



## ***Newsletter 2019***

At the start of the season, we had terrible loss of our dear brother and friend Vito and his valued friend/employee Shelley. Fortunately, we live in a small community where we are all supportive of each other and we came together to continue with Viking Island Lodge in these trying times. We have so many people to thank personally, people who have stepped up to the plate without asking, friends and employee's who helped with the continuation of the Island and guests, it's unimaginable the gratitude we have.

We would like to thank our guests for their understanding and patience through this difficult time as we continued to operate the Island at the best of our abilities. In the future years, we intend to keep Viking Island Lodge operating as Vito envisioned, it was his dream to be able to provide a great fishing holiday and adventure to our guests. Vito had made many friends with the guests who have been coming for the past years and always looked forward to seeing them every year.

Moving forward, we plan to keep the dream alive by continuing with the upgrades around the island and portages. Dave will be returning next year doing what Dave loves, by assisting our guests making sure they have what they need and of course maintaining the Island. We will also continue with Frank's garden.

It has been reported by many guests that the fishing was excellent again this year. Many big fish were caught this year compared to previous years due to Viking Island Lodge patrons following the 18" and under catch size.

Thank you all for your support, we will see you next year!

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Hello Everyone,

I would like to introduce myself and my family to those who did not get to meet us this year. I am Vito's sister; Donna Tarantino. We have two children, a daughter Tianna and a son Keenan.

I was born & raised in Red Lake, along with Vito and two other sisters.

We are currently living in Edmonton, Alberta and are planning on relocating to Red Lake to continue with operating Viking Island Lodge and Viking Outposts along with Vito Tarantino Limited.

Our family enjoys going to Viking Island Lodge, meeting the guests, fishing and making improvements to the Island. We now understand the passion Vito had for this beautiful place.

*Donna and Family*



Please don't forget to check out our website:

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Or call us anytime

**807-727-3547**

(Monday to Friday except statutory holidays)

*Sport Shows 2020!*

**January 3-5, 2020 Milwaukee, WI**

**January 9-12, 2020 Chicago, IL**

**January 16-19, 2020 Green Bay, WI**

"if you want more up to date information, please check out our"

Facebook and Instagram accounts.



## **VI Fishing Derby!!!**

In memory of Vito, donated by Charlie Laforge and friends, we are having an annual fishing derby where we record the largest "WALLEYE" caught during the season. We will post the winner's name on the trophy which is kept in the lodge.

This year's winner is Tyler Larson, he caught a 27" walleye. "Congratulations Tyler as a first timer" (center picture)

*Let's have fun!!!*



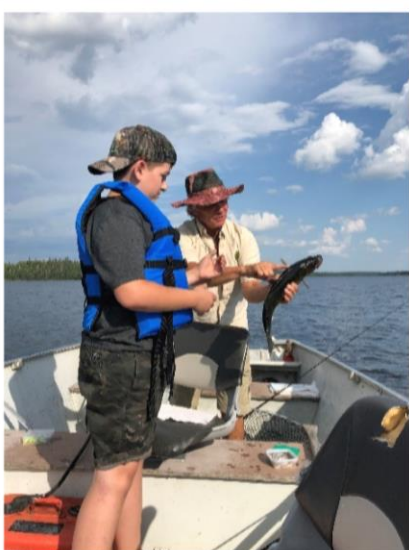
Tyler the 2019 Winner!



## **What's going on at the Island for next year 2020!**

We have a few things to do this winter and coming year, we would like to complete the laundry house, with cedar siding, run electrical power to a couple cabins, and levelling cabins and installing another new compost outhouse towards the east side of the Island, (Hunter's/Fireside)

*"Believe you Can and you are halfway There"*





*Always watching* and remembering the beauty of the sunrise and sunsets *Vito & Shelly*

