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The Evolution of Breezy Point Resort, Part 10

(Parts 1 - 9 covered the period from "Captain Billy" Fawcett's 1921 purchase of the property to the late 1970s.)

Winter business at Hopkins House Breezy Point Resort, Inc. picked up in the 70s with the growing popularity of snowmobiles. Without them the Resort would have remained closed.

The winter season started just before Christmas and continued until March 1.

Snow conditions were excellent and all 80 rooms were

full on the weekends. Snowmobilers came from IA, WI, MN and the Dakotas. The Resort became a favorite for clubs.

To lure those without machines, the Resort operated a fleet of 20 snowmobiles for rentals. The opening of one season with a new fleet of Suzuki machines was a bit disheartening when the first machine rented was never returned. Its fate was unknown.

A high point was the annual March of Dimes poker run fund-raiser. Not only was the Resort full, surrounding hotels and resorts as far away as Brainerd had waiting lists.

The two day event brought hundreds of participants who rode the trails in groups of 20. Riding 100 miles each day, stops were made on Gull Lake, Nisswa, Ideal Corners, Pequot Lakes and Crosslake.

Celebrities were recruited and included Minnesota Vikings Paul Krause, Dave Osborn, Jeff Wright, Bob Lurtsema and pro wrestler Larry "The Ax" Henning.

Nothing Runs Like a Deere

In the 1970s, the snowmobile industry was in its heyday. The manufacturers approached their business in the same way as auto companies by sponsoring racing teams. Their motive was the belief that a win on Sunday would convert to sales on Monday.

John Deere was a relative newcomer to the snowmobile business and thus

had a lot of catch-up to do to compete with the likes of Polaris and Arctic Cat.

Deere started snowmobile production in 1970 in Horicon, WI, but its racing success was dismal. In June of 1975 they determined that they needed a coach to get their team competitive. Through a friend of a friend, a Deere VP contacted Al Andersen, a teacher and athletic coach in Balsam Lake, WI, and offered him the job.

Al and his wife had been guests at Breezy Point Resort, and Al thought it would be an ideal location for the Deere team to headquarter for the upcoming winter racing season.

This became the focal point for the racing circuit which took the team as far away as Alaska.

After the details were worked out, the Deere team arrived with 6 drivers, 6 mechanics and a parts man. Each driver had a dedicated mechanic.

The Resort had no maintenance facility large enough to accommodate this entourage so the Mallard Room in the Conference Center was converted into a shop. Carpet was removed and the machines and tooling were moved in.

The team members took up residence in the Fawcett House for the duration of their stay.

As our readers have come to expect, this story

includes a fire in the Fawcett House. There were no injuries or loss of life but major damage to a wall and the roof. No official cause was cited but opinions rested on a careless smoker.

Deere engineers were known for building rugged, heavy agricultural equipment and they brought this quality to their Liquidator snowmobiles.

The racing circuit was comprised of oval tracks which favored the lighter machines. Deere's slogan, "Nothing runs like a Deere" was in jeopardy.

The Resort had a cook

contributing to building their stamina for the cross country races.

Andersen drew from his coaching experience and instituted a strict regimen of daily workouts. One driver recalled running 2 to 5 miles before breakfast, spending 2 hours in the weight room, followed by a 3-hour, 150 mile ride on their sleds on the Pelican Lake course.

Although the manufacturers were fierce competitors, Deere approached them with the idea of having cross-country races. At first they showed little enthusiasm but ultimately agreed and formed the International Cross Country

ability over long courses.

Success did not come to Deere overnight. Setbacks were frequent and the racing record was not stellar. It was a time for fine tuning and driver training.

The Mallard room, while quite spacious for conference attendees, was not large enough to house all of the machines brought from the factory.

At one point, 2 machines in their factory crates had to be stored outdoors. Dave Gravdahl, the Resort's general manager, assured Deere that they would be safe but, just in case, Deere's vehicles were parked to surround the

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Whitebirch, Inc. Mission Statement

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Editor's note: This subject has been reported in a previous issue, however our readers frequently inquire about the origins of the name of the City of Breezy Point.

The following is an article from the City's web site which provides a definitive background on the origins of the City and its intertwined relationship with Breezy Point Resort.



The 1976 John Deere Enduro Team. Seated is Brian Nelson, the winner of the 1976 International 500

assigned to the team at the Fawcett House.

Andersen soon realized that although his team members savored the menu, it was not con-

Snowmobile Federation.

The stage was now set for Deere to compete more effectively and capitalize on its machines' depend-

machines. The next morning, the machines had vanished.

Pelican Lake was the team's test track. Breakdowns

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What Came First?

