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# The Reel Times

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2008 Schedule  
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Reel People Stories



## A Bit(e) of Pike Science

Wollaston Lake Lodge makes sure our guides know where to find fish, how to catch the fish, and how to fight the fish. Just as importantly, they are schooled in how to properly release all but those bound for shore lunch back into those cool, clear waters.

You probably know this as "catch and release." If you are an addicted angler you've been hearing about catch and release for at least 20 years, maybe more. We've been practicing it at Wollaston for even longer. The theory is rather simple: by releasing the big breeding-size fish we are helping to maintain and possibly even increase the population size. It also means that when you release a trophy fish that the fish may be caught again by another angler.

A couple of years ago, we, along with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment began a study of the incredible northern pike found in our waters. We wanted to get a good feel for the growth rates of the population as well as the age and sex of the population.

Measuring the size of the fish is a simple matter of course. Determining the age of the fish entails taking a sample of scales from each fish and then counting the rings, much the same as counting the rings on a tree stump, to determine their age.

We had always believed that the largest pike in Wollaston Lake were female. In most every species of fish it is the females that are longer and heavier. Our study proved that assumption to be true.

Except for one male pike of 42 inches every fish over 36 inches we studied was a female. That male, by the way, was 20 years old and the second oldest fish in the study.

Up until the pike reach six years old the growth rates of both males and females are very similar. Based on our studies, if you catch a pike of 22 to 27 inches you can make an educated guess that the fish is four or five years old. It's that sixth year of growth where things start to separate.

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## Hunt Trophy Black Bear & Moose in remote northeastern Saskatchewan.

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As I write this, there is still a lot of snow on the ground. Across most of the northern states snow cover has been at or near record levels. Maybe because of this long winter I am even more anxious for spring to come and return to Wollaston Lake Lodge.

We've been busy doing sports shows for the past three months, and that, too, makes me anxious to return north. Seeing old friends at the shows relives those memories of big fish and good times at the lodge. Meeting new guests (and soon to be friends), watching their faces brighten as they realize that their fishing dreams will come true this season, just serves as a reminder at just what a special place the Lodge is.

One of the reasons we can maintain the spectacular fishing is our catch and release program. Inside this issue you'll see the results of a multi-year study we did along with the Ministry of Environment regarding age and sex of the northern pike. Generally speaking, if the fish at the end of your line is 40-inches or more it is a big egg-carrying female, the kind of fish we need to keep the fishery strong. And, the size and strength of fish you want to catch more of.

Last season we were able to explore a number of additional fly-out opportunities for trophy fish. This season, a few of these will be added to the mix, allowing you to explore even more of Northern Saskatchewan wilderness. These fly-outs offer a nice

opportunity to explore some of the smaller waters as well as the distant areas of Wollaston itself. For those interested in pursuing the Grand Slam, the fly-outs offer the best way to secure that coveted distinction.

We know that there are a lot of choices on where to fish in Canada. Besides the high quality of our fishing, we believe that it is our staff that keeps bringing our guests back year after year. With a better than one-to-one ratio, you are treated as a friend here. By the end of the first day you'll be called by your first name. Each of us are genuinely interested in you having the trip of a lifetime filled with special memories and trophy fish.

If you haven't scheduled your dates for this year I'd suggest you call the office very soon. While we still have a few openings for the 2008 season, available dates are becoming scarce. We'd like to see you again this season and show you, once again, just how special Wollaston Lake Lodge is. Come 'Catch a Memory' with us.

MIKE LEMBKE



### A Bit(e)... continued from page one

The youngest fish in the study to reach 30 inches or more was a six year old female. In the male population we did not have a fish reach that size until the age of 10. And, as far as our study data shows, it is around 31 inches where the males growth stops the majority of the time. Yes, there was that one, 20 year old fish that was 42 inches long. There was also a male fish 15 years old that was 36 inches long. Besides these two, no males exceeded 32 inches.

Now let's talk about those true Wollaston trophies, those fish 40 inches or more in length. The first fish to reach that bench mark was an 11 year old. In fact, all females 40 inches or better were at least 11 years old. At 15 years of age we saw our first 45-incher. The largest fish in the study, a 48-inch pike, was 19 years old. The oldest fish in the study was a 21 year old female measuring 47 inches.

Catch and release angling works at Wollaston Lake Lodge. Those big 40 inch or better fish are females more than 95 percent of the time. These females are our fishing future.



