group of new people the great fishing and beautiful country we enjoy at Pawistik.

And so, when asked what jazz dance and Pawistik have in common, you have a number of answers, whether it's love of fishing, a great party, or contributing to a worthy cause. If you're in Calgary, you should attend the event this November, and no matter where you live, we'll see you up at the lodge this year!

Two dancers from DJD ham it up, dressed appropriately for the Black and White Big Band Benefit Ball



THE SPRUCING UP CONTINUES - FACELIFTS FOR TWO CABINS



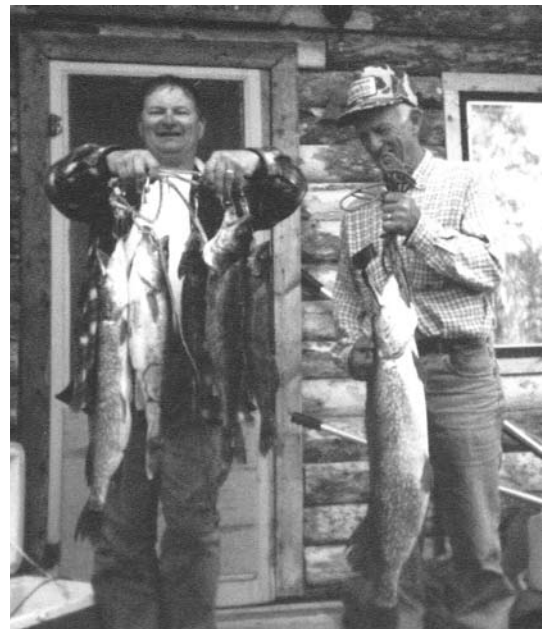
Now that the stain on Bones' cabin is finished it really blends in with the scenery

Work continues at the lodge, in our continuing efforts to make our guests as comfortable as possible. This year we focussed our efforts on two of our larger cabins. With Bones' cabin, we stained the exterior and completed the siding project we started last year. The cabin now has a much more finished and unified appearance. We also moved a window in one of the bedrooms, separating the beds on either side of the room and providing unobstructed light to the space. Moving the door in that bedroom also meant a much more efficient use of space.

In Dean's cabin, things really look homey with the addition of room and closet doors, permanent light fixtures, and a full set of curtains made to fit by Erma and her sister Betty. Thanks for all their hard work, which I'm sure many of you will enjoy in '02!



Curtains and a little decorating certainly add a homey touch to the interior of Dean's



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