The resort was a destination for many including Clark Gable and Carole Lombard. As the resort grew, the surrounding area grew as well and incorporated as the Village of Pelican Lakes in 1939, covering over fifteen square miles.

The name change to City of Breezy Point is owed to a misplaced order of furniture. Because of the confusion of having a town named Pelican Lakes on Pelican Lake next to

Pelican Township, a load of furniture ordered by Breezy Point Resort was mistakenly shipped to Pelican Rapids, which is over 100 miles west of Pelican Lake!

The owners of the resort, concerned about this blatant lack of identity for their resort, and for the city, petitioned the city government for a name change. The town officials received a petition with 54 names at the October, 1969 meeting, and the

new Ordinance #16 was adopted unanimously at the December, 1969 meeting.

On January 5, 1970 council minutes reflect the name change from Village of Pelican Lakes to Village of Breezy Point. New signs were put up announcing Breezy Point and new stationery was ordered. Then per Mn. Statutes 413.02 Villages became Cities January 1, 1974. Thus the City of Breezy Point, Minnesota, was created!

Don't gamble; take all your savings and buy some good stock and hold it till it goes up, then sell it. If it don't go up, don't buy it.
-Will Rogers

Unforgettable Family Reunions

Whitebirch Family Reunion Resort located at Breezy Point's Whitebirch Estates. Amenities include a new indoor pool & recreation building, children's playground and picnic area, and all the amenities of Breezy Point Resort.

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**Accommodates 24 \$799 per night midweek (Sun-Wed)
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A 3 night minimum stay is required

Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

-Phyllis Diller

Dazzle Your Friends & Family!

Antler's Wild Rice Soup

1/2 cup uncooked wild rice, rinsed & drained	2 tablespoons butter
3 - 14 oz. cans chicken broth, divided (low sodium is fine)	1/4 all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped carrots	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped celery	1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion	1 cup whipping cream
2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms	2 cups chopped cooked chicken
	Snipped fresh chives (optional)

In a 4-quart Dutch oven, combine uncooked wild rice, 2 cans of the broth, carrots, celery and onion. Bring to boiling, reduce heat. Simmer the soup, covered, for 35 to 40 minutes or until the rice is tender but still chewy, adding mushrooms the last 5 minutes of cooking.

In a medium saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Add the remaining 1 can of broth. Cook and stir until bubbly. Cook and stir for 1 minute more; stir in whipping cream. Add cream mixture to rice mixture, stirring constantly. Stir in chicken, heat through. Garnish each serving with chives, if you like.

Did You Know?

Salmon and shrimp are the most popular seafoods in American restaurants.

The smallest crab is the pea crab, which lives inside oyster shells and can be less than 1/20 inch long.

Top 10 vegetables in the U.S., in order: Potatoes, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, onions, carrots, celery, corn, broccoli, Green cabbage, cucumbers.

U.S. consumers spend about 12 billion dollars on

vitamins and dietary supplements a year. Japan, with less than half the population, spends almost 11 billion dollars a year

The French eat a lot of fat and have fewer heart attacks than Americans.

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Employee Spotlight



Renee Norwood

While it's true that employees at Breezy Point Resort wear many hats, Renee Norwood has them all on at the same time!

She is currently a Breezy Point Real Estate broker, Director of Sales & Marketing - Timeshare and Director of Owner Services.

Now in her 24th year at the Resort, Renee began her career as a manager of several dental offices.

Looking for more variety in her work, she came to the Resort as secretary to the Directors of Sales & Marketing and Customer Service.

She was then placed in charge of the administrative staff in sales, at that

time numbering 75. The sales staff was responsible for timeshare, land and campground sales.

This was followed by the promotion to Director - Owner Services, where she supervised the timeshare owner relationships.

Shortly thereafter, Renee assumed the role of Director - Timeshare Sales & Marketing. This entailed not only the supervision and planning for the in-house staff but also the workings of a contract sales organization.

In 2003 the Breezy Point Real Estate office was created and Renee was selected to oversee that business as well as her other duties.

She has seen first-hand the rapid changes in the timeshare business which now include the relationship with RCI and the resulting benefits to the Resort's timeshare owners.

When asked about her most memorable experience since she's been at the Resort, Renee recalled

a situation where she had assisted a timeshare owner in a trade for accommodations in a foreign country. When the owner arrived for check-in, the resort had no record of him. A call to Renee set the wheels in motion. She straightened out the problem, much to the owner's satisfaction.

Upon the owner's return, he tried to contact Renee but she was visiting friends in Little Falls.

He tracked her down and left a message for her to go to the Little Falls airport at a certain time. She followed the instructions and was met by the owner who arrived in his own plane to deliver a dozen roses to express his appreciation for her efforts.