## Wollaston Lake Lodge presents our 2008 Dental Seminar

With a history of hosting many different kinds of professional groups over the years, Wollaston Lake Lodge is looking forward to presenting an excellent opportunity to members of the Dental Community and associated professionals. The Wollaston Lake Lodge "New Horizons on Machined Ceramics in Dentistry" will take place on July 27-August 1 of 2008. Dr. Ernst Schmidt B.Sc.,DMD will be presenting on the topic of Computerization in Dentistry and has designed the course material and scheduling to blend well with the World Class angling opportunities here at Wollaston Lake. We look forward to hosting all participants to a great adventure in 2008. Please contact Wollaston Lake Lodge with your group or individual reservation requests.

### Seminar Topic: CAD/CAM Update. New Horizons on Machined Ceramics in Dentistry

Computerization is revolutionizing clinical dentistry! This presentation will provide an overview of where CAD/CAM dentistry was, and is going. Although the emphasis will be on in-office single-visit ceramic restorations, there will be much discussion of how the digitization of dentistry will impact dentistry in the next three to five years. This program is sure to spark lively debate among course attendants. There will be a 4 day schedule suitable to the course matter and fishing opportunities. Be sure to visit our web site at [www.wollastonlakelodge.com](http://www.wollastonlakelodge.com) for more information

### Make Your Reservation Arrangements Now

As you may know we are a World Class fishing destination in one of the most remote northern settings you may ever find. All this with a luxury lodge, premium equipment and expert guides.

You will see we included a link to our website here. So if you like, take a minute and see what is new with us at Wollaston Lake Lodge.

If you have any questions, want to discuss reservation possibilities, or require further information, please call anytime.

Best Regards  
Wollaston Lake Lodge

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## 2008 Schedule



4 Day fishing trip (5 days/5 nights) \$3,995  
8 Day fishing trip (9 days/9 nights) \$6,595

### American Plan package includes:

- Round trip charter flight from Winnipeg to the Lodge.
- One night hotel accommodations in Winnipeg on northbound journey.
- Shuttle service between hotel and airport in Winnipeg.
- Hearty breakfast, shore lunch, hors d'oeuvres and dinner daily.
- Comfortable modern cabins with hot showers.
- Daily maid service.
- Main Lodge with lake view dining, lounge and meeting facilities.
- Professional guide for every two anglers.
- Custom Lund Pro-V fishing boats.

### Not included:

- Fishing license.
- Applicable taxes.

### Optional extras:

- Liquor, tackle, gratuities, confectionary items, daily fly outs or flybacks and therapeutic massage.

### Reservations:

A deposit of \$800/person is required to hold your reservation.

### 5 Day Summer Season Trips

Arrive in Winnipeg		Depart to Lodge		Return to Winnipeg*	
June	Thurs/5th	June	Fri/6th	June	Tues/10th*
	Mon/9th		Tues/10th		Sat/14th
	Fri/13th		Sat/14th		Wed/18th
	Tues/17th		Wed/18th		Sun/22nd
	Sat/21st		Sun/22nd		Thurs/26th
	Wed/25th		Tues/26th		Mon/30th
	Sun/29th		Mon/30th	July	Fri/4th
July	Thurs/3rd	July	Fri/4th		Tues/8th
	Mon/7th		Tues/8th		Sat/12th
	Fri/11th		Sat/12th		Wed/16th
	Tues/15th		Wed/16th		Sun/20th
	Sat/19th		Sun/20th		Thurs/24th
	Wed/23rd		Thurs/24th		Mon/28th
	Sun/27th		Mon/28th	August	Fri/1st
	Thurs/31st	August	Fri/1st		Tues/5th
August	Mon/4th		Tues/5th		Sat/9th
	Fri/8th		Sat/9th		Wed/13th
	Tues/12th		Wed/13th		Sun/17th
	Sat/16th		Sun/17th		Thurs/21st
	Wed/20th		Thurs/21st		Tues/26th

\* Flyouts only, which are at additional cost.

### CREATE YOUR OWN TRIP

Each year, we are set up to accommodate a number of private planes that fly directly to Points North Landing (YNL), where we'll pick you up. It's the ultimate adventure with your flight path taking you directly over thousands of remote Canadian lakes and miles of wilderness. If you'd like to explore this option, and the flexibility it offers, please contact us for details.

To make your trip to Wollaston Lake Lodge even easier we have acquired an in-house travel agent. For flight reservations and travel insurance, please call our office at 1-800-328-0628.

\*Availability is limited for 2008. Please call soon for open dates. All rates are U.S. Funds, subject to change without notice. CANCELLATION POLICY: Please contact us for details on deposit and cancellation policies. Notice of cancellation must be given in writing.

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