Renee credits her long-term employment to the working relationship with Bob Spizzo, Breezy Point Resort's owner, and the excellent working environment he created.

Little Wave Arrives

Many of the Resort's guests remember David Spizzo when he was managing the boat marina and the boat rentals. At that time, he was known as "Big Wave Dave".

The years have passed and David is now the Resort's assistant general manager.

David and his wife, Krista, have greeted a new arrival in their family, a bouncing baby boy named Vincent Robert.

Is it possible he'll someday be called "Little Wave"?

It's amazing that the amount of news that happens every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.

-Jerry Seinfeld

There are not enough Indians in the world to defeat the Seventh Cavalry.-George Armstrong Custer

Trivia Quiz

1. What President of the United States visited Breezy Point Resort?
2. What was the previous name of the City of Breezy Point?
3. The Breezy Point Lodge units were the first condominiums built in Minnesota - What was the original name of these units?
4. Breezy Point Resort hosted four Governor's Fishing Openers - Name the openers.
5. What is the name of the island owned by Breezy Point Resort?
6. This being the first year of operation for the "Breezy Belle" how many excursions did it take around Pelican Lake?
7. Chris Olson aka "Elvis" has been performing at the Resort for how many years?
8. The number one Pizza sold at Dockside?

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From the Desk Of Bob Spizzo



Bob Spizzo

It has been about two years since the economy entered the recession. Whitebirch/Breezy Point Resort has brushed itself off and continued to move forward, remaining optimistic about the future of Minnesota tourism, the camping industry, time-sharing, hockey and golf.

Our main reasons for opti-

mism are the Resort's great seasoned staff and Location, Location, Location.

As we say in our T.V. commercials - we're just a half tank-full of gas away.

Breezy Point has also been rediscovered by the Canadians who are impressed by our reasonable golf packages and the genuine warmth and hospitality shown by our staff.

We even taught our staff how to speak Canadian!

Our continued optimism at Breezy Point Resort is obvious with the planned major renovation of the Conference Center and

the million dollar expansion of the Whitebirch Estates project.

In addition, we are expanding our hockey activities this winter and adding pond hockey tournaments.

With the hoped for cooperation of the State, County and especially City, Breezy Point's future is bright.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joyce Bzoscik as President of Whitebirch, Inc., and its subsidiaries. Mrs Bzoscik has been V. P. and C.F.O. of Whitebirch and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new position.

Pelican Cove Receives RCI's Gold Crown Designation

RCI, the world's largest vacation exchange organization, recently notified Breezy Point Resort that Pelican Cove has received RCI's Gold Crown designation.

Gold Crown status is instrumental for timeshare owners in their search for vacation options. It assures that the Gold Crown property

meets the highest standards in the industry.

Bob Spizzo, Whitebirch, Inc. owner, said, "I'm certainly proud of RCI's designation. This has been our long-term goal. All timeshares managed by Breezy Point Resort now have the Gold Crown status. We're particularly proud that we've been able to upgrade these

facilities and provide the outstanding services that are required while, at the same time, holding the line on our owners association's fees."

Gold Crown status also provides to the Resort's timeshare owners more trading power when selecting vacation time at other resorts, both in the U. S. and internationally.

Fact or Fiction

(Editor's note: Frequently we receive stories about the history of Breezy Point Resort that would be of interest to our readers. The accuracy of these stories and the memories of the tellers are not always clear and need a bit of research to uncover the facts.

In 1933 resort owners on the lake, most likely including Fawcett, began complaining to the Minnesota Dept. of Conservation, demanding that something must be done to restore the lake level.

Working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a plan was devised to divert water from Crosslake to Pelican Lake. The plan was then revised to divert water from Long Lake, later renamed Lake Ossawinnamakee.

The Works Progress Administration (WPA), a part of FDR's New Deal program was selected to do the work.

Final plans were approved in August of 1937 and work began.

The channel and dam were opened in April of 1938, bringing the much needed water to Pelican Lake. By August of that year, Pelican had been raised 3 feet.

The original dam had removable logs which enabled local residents to arbitrarily adjust the water flow between the lakes. This led to complaints on both lakes.

It wasn't until 1995, during reconstruction of highway 11 that the log dam was replaced with the present concrete dam

Last issue
The Great Channel
The 1930s were extremely dry years, lowering the level of Pelican Lake to 7 feet below normal.

James Henderson's book, *LOST IN THE WOODS, The Legacy of CCC Camp Pelican*, dispels the story of "Captain Billy" Fawcett's clandestine efforts to dig a channel.

Some people get married just to come to Breezy Point!

For over 90 years, Breezy Point Resort has been providing the perfect setting for friends and family to gather and celebrate.

A true northern Minnesota lakeside resort, Breezy Point Resort has event space, a wide variety of lodging and dining options, as well as a long list of recreational and entertainment choices.



We can help to make your wedding experience truly memorable.

A Piece of Resort History



1857 Chickering square grand piano that once graced the Fawcett House.

After years of seclusion in a dusty Resort storeroom, an all but forgotten piece of Resort history has been brought back into the light of day.

Once a focal point in the Fawcett House, the Chickering square grand piano was acquired for "Captain Billy" Fawcett in the mid-1920s for his guest's entertainment.

A story surrounding the piano's past has Harry Truman at the keyboard. How long or how well he played is not known.

The piano was made in 1857 by Chickering & Sons. Chickering was the first piano factory in America and started production in 1823.

The piano is of the Empire Revival style and is constructed of solid Honduras mahogany.

This impressive instrument measures 36 inches tall, 76 inches wide and 40 inches deep. Its weight is estimated at over 600 pounds.

It is not known just when

it was removed from the Fawcett House. Certainly, the backs of the people who painstakingly moved it down the steps would remember.

The future of the piano is uncertain.

As with any piano of this age, it is in need of total restoration to bring it back to its original condition.

Restored Chickering pianos of this vintage and quality are today selling for \$30,000 to \$35,000.

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Tip #2 - Use Energy Efficient Light Bulbs.

Swapping 16 incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) saves emission equivalent to taking a car off the road for a year.

Tip #3 - Use Recycled Products When Possible.

If every household in the United States replaced just one package of virgin fiber napkins with 100% recycled ones, we could save 1 million trees.

Tip #4 - Close the Refrigerator!

Keep your head out of the refrigerator and the door closed! The refrigerator is the single biggest energy-consuming kitchen appliance, and opening the refrigerator door accounts for between \$30 and \$60 of a typical family's electricity bill each year. The amount of energy saved in a year by more efficient refrigerator usage could be enough to light every house in the United States for more than four and a half months straight.

Tip #5 - Purchase Products Made In The USA!

Almost 25% of the polluting matter in the air above Los Angeles comes from China's coal-fired power plants and factories, as well as fumes from China's cars and dust kicked up by droughts and deforestation around Asia.

Bzoskie Named President



Joyce Bzoskie

of President, Whitebirch, Inc. and its subsidiary companies.

A 24 year employee of Whitebirch, Ms. Bzoskie was formerly vice president and chief financial officer of Whitebirch, Inc.

Bob Spizzo, Whitebirch, Inc. owner, has promoted Joyce Bzoskie to the position

Prior to her employment with Whitebirch, she was in the banking industry for 8 years.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Two and three-night packages includes lodging, New Year's Eve dinner, breakfast each morning and cocktail reception each evening (5-7 p.m.)

Lodging in Breezy Inn or Breezy Center

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Check in on Wednesday, November 24th, stay two nights or more at any Breezy Point Resort lodging unit and enjoy a FREE Thanksgiving dinner.

WINTER LODGING BONUS!

All lodging guests receive a free breakfast each morning in the *Marina II Restaurant* and a free cocktail reception from 5 to 7 each evening at the *Dockside Lounge*

Ice Arena Tournaments Grow

The Breezy Point Ice Arena 2010-2011 winter hockey tournament schedule has grown again.

This season the Ice Arena will host 32 tournaments over 19 weekends.

Roughly 10,000 players, their families and specta-

tors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, as well as teams from Canada will converge on Breezy Point for the games.

The Breezy Point Ice Fest Tournaments at Breezy Point Ice Arena and Resort are some of the most

sought after tournaments in Minnesota.

The Arena is home to the Pequot Lakes Patriots high school hockey team.

The complete tournament schedule is on the Ice Arena's web site:

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Pond Hockey Tournaments

New this year will be the 1st Annual Adult Pond Hockey Tournaments at Breezy Point.

The tournaments will be held on 10 outdoor rinks on Breezy Bay, outside of the Resort's Dockside Lounge.

The first tournament will be held over Ice Fest Weekend January 7-9, 2011 and the second one February 4-6, 2011.

Each tournament will fea-

ture 80 teams of 6-8 players per team in 6 divisions.

The winning teams in each division will receive the grand prize of a golfer's weekend at Breezy Point. In addition, every player receives a free gift.

The tournaments are being produced by Showcase Hockey Enterprises. For more detailed information or team registration, contact Tim Hawkinson at 952-451-4896.

The Breezy Belle

The Breezy Belle's first season plying the waters of Pelican Lake has received rave reviews.

A total of 75 cruises have been conducted. The Belle has hosted wedding parties, grooms dinners, family reunions, bachelor and bachelorette parties, class reunions, company picnics, golf groups, birthday parties and conference

attendees.

Interior and exterior upgrades for next season are already underway.

The Belle is being equipped for on-board food preparation including a new grill for steak fries and picnics.

Call 800 432-3777 today to book your event.

Lemonade & Cats

It happened at a village Sunday School picnic. Two little boys had lemonade stands - one on either side of the entrance.

The pastor came along and, going up to George, said, "Well, my little man, how much do you charge for your lemonade?"

"Five cents a glass," replied George. "And how much do you charge?" he asked, turning to Harry who ran the competing stand.

"Two cents a glass," replied Harry. The pastor cast a censorious eye upon George and said to Harry, "I'll try a glass of yours, my boy."

As he quaffed the fluid, he smacked his lips and said, "That's good, I'll have another glass," and he smiled when he thought how he was getting two glasses at less than George asked for one.

"Tell me, my little man," he said to Harry, "How can you afford to sell your lemonade for two cents when George is asking five cents?"

"Well, you see," said Harry, "the cat fell in my pail."

Now - Here's the Moral

When the price is cut there is usually a reason. The lemonade tasted good to the pastor until he learned the reason for the cut; that any price would have seemed high. It's a strange thing that a man who sees the justice and wisdom of risking a fair price for the thing he sells often fails to see the justice and wisdom of paying a fair price for the things he buys.

A little investigation will prove that our prices are fair and reasonable for the quality of goods we sell; that our service is the best; and that no cat has been in our lemonade.

We are not educated well enough to perform the necessary act of intelligently selecting our leaders. -Walter Cronkite

What's New at Breezy Point Resort?



The Frank Lloyd Wright Cabin

The newest addition to Breezy Point Resort's "Unique Retreats" is the beautiful **"Frank Lloyd Wright" Cabin**. This home is designed in the style of the famous architect - to bring the outside in. Located on the 17th tee of the Traditional Golf Course, Frank's is a great choice for your family, golfing buddies, girl's retreat or group of any kind. Completely renovated in 2010, it boasts five bedrooms, four bathrooms, two dining areas, and a complete kitchen. The huge living room with circular "conversation" sofa will lure you in for relaxation.

grills, washer and dryer and a host of other amenities to make you feel right at home.

Construction is scheduled to be complete for occupancy on May 1, 2011.

A major renovation is scheduled for this winter in the **Conference Center**.

The spring 2011 completion will coincide with the Resort's growing wedding and conference business.

New, energy efficient lighting is now operational at the **Breezy Point Ice Arena**.

A \$1 million project is beginning this fall on 8 eight additional units in the **Whitebirch Estates** development.

Located on the scenic 18th fairway of the Whitebirch Championship Golf Course, each unit offers 2 bedrooms, two baths, a gas fireplace, full kitchen, patios or decks, gas

The lawn at **The Fawcett House** is receiving a face-lift in the form of a new fountain.

The **Laundry Building** is being expanded to accommodate the needs of the Resort's growing guest demand.

An Exclusive Vacation Offer for Breezy Point Resort Guests & Members
Pack up your sandals, suntan lotion and golf clubs, and enjoy an exclusive getaway to El Cid Resorts. For a limited time, members and guests of Breezy Point Resort can enjoy special privileges and values at three of our resorts in beautiful Mazatlán, Mexico: Elf Cid Castilla Beach, Elf Cid Moro Beach, and Elf Cid Marina Beach.

This winter, Breezy Point Resort has arranged a special offer with Elf Cid Golf & Country Club allowing you to enjoy each third night free, unlimited golf at resort courses, and elite all-inclusive access to onsite amenities and activities. Don't miss out on this exceptional offer - book now, and escape to a true golfer's paradise.



Book now with Mark Johnson at
1-800-950-4690 or
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Whitebirch Village

The Whitebirch Village complex is designed for adults that are active but would rather have someone maintain their residences year-round.

A starting date for construction will not be known until final approval is received from the City of Breezy Point.

The zoning change had been previously approved and the surveying, engineering and architectural

plans are complete.

At this time, the terms of a 26-page developers agreement submitted to us by the City are not economically feasible.

The concept incorporates the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan and would increase the City's tax roles while providing an attractive option for the many baby boomers desiring to reside in Breezy Point.

When Thomas Edison worked late into the night on the electric light, he had to do it by gas lamp or candle. I'm sure it made the work seem that much more urgent.

-George Carlin

The towels were so thick there I could hardly close my suitcase.
-Yogi Berra

Summer's Just Around the Corner!

4th of July Vacation Packages

Check in Friday, July 1 or Sunday, July 3. Your package includes 7 nights lodging + \$400 Resort Credit for food and beverages at Antlers, Dockside and the Marina II, Golf and Gift Shop items.

Whitebirch Ranch \$1,699
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Whitebirch Ranch \$1,099
Whitebirch Estates \$1,149

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Unique Retreats for All Occasions!



The Fawcett House, the 11-bedroom log mansion, built in the 1920s by "Captain Billy" Fawcett, hosts family reunions and groups in style.



The Boat House has four bedrooms, four baths, two fireplaces and a rooftop deck! This lake home is perfect for golfers, families and gatherings of all kinds.

Breezy Point's Unique Retreats offer lodging facilities with a special environment. We can accommodate the entire extended family in one home or, if you prefer, provide individual cabins or hotel rooms. Adjoining rooms, multiple room condos and studio apartments are also options.

Whether you're planning for a business group, golf getaway, wedding party, family reunion or just a gathering of friends, there is a Unique Retreat to satisfy your every need.

Whitebirch Campground Community "Out of Sight, Out of Mind"

A rarely seen bit of paradise lies hidden in the woods at Breezy Point Resort.

Whitebirch RV & Camping Resort is a self-contained vacation community consisting of 2 camping clusters with 750 deeded camp sites.

Quite the contrary. The population here lives in high style with all of the amenities of home. Air conditioning, full baths, home size appliances and queen size beds are but a few of the luxuries.

Each campsite is individually owned and the pride



Park model home with screen porch and deck.

Don't think for a minute that these are rustic campgrounds with water from a hand pump and outhouses.

of ownership is evident. Elaborate screen porches and decks are abundant. Storage buildings for the



Campground residents savor the chili cookoff.

"toys" and well manicured lawns are common.

In addition to all the amenities of Breezy Point Resort, each campground has its own swimming pool and a gathering place at the campground recreation center.

A major attraction to the campground lifestyle is having the advantages of lakeshore living without the expense.

The frequent organized activities involving the whole family serve to develop friendships that last well beyond the camping season.

For more information on the affordable vacation options at Whitebirch Campground and RV Resort, contact Breezy Point Real Estate at 218 562-7129 or visit the Resort's website at: www.breezypointresort.com



Pig roast at Whitebirch Campground



The 2010 4th of July parade

Pelican Lake Gives Up 2 Fine Walleyes

In mid-June, Tom and June Sinnett's competitive nature revealed itself when they caught back-to-back trophy walleyes in Breezy Bay.

June started the contest while fishing from the dock in front of Dockside Lounge. She landed a 27 1/2" walleye.

Not to be outdone, the next day Tom, fishing from his boat on Breezy

Bay, landed a 29" walleye.

The Sinnett's are frequent guests at the Resort and are timeshare owners at Whitebirch Estates, where Tom serves as the president of the Whitebirch Estates Timeshare Owners Association.

For those readers who are curious about their fishing success, they've agreed to share their secret...they used leeches.



June Sinnett



Tom Sinnett

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DOCKSIDE LOUNGE

2011 Events & Entertainment at Breezy Point Resort

- New Years Eve*
- Tami & The Bachelor**
December 31 - January 2
- Tami & The Bachelor**
January 7-8 (Ice Fest Weekend)
- Tami & The Bachelor**
May 6 & June 25 (excludes Sundays)
- ?
- June 27 - July 2
- Asian Society**
July 3 - 9
- Passion**
July 11 - August 6 (excludes Sundays)
- Doug Allen**
August 8 - August 27
- Tami & The Bachelor**
August 29 - October 1 (excludes Sunday)
- Tyrone Blue (DJ)**
Weekends in October - April
- Ice Fest**
January 7-8, 2011
- Polar Plunge**
March 5, 2011

Chris Olson will be back this summer at the **Dockside Lounge** where he has entertained Breezy Point Resort audiences to rave reviews for the past 16 summer seasons. His Saturday night "Memories of Elvis Show" outdoor performances have been the headliner events of the resort's summer music lineup, attracting hundreds of people of all ages to the Resort's docks and outdoor decks along Pelican Lake.



Performances begin between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM (when the sun goes down behind the trees).

"Come early, if you want a seat!"

- May 28th
- July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
- August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
- September 3rd

Use Caution When Selling Your Timeshare

Several timeshare owners have reported that companies offering to sell or buy their timeshare are contacting them. In either case the owner is being told that they must pay upfront closing fees in the amount of \$2,000-\$5,000. In many of these cases, companies take money from the owner and never do anything to sell the owner's week or relieve the owner of the responsibility for Association fees.

If you have questions regarding companies wanting to sell or buy your timeshare, we urge you to contact us at 218 562-4204. We will provide you with the necessary information for the safe sale and transfer of your timeshare. (We are only able to assist those owners whose timeshare association is managed by Breezy Point Resort)

RCI News & Update

Watch for our new name!!

The new RCI books are going to be coming out for next year with updated names.

Whitebirch will now be listed as Whitebirch at Breezy Point Resort and Breezy Point International will now be known as Breezy Point Resorts Pelican Cove.

The updated names will assist RCI exchanges in reserving space in units managed by the Resort. It should also assist returning guests with knowing exactly what amenities are available to them.

RCI Offers Points Platinum

Whitebirch at Breezy Point is the first Resort in Minnesota to be able to offer the exciting new Platinum level of Membership for RCI Points owners.

The key benefits of this new program include:

- o Unit Upgrades
- o Ski Discounts
- o Priority Access
- o Dining Discounts
- o Platinum Rebates
- o City Attractions
- o Platinum Cruise Exchange
- o RCI Shopper Perks
- o Experiential Vacation Exchange
- o Theatre Tickets
- o Golf Discounts
- o RCI Points Partner Program

Look for more information coming soon.

For that special occasion, shopping for that hard-to-shop-for someone, or for just no reason at all, you can't go wrong with a

BREEZY POINT RESORT GIFT CARD.

The easy-to-use Breezy Point Resort GIFT CARD can be used for dining, lodging, golf and your favorite selections at the Gift Shop and the Traditional and Whitebirch Pro Shops.

Available in any denomination. Additional value may be added at any time.

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Evolution

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were frequent and were the teaching tool the team needed to compete in long distance races.

During the 1975/1976 season Deere competed in the North Dakota Governor's Cup, Minot to Fargo, the South Dakota Governor's Cup, Mobridge to Aberdeen, and, in conjunction with the St. Paul Winter Carnival, the International 500 from Winnipeg to St. Paul.

Out of the 385 sleds that started the 1976 I-500,

only a pack of 60 sleds finished the race, including 12 Liquidator's and Liquefire's.

To the astonishment of the other teams, Deere won the I-500. Cries of foul were heard, including allegations that the winning Deere machine had been picked up by a helicopter and flown past the leaders.

Equal credit for the win was given to the driver, Brian Nelson and his mechanic. Ironically, his mechanic's name was Herb Fixem.

Snowmobile racing is dan-

gerous business. Broken bones were frequent. 1975 saw the death of driver Roger Ebert who was testing a machine on a local Breezy Point road when he lost control and hit a pole.

In addition to crashes, a silent threat to the drivers was frostbite. The development of high-tech outerwear was in it's infancy

The Deere team returned to the Resort for the 1976/1977 season.

In 1978, Deere introduced its Liquefire snowmobile and hosted at the Resort dealers from MN, IA, IL and WI.

Deere had a hard sell for many of its dealers. The quality of the snowmobiles wasn't an issue. It was the dealers' and their mechanics' long-term relationship with John Deere farm implements. Many of the dealers felt that snowmobile sales just didn't have a place in their businesses.

For 8 weeks in 1978 and 1979, Deere brought to the Resort the dealers, mechanics and their wives for 2-day promotions of the Liquefire. There were 80 guests in each group.

The first night's event was a welcome with champagne

and caviar. Afterward it was discovered that many of the dealers had never had caviar and thus were not impressed.

Late on the following afternoon, the entire group would embark on a snowmobile trail ride, all on new Liquefires, that would take them to Gull Lake for a progressive dinner. Stops included Bar Harbor, the Swiss House (now Zorbaz), Quarterdeck and back to the Marina.

Rules for the ride were strict. There was a 30 mph speed limit and nobody was

allowed to pass. Deere had pickup trucks along the route to retrieve the snowmobile and rider should the rules be violated.

The early 80s saw what was called "black winters" with relatively little snow in the mid-west. That, coupled with the recession, was disastrous to snowmobile sales.

Of the more than 100 snowmobile manufacturers in the 1970s, most had quit the business. John Deere discontinued snowmobile production in 1984.

To be continued...

Best Vacation Value Around

30 years ago if you mentioned owning a camping lot, people had a vision of a tent, open fire cooking and out-houses.

Today when you tell your friends you own a site at White Birch Camping & RV Resort, their vision takes on an entirely new perspective.

Beautiful fully equipped Park Model homes with large decks, sunrooms and storage buildings for the toys. This is state-of-the-art camping in luxury.

A small yearly fee provides

for utilities, amenities, security and a Breezy Point Resort membership.

This is truly the most enjoyable and affordable up-north vacation experience.

Snowbirds enjoy life in Minnesota from May - October and their families come every weekend to enjoy their piece of the northwoods experience.

People are pleasantly surprised at how beautiful the parks models are. They can actually be in total comfort while enjoy-

ing the lakes area. It's like a community in a community with all the organized and unorganized activities and gatherings. Like any other area, sites and units range in value from \$10,000 to over \$100,000 and everywhere in between.

The golf discounts and boat docking really complete the summer experience for the campground residents.

The dream of owning an affordable vacation home is alive, and well at Breezy Point.



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HUNTERS PARADISE! Be ready for the season. Own your own private lake less than 10 miles from Crosslake. Large parcel of land surrounding a 29 acre lake (property can be sold in 3 sections or all together) great wooded land perfect for hunting or your dream home/cabin or both. Parcels like these are very hard to find, right off of a tar road. MLS numbers 192036, 192040 & 192042. **Starting at \$150,000 or all three for \$450,000**
NEW! Beautiful double loft, fireplace, shed, great landscaping, clean as can be with several upgrades in Camping Cluster 11 MLS 198081. **Priced to sell at \$79,900**

REDUCED! Affordable way to have a cabin up north! This deeded lot in cluster II comes with a beautiful Breckenridge Park model, log sided MN Rm, deck, shed, gorgeous landscaping and a ton of amenities. **Reduced to sell at \$79,000**
REDUCED! Adorable and affordable seasonal cabin overlooking big Pelican Lake. 1BD, 1BA with large kitchen, separate dining area totally remodeled including new roof. Cozy stone fireplace, nice view from large deck in the heart of Breezy Point. **Priced at \$79,900**

WOW! Very private wooded acre lot in neighborhood of executive homes. MLS#181220 **Only \$12,000.**

GORGEOUS LOTS! - 3.35 acres total

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with access to Cedar Lake in Aitkin. MLS#193147 **\$59,900**

REDUCED! Great Golf Course View acre wooded lot on Dove St. partially fenced and surveyed. MLS 192849 **Priced at \$21,000**

White Birch Camping Clusters I and II LOVELY TRAVEL TRAILER, deck, screened room, shed, holding tank on beautiful lot in WCC I move in ready. **Only \$29,000**

MUST SEE! Beautifully landscaped lots in WCC II with a MN Room, 2 sheds, columns around paver patio/firepit - MLS#193963 **\$69,500**

RARE FIND! 2 amazing lots with Breckenridge, Minn room, block walls, covered decks etc etc MLS 198542 **\$110,850**

GREAT LOT in WCC I with Minnesota room, deck, nice private yard. MLS 196136 **\$14,000**

OVER SIZED PRIVATE LOT with a 12 foot wide park model and Minnesota room. MLS 194669 **\$42,500**

TWO BEAUTIFUL OUT SIDE LOTS in WCC2. Boulder walls walls system, amazing landscape, 2 sheds, travel trailer the list goes on. MLS 196333 **\$74,900**

OUT SIDE LOT in WCC II with park model, deck shed, screened room. MLS 19349 **\$39,000**

Trivia Quiz

Answers to the quiz
on page 2

1. Harry Truman
2. Village of Pelican Lakes
3. "50 Unit" built in 1963
4. 1970 - Harold LeVander
1989 - Rudy Perpich
2001 - Jesse Ventura
2008 - Tim Pawlenty
5. Gooseberry Island
6. 75
7. 16
8. The "Elvis", of course!



Brian Nelson's Enduro Team Deere Liquidator, winner of the 1976 Winnipeg-St. Paul International 500, on display at the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain, WI.

Numerous politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. Never in history has the press seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians.

-David Brinkley

Brides Tell Their Stories



A summer afternoon wedding on the beautiful shore of Pelican Lake.

Breezy Point Resort has become a preferred destination for weddings.

Whether the venue is indoors or out, the choices are many. From the patio at The Antlers to the shores of Pelican Lake, the setting is always ideal.

Wedding ceremonies and receptions are elegantly held in the Lakeside Ballroom or in a variety of rooms in the Convention Center.

Whether the wedding party is large or just an intimate gathering, Breezy Point Resort will make the experience truly memorable.

The staff at the Resort has the experience to attend to every need, from the initial wedding plans to the final arrangements for the wedding party and guests

The following notes of appreciation to the Resort's staff from this past summer's newlyweds are typical of the impression the Resort has made on this most important day.

"I want to send a quick note as we're about to leave for our honeymoon. We had the most amazing day thanks to the awesome staff at Breezy Point! Especially you! Everything was beyond perfect!!!"

Thanks again! I will be elaborating on how outstanding Breezy made our special day when we return.

Chris and Amanda

"It was a wonderful evening on the lake. I am so happy the Breezy Belle is available. Bonnie is a joy to work with. Many thanks."

Judy, mother of the groom. Groom's dinner on the Breezy Belle, August, 2010.

"Bonnie was great to work with. She was organized and friendly and had a "yes" attitude!"

Jen and Nate, September, 2010